

# FERTILE REMINDER

MARCH 2013



## MARCH CALENDAR

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**If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb?"** Is

there any truth to this saying??? Weather sayings are as colorful as our imagination. While many sayings are based on careful observations and turn out to be accurate, others are merely rhymes or beliefs of the people who came before us. Those people often believed that bad spirits could affect the weather adversely, so they were cautious as to what they did or did not do in certain situations. Those beliefs often included ideas that there should be a balance in weather and life. So, if a month came in bad (like a lion), it should go out good and calm (like a lamb).

With March being such a changeable month, in which we can see warm spring-like temperatures or late-season snowstorms, you can understand how this saying might hold true in some instances. We can only hope that if March starts off cold and stormy it will end warm and sunny, but the key word is hope. However, this saying seems to be more of a rhyme rather than a true weather predictor.

Some other March related lore includes:

*A dry March and a wet May fill barns and bays with corn and hay.*

*As it rains in March so it rains in June.*

*March winds and April showers? Bring forth May flowers. As the saying goes "April Showers bring May Flowers!!"*





### **Michael Lee Shahan**

**FERTILE** — Michael Lee Shahan, 67 of Fertile, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013, at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa in Mason City.

Military honors will be conducted by the North Star Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter No. 790 of Lake Mills, the Otto/Chose Post No. 235 of Lake Mills and the Northwood VFW Post No. 6779 of Northwood.

Michael Lee Shahan of Fertile, was born on Feb. 20, 1945, in Hampton, Iowa, to Carrol and Irene (Brinkman) Shahan.

Michael grew up in Clear Lake, Iowa, with two younger brothers Randy Shahan, Pat Shahan, and his younger sister Pam Shahan Wirtjes, and also a brother Tom from Montana.

Michael volunteered his services to the Navy during the Vietnam War and was proud of his service.

During his younger years he enjoyed stock car racing, and ended up racing late models.

On Feb. 24, 1973, Michael married the love of his life, Linda (Niles) Shahan in Albert Lea, Minn. They were celebrating 40 years of marriage this month.

The couple was blessed with a son Brandon Lee Shahan, and later a daughter Alicia Nicole Shahan, and from a previous marriage Michael had a son Donny Shahan, and Kelly Shahan (Carew).

Michael loved his family very much and was a hard worker. He retired from Winnebago Industries after 32 years. He loved the outdoors. Michael was always working on something outdoors on the family acreage near Fertile. He taught both of his children how to hunt and fish, and was known for his night time camp fires with his family. Michael will be remembered for his sweet and caring personality and sense of humor. His smile could always warm any room. He was strong in his faith and was baptized at Word of Faith Dominion Church. Michael loved his wife Linda, and they often called each other their best friends. They enjoyed traveling with one another. Hawaii and Mackinac Island were among some memorable trips for them. They also enjoyed taking hikes in the woods near their home. Mike would always carve a big heart with his and Linda's initials on a big tree. He also loved his dogs Jaxs and Bentley who were his close companions.

Michael was also active in his Vietnam Color Guard Chapter 790. He offered many hours of volunteer service through his chapter and enjoyed helping other veterans. Mike would always go out of his way to thank a Vet for their service. Everyone in

Michael's life was touched by him. He also had several nieces and nephews who appreciated him. He was truly a great man, and will be missed beyond words.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Fertile; children, Brandon (fiancée Sandra Bednarz) Shahan, Alicia (Mitch Horstman) Shahan, and Kelly Shahan Carew; and siblings Pat (Joy) Shahan, Pamela (Shahan) Wirtjes, and Tom (Robin) Shahan. He is also survived by the Niles family; father-in-law, Arthur E. Niles; brothers-in-law, Ed (Michelle) Niles, Chad Niles, Scott (Sherri) Niles, and Steve Niles; aunts, Shirley Brinkman, Marcene Hustad, and Ann Brinkman; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Donny Shahan; brother Randy Shahan; mother-in-law, Barbara Niles; and three uncles, Russell Brinkman, Melvin Brinkman, and Louie Brinkman.



### **RALPH RYE**

Ralph Jay Rye died unexpectedly December 14, 2012 at his home in Minneapolis, MN. Ralph was born January 15, 1948. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Ardys (Erdal) Rye, grandparents Hanlan and Grace (Ruan) Rye and Martin and Amelia (Isaacson) Erdahl.

Ralph was a graduate of Alden, MN high school and attended University of MN, served in the Peace Corps, Ghana, and taught school in Hurstbridge, Australia. After retiring from Excel Energy, Ralph enjoyed his second home in Oliver, WI along with road trips, family, visits to liars table and volunteering.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Mary (Lovick) Rye, daughters, Hannah (Chris) Wilkowske, Moab, UT; Ellen (Rafael) Echenique, Crystal, MN; Rachel (Jason) Dahl, Wakefield, RI; and grandchildren Magdalena, Ingeborg, Franco, Joaquin and Juan Luis, Kezia, Beatrix; sister Amelia Nossun; brother Marty (Kathy) Rye.

Funeral services were held December 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN. Burial will be at Brush Point Cemetery, Fertile.



# SOUP SUPPER

**SAT., MARCH 2**

**4PM - 7 PM**

**Fertile community center**

## **FREEWILL OFFERING**

**Money is being raised for a skid which will include a 70 gallon tank, and a platform for a back board to transport patients.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!**



### Fire Department News

New Officers:

Chief -----Chris Hanna

Assistant Chief----Mike Dahn

Captain: Jeff Berg

Training Officers: Matt Peterson and Mitch Tuttle

Safety Officers: Mitch Tuttle and Jason Thompson

Secretary: Josh Bruns

Treasurer: Dylan Knopf

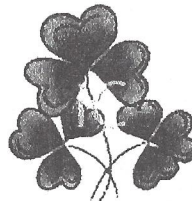
Recently retired fire fighters: Dwight Bruns and John Jordan

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Evelyn Elthon is retiring her position as treasurer of the Fertile Reminder. She has been with the Reminder for many years and we thank her for her faithful service. Hopefully she will still continue to help put the paper together and getting it sent out. Cindy Peters will be replacing Evelyn next month. She will also do an excellent job. Ardis Sheimo has not been with us for a few months. Marcheta Pederson has taken over her position.

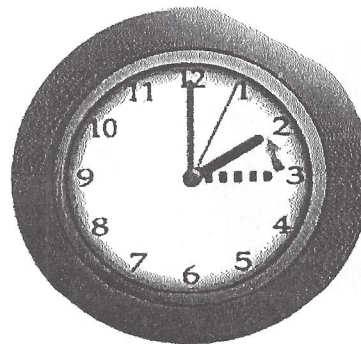


**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

### SPRING FORWARD

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March 10, 2 AM

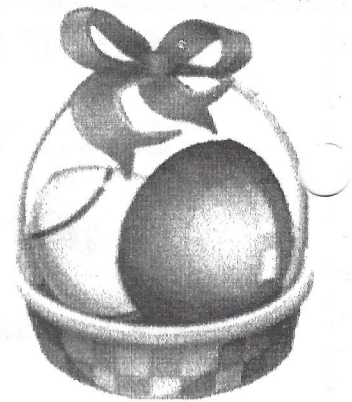


If you change them before you go to bed, it will still work ok!!!





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Saturday - 9-Noon



#### NEW BOOKS

Strong & Stubborn—Kelly Hake  
Under the Summer Sky—Lori Copeland  
Safe in His Arms—Colleen Coble  
The Yellow Birds—Kevin Powers  
Goodbye to Yesterday—Wanda Brunstetter  
Until the End of Time—Danielle Steel  
Deadly Stakes—J.A. Jance  
Brimstone Trail—Ralph Compton  
Crystal Cove—Lisa Kleypas  
Agenda 21—Glenn Beck  
The Wild Rose—Jennifer Donnelly  
The Trail West—William W. Johnstone  
Preacher's Massacre—William W. Johnstone  
The Pioneer Woman Cooks—Ree Drummond  
Food from My Frontier—Ree Drummond

#### DVD's

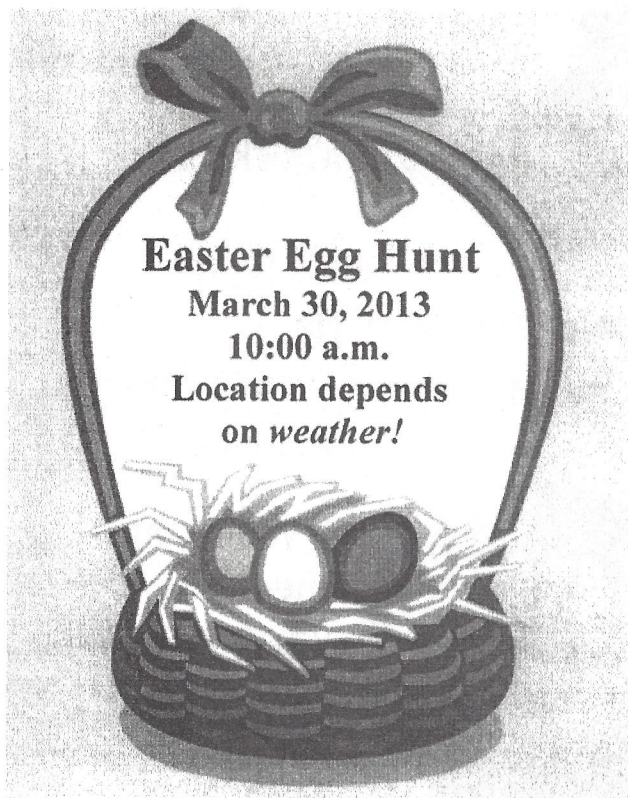
Flight—Denzel Washington  
Taken 2—Liam Neeson  
The Watch—Ben Stiller  
The Double—Richard Gere  
The Expendables 2—Sylvester Stallone  
Total Recall—Colin Farrell  
The Raven—John Cusack

#### AUDIO BOOKS

I, Michael Bennett—James Patterson  
Run for Your Life—James Patterson  
The Yellow Birds—Kevin Powers  
The Racketeer—John Grisham  
Severe Clear—Stuart Woods  
Cold Service—Robert B. Parker  
Private Berlin—James Patterson  
Back of Beyond—C. J. Box  
Mad River—John Sanford  
Notorious Nineteen—Janet Evanovich  
Unnatural Acts—Stuart Woods  
The Hard Way—Lee Child  
Private Games—James Patterson

#### LIBRARY NEWS

We will have a special drawing in the spring for a beautiful handcrafted Victorian Dollhouse donated by Bobbi Elbert. The doll house measures approximately 1 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft high. Its furnishings include a handmade four poster bed complete with a hand knitted spread and lace trimmed sheets and pillowcase, a handmade sofa and wing chair, Chippendale highboy chest on chest and dining table complete with brass candlesticks and pewter plates and silverware. Other details include a handmade needlepoint rug, a counted cross stitch wall hanging and placemats, as well as a trunk from Mexico. It also has a second stone fireplace and another sewing machine as well as a Christmas wreath so you can decorate the house for the Holidays. Suggested retail value \$500. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. **TAKE A CHANCE!**





**Fertile Lutheran Church**  
**602 W. Washington Box 215**  
**Fertile, IA 50434**

**Pastor David Halverson**  
**641-797-2767**

**Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am**  
**Sunday School 10:40 am**  
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**A meal is served at 6:00 p.m. with**  
**church service following at 7:00 p.m.**  
**No meal served during Holy Week.**  
**Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.**  
  
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**fellowship and worship**

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**Celebration Community Church**  
**805 10th Ave. North Clear Lake, IA**

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**Sunday School – 9:00 – 9:45**

**Fellowship – 9:45 – 10:00**

**Praise and Worship Service – 10:00 – 11:00**

**Youth Group – 1st & 3rd Sunday 5 – 6 PM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 6:00 – 7:00**

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**FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

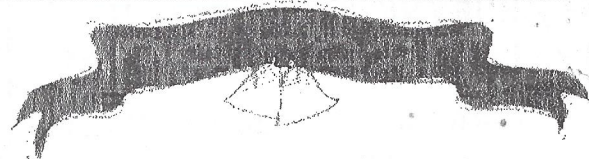
**Sunday- Sunday School 9:00 AM**

**Fellowship Time - 9:55 AM**

**Worship - 10:15 AM**

**Tuesday- Fireside study 10:00 AM**

**Wednesday- Youth & Teen Groups**  
**. . .00 PM**



**Open House Bridal Shower**

**Rachel Midtgaard**

**Bride-to-be of Jeff Reams**

**9:00 a.m-11:00 a.m.**

**March 9, 2013**

**Fertile Lutheran Church**

**Everyone is welcome to come**  
**and celebrate this happy**  
**occasion!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JIM**  
**LOVICK WHO CELEBRATED**  
**HIS 94<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON**  
**FEB. 13<sup>TH</sup>**



**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

*Ladies: Enclosed find my check for another year. You have done a great job on keeping everyone informed.*

*Keep up the good work. Lyle Knudson*

*Dear Fertile Reminder: Thanks for the work you do. Please keep the Reminder coming to me at Nevada. Thanks again, Jarlyn Upchurch*

*Thank you for the great job. We still want to keep in touch. Sister Viola Roberts insists. Amos & Irene Miller*





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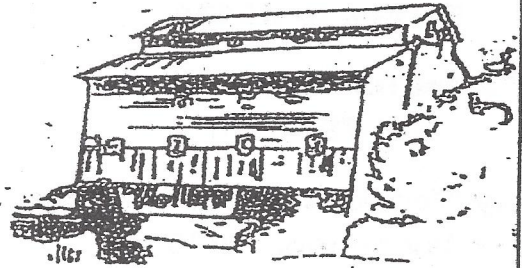
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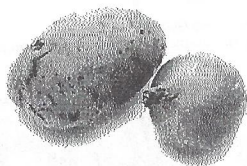
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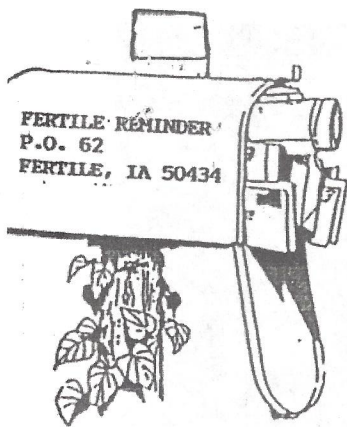
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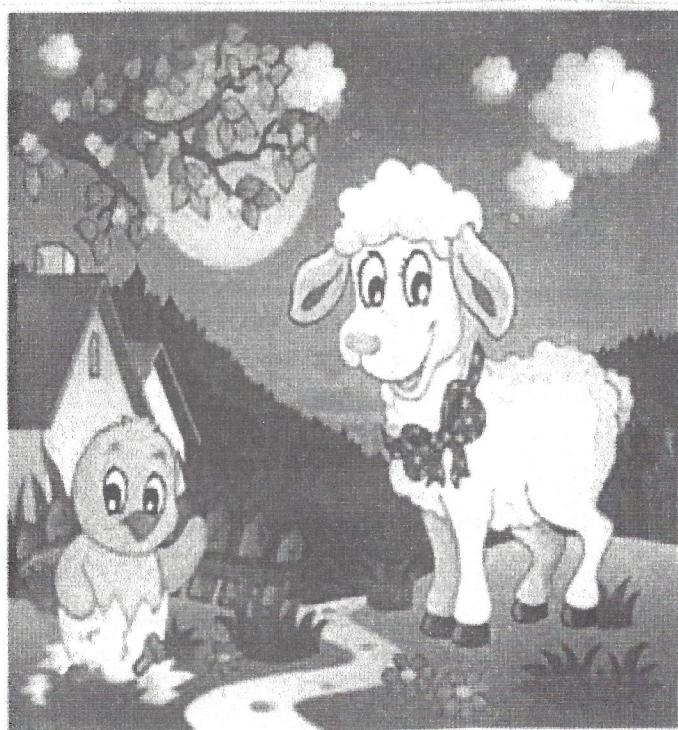


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