FERTILE REMINDER

MAY 2013

Do you have any stories of "back when" of Fertile you would care to share with our readers? Do you have some history to share? What would you like to see in the Reminder? Send your thoughts and stories to Betty Waddington, 554 Hwy 9, Hanlontown, IA 50444 or fertilermd@wctatel.net.

COMING EVENTS

- 1 Maxine Rye Birthday (94)
- 2 Recycle
- 4 Alvera Lovick Birthday (93)
- 6 Firemen Meet
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 Fertile Girls Meet
- 14 Fertile Garden Club, 7:00 pm
- 15 Deadline for the Reminder
- 16 Recycle
- 20 Library Board Meets
- 21 Council
- 27 Memorial Day
- 28 May Reminder mailed
- 30 Recycle
- 31 Viola Roberts Birthday (99)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Glenn Miller, 92, on April 6th

Maxine (Norman) Rye, 94 on May 1st.

Alvera (Jim) Lovick, 93 on May 4th

Viola (Forrest) Roberts, 99 on May 31st

Remember to send in the birthday's in the 90's

We wish the above MOTHERS a Happy Mother's Day.



A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest.

- Irish Proverb

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller and Pat Renchin; City Clerk, Cindy Peters & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.

- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the Feb. minutes. Unanimous
- · Julie motioned, Penny 2nd to accept agenda. Unanimous.
- Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Library Project Update

 Representatives from CRW Architecture and Design Group (Jose 'and Cole) met with the mayor, city clerk, council person Penny Miller, Librarian Nancy Suby and Steve (fertile mtnc) at the library on Friday, April 12, to determine the feasibility of building an addition on the north end of the current library building on Main Street. Jose' and Cole did a thorough examination of the structure and determined that it would be possible to construct an addition. A new roof, front facade and siding to coordinate the old structure with the new addition are planned. The city of Fertile would apply for a grant from WCDA for the spring awards. The new addition and improvements would cost \$200,000 and CRW would receive an additional \$35,000 to serve as the general contractor and designer. The Mayor asked the members of the library board who were present at tonight's meeting for their approval of the project as outlined. The board asked what the square footage of the new addition would be and the Mayor stated that CRW had not given her that information. After more discussion, it was decided that the mayor would ask CRW for the planned total square footage and perhaps have a very preliminary sketch drawn up for the library to look over. The mayor stated she would call CRW and get more information to present at the next council meeting in May. The council discussed setting up a library project planning committee, which would comprise of 2 library board members, 2 council members and 2 interested citizens of Fertile. The library project was tabled until the next council meeting in May.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve reported that he ordered two loads of black dirt to fill in ruts around the town that were made while plowing snow. Steve also reseeded the lagoon and other parts of town that required it. Steve also reported that he will be drawing the lagoon down soon. He was electronically called at 3 am one morning to check on the level of water in the drains during the last event of heavy rains. He said the volume of water going through was unbelievable. Steve also purchased a new battery for the pickup. Two more dumpsters have been ordered so that the dumpsters can be placed into the parks for the summer. Another load of rock has been applied at the lagoon. The fire department will burn the weeds at the lagoon and then will broadcast weed control. New extinguishers and bathroom signs have been installed in the city hall, community center and the library.
- Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve report. Unanimous. Mayor's Report
- The Downtown Café has donated the city pictures that had been hanging in the restaurant to be located in the community center. The

- city is very appreciative of this generous gift and thinks they are a beautiful asset to the community center.
- The City of Fertile is happy to announce that the loan for the community center is paid in full!
- The mayor is asking the community to be on alert for vandalism. If you see something that looks suspicious, please don't hesitate to call the Worth County Sheriff department.
- The mayor reported that she had emailed all of our State and Federal representatives, to ask for their support on HF359 that has now passed the House and is headed for the Senate. This bill would override the state and return authority back to towns regarding ordinances and regulations that would allow juice bars the right to establish a business in small towns. These "juice" bars are actually nude dancing businesses. Most of the representatives did respond and stated that they agreed with the bill and would vote for its passage.
- The City of Fertile received the 2013 Certificate of membership in the lowa Rural Water Association and is displayed in the city hall.
- The mayor updated the information required for Worth County Central Disposal Systems in Lake Mills.
- The I-Cap (Insurance) inspection list has been completed, which included installation of no-trespassing signs at the lagoon. The Fire Department has completed documentation of the training records for the volunteer firefighters that was required by I-Cap.
- The mayor donated her personal color printer for use in the office at city hall, and the council thanked her for her gift.
- Rentals for the Community Center have increased dramatically and many people have commented on what a great facility Fertile has to offer.
- The city-wide spring clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, June 8th from 8 am 12:30 pm or until the containers are full. CAD will also be here to pick up any old appliances that are left on the curb in front of your house, free of charge. They will charge between \$15-\$25 to pick up computer monitors or TVs depending upon the size. You must be home and must pay prior to their pickup.
- Green Canopy will be bringing back the porta-potties and installing them in the parks. They will charge the same rates as we paid last year.
- The City received a grant from WCDA-Diamond Jo Casino in the amount of \$79,670 to help pay for interior and exterior painting of our water tower. The vent and couplers in the legs which will cost \$3,550.00 will be paid for by the city. It would have taken many, many years for the city to save enough money to pay for the painting work and we thank the board members at WCDA very much for this award.
- Worth County Sheriff was called to check on a dog that had been reported running loose in Fertile, and the owner was fined \$65.00.
- The Mayor asked the council to consider using the funds that are received by the city monthly from WCDA and Diamond Jo Casino that had been used to pay off our loan for the community center to save for the purchase of a used snow plow and used city truck. The current plow and truck are in very rough shape. We have a potential buyer for the old snow plow, city truck and blade and those funds could be put towards the purchase of another snow plow and truck as well.
- Pat moved, Penny 2nd to approve the mayor's report. Unanimous

City Clerk's Report

• Cindy presented the Mar. Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request. The following is a summary of the Upcoming Meetings year-to-date income, expenses & fund balances.

7/1 – 3/31	General	Roads	Water/Sewer	Total	
Income	115,943.74	27,353.79	113,027.49	256,325.02	
Expense	115,083.13	20,940.06	114,613.05	250,636.24	
Total	860.61	6,413.73	(1,585.56)	5,688.78	
Fund	37,225.83	49,589.69	90,317.45	177,132.97	
Dalance					

- Jeff motioned, Penny 2nd to approve Financial Report. Unanimous
- Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve March Bills. Unanimous

Committee Reports

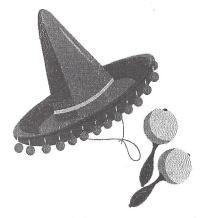
No reports were presented

• The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 21st, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.

4:05 PM

• Jeff moved and Pat 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

City of Fertile						04/17/2013
Bills Paid						Accrual Basis
As of March 31, 2013					Memo	Amount
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rating Accounts						
Checking					Local Option Sales Tax	2,006.02
	Deposit	03/01/2013	1		Property Taxes	1,927.96
	Deposit	03/03/2013	3		Casino Funds Deposit	2,602.84
	Deposit	03/04/2013	3		Water, Sew er, Garbage Bill Deposit	1,202.96
	Deposit	03/06/2013	3		Water, Sewer, Garbage Bill Deposit	462,11
	Deposit	03/06/2013			Water, Sew er, Can bega on any	-301.99
	Paycheck	03/06/2013	er.	Bruns, Warren		-770.95
	Paycheck	03/06/2013	to the same of the	Russell, Joyce		-163.48
	Paycheck	03/06/2013	_	Peters, Cynthia		-906.42
	Paycheck	03/06/2013	mr.	Roberts, Stephen J	Community Center Cleaning	-55.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/06/2013		Lonnie Knudson	Water, Sew er, Garbage Bill Deposit	100.00
	Deposit	03/06/2013			Bectric Bill	-380.77
	Bill Prrt -Check	03/08/2013		Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	-487.45
	Bill Pmt -Check			Black Hills Energy	Cell Phone	-48.29
	Bill Pmt -Check			Verizon Wireless	Water, Sew er, Garbage Bill Deposit	1,874.89
	Deposit	03/12/2013			Rebate for LED lights	1,325,00
	Deposit	03/13/201			Water/ Sew er Testing	-12.00
	Bill Pmt - Check			AgSource Laboratories	Sectric Bill	-1,435.55
	Bill Pmt -Check			Alliant Energy	City half-supplies, eqpt	-45.23
	Bill Prrt -Check			Kramer Ace Hardware Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Water plant	-195.93
	Bill Pmt -Check				Gas for Truck	-246.00
	Bill Prot -Check	03/13/201	3 6394	Pronto	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
	Bill Prrt -Check			Waste Management	Telephone/Internet	-151.40
	Bill Pmt -Check			WCTA		-637.98
	Paycheck	03/13/201		May III, Edgar F.	Water, Sew er, Garbage Bill Deposit	1,274.37
	Deposit	03/14/201			Water, Sewer, Garbage Bill Deposit	956,95
	Deposit	03/15/201		First Security Bank & Trust	Final Community Center Loan Payment	-2,447,89
	Check	03/15/201		rest decorny bank - 1	Water, Sew er, Garbage Bill Deposit	390,39
	Deposit	03/18/201			Road Use Tax	2,057.64
	Deposit	03/19/201		Roberts, Stephen J		-906.30
	Paycheck	03/20/201		Peters, Cynthia		-266.53
	Paycheck			Polota, Cyrinia	Water, Sew er, Garbage Bill Deposit	1,290.86
	Deposit '	03/20/201		: locps		-864.72
	Liability Check		13 FGOE	S United States Treasury		-1,304.62
	Liability Check			S Chiled States Frederick	Water, Sew er, Garbage Bill Deposit	5,585.40
	Deposit	03/27/20		Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	20 hour remote suport & training package	-600.00
	Bill Prnt -Check			Hare Electric	Jan-Mar steet lights electrical, pull swr pump	-3,595.94
	Bill Pmt -Check				Water Testing	-10.71
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/27/20	13 6413		Water Testing	-24.00
	Bill Prrit -Check				Bectric Bill	-1,396.36
	Bill Prot -Check	03/27/20	13 6414	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
	Bill Prot -Check				Community Center Cleaning	-115.00
	Bill Prit -Check	03/27/20	13 6416		comm ctr supplies & water plant	-249.41
	Bill Prot -Check				Telephone/Internet	-148.08
		03/31/20		First Security Bank & Trust	deposit discrepancy	0.50
	Deposit	03/31/20			Interest	3.39
	Deposit	0375 1720				3,363.70
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Total CD						3,378.24
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NEW BOOKS

Touch & Go—Lisa Gardner
Gone Missing—Lisa Castillo
The Long Way Home—Mariah Stewart
Six Years—Harlan Coben
Francesca—Bertrice Small
The Hope of Spring—Wanda E. Brunstetter
A Place to Belong—Lauraine Snelling
Starting Now—Debbie Macomber
Hannah's Voice—Robb Gindstaff
Choices of the Heart—Laurie Alice Eakes
Daddy's Gone a Hunting—Mary Higgins Clark

NEW E-BOOKS

Jack Reacher's Rules—Lee Child
Second Son—Lee Child (only on ebook) short story
Deep Down—Lee Child (only on ebook) short story
Divergent—Veronica Roth
Insurgent—Veronica Roth
Maze Runner—James Dashner
The Scorch Trials—James Dashner
The Death Cure—James Dashner
Life of Pi—Yann Martel
Swept Away - Mary Connealy



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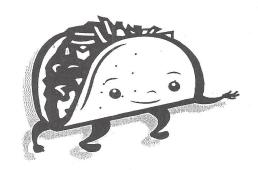
Life of Pi—Suraj Sharma Zero Dark Thirty—Jessica Chastain The Hobbit—Ian McKlellen Red Dawn (2013) - Chris Hemsworth Little Red Wagon— Anna Gunn The Factory—John Cusack

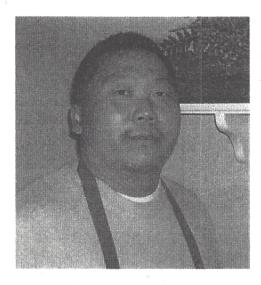
AUDIO BOOKS

Total Control—David Baldacci Gone Missing—Linda Castillo Six Years—Harlan Coben Touch & Go—Lisa Gardner Running Blind—Lee Child A Wanted Man—Lee Child

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 ft high. Its furnishings include a handmade four poster becomplete with a hand knitted spread and lace trimmer 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 silver ware. Other details include a handmade needlepoint rug, counted cross stitch wall hanging and placemats, as well a a trunk from Mexico. It also has a second stone fireplace and another sewing machine as well as a Christmas wreatled so you can decorate the house for the Holidays. Suggested retail value \$500. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00





Meet Ge Xiong, the new owner of Downtown Café. He has been in the restaurant Industry for 6 years and enjoys every moment of it. Ge always loves to challenge himself to improve serving fresh food to his customers. He serves the best hamburgers and fries.

The Fertile residents are very pleased that Ge has taken over the café and wish him well!! Stop by and say "hi" and try out the delicious food.

There will be having a drawing on June 17 for a 32" flat reen T.V. and Free Meals Giveaway. You fill out a raffle ticket each time you purchase a meal. Need not be present to win.

Under New Management

Downtown Café

Monday - Friday - 5:30 am - 2 pm (Daily Lunch Specials)

Breakfast and Lunch all Day

Saturday - 5:30 am - 1:00 pm

Friday Night 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm (BBQ ribs, 5 shrimp dinner, Hot Beef)

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WILD'S FIRES

Does anyone remember the time Fertile burned around 1933? I have a few facts but would like more so we get the story correct.

A man with the last name Wild was a bootlegger. At this time there was a restaurant and a few other businesses located west of Geneva Haugen's house to the old post office. Wild apparently went "wild" and decided to burn down these buildings. (Later Carl 's café was put there, then Fertile had their City Hall located on a part of that area.)

The fire was started in the back of the buildings with gasoline while the owners' family was sleeping above the restaurant. It took TWO fires to complete the job.

Mr. Wild spent many of his days at the Stillwater Prison in MN.

Can anyone else help with this story? It sounds like one that needs to be in the Fertile History books.

Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden Club met at the City Hall on Tues., April 9th at 7:00 pm. Hostesses were Betty Waddington and Joyce Hagen. The roll call question was, "What do I hope to change in my garden this year?" The thought for the day was given by Cindy Peters.

The annual seed/plant exchange was enjoyed by those attending. Discussion and plans for the buying trip to replant the planters on Main Street, as well as the flower bed at the Community Center, library and park were finalized. Plans to visit a Mennonite bedding plant auction were also discussed.

The next meeting will be May 14th and a wish for warmer weather was unanimous.
Cindy Peters, Reporter



Tina Olson & Sherri Olson invites you to

<u>Denny & Donna Olson's</u> 50th Anniversary!

Saturday, May 4, 2013 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Fertile Community Center



Letters to the Editor:

I enjoy reading the Reminder as I don't get to Fertile very often anymore. **Gladys Humphrey**

Keep the Reminder coming. Enclosed is a check. Thanks, **Elsie Chrisholm**

Reminder Ladies, Please keep the Reminder coming. Thanks for your work. **Arlyn Abrams**

Always enjoy hearing about all the great people and friends in Fertile. Have some cookies and rolls.

Marlys Pderson

Hi Ladies. I see a pink flag on my mailbox!! I sure enjoy the "Reminder". It brings back many fond memories. I would like to renew my subscription. Betty, you probably know the answer to my question as to what the population was in the fifties and what it is now.

Thanks to all of you gals for the great job!!

Sincerely, Ver Lynn Austin

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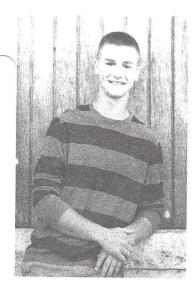
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Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am

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
Wed.- Youth & Teen Groups 7:00 pm





Brian Brcka is the son of Keith and Ann Brcka.

He plans to attend Iowa State University and study engineering



Isaac Tuttle is the son of Tim and Linda Tuttle. He plans to attend

Waldorf and major in Sports
Management, and/or Industrial Technology.



Ryan Bruns is the son of Joely and Richard Bruns. He plans to work at Opportunity Village.



Derek Jordan, son of John and Michelle Jordan will be graduating from Clear Lake High School. His future plans are to farm with his dad or go to NIACC.



Jessica
Kingston is the daughter of Daniel and Sherry
Kingston. She plans to go to
NIACC and participate in their track program. She would also like to pursue a career in webpage design.



Kelsey Thomas, daughter of Charley and Jane (Elthon), Littleton, CO. She plans to go to the National Guard and be a medic and attend CSU after that.

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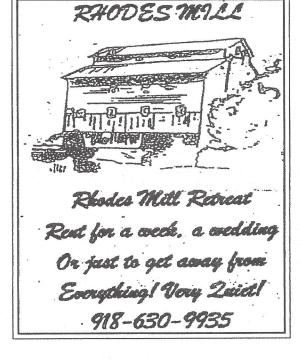


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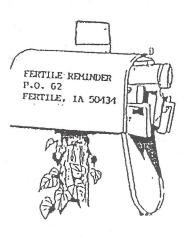
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