

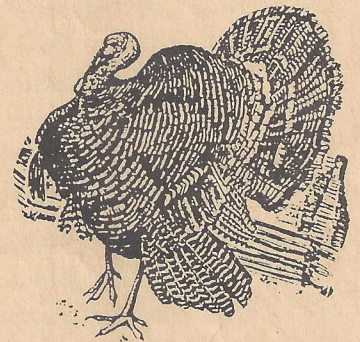
NOVEMBER 2005

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	F B & I Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	Garden Club	7 p.m.
Nov. 15	Senior Dinner	Noon
Nov. 19	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Nov. 21	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	Recycle Day	
Nov. 24	THANKSGIVING DAY	



The Fertile City Council met at 7:00PM in regular session, October 4, 2005, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Tad Miller, Gail Shropshire, Melanne Bang, Jeff Berg. Absent Paul Youngers. Tad moved and Gail 2nd to approve September minutes. Gloria Kirschbaum turned in her resignation as City Clerk, effective September 30th, 2005, motion by Melanne and 2nd by Tad to accept her resignation. Carried. Larry Pump, CPA, audit, was present to inform Council about Audit. Mayor Russell called for a Executive Committee-Of -The-Whole, closed session, for discussion of Mr. Pump and Council. Mayor Russell called meeting back to order. Mr. Pump asked to be released from Audit Contract, for the amount of \$2500.00. Tad made motion and Melanne 2nd. Carried. Mr. Pump asked the City Council to approve a Consultant Agreement, for the sum of \$3000.00, for their firm to come in and help set up our books and get everything balanced. Motion by Melanne, 2nd by Gail. Carried. Kristin Urdahl, Accountant, was present and gave Council job description for her to come in once a month or whenever needed to help City Clerk and do monthly reports for Council, she will work on an hourly basis. Motion by Gail, 2nd by Tad. Carried. Edgar May has applied for the City Clerk position, but asked to be given till Friday, Oct. 7th to give Council answer. Motion by Tad and 2nd by Gail to accept Yaggy-Colby as the project engineer administer for sewer project. Motion by Melanne and 2nd by Tad to accept Simmering-Cory as the block grant administer. Motion for a Public Hearing, set for Nov. 1st at City Hall on CDBG sewer application. City Attorney, John Greves has sent letter to PIM's Attorney on solution of dumpster problem on main Street side walk.

Hare Electric turned in bid for wiring of new Main Street lights. Bid not to exceed \$5900.00. Motion to accept bid, but to be billed in actual cost, not to exceed \$5900.00 by Tad and 2nd by Jeff. Carried. Pit Bull in City attacked another dog and owner is in the process of removing dog from City. Building Permit was applied for by Shane Wagner to put up garage on his property. Motion to grant a variance was approved. Motion by Tad, 2nd by Jeff, Carried.

Congratulations to Warren Bruns, City Maintenance person, he has completed his classes and taken the test for his Grade #1 license for water and sewer and passed. Dave Low plans to retire in January and Warren will be doing the testing after that. We were informed that the dead tree at 302 W Main will be removed by Alliant in a few weeks. Motion by Jeff, 2nd by Gail to purchase new computer, printer and software, not to exceed \$2500.00, as recommended by Larry Pump, CPA, as all County, State and Federal forms will now have to be e-filed. They will not accept paper forms any more. We had a complaint about dogs running loose in town again and we informed the people that you need to call Worth County Sheriffs office and they will handle it. City Ordinance states all dogs and cats must be on lease or chained up. Randy Brederson, for the little League, stated he had not received the check for \$500.00 that was put in budget for this year. Council will address this when the books are brought up to date and balanced. Crescent Moon, Dick Burns, presented the Council with a check for \$2208.00 for revenue for sewer. Thank You. Bob Jones brought up discussion on Knapper Oil, tankers, being parked near his property. Council will address this with Knapper Oil owners. Motion to approve expenditures by Melanne and 2nd by Tad. Carried. Jeff Berg will contact Alliant and let them know about trees that are in wires and need trimmed. Warren is working on getting lagoon sprayed for thistles and removing the sheep. Complaint on banging of truck boxes at Waupaca is being taken care by the Manger of Waupaca. People that were sent letters to clean up property will be given six more months, if they have made improvements to correct the problems. Jeff motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Tad. Carried. Minutes by Penny Miller, Thank You

Joyce Russell, Mayor

Financial report on next page

SEPTEMBER 2005 EXPENSES

Warren Bruns	\$1,861.54
Warren Bruns Expenses	515.00
Dennis Ganz	53.19
Gloria Kirschbaum	255.75
Grant Russell	544.07
Post Office	46.00
LGI	9.80
NCSS - mower	50.00
Ace Hardware	80.16
WCTA	63.57
National Waterworks	409.73
Debbie Monroe	23.35
Warren Bruns	206.77
Pronto	50.40
Thompson Garage	83.56
Top of Iowa	14.17
Crescent Moon	120.00
Alliant Energy	877.92
Waste Management	1,833.22
Water Debt	1,474.00
Sewer Debt	1,667.00
FICA	444.72
IPERS	245.03
National Waterworks	222.00
Aquila	77.75
Hawkins	245.50
Utility Deposit Refunds	504.50
TOTAL	\$11,978.70

SEPTEMBER 2005 REVENUE

Property Tax	\$2,305.66
Water/sewer/garbage	10,800.89
Local Option	1,323.11
Street	1,432.11
Auditor Street Warrant	1,241.73
Misc.	78.69
Total	\$17,182.19

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club held their Annual Guest Night on October 11, at 7 p.m. in the Church of Christ. Fourteen members were present with their guest, totaling around 35 women. Everyone received a red, long stemmed rose from Sue when they registered in the guest book. The rose is called "Freedom Rose".

Pat Lohman, Chairman, welcomed everyone. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Roll Call was to introduce your guest. Pat then introduced Sue Hauan from the Forest Green House who demonstrated how to arrange a beautiful fall arrangement. She started a heart wreath and explained how to continue all the way around. Sue showed us all the tools that they use to strip thorns off roses to the many other tools of her trade. It was a very interesting demonstration. Sue gave away two arrangements, which were won by Evelyn Elthon and

Fern Midtgaard gave a short History of the Fertile Garden Club; Penny Miller told what our meetings consist of; Pat Oswald told of the Special Meetings; Diane Schulze told about our projects around the town; Amanda Waddington spoke on our Plant Sale; Betty Theilen told about the new member drive that is held each year and how the By-Laws are read at the beginning of each year. And Evelyn Elthon told how the club disburses their extra money each year.

The door prize for the guests was drawn and Gail Shropshire received that. Yard of the Month was announced and Virgil and Romane Lovik were chosen for September. This is our last Yard of the Month until next year. Thought of the Day was read by Lois Low. The Table Prayer was sang by all. A delicious lunch was served by Betty Theilen, Mary Ann Wellik, Donna Ouverson and Pat Oswald, with the help of Pat Lohman and Lois Low furnishing desserts.

Pat Oswald, Reporter



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FERTILE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

October 2005

We would like to update everyone on what has happened in the Fertile Fire Department in the past three months. The Fertile Fire Department meets the first Monday of every month. Meetings are lead by Fire Chief Dwight Bruns. Members are as follows: Warren Bruns, Mike Dahn, John Jordan, Dan Lee, Bruce Waddington, Josh Miller, Jeff Berg and Dan Miller. Fire Fighters regularly attend the meetings each month.

The Fertile Fire Department would like to thank those who made their breakfast on August 13th a great success. The fire department netted \$1,000.00. We would also like to thank those who have donated monies in the past few months.

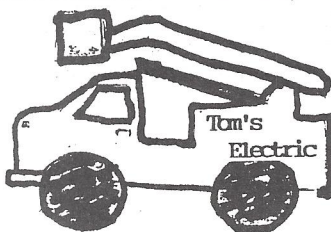
We have received grant monies from INS Charity Grant of \$1,500, WCTA \$100.00 and Hanson Foundation of \$3,000.00. We appreciate your donations immensely. Thanks again! Bunker gear fund is now at \$7,20000. Total needed to purchase nine sets -\$13,500.00. At the October meeting, Jamie Sorenson from Hanlontown Fire Department provided information on purchasing full sets of bunker gear. The plan is to order the bunker gear in the next few months.

The Fire Department is continuing to work on raising monies to purchase Self Containing Breathing Apparatus. We received \$750.00 in an INS Grant toward SCBA's bringing this fund to a total of \$850.00. The cost of one SCBA is \$750.00.

The Fire Department men serviced two fire trucks, swamp buggie and the water tanker. In the past few months the Fire Department has been on three fire calls and thirteen rescues. October 4, 2005, the fire department made 52 fire rescue call this year. Dan Miller and Dwight Bruns attended a meeting in September for National Incidence Management System. Dwight Bruns attended Worth County EMS meeting in October. Jeff Berg attended a continuing education symposium for First Responders. Criteria and application for being a Fertile Fire Fighter was updated and amended to meet government and state regulations.

Note from fire department editor: Please help support your fire department. They can't purchase the much needed equipment without your help. Remember - if you are the one in need - wouldn't you want them to be prepared?

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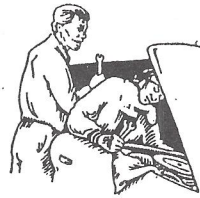


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Jane E. Ebaugh, 91, of Forest City, died October 10, 2005 at the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City



Funeral Services were held Oct. 14, 2005 at the United Methodist Church in Forest City with Pastor Charles Wallace officiating. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery in Forest City.

Jane Ebaugh was born on April 29, 1914 in Brooklyn, IA, the daughter of Frank and Emma Lelia Talbott.

She received her elementary education in Brooklyn and graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1931. Jane attended Iowa State University in Ames, IA, graduating in 1937.

She began teaching in Fertile, IA and it was here that she met William Stanley Ebaugh. The two were married in Brooklyn at Jane's parents' home on June 20, 1940. The couple made their home in Fertile, and Jane quit teaching to raise a family. When World War II interrupted, Stan went into the service and Jane began teaching in Fertile again. After the war, in 1946, the family moved to Forest City.

After her three children were older, Jane worked for Gulf Oil in Forest City and then worked in the Winnebago County Treasurer's Office, retiring when she was 65.

She was a long-time volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center and enjoyed caring for her elderly neighbors and friends. She was an active member of United Methodist Church in Forest City where she taught Sunday School and was involved with circle activities.

Jane is survived by her children and their spouses: Mike and Marlys Ebaugh of Forest City and Mary and Doug Hatlevig of Iowa Falls, IA; a sister, Nina Talbott, of Hermosa Beach, CA; one daughter-in-law, Janay Ebaugh; seven grandchildren, four great-granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Stanley in 1973; her son, William in 2005; a brother, Robert; a sister, Mary; and two sisters who died in infancy.

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For the Brand – David Robbins

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The Maverick – Lori Copeland

All She Ever Wanted – Lynn Austin

Lara – Bertrice Small

Amethyst – Lauraine Snelling

The Divide – Nicholas Evans

The Big Gundown – Bill Brooks

Dream Keepers – Dorothy Garlock

Forgiven – Karen Kingsbury

Ghostwalk – Heather Graham

The Lincoln Lawyer – Michael Connelly

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Assault on Precinct 13 – Ethan Hawk

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LIBRARY NEWS

Santa will visit the library on Saturday, December 3 at 10:A.M. We will also hold our annual raffle. We will again be giving away a \$100 gift card to Wal-Mart. The tickets will be a \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If anyone would like to donate to it or be interested in selling tickets please call or stop by the library.



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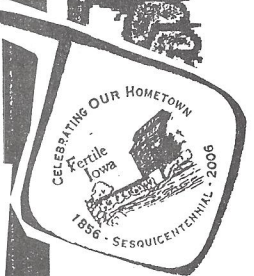
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The Journey

By George Kisner

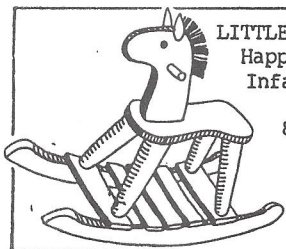


One day George came home with a letter from the Clerk of Court. It said "You must be on call for jury duty for the months of March and April." Now, we had been planning to go to Arizona and then on to California in March, but George quickly decided that we should go at once, since it is often very hot in May down there.

He brought our motor home up from the shed and we quickly loaded cat and dog food, our toys, and a leash for both Muffy and me. We also loaded some adult human things and away we went. I had not ridden in the camper since November and was a bit uneasy at first but soon found a safe place and settled down. First we stopped in Osceola, Iowa to visit some of Harriet's friends, but soon we were on our way again. We reached Cameron, Missouri about 10:00 p.m. and pulled into a Wal-Mart for the night. We slept the night and the next morning looked around to see what we had and what we had left behind.

Harriet could not find her pills or her underwear, so we all pitched in to look for them. Muffy was useless as always but I investigated every closet when the door was opened and as many drawers as possible. Harriet kept saying she knew she had put her pills in the camper somewhere but maybe her underwear was still home sitting on the bed. They went searching round and round because I guess a woman simply cannot live without her pills. Finally, George pulled out the silverware drawer which had already been searched. I quickly jumped up on the counter to help look and there at the back of the drawer I saw her pills! What a relief for everyone and now we could go on, even though we had to stop and let her buy new underwear. I kept telling her she did not need them and could go around like Muffy and I, but you know how humans are!

The second day of our trip was spent in the parking lot of Wal-Mart. Harriet always says that sometime she would like to see more sights than the front of a Wal-Mart, but George always pulls in there to spend the night. This was a nice one in Pratt Kansas, with grass for Muff to roam on and a nice line of evergreen trees. Muffy always gets to go out freely to sniff and potty, but they always insist on a leash for me, which is not in the least fair. They keep saying that I would run off, but it is not that I would run off - I am just not in a big hurry to come back.



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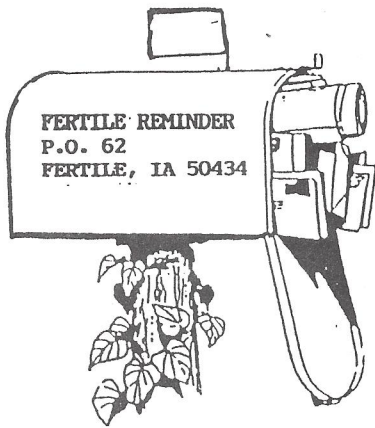
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