

APRIL 2006

# FERTILE REMINDER



Apr. 3	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Apr. 4	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
Apr. 6	FB&I Meeting	7 p.m.
Apr. 11	Garden Club Recycle Day	7 p.m.
Apr. 15	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Apr. 17	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Apr. 18	Senior Dinner	Noon
Apr. 25	Recycle Day	
Aug. 5	Fertile Alumni Banquet at Paradise Parties in Clear Lake	

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

March, 7 2006, 7:00 PM

### City Hall

- 1.) **Call to Order**  
The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, March 7, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.
- 2.) **Roll Call**  
Present were, Council members Melanne Bang, Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Mayor Joyce Russell was Absent. Tad Miller acted as Mayor Pro-Tem.
- 3.) **Minutes Approval**  
Berg moved and Renchin 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the February minutes.
- 4.) **Discussion on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
The FB&I presented a proposal for a Beer Garden to be located in Rhodes Park for Friday and Saturday. The Garden will be fenced in. ID's will be checked at the entrance. Vendor and Insurance issues were addressed in the proposal. A copy of the proposal is available upon request at City Hall. A permit will still be required before the Beer Garden can operate. Shropshire Moved, Renchin 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the proposal. Consensus was split. Shropshire, Renchin, Berg, approved, Bang opposed. Proposal accepted.
- 5.) **Budget Hearing**  
The Budget was adopted according to what was published in the Forest City Summit. Copies of the budget are available upon request at City Hall. Berg Moved, Renchin 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Consensus was unanimous. Adoption carried.
- 6.) **Mayor's Report**  
Mayor Russell was absent. No report was made.
- 7.) **City Clerk's Report**
  - Billings will be printed this month through QuickBooks. The format of the bill will be similar to previous bills.
  - The city has officially received the requested amount from the Community Development Block Grant. Simmering-Cory and Yaggy Colby will be present at the next Council meeting to discuss what steps need to be taken next.
- 8.) **City Maintenance Report**
  - The restrooms in the park have been removed. Brian Nettleton donated time to this project. (Thanks Brian!)
  - Bruns is aware of street repairs needing attention. They will be fixed as weather allows.
- 9.) **Approve Expenditures**  
Bang moved, Renchin 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the expenditures. Carried.
- 10.) No committee reports were presented

### 11.) New Business

- Randy Bredeson will be stepping down from Administrating the Little League program this year. We are currently seeking a replacement. Please contact Randy or City Hall if you are interested. THANK YOU Randy for your faithful service!
- Member Moved, Member 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Description. Carried.

### 12.) Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Discussion on the Community Development Block Grant
- b. Discussion on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- c. Discussion on the old school property from concerned citizens

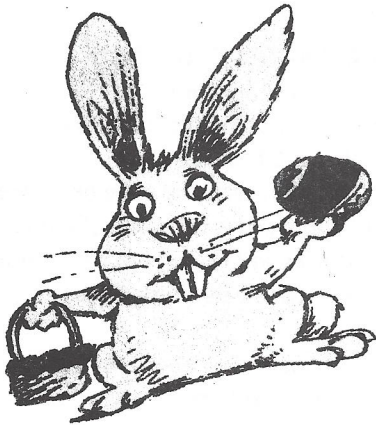
### 13.) Upcoming Meetings

The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, April 4, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

### 14.) Adjourn

Berg moved, Bang 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile		
Expenditures and Revenues		
As of February 28, 2006		
Type	Name	Amount
<b>0001110 · General Fund Checking</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-932.57
Bill Pmt -Check	Allied Insurance	-155.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-97.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Stecker Electric	-314.00
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-106.06
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-9.80
Bill Pmt -Check	National Water Works	-432.00
Bill Pmt -Check	R&S Osnes Paint	-42.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Treasurer - Worth County	-1,530.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,884.36
Check	UPS	-37.73
Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-690.77
Check	US Post Office	-87.00
Deposit		4,752.44
Deposit		2,930.04
Deposit		2,628.00
Deposit		2,899.25
Deposit		3,127.39
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	40.89
Deposit	First State Bank	29.02
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,086.45
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.19
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.41
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-443.57
Total 0001110 · General Fund Checking		8,194.56
<b>0001111 · Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit	First State Bank	3.20
Total 0001111 · Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.20
<b>0001112 · Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit	First State Bank	2.17
Total 0001112 · Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.17
<b>0001160 · Money Market Savings</b>		
Deposit	Baxter, Jonathan	150.00
Deposit	Genz, Julie	150.00
Deposit	First State Bank	23.72
Total 0001160 · Money Market Savings		323.72
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,523.65</b>



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Friday - 9:00 A.M. - Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon



### NEW BOOKS

- Morning Sky – Judith Miller
- Devil in Winter – Lisa Kleypas
- Fatal Burn – Lisa Jackson
- The House – Danielle Steel
- The Island – Jude Deveraux
- Memory in Death – J.D. Robb
- The Witness – Dee Henderson
- One Last Look – Linda Lael Miller
- The Plainsman – Lori Copeland
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Horseman – James Patterson
- The Justice Riders – Chuck Norris
- Sea Change – Robert B. Parker
- A Hilltop in Tuscany – Stephanie Grace Whitson
- The Cotton Queen – Pamela Morsi
- Head to Head – Linda Ladd
- A Taste of Paradise – Connie Mason

### Large Print

- The Magic Hour – Kristin Hannah
- Summer of the Midnight sun – Tracie Peterson
- The Soldier's Lady – Michael Phillips
- The Healer – Dee Henderson
- Obscure Destinies – Willa Cather
- A High and Hidden Place – Michele Claire Lucas

### NEW AUDIOS

- The House – Danielle Steel
- Hard Truth – Nevada Barr
- Saving Cascadia – John J. Nance
- The Justice Riders – Chuck Norris
- Alone – Lisa Gardner
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Horseman – James Patterson

### DVD's

- Lord of War – Nicholas Cage
- Flightplan – Jodie Foster
- Crash – Matt Dillon
- Red Eye – Rachel McAdams
- Wedding Crashers – Owen Wilson
- Must Love Dogs – John Cusack
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Johnny Depp
- Transporter 2 – Jason Statham
- The Island – Ewan McGregor
- Madagascar
- Scooby-Doo in Where's My Mummy?

EASTER  
egg hunt

in

Fertile Park

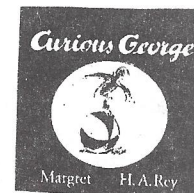
on

Saturday  
April 15  
10:00 a.m.



## CURIOUS GEORGE

Goes to the Fertile Library



Monday, April 3, 2006

6:30 P.M.

Story by

The Man with the Yellow Hat

Get your own monkey mask!

Banana Sundaes!

# WITH SYMPATHY

## TANNER E. BRUNSVOLD

1990 - 2006

Tanner E. Brunsvold, 15, of Fertile, died March 5, 2006 at his home in Fertile.



His funeral service was held March 9, 2006 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City with Rev. Lee Laaveg officiating. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery in Forest City.

Tanner Erling Brunsvold was born in Mason City on April 18, 1990, the son of Bentley and Jacklyn (Steuer) Brunsvold.

He received his education in the Forest City school system and was currently a sophomore at Forest City School

Tanner loved to dirt bike, ride his four-wheeler and go snowmobiling with his friends. He liked working on cars and enjoyed the 1979 Ford pickup he bought from Grandpa Buck. Tanner was currently serving as "Sentinel" in the Forest City High School FFA. He played football (No. 89) and participated in track and wrestling. His friends were a huge part of his life. And he loved making people laugh.

Tanner is survived by his parents; Bentley Brunsvold and friend, Tara Wineinger of Fertile and Jacklyn Haverly and husband, Mark, of Titonka; a brother who meant the world to him, Hunter Brunsvold and wife, Casie, of San Diego, Calif; grandparents included Grant "Buck" and Joyce Russell of Fertile, Bob and Judy Brunsvold of Forest City and Paul and Mary Jane Haverly of Algona. Also surviving are three aunts and an uncle, two great-grandmothers, Eva Strohmman and Viola (Steuer) Harpstad; and many cousins.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

## WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

95 9th St. N., Northwood, IA 50459

March 28 & April 25 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood. No appt. necessary. 9 am - 3 pm.  
 March 27 & April 12 Senior Health Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office. For anyone 60 years and older. Clinic exam includes a general health assessment five labs tests and education. Cholesterol panels with a blood sugar test are available for \$20 for any age with advance appointment. Free blood pressure checks are done Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 800-765-1388 to schedule appt.  
 April 26 Senior Health Clinic at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice. Age 60+ welcome for general assessment, 5 lab tests and health education. Minimal lab fee. Donations encouraged. With advance appointment, any age can schedule a cholesterol panel with fasting blood sugar test for \$20. Call Public Health off. at 800-765-2488.

## LEONARD E. BAILEY

1933 - 2006

Leonard E. Bailey, 72, of Fertile, died March 2, 2006 at Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake.



Funeral services were held March 7, 2005 at Fertile Lutheran Church with Lay Pastor David Halverson officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City.

Leonard was aborn Sept. 14, 1933 to Fitch O. and Edna A. (Turner) Bailey. Leonard was married July 1, 1954 to JoAnn M. Burtness in Fertile, where they

lived for many years during the time Leonard was the chief of the Fertile Fire Department. He was also a town council member. He took great pride in the new fire building when it was built.

Leonard delivered coal for the Fertile Lumber Co. for many years until going to Winnebago Industries where he worked until retirement. Leonard also ran the town snow plow for Fertile for many years.


Leonard loved fishing, especially his yearly trips to Canda with family and friends, except for the one where his daughter, Melody, was born early and he ended up riding a bus home. Later on in life, he looked forward to and very much enjoyed his weekly drives just tooling around the lake with his daughter, Jodie.

Leonard really liked living at Oakwood Care Center more than 10 years. He was a great help with feeding the squirrels and setting the tables for lunch and supper.

Leonard is survived by and will be greatly missed by his three children, Melody Morse of Clear Lake, Lonnie Bailey of Forest City and special friend, Cheri Schmidt, and Jodie (Rex) McChesney of Clear Lake; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and was brother of Douglas Bailey, Donovan (Dorothy) Bailey, Meredith (Fran) Bailey, Marge (Gary) Frandsen, Ramona (Leroy) Baker, Patricia (Jack) Behne; and brother-in-law of Maxine Bailey & Hilda Bailey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Jerry, Raymond and Robert; two sisters, Rovine and infant Janice.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



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# WITH SYMPATHY

**OTHELIA C. TORKELSON**

**1911 - 2006**

Othelia Torkelson, 94, of Forest City, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006 at the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City.



Funeral service was held February 25, 2006 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City with the Rev. Lee Laaveg officiating. Burial was at Ellington Township Cemetery in rural Forest City.

Orthelia Cornelia Torkelson, the daughter of Osmund and Bessie (Olson) Torkelson, was born April 21, 1911. The family moved to a farm near Thompson, where Othelia met and married Clarence Torkelson.

Othelia was a lifelong homemaker while she and Clarence raised nine children. Later in life, she started the career she totally loved and had been in training for almost her whole life, a cook at the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City.

Her heart had a special spot for each of her 26 grandchildren whom she lived to spend time with. Each one of them has special memories of times spent with her. She was definitely a cookie-baking grandma.

Those left to cherish the memory of her life include her children: Margie Sogard of Ames, Bernice Voelker of Charles City, Carroll Torkelson of Fertile, Ronald (Lucille) Torkelson, Leslie (Paulette) Torkelson, Roger Torkelson, Wayne Torkelson and Marsha (Mark) Brunsvold, all of Forest City; 24 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers, Orrin Torkelson, and sisters: Lavina Askeland, Thelma Sunde, Louise Jermeland, Julaine Albertson and Darlene Hanna. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Linda Kesler and Bonnie Torkelson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

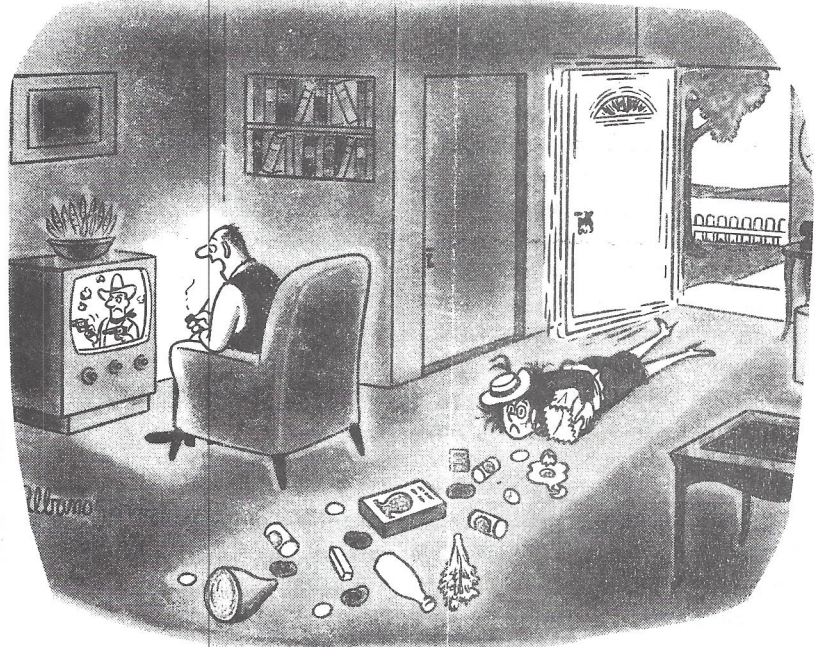
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clarence; son, Clarence Junior; daughter, Margie Helen; and grandchildren, Lisa Tate, Hollis, Debra and LaRae Torkelson. She was also preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Joe, Clifford, John, Arthur, John and Myrtle.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



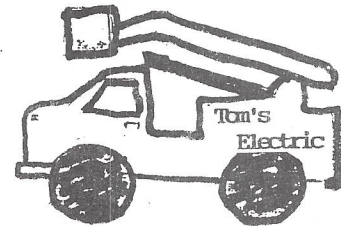
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**Sesquicentennial Committee Members**

Chris Andersen	Ronda Prescott
Goldie Felland	Jane Ramon
Bob Kennedy	Joyce Russell
Penny Miller	Karen Usher
Elin Miner	Amanda Waddington
Cindy Peters	

**Community Meal Friday Evening August 4th**

Buy your button now, \$5.00 for Adult/child (2 and under free). Button is numbered and will be your admittance into the community meal and used for raffles during the celebration. See any committee member listed above and also Ed Buchanan and Chuck Waage.

**Sesquicentennial beard contest: 2 categories**

1. Clean shavers: Shave April 1st and start beard till celebration
2. Existing beards: Do not have to shave April 1st.

**Volunteers needed for Sesquicentennial**

Volunteers will be needed for various activities/needs during the celebration, such as the information/souvenir booth. A celebration schedule will be finanized on or before May 1st. Information on duties and times volunteer will be needed will be made known at that time.

**2nd Print in the Fertile Series by Artist JD Speltz**

The second print in the Fertile Series by Artist JD Speltz will be sold the 1st part of May. The print will include the old arch footbridge, Rhodes Cabin, steel road bridge, lumber yard and creamery. Prices will remain the same as the 1st print. Print is \$29.95 for regular edition, \$39.95 for an artist proof. Anyone who bought the 1st edition will have the 1st opportunity to buy the same numbered print in the 2nd edition. If you have any questions about the print, contact Ronda Prescott.

**2nd edition crocks will be for sale May 1st**

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Your button entitles you to:

- One admission to the Community Meal on Friday, August 4th - Be sure to wear your button!
- A chance to win prizes from area businesses in drawings to be held throughout the celebration

(Each button is numbered)

Show Your Support!

## CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE

or "There's gold in them thar hills"

By George Kisner

We reached our destination in California about 4:00 p.m. and found the home of Harriet's ex-daughter-in-law. I was not allowed out of the camper and in their new house, even though Muffy was. Like I have said, there is not much fair in this world. Anyway, this story must be told by George since he has the first hand info.

I'm George, and will tell the story here in California. Like Angel said, we got here in the afternoon and pulled up in front of a security gate. We had the code to open it, but before we figured it out a kindly neighbor punched his beeper and the gate swung open for us. We found Bobby and Kathy's house right away, but it was so steep I hesitated to park. We finally solved it by parking about a block away and walking to their house. Kathy and Bobby warmly greeted us and we also met their baby, Hunter.

Hunter was not at all thrilled about seeing Iowa relatives and, during the three days we were there, only allowed us to hold him briefly. Their living style was something beyond fantasy with cathedral ceilings, bedrooms with huge closets and baths, and a view of the whole valley that was truly breathtaking.

They had purchased the house two years earlier for roughly \$360,000, and now it was worth more than half a million. In fact, they took us to see their next house which they had already purchased. We looked at model houses, identical to the one they were building, priced from \$517,000 and up. They were also buying homes for their two children, Jeremiah, 22 and Amanda, 20.

The plan is that you arrange to build a house and by the time the building of it is complete, it will have appreciated at least 10%, and you will have made a neat \$100,000. I asked where the poor people, like Harriet and I lived, who feel 1 to 2 hundred thousand would be more than we could afford, and they said those people lived in Tijuana and commuted back and forth.

When we went out to eat that evening, we found that they do not go a half block up the street like we do back home in Iowa, but drive at least 20 miles at breakneck speeds to an average restaurant. The only thing that gave us security was a friendly Wal-Mart a few blocks away where we could camp for the night. They also had a Starbucks close, and Starbucks in the morning is my favorite thing.

Instead of farmers and working people like the ones I meet in Iowa, there are teachers, lawyers, realtors and brokers, all friendly and willing to talk and share views and ideas with an old man like myself. One teacher that I met supported the local professional baseball team by boarding players through the season. Harriet wanted to know how many he boards and he said between 2 and 4, but 2 were really enough. They had one house they lived in, and two more they rented out. Plans were for his wife to retire from her job as an attorney in 5 years, sell the real estate in California and move to Phoenix or somewhere less expensive.

The next day we started our trip back with the possibility of jury duty in mind. We spent the first night back in Phoenix on our friendly street with the fence and trees. This time Angel was securely on her leash at all times. The only noteworthy event on the return trip was a surprise 3-inch snowstorm in Gallup, New Mexico, which didn't cause any problems but made us nervous. So ended this time of wandering, but hopefully not our last!

George Kisner

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THURSDAY - Fish, Ribs or Chicken

5 PM - 8 PM

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### MAKING OF FRIENDS

*If nobody smiled, and nobody cared and  
Nobody helped us along,  
If every moment looked after itself and  
Good things always went to the strong.  
If nobody thought just a little about you and  
Nobody cared about me.  
And we stood alone, in the battle at life  
What a dreary old world this would be.  
Life is sweet, just because of the friends  
we have made  
And the things which in common we share.  
We want to live on, not because of our selves,  
But because of the people who care.  
It is doing and giving for somebody else,  
On which all life's splendor depends,  
And the joy of this world, when you've summed  
It all up,  
Is found in the making of friends.  
by Egar A. Guest*



Dear Ladies,

Please renew our subscription to the Fertile Reminder. Looking forward to the August Fertile Celebrations days.

Keep up the good work!

Lanny & Sandy "Purcell" Jenkins

Dear Ladies,

We enjoy every issue of the Reminder. Thank you for your good work.

Amos & Irene Miller

Dear Reminder Staff,

Please renew my subscription for another year. Thanks for the good work you are doing for Fertile and friends. We really enjoy getting it. Keep up the good work.

Bill & Jarlyn Upchurch

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription for another year. I so look forward to my paper each month. Say, who is Arlene that went to the Dominican Replublic?(Answer: Arlene Lee, daughter of LaVern Lee, granddaughter of Bert Lee. They probably moved in after you left Fertile.)

Evanelle (Faulken) Perkins  
Chatsworth Park Care Center #122B  
10610 Owens Mouth St.  
Chatsworth, CA

Dear Ladies,

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Fred & Judy Luker

Dear Ladies,

How time flies when you are reading the enjoyable monthly Reminder. Please renew me for another year. Keep up your wonderful work.

Pat Tuttle

Dear Reminder Staff,

Please renew our subscription for another year. We enjoy reading about our friends in Fertile

Earl & Donna Miller

Dear Ladies,

Please renew the Reminder for us for two years. I have enjoyed the "F R".

Olga Kaylor

Dear Ladies,

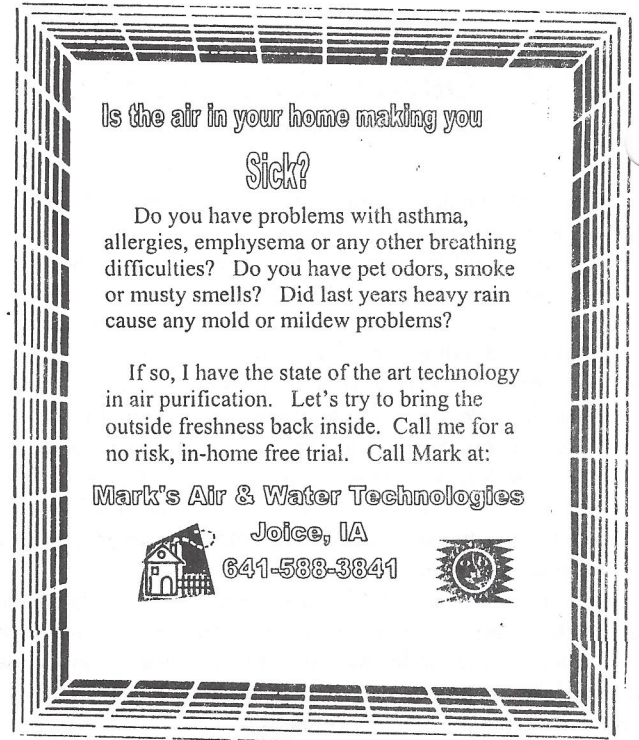
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Marlys Pederson

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Vonnie & Sever Pederson



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(April 2 - October 29)  
David Halverson, Lay Pastor



**FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

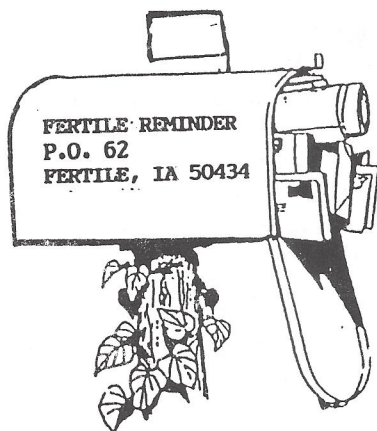
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