

AUGUST 2006

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Aug. 1	Senior Dinner	Noon
Aug. 4, 5, 6	Fertile Days	
Aug. 7	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
Aug. 15	Senior Dinner Garden Club	
Aug. 18	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Aug. 19	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Aug. 21	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 20, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Gail Shropshire, Patrick Renchin and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent: Council member Melanne Bang.

3.) Minutes Approval

Berg moved and Renchin 2nd to approve the May minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) Public Hearing on the SRF Loan

The Public Hearing to review the City's application for a State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) loan from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources was opened by the mayor at 7:05 p.m. The mayor reviewed the City's sewer plan which included information relating to proposed improvements to the sanitary sewer collection system. It was reported that anticipated project costs were estimated to be \$476,600. The project will be partially funded with a \$300,000.00 Community Development Block Grant with the remaining costs to be financed with the SRF Loan. In addition to the proposed sewer improvements, the SRF loan will also be used to refinance \$160,000 in existing USDA - Rural Development debt that still is outstanding. The total SRF loan amount that has been applied for is \$340,000.00. The interest rate is 3.25%.

The City Clerk reported that there had been no written comments or concerns filed prior to the hearing.

There being no oral questions from the public at this hearing, the hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

In Attendance: City Officials as stated above, along with Residents: Evelyn Elthon of Fertile and Julie Jesson of Fertile.

5.) Vandalism Within the City

- Several reports of vandalism have been turned into the Worth County Sheriff's office this last month. The William Rhodes Island Park sign has been stolen. Garden Club Flowers have been uprooted and deposited into the Post Office Mailbox. Mail boxes in town have had their doors opened and flags raised, with mail reported missing. Trespassing of personal residences has occurred, along with defecation of property and unauthorized long distance phone calls have been placed. The electrical systems within the park have also been vandalized.
- The Worth County Sheriff's department has increased their patrol as a means to curtail this activity. The City is asking residents to keep their eyes open for possible illegal activity. If suspicious activity is noticed, please contact the Sheriff's Department immediately, so they can investigate. (800-458-1234)

6.) William Rhodes Signage Replacement

- The sign will be replaced before the Anniversary.

7.) City Pick-up Truck

- The City will be replacing the City Truck after an inspection by an independent mechanic. Look for Warren in the new truck on the roads soon.

8.) Winn-Worth Betco Advisory Board Representative

- Council Member Tad Miller will represent the City of Fertile on the Winn-Worth Betco Advisory Board.

9.) Discussion on the 150th Anniversary

- Things are falling into place. Schedules as well as promotional flyers are now available.
- 38 volunteers are still needed to take 2 hour shifts assisting with games, cleaning, and other activities. Contact Kristen Anderson at 797-2615 to sign-up.

- Buttons, T-Shirts, Raffell Tickets, etc. are on sale now. Purchase of a button until July 15th will earn you a free meal during the festivities. Contact Kristen Anderson for more information.

10.) Mayor's Report

- A team of dedicated citizens, including Kenneth Strohman, Buck and Joyce Russell, Warren Bruns and Chris Anderson, working with Clapper Tree Service, have cleared out most of the dead trees and branches from the Island Park. THANK YOU FOR A GREAT JOB DONE!!!!

11.) City Clerk's Report

- Presented a Monthly Profit and Loss report.
- Presented a YTD Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget report.

12.) Approve Expenditures

Berg moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the expenditures. Motion Carried.

13.) Upcoming Meetings

The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, July 18th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

14.) Adjourn

Berg moved, Renchin 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of May 31, 2006

Type	Name	Paid Amount
0001110 - General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-905.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-444.03
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-5,600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-16.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-11.80
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-106.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-69.98
Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Pipe Supply	-174.65
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-100.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-68.58
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-29.05
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-35.87
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-3,768.72
Bill Pmt -Check	Watertower Paint & Repair	-1,250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-113.54
Bill Pmt -Check	Winntech Central	-139.99
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-501.23
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-44.44
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-37.45
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-184.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon, LLC	-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-88.77
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-22.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Vorland Masonry & Concrete	-5,292.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IMWCA	-2,118.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Pipe Supply	-418.07
Bill Pmt -Check	USDA	-35,688.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-973.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-7.64
Check	Renchin, Pat C	-100.00
Check	Zehnder, Delbert	-150.00
Check	Jessen, Keith & Julie	-150.00
Check	Thompson, James	-150.00
Check	Scharmer, Mike & Ann	-150.00
Check	Johnson, Russell	-150.00
Check	Knapper Oil, Inc.	-150.00
Check	Russell, Joyce	-27.42
Check	Bruns, Warren	-5.01
Deposit		3,121.59
Deposit		4,534.26
Deposit		3,702.88
Deposit		4,063.39
Deposit		1,526.62
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	1,979.19
Deposit		37.40
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,376.72
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.19
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.41
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-441.13
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-93.08
Total 0001110 - General Fund Checking		-42,672.80
0001111 - Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.55
Total 0001111 - Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.55
0001112 - Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.40
Total 0001112 - Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.40
0001160 - Money Market Savings		
Deposit		150.00
Deposit		26.61
Total 0001160 - Money Market Savings		176.61
		-42,490.24

Minutes Attested by:

Eddie May
City Clerk

Dated
6/21/06



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The Rapture – Time LaHaye

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Sandcastles – Luanne Rice

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The Reign – Tim LaHaye

The Rapture – Time LaHaye

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WITH SYMPATHY

MERLE L. TUTTLE 1943 - 2006



Merle L. Tuttle, 62, 1100 Sixth Ave. S. in Clear Lake died June 29, 2006 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Funeral services were held July 3rd at the United Methodist Church Clear Lake with Rev. Diana Hoover officiating. Interment was at Grant Township Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Merle was born Sept. 16, 1943 in rural Clarion, the son of Morgan Levard and Ethel Mae (Luick) Tuttle. His family moved to Fertile when he was young. He graduated from Fertile High School in 1962.

Merle married Mickey Klasse Feb. 6, 1965. They lived in rural Clear Lake, then moved to rural Fertile. They divorced in 1987.

He farmed in the Clear Lake-Fertile area for the majority of his life. In the late 70's and early 80's he owned and operated Tuttle Feed Store in Clear Lake and Fertile. He also worked for his brother, Bob, at Tuttle Asphalt. He last worked as a truck driver for Mason City Recycling, retiring in March 2006.

Merle liked to travel, spending time with friends and family, flying earlier in life, and an occasional game of golf. He dabbled in politics. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Merle is survived by three children, Bill Tuttle and fiancée, Tonya Runge, of Mason City; Becky Ubben and her husband, Matt, of Clear Lake, and Jennifer Tuttle and her special friend, Adam Duffy, of Mason City; grandchildren, Sadie Lundry, Codie Ubben, Morgan Williams and Treasure Runge; sister, Betty Waddington of Hanlontown; and brother, Bob Tuttle and his wife, Deb, of Maason City; and several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents; two infant brothers, Leo Dean and William Robert Tuttle; brother, Larry Lee Tuttle; and brother-in-law, Don Waddington

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

SHIRLEY HENNING 1930 - 2006



Shirley A. Henning, age 75, of rural Fertile died Sunday, June 18, 2006 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City. Funeral service was June 23 at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church in rural Forest City with Pastor Robert Snitzer officiating. Burial was in Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Shirley Ann Henning, the daughter of James and Martha Wentworth, was born on November 26, 1930 in Buffalo Center IA. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and attended school in Buffalo Center.

On December 21, 1949, she was united in marriage to Ernest Henning. From this union six children were born. Ernest and Shirley farmed around Kiester, MN and rural Fertile all their married lives. Shirley was also employed outside the home. She worked for Winnebago Industries for many years and retired in 1991. She also kept the books for the family farm and mowing business.

Left to cherish her memory are: Ernie Henning Jr. of Forest City; Gary (Linda) Henning of Stevensville, MT; Marion (Gary) Prevot of Lakewood, WA; Robert Henning of Forest City; Herman (Marlene) Henning of Leland; Doug (Ruth) Henning of Fertile; Sherry (Greg) Flugum of Forest City; 13 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Also surviving is a sister, Myrna (Larry) Akers of Exira, IA and five brothers: Douglas (Darlene) Wentworth of Forest City; Steven (Ardelle) Wentworth of Brainerd, MN; Jimmy (Elaine) Wentworth of Brainerd, MN; Kerry Wentworth of Thompson and Alan (Evi) Wentworth of Englewood, CO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, her parents and grandparents, sisters: Gloria Berhow, Marilyn Cherry, Norma Yeries, Maureen who died in infancy, and brothers Arlan and Marion who died as infants.

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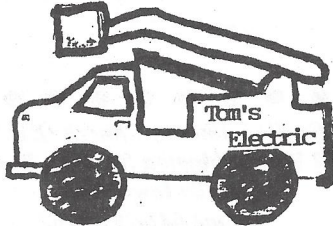


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On behalf of the Worth County Top of Iowa 1-Day Tractor Ride Committee, we want to give a big thank you to all who worked so hard in organizing and working that day to make the tractor ride a success. About 108 tractor riders participated and thank you to them too. A special thank you to Fertile Fire Department for serving a delicious breakfast; Faith Lutheran Church Luther League in Miller for good home-made goodies for coffee break; and Backroads Catering the delicious lunch at Heritage Park.

Thank you to the following for their generosity and support in donating door prizes: The Downtown Cafe (Jane & Al Ramon); Wapada Northwoods (Chris Hagen); Five-Star Coop; Franks Repair; Jim Trainer; Northwood Equipment; Larry Nelson; Steve Pope Photography; and Charlson Body Repair.

Thanks to behind the scene helpers, Eldean Garnas, Sandra Scholbrock, Duane & Sharon Holstad, and Dave & Cheryl Kapka.

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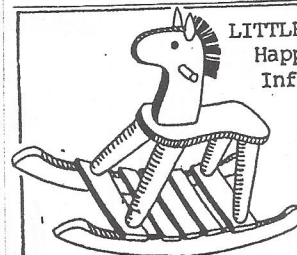
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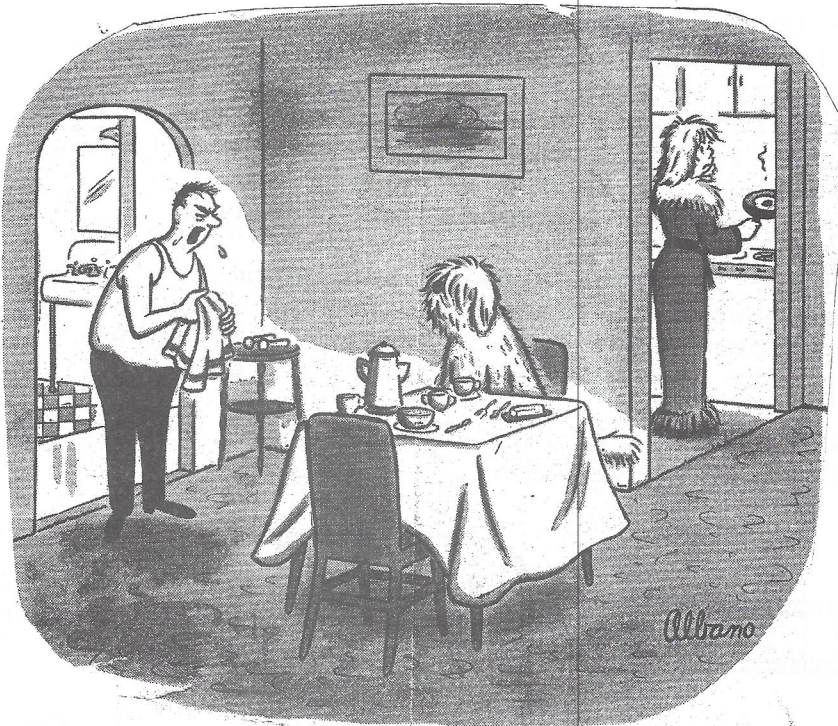
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- Aug. 14-15 Free blood pressure clinic at Kensett Town Hall from 11 am to noon. All ages welcome.
- August 17 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health in Northwood from 1 - 5 p.m. No appt. necessary.
- August 22 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appt. necessary.

Gamblers Anonymous group has been formed in Manly. They meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. every Sunday evening at the Manly City Hall.

THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to all who attended my belated birthday celebration June 8th at the Down Town Cafe.

Special thanks for the card signed by the cafe gang and for all the other cards, gifts, hugs and well wishes.

Thank you to Kathy Kirschbaum for all her help and also to Jane and Al for everything.

It was a wonderful birthday.

Love,

Viola Roberts

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Thank you to all who helped with the clean-up in the Fertile Park when the dead trees and limbs were cut down on June 17th,

Buck & Joyce Russell

Warren Bruns

Ken Strohmman

Chris Andersen

And thank you for the countless other days for clean-up in the Park by Buck and Joyce & Warren

A NOTE FROM THE ALUMNI COMMITTEE

If you did not get your alumni reservation in by the deadline, we still have room for a few more. So, if you want to come, return your reservation slip and payment at once. We have to let the caterer know a number by the 29th of July.

Fertile Garden Club

July 11, 2006

The Fertile Garden Club met for their July meeting at 'Heritage Puppies' owned by Steve & Sue Steele,, rural Lake Mills. They have a large area pond, walking trails, flowers, flowing water, light house, fish and more. The place is absolutely beautiful. Sixteen members and 2 guests were present to enjoy the sights and sounds of the birds (even the puppies barking were not a distraction! Steve & Sue told us about building the pond and all the hills etc.

Teresa Smith gave a very interesting talk on Tomatoes. Pat Lohman had the "Thought of the Day". Roll call was "Your first car". The float for the Fertile Day parade was discussed. Members were reminded of the watering schedule for all the flowers we have planted. Happy Birthday was sang to those having July birthdays. A delicious 'box lunch' was served by Gloria Kirschbaum and Pat Oswald. The next meeting will be held at the Central Gardens in Clear Lake. Meet at the Church of Christ for car pooling. We will leave there at 6:30 p.m. sharp on August 8, 2006.

AUGUST YARDS OF THE MONTH

Because there are so many attractive yards around the town of Fertile, the Fertile Garden Club will now be selecting two a month.

The first Yard belongs to Gene & Rosemary Tannahill. The sign will be put on their lawn on August 1st. Congratulations

The second Yard belongs to Ed & Joann Richards. Congratulations. The sign will be put in their yard the 15th of the August.

- Fertile Iowa Sesquicentennial - 1856 - 2006

The Fertile Post Office will be offering a special "pictorial cancellation" on August 4 - 5 - 6. Time to be announced later. If you are unable to attend the Sesquicentennial of Fertile, you may mail a pre-addressed stamped envelope to: Post Master, P.O. Box 9998, Fertile Iowa, 50434. It will be post marked and returned to you in the mail.

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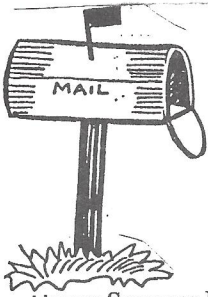
The City of Fertile will be spraying for mosquitos on the evenings of: July 21

July 28

August 3

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 797-2121 or Joyce C. Russell at 797-2274

THANK YOU!



Dear Ladies,

Thank you for another year of the Fertile Reminder. I am looking forward to being in Fertile for your 150th.

Thank you again. I enjoy all the monthly Reminders.

Lyle Lindquist

Happy Summer Days:

Thank you all for the monthly Reminder you send so faithfully with all the Fertile news.

Had hoped to come to the 150th anniversary celebration and join in all the fun, but it is not workable to accomplish. I hope you'll have full coverage and some photos.

Greeting to old friends.

Joan Sheplee Schultz

Staff of Fertile Reminder:

Tusen Takk to the ladies that put the Fertile Reminder together! I always enjoy getting the paper with a touch of news from "home".

Congratulations to Fertile as they celebrate their sesquicentennial this summer. Sorry we will not be able to attend.

Enclosed is a check to renew our subscription to the Reminder.

Thanks!

LaVonne Pederson Kraft

OLD CAR THEOREM

By George Kisner

My feelings about old cars probably started when I was a child. We lived on a high hill and my father always parked the car on the highest point, and then if my mother needed groceries or farm supplies, what could be simpler than just giving it a push and it almost always started before reaching the bottom.

Cars today are made without that luxury; in fact there are severe warnings in the manuals about even attempting to repair your own car. The carmakers in the thirties and forties were not so sophisticated and almost every car was made to start with a gentle push. If it did not start by the bottom of the hill, my father would say some mild swear words and have to hitch up the horses and give it a pull until it started. My father frequently drove into the ditch. I am not sure if it was because the cars were not as easy to steer or my father was not a competent driver, but then again the patient horses were harnessed and one of my older brothers would go with dad to pull the car out. It was never a tragedy, just an inconvenience.

That is my theory that in the thirty or forty cars I have owned, hardly any of them ran all the time and non of them with much regularity. I think that is why I admire the movie "Chitty Chitty Bang-Bang" so much. Not only did Dick Van Dyke's car run, it also looked like a thing out of a show room. Out of the many cars that I bought after they had been wrecked, I always felt one style fender did pretty much the same job as the next, so many times I had an odd combination of parts.

Driving around in a disreputable looking vehicle was far tradition. Once we met some distant cousins by the same name and their theory was that some people naturally settled on the rich bottomland and other always chose the thin hilly ground. By comparing histories, it was plain to us which group we belong to. Now by a series of events equal to the happenings of Forrest Gump, Harried and I find ourselves in circumstances where we are neither bound by convention or economics and can afford to be true vagabonds! John Steinbeck's book "Travels with Charley" has always been my ultimate goal and this has been my first attempt as amulating it.

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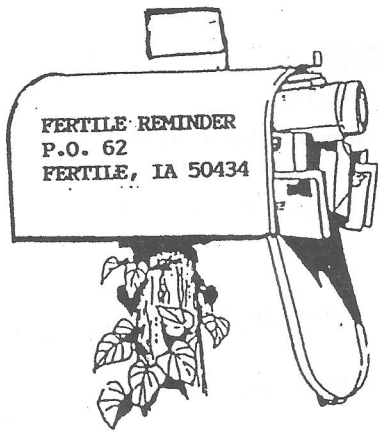
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