

MARCH 2006

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Mar. 1	F B & I Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 6	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
March 7	Senior Citizens Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
March 14	Garden Club Recycle Day	
March 18	Library Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	11 a.m - 1 pm
March 20	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
March 21	Senior Citizens Dinner	Noon
March 28	Recycle Day	

AUGUST 4, 5 & 6 FERTILE DAYS - 150th Anniversary

City of Fertile

January, 24 2006, 7:00 PM

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in special session, January 24, 2006, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Melanne Bang, Gail Shropshire and Pat Renchin and City Clerk Eddie May. Budget requests were heard and considered. Meeting Adjourned.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2006, 7:00 PM

City Hall

- 1.) Call to Order
The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, February 7, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.
- 2.) Roll Call
Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Melanne Bang, Gail Shropshire and Pat Renchin and City Clerk Eddie May.
- 3.) Approval of Minutes
Gail Shropshire moved, Tad Miller 2nd to approve the January Minutes. Carried.
- 4.) Public Hearing on Proposed City Budget
The 2005-2006 fiscal year budget was presented for a public hearing and final Council approval. Jeff Berg Moved, Pat Renchin 2nd to approve the 2005-2006 fiscal year budget. Role Call Vote was unanimous. Carried.
- 5.) Mayor's Report
 - In January, Joyce met with other Worth County Mayors to approve the Worth County Assessor's Budget.
 - In January, Joyce became NIMS certified.
 - Joyce has contacted a potential purchaser of the current street light Christmas decorations. (These decorations are too heavy for the new street lights being installed this spring.)
 - Nettleton Excavating has been requested to bid work to be done in the city park and in road repair for late winter and early spring.
- 6.) City Clerk's Report
 - In January, the financial records were presented to Accountant Kris Urdahl. Kris made suggestions for consideration before we send the records to the auditor. Those suggestions are being investigated and implemented. For the CDBG grant, the City will be required to have an independent audit completed following this current fiscal year.
 - Due to limitations on the current water and sewer billing software, Eddie is researching a suitable replacement.
- 7.) City Maintenance Report
 - The weather has damaged several city water meters. Warren has replaced several meters recently and will be replacing a few more within the upcoming weeks.

- 8.) Approve Expenditures
Pat Renchin moved, Tad Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures. Carried.
- 9.) Committee Reports
No committee reports were presented.
- 10.) New Business
 - In regards to this spring, safety issues relating to children and traffic were discussed. The Council thanks all citizens for continuing to do their best to keep Fertile a beautiful and safe environment.
 - The Worth County Tractor Ride will begin their day trip from Fertile. More details are to come.
- 11.) Agenda Items for Next Meeting
No new agenda items were added for next meeting.
- 12.) Upcoming Meetings
The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, March 7, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.
- 13.) Adjourn
Jeff Berg moved, Melanne Berg 2nd to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
As of January 31, 2005

Type	Name	Amount
0001110 - General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-939.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-48.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IMFOA	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kirkwood Community College	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-27.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-69.98
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	-15.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-40.24
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-118.62
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-751.20
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Reminder	-180.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-1.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-105.31
Bill Pmt -Check	Thompson's Garage	-13.98
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-90.13
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,833.22
Check	Fertile Fire Department	-1,375.00
Check	Fertile Library	-2,250.00
Check	US Post Office	-35.00
Check	Alliant Energy	-8,530.00
Deposit		2,462.28
Deposit		2,595.88
Deposit		2,466.63
Deposit		2,891.06
Liability Check	IRS	-1,537.46
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-149.00
Liability Check	IPERS	-726.40
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,311.50
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.19
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.00
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-387.06
Total 0001110 - General Fund Checking		-10,655.07

See next page for 2006/2007 Budget

City of Fertile

2006-2007

Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Current Property Taxes	
Taxes Levied on Property	55,000.00
Total Current Property Taxes	55,000.00
Other City Taxes	
Utility Tax Replacement (Excise Tax)	3,000.00
Other Local Option Taxes	14,000.00
Total Other City Taxes	17,000.00
Licences & Permits	0.00
Use of Money & Property	2,500.00
Intergovernmental	
State Shared Revenues	45,000.00
Local Grants & Reimbursements	10,000.00
Total Intergovernmental	55,000.00
Charges for Fees & Service	
Water Utility	45,000.00
Sewer Utility	56,000.00
Landfill/Garbage	20,000.00
Other Fees & Charges for Service	5,000.00
Total Charges for Fees & Service	126,000.00
Total Income	255,500.00

Expense

Government Activities

Public Safety

001-110 · Police Dept./Crime Prevention	1,650.00
001-150 · Fire Department	6,500.00
Total Public Safety	8,150.00

Public Works

110-210 · Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks	
Total 110-210 · Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks	20,425.55
110-230 · Street Lighting	4,700.00
110-250 · Snow Removal	
Total 110-250 · Snow Removal	8,175.55
Total Public Works	33,301.09

Health and Social Services

001-350 · Water, Air, & Mosquito Control	1,000.00
Total Health and Social Services	1,000.00

Culture and Recreation

001-410 · Library Services	13,500.00
001-430 · Parks	
Total 001-430 · Parks	13,189.71
001-440 · Recreation	1,000.00
Total Culture and Recreation	27,689.71

Community & Economic Development

001-520 · Economic Development	1,000.00
Total Community & Economic Development	1,000.00

General Government

001-610 · Mayor, Council & City Manager	
Total 001-610 · Mayor, Council & City Manager	2,856.69
001-620 · Clerk, Treasurer & Finance Adm.	
Total 001-620 · Clerk, Treasurer & Finance Adm.	15,766.80
001-630 · Elections	600.00
001-650 · City Hall & General Buildings	5,200.00
001-660 · Tort Liability	13,000.00
001-699 · Other General Government	4,600.00
Total General Government	42,023.49

301-750 · Capital Projects

	30,000.00
Total Government Activities	143,164.29

Business Type Activities

600-810 · Water Utility	
Total 600-810 · Water Utility	18,149.96
610-815 · Sewer Utility	
Total 610-815 · Sewer Utility	33,449.96
670-840 · Landfill/Garbage	23,000.00
Enterprise DEBT SERVICE	37,688.00
Enterprise CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
Total Business Type Activities	112,287.93

Total Expense

	255,452.22
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Net Income

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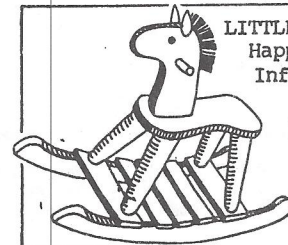
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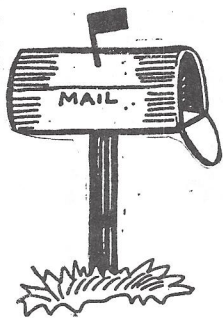
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 Jane Briggeman

Dear Reminder Staff,
 You do a great job! Thanks! Please renew my subscription.

Sue (Purcell) Miller

Dear Ladies,
 Please renew our subscription for another year. Keep up the good work. Thank you!

Leo & Janette Zobel

Dear Ladies,
 Enjoy your paper. Here is my subscription for one more year. Take care!

Doris Novak

Hi!
 We enjoy the Fertile Remindler. Keep it coming.

Charles & Carol

Dear Ladies,
 Enclosed is \$6 for another year of the Reminder. Thank you, girls, for all the good work you all do.

Patty Zobel

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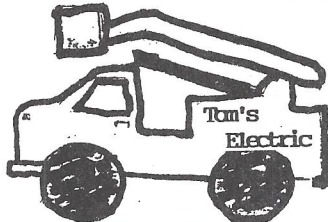
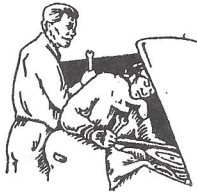
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News from the Dominican Republic

This month I thought it would be fun for you to learn what I am learning here in the DR through taking a little quiz! Answers are at the bottom of the page. Enjoy!! ~Arlene

- In the DR, when eating hot soup it is traditional to mix in:
 - crackers
 - a banana
 - cheese
 - mayonnaise
- In February, Dominicans celebrate 'Carnival' by:
 - dressing up in masks that looks like dragon heads
 - doing traditional dances
 - randomly hitting people with a soft bat called a 'vejiga'
 - all of the above
- The DR had its first unrigged democratic election in:
 - 1884
 - 1930
 - 1960
 - 1996
- Dominicans are famous for which sport:
 - soccer
 - baseball
 - basketball
 - ice hockey
- The Dominican Republic is the same size as which state:
 - New Hampshire
 - Iowa
 - Colorado
 - Texas
- The population of the DR is approximately:
 - 3 million
 - 6 million
 - 9 million
 - 15 million
- Dominicans usually greet one another with:
 - a high five
 - a bow
 - shaking hands
 - a kiss on the cheek
- Which of the following Latin dances originated in the DR?
 - merengue
 - salsa
 - the cha cha
 - none of the above

Answers: 1. B. a banana 2. D. all of the above 3. D. 1996 4. B. baseball 5. A. New Hampshire 6. C. 9 million 7. D. kissing on the cheek 8. A. Merengue

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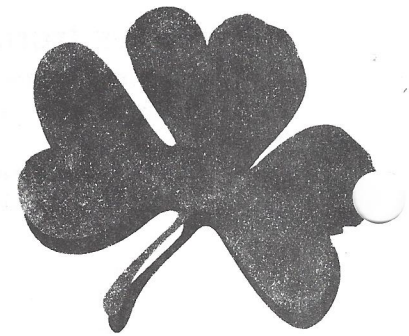
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NEW BOOKS

Gone – Lisa Gardner
 Necessary Evil – Alex Kava
 The Quilter's Daughter – Wanda E. Brunstetter
 Schoolhouse Brides – Wanda E. Brunstetter
 Sex, Lies, & Online Dating - Rachel Gibson
 Guns of the Canyonlands – Joseph A. West
 Cross Bones – Kathy Reichs
 The Camel Club – David Baldacci
 Sunstroke – Jesse Kellerman
 Showdown – Ted Dekker
 The Cell – Stephen King
 Love Smart – Dr. Phil McGraw
 The Mustang Breaker – Stephen Bly
 Jude's Law – Lori Foster
 The Colorado Kid – Stephen King
 Edge of Evil – J. A. Jance
 Lasso the Moon – Beth Ciotta
 Saving Cascadia – John J. Nance
 Final Scream – Lisa Jackson
 Hard Truth – Nevada Barr
 The Prey – Allison Brennan
 The Hunt - Allison Brennan
 Decorating Ideas Under \$50 – Better Homes & Gardens

Large Print

Note of Peril – Hannah Alexander
 Levi's Will – W. Dale Cramer

NEW AUDIOS

Every Breath You Take – Judith Mc Naught
 A Necessary Evil – Alex Kava
 Gone – Lisa Gardner
 Long time Gone – J.A Jance
 The Sea Hunters II – Clive Cussler

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CORRINE E. MILLER
1915 - 2006

Corrine E. Miller, 90, of 400 Highway 18 W, Clear Lake, died February 2, 2006 at the Muse Norris Inpatient Unit in Mason City.



Funeral Services were held on her 91st birthday, Feb. 6 at the Fertile Church of Christ with Rev. Curt Gallmeyer officiating. Interment was at Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City.

Corrine was born Feb. 6, 1915, the daughter of John and Janet (Halverson) Zobel at Goodrich, MN. Corrine married Verle Miller on March 15, 1933 at Mason City. She lived most of her life in Fertile.

Corrine and her sister, Doris, operated a restaurant in Fertile for several years, farmed with her husband, and then she also worked at Winnebago Industries in the upholstery dept.

Corrine enjoyed reading books, playing cards, camping, fishing, doing puzzles, having fun and playing practical jokes. She was known for her cooking, making lefse and baking apple pies.

She was a member of Fertile Senior Citizens and Fertile Church of Christ.

Corrine is survived by her four children, Earl (Donna) Miller, Marlin (Dianne) Miller, Jean (Dan) Blake and Jack (Verna) Miller, all of Clear Lake; 16 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Viola Roberts, Leona Meeks and Verna Butts; three brothers-in-law, Glennis (Flo) Miller, Amos (Irene) Miller, and Orland (Marlys) Miller; and many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters, Viola Evans, Ruth Zobel and Doris Burtness; four brothers, Maynard, Edgar, Marvin and Harold Zobel, and an infant brother; granddaughter, Rhonda Krambeer; great-grandson Kenneth Herzberg; and son-in-law, Don Gudmonson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

NORMA R. SPRAU
1930 - 2006

Norma R. Sprau, 75, of Meservey, died January 30, 2006 at Good Shepherd Health Center, where she had lived for many years.



Funeral services were held February 2, 2006 at Salem United Methodist Church, in Meservey, with Rev. Rodney Meester of First Reformed Church in Meservey presiding. Interment was in Meservey Cemetery.

Norma Ruth Sprau was born June 26, 1930 in Huxley, IA, a daughter of Nels and Ruth (Johnson) Oakland. She attended and graduated from Fertile High School. After graduating from Waldorf College, Norma began teaching in Meservey Public School

Norma was united in marriage with Sterling Sprau on Sept. 23, 1952 in Fertile. They farmed and she continued to teach in the Meservey School while raising her family.

Following a stroke, Norma entered Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City in 1992.

Norma is remembered by her family as a wonderful cook and baker, her kitchen was a hub where she welcomed many to visit. While in college, she was part of a singing group and continued all through her life to sing and play piano for church services, weddings and funerals. During Meservey celebrations she took part in the Kitchen Lassie's Band. She was a very patient woman and decorated cookies with a toothpick to make sure the details were right. She was also an avid Vikings and Twins fan.

Norma is survived by a daughter, Pam (Bob) Carlson of Meservey; son Scott (Jenee) Sprau of Meservey; grandchildren, Becky, Zach and Toby Carlson, Anna (Joe) Dunnwald, Abby Sprau, Amanda, Casey and Sterling Sprau; a special niece, Zoe (Amaris) Myers of Meservey; sisters, Dell (Bill) Wright of Jewell and Marcie Osmundson of Story City.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Sterling, in 1990; son, Kurt, in 2005; and sister, Emelia Pederson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- Feb. 23 Senior Health Clinic at Maple Court. 60+ are eligible. Minimal lab fee for 5 tests, donation for exam encouraged to continue this service. Call WCPH, Betty Chapin, RN for appt.
- Mar 2 and 27 Senior Health Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office. For anyone 60 years & older. Clinic exam includes a general health assessment, five lab 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. - 4 p.m. Call 800-765-1388 for information & to schedule appointment.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The Fertile Alumn I Banquet will be held on Saturday night, August 5th at Paradise Parties in Clear Lake. Invitations will be sent out at a later date. Anyone who wants to help can call Harlan Rodberg at 641-585-3449. Thank you very much,.

Harlan Rodberg

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2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
4. To protect the innocent
5. The Lion sleeps tonight
6. The limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader, & Good Night, & may God Bless
11. Draft cards (bras were also burned.)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop



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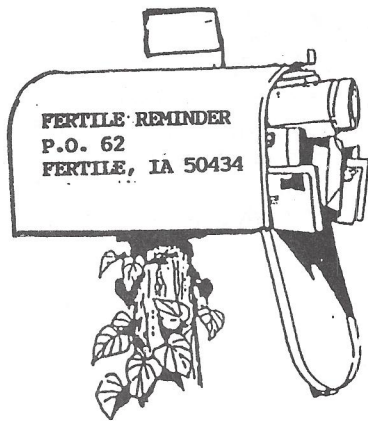
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