

FEBRUARY 2007

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Feb. 1	Re-cycle Day	
Feb. 5	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	Senior Dinner	Noon
Feb. 14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	
Feb. 15	Re-cycle Day	
Feb. 17	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Feb. 19	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 20	Senior Dinner	Noon

City Council Meeting Minutes
November, 21 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, October 17, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent: Council Member Jeff Berg and City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns.

.) Minutes Approval

Miller moved and Renchin 2nd to approve the October minutes. Motion Carried.

.) Worth County Board of Supervisors and Sheriff's Department

The Worth County Board of Supervisors and the Worth County Sheriff's Department are asking for a service rate increase for the next fiscal year. The last time they raised rates was in the 80's. The Council tentatively agreed to their request and will make the final decision during the budget hearings.

.) Anne Jones

Property owner Anne Jones has filed a complaint against the City regarding the repairs to the Dam made in the Mill. Jones was not in attendance. Her complaint was presented to the City Attorney, John Greve.

.) Appointment of a Council Member to fill Bang's Seat

No one has voiced their interest in filling the position vacated by Bang. This position will remain open. All interested residents may voice their interest, either in person or in writing, at the next Council meeting.

.) I/I Reduction Project

Update on Progress

- As of 11/13/06 the first phase of the project is 28% completed. The estimated completion date of the first phase is 12/31/06. So far, they are on schedule.
- The second and final phase is projected to be completed June 2007.
- The contractors and the City will maintain the loose gravel sections of road that have been torn up during construction. These sections need to settle before re-surfacing in the spring. Please drive carefully through these sections.

Approval of Project Expenditures

- Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd, to approve project expenditures through CDBG draw #2.* Motion Carried.

.) Public Hearing (1 of 2) Regarding Sewer, Water and Landfill/Recycling Rates

- Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.
- May presented financial and utilization reports regarding the utilities. May also presented a sample rate structure from another City. May suggested using a rate structure that lowers the minimum charges and begins to charge usage with the first gallon. Utilization figures need to be double checked before finalizing the specific rates.
- The suggested rates for Garbage and Recycling are at a \$.50 per service increase starting January 1st.
- No comments were received from the public.
- The second hearing will be held at the next Council Meeting in December. It is projected that the rates will be finalized at that meeting.
- Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

.) Mayor's Report

- Minor road repairs will be made in the next month. Most repairs will be held off until spring due to the construction project.
- The old grey City truck was sold for scrap.
- Forest City Ford will be trading a pickup blade for the City's skid loader snow blower attachment.
- All surface rust was removed from the new City truck.
- New Christmas decorations have been installed in the park. Check them out at night! The FB&I committee will also be installing new decorations soon.
- New lightweight tables have been purchased for City Hall.
- A number of Shut-off notices were returned to City Hall un-received. They were sent certified mail and will be kept at City Hall for proof of submission.

10.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the October financials.
- The City received the full amount requested from a grant through the Worth County Development Authority. The grant goes to cover the costs of repairing the dam. The City would like to thank the WCDA for this opportunity.

3rd Thursday. This will add 4 more collections throughout the year and will not cost the City any extra.

- May presented pricing for security cameras. Due to the increased vandalism this past summer, the Council is considering the installation of security cameras in many public areas.
- May presented cost figures for accepting credit cards as an option for utility payments. The Council agreed that the cost is too high. Interested residents are encouraged to look into auto bill pay services from their banks.
- May presented the suggestion to have CPA Larry Pump's office review the financials on a quarterly basis. The Council would like to know who can and will perform a full audit. May will present the Council with options at the next Council meeting.
- May presented the 2006 Financial Report (The City's "tax return") for Council approval. It will now be published in the Forest City Summit. *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the 2006 Financial Report.* Motion Carried.

11.) Approve General Expenditures

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

12.) Next Meeting's Business Topics

- Public Hearing (2 of 2) Regarding Sewer, Water and Landfill/Recycling Rates.
- The 2nd Public Hearing to update the residents of the community on the improvements to the sanitary sewer system.
- Budget Hearings Begin - Budgets are due from all City Departments and Committees.
- Public Hearing Regarding Council Member Salaries, Mayoral Salaries and Reimbursements.

13.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, December 19th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

14.) Adjourn - Miller moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile		
Expenditures and Revenues		
As of October 31, 2006		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt - Check	Alliant Energy	-947.80
Bill Pmt - Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-451.60
Bill Pmt - Check	Crescent Moon, LLC	-120.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Haro Electric	-2,129.32
Bill Pmt - Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt - Check	LGI	-259.80
Bill Pmt - Check	North Iowa Media Group	-27.58
Bill Pmt - Check	Pronto	-56.60
Bill Pmt - Check	UPS	-15.69
Bill Pmt - Check	USA Blue Book	-31.34
Bill Pmt - Check	Waste Management	-1,905.96
Bill Pmt - Check	WCTA	-114.03
Bill Pmt - Check	Aquila	-143.93
Bill Pmt - Check	Docker Electric, LLC	-163.27
Bill Pmt - Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	-175.00
Bill Pmt - Check	LGI	-45.05
Bill Pmt - Check	May, Eddie V	-34.98
Bill Pmt - Check	Midwest Pipe Supply	-89.40
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-1,625.00
Check	Fertile Library	-3,375.00
Check	US Post Office	-72.00
Check	Baxter, Jonathan	-131.82
Deposit		2,564.74
Deposit		2,756.27
Deposit		3,403.51
Deposit		5,528.99
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	1,973.84
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	17,545.07
Deposit		26.37
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	3,067.57
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,593.06
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-642.37
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-534.54
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-643.00
Total General Fund Checking		21,179.32
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		62.11
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		62.11
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.67
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.67
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.95
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.95
TOTAL		21,248.05

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

December, 19 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, December 19, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, City Clerk Eddie May and City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns.

3.) Minutes Approval

Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the November minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) Public Hearing to Update Residents on the Improvements to the Sanitary Sewer System.

- The project involves the repair of sewer mains and sealing leaky manholes in order to minimize I/I in the system. The project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant.
- The goals of the project and project beneficiaries have not changed since the grant application was submitted to the State of Iowa in December 2005.
- Construction on collection system improvements began in October of 2006 and is approximately 75% complete. The grant is scheduled to close-out July 31, 2007.
- Project expenditures to-date include CDBG funds of \$85,390.00 and local funds of \$50,149.65.
- Oral comments were presented as follows:
 - Construction is completed for the winter. It will resume in the spring.
 - The roads will be graded through the winter.
 - Road repair and re-seeding will occur in the spring and as the project closes.
- Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the expenditures through CDBG draw #3. Motion Carried.

5.) Public Hearing Regarding Utility Rates

- May presented figures related to the utility income and expenses, including the new loans for the sewer upgrades.
- Rate adjustments were voted in as follows:
 - Garbage rates raise from \$11.00 to \$11.50
 - Recycling rates raise from \$1.75 to \$2.25
 - Water Minimum will stay the same at \$19.50 (\$14.50 minimum plus \$5.00 maintenance fee)
 - Water usage will stay the same at \$0.15 per 100 gallons
 - Water usage rates will begin at 100 gallons of usage, rather than 2100 gallons
 - Sewer Minimum will stay the same at \$25.00
 - Sewer usage will rise from \$0.15 per 100 gallons to \$0.25 per 100 gallons
 - Sewer usage rates will begin at 100 gallons of usage, rather than 2100 gallons
- The approved rates will affect households in differing degrees. Low usage residents may see a \$2-3 increase per month. Higher usage residents may see a \$7-10 increase per month.
- An explanation of the new rates will appear on the back of bills for the next several months.
- A copy of the resolution is available for review at City Hall by appointment. Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to approve Resolution 06-19-12 approving the new utility rates effective 1/1/2007. Role call vote was unanimous. Resolution Passed.

6.) Budget Hearing

- The Library and Fire Department will submit their budget during the January Council Meeting.
- No representative from the Little League was in attendance.
- All budgets must be submitted during the January Council Meeting.
- May submitted salary figures from the League of Cities.
- May presented a draft for a cafeteria plan for City employees.

7.) Mayor's Report

- The old City truck was sold.
- The City purchased a 1993 International plow truck. The new truck is 10 years newer than our previous truck. It also has a shaker box, upgraded spreader and a bottom blade that the old truck did not have. The City has attached the old plow blade to the new truck. The old truck will be placed for sale with sealed bids taken through January.
- All curb stops within the city limits are now functional. Nettleton will bill the city for the improvements. The city will bill each resident.

- The City Attorney has served papers to several residential properties who where not in compliance with safety and beautification ordinances. The property owners have until the end of December to comply with the ordinance before further legal action is taken.
- The FB&I committee has purchased the new street light decorations. Hare Electric donated their boom truck and labor to hang the decorations. Thank you Fred and Tom.
- The City will be writing a grant for new picnic tables, benches and playground equipment for the park and the ball fields.

8.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the November financials. The City is on track with most budget line items. All out of order items have been explained to the Council.

9.) City Maintenance Report

- Nettleton and Bruns have been working to repair the lagoons. All repairs will be completed in December.
- Bruns has noticed a considerable difference in sewage intake since the project has begun.

10.) Approve General Expenditures

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

11.) Other Business

- The FB&I committee requested the organization of a committee for the Fertile Community Center. May will present a charter for the committee at the January Council Meeting.
- Loren Hoffman voiced his desire to fill the vacant Council seat.

12.) Next Meeting's Business Topics

- Budget Hearing.

13.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, January 17th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

14.) Adjourn - Miller moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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

Type	Name	Paid Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-625.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Bob's Body Shop	-1,312.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon, LLC	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	ic vs Jetting	-546.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Larry Pump, CPA	-2,725.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-62.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Natural Plus	-289.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-70.39
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-21.46
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-26.77
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-17.04
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,905.96
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-116.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-8,940.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-290.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Thompson's Garage	-354.44
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-409.53
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-699.55
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-763.16
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-36.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-938.64
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-286.05
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-80.84
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-7.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Simmering-Cory, Inc.	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.20
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-26.50
Check	Intult	-89.99
Check	Hanson, Jeremy	-150.00
Check	Book, Harold & Marlys	-150.00
Check	Bonwell, Dennis or Cherrl	-150.00
Check	Bartleson, Lindsey	-150.00
Check	Ward, Dustin	-156.00
Deposit		2,949.03
Deposit		4,090.51
Deposit	Thompson, James	150.00
Deposit		16,198.94
Deposit		14,579.86
Deposit		3,620.06
Deposit		2,278.82
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	32.58
Deposit		-1,164.41
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-53.07
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-299.73
Paycheck	Low, David	-643.37
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-199.01
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	
		15,504.74
		62.42
Deposit		62.42
		2.59
Deposit		2.59
		3.82
Deposit		3.82
		15,573.57

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes January 16, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, January 16, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, City Clerk Eddie May and City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns.

3.) Minutes Approval

Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the December minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) Presentation of Community Center Project Committee Charter

- May presented a charter to establish a committee which will facilitate the planning, preparation and follow through necessary to assist the city Council in the construction of a new Community Center.
- The charter will be mailed with invitations for various community organizations to participate in the committee.
- Resolution: *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to pass resolution 07-01-16 establishing the Community Center Project Committee. Roll call vote was unanimous.* Motion Carried.
- *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to appoint Eddie May as the chairman to the Community Center Project Committee. Roll call vote was unanimous.* Motion Carried.
- The first meeting for the Committee is set for Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 at City Hall. All interested Residents are invited to attend.

5.) Budget Hearing

- The Library submitted their budget, requesting an 11% increase from last year. The increase will help offset salary benefits.
- The Fire Department submitted their budget, requesting a 47% increase from last year. The increase is for training and new equipment.
- The Little League submitted their budget, requesting a 40% increase from last year. The increase will help provide upgrades to the ball fields.
- Mayor Russell laid out several key elements to this year's budget including increased Sheriff and ambulance fees.
- The council discussed wages for all City employees.
- The Council, in order to match other Iowa cities with similar population, proposed an increase in the Council Member fees and Mayor's fees. The Council also discussed the possibility of hiring Joyce Russell to act as the City Manager in regards to the duties she performs above and beyond the Mayoral position. A public hearing will be held during the next Council meeting to approve an amendment to the City Ordinances regarding these fees.
- The Budget Hearing will continue at the next Council meeting.

6.) Mayor's Report

- The Fire Department recently received a new fire truck. Look for Engine 310 to be on the roads soon!
- A grant will be written to the WCDA for playground equipment, picnic tables and park benches for the ball fields. (New equipment for the Island Park will be requested in the following grant.) Application must be presented to the City Clerk by February 15th for any other City organization who would like to add their project to this semester's WCDA grant.
- The new City snow plow faced its first Fertile challenge. Besides a few minor "breaking in" issues, the truck performed wonderfully. New door signs have been installed on the truck – look for Warren on those snowy days ahead.
- Alliant Energy repaired the street light by the Church Apartments. Alliant has been notified of the broken light on West Main.

- Demolition on the old school gymnasium is nearing completion. The ground will be seeded. No plans for the property have been announced – it will take some time for the ground to properly settle.
- Several Christmas lights, as well as the lamp on the footbridge, were broken over New Years. The City will be working with the Sheriff's Department to install surveillance cameras this spring, in order to curb future vandalism.

7.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the December financials. The City is on track with most budget line items, but needs to watch the bottom line. All out of order items have been explained to the Council.

8.) City Maintenance Report

- Bruns stated that the lagoon generator is failing to start due to freezing gas lines. Discussion was made as to a solution. Bruns will investigate further.

9.) Approve General Expenditures

- *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

10.) Other Business

- The Fire Department asked that the following officers be appointed, by the Council, as Board Members of the Fire Department: Jeff Berg – Fire Chief, Josh Miller – Assistant Chief, Mike Dahn – Secretary, Dan Miller – Treasurer, John Jordan, Dwight Bruns and Dan Lee – Medical Director, Safety and Training Officer, Bruce Waddington – Maintenance Director.
- *Renchin moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the Fire Department Board Officers.* Motion Carried.

11.) Next Meeting's Business Topics

- Budget Hearing.

12.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, February 20th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

13.) Adjourn - Miller moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of December 31, 2006		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt - Check	Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Department	-39.90
Bill Pmt - Check	Fertile Reminder	-180.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Hare Electric	-1,812.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-62.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Prosto	-132.91
Bill Pmt - Check	Slimmering-Cory, Inc.	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt - Check	UPS	-18.04
Bill Pmt - Check	Waste Management	-1,905.96
Bill Pmt - Check	WCTA	-109.56
Bill Pmt - Check	Worth County Sheriff's Office	-25.24
Bill Pmt - Check	Dolan Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-115,351.61
Bill Pmt - Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-1,548.06
Bill Pmt - Check	Allied Insurance	-100.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Aquila	-399.95
Bill Pmt - Check	HD Supply Waterworks	-408.00
Bill Pmt - Check	IMPOA	-30.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Iowa Department of Transportation	-11,500.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Iowa Jetting	-1,141.40
Bill Pmt - Check	Iowa One Call	-19.00
Bill Pmt - Check	May, Eddie V	-75.00
Bill Pmt - Check	UPS	-35.48
Bill Pmt - Check	Alliant Energy	-661.28
Bill Pmt - Check	Burness-Lundgren Plumbing & Heating, Inc	-229.70
Bill Pmt - Check	Fertile Public Library V	-99.99
Bill Pmt - Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt - Check	LGI	-35.80
Check	Russell, Joyce V	-650.00
Check	Berg, Jeffrey V	-260.00
Check	Bang, Melanne V	-180.00
Check	Miller, Tad V	-280.00
Check	Renchin, Pat V	-280.00
Check	Shropshire, Gail V	-300.00
Check	US Post Office	-135.00
Deposit		2,868.34
Deposit		79,245.97
Deposit		7,363.95
Deposit		4,861.57
Deposit	Worth County Development Authority	1,820.52
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	2,974.74
Deposit	IFACWSRF	101,580.50
Deposit		50.68
Liability Check	IRS	-1,549.69
Liability Check	IPERS	-883.13
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-148.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,354.81
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-642.37
Total General Fund Checking		63,218.49
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		62.46
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		62.46
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.67
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.67
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.85
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.85
TOTAL		63,287.67

WITH SYMPATHY

CARROLL G. TORKELSON 1937 - 2006

Carroll G. Torkelson, age 69, of Fertile, died December 14, 2006.



A funeral service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City on December 8, 2006 with Pastor Robert Snitzer officiating. Burial will be at Ellington Cemetery in rural Forest City.

Carroll Gene Torkelson was born on a farm west of Forest City on March 14, 1937, the son of Clarence and Othelia Torkelson. He received his education in Fertile Schools.

He served in the U. S. Army Reserves from 1960 - 1966. He married Linda Hoffman in 1964. The marriage later ended in divorce.

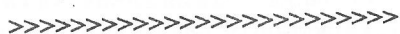
Carroll worked for Forester, Hancock County and most recently for Holland Construction. He enjoyed attending sales and auctions, loved old cars and tractors, and could spend hours visiting with friends over coffee. He liked all kinds of "critters" and had a special way with animals.

Carroll was a very social man who liked sharing a laugh and a joke with friends and treasured time spent with his extended family.

He is survived by his children, Melody (Scott) Soldwisch of Forest City and Shannon Torkelson of Leland. Also surviving are his siblings, Margie Sogard of Ames, Bernice Voelker of Charles City, Ronald (Lucille) Torkelson, Leslie (Paulette) Torkelson, Roger Torkelson, Wayne Torkelson and Marsha (Mark) Brunsvold, all of Forest City; sister-in-law Janice Torkelson of Albert Lea; and many nieces and nephews.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Clarence, Jr.; sister, Margie Helen, nephew, Hollis Torkelson; nieces, Lisa Tate and Debra and LaRae Torkelson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



ANSWER: Ella Fitzgerald



Norwegian Blessing

*May da ruts always fit da wheels of your pickup
May your ear muff always keep out da nort vind
May da sun shine varm on your lefse
May da rain fall soft on your lutefisk
And until ve meet again
May da Good Lord protect you from any and all
unnecessary Uff Das.*

PAT LEO MORSE 1956 - 2006

Pat Leo Morse, 50, of 804 N Ninth St., Clear Lake died December 27, 2006 at the Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Memorial services were held December 30, 2006 at the Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel in Clear Lake with Rev. Dennis Ganz officiating.



Pat was born Jan. 4, 1956 in Iowa City, the son of Harry E. & Ida (Cooley) Morse. He was a graduate of Forest City High School. Pat married Elida Kofoed on Oct. 25, 1980 at Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake.

Pat was employed in the heating and air conditioning service and worked in the Clear Lake and Mason City area. Pat enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, watching the Cubs and Hawkeyes, playing bingo and playing cribbage with his sister, Sandy.

He also liked to listen to Western music and going to breakfast with Shorty and his brothers when they were in town.

Pat is survived by his wife, Elida Morse, of Clear Lake; two children, Melissa Morse of Iowa City and Ryan Morse of Clear Lake; four brothers, Steve (Geri) Morse of St. Paul Park, MN, Tim (Kathy) Morse of Colorado Springs, CO, Scott Morse of Anchorage, Alaska and Jon (Debbie) Morse, of Salem, OR; two sisters, Sandy (Dave) Gjerdahl of Quartzsite, AZ and Elin (Harold) Miner of Fertile; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Troy Burke.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

THE WORTH COUNTY COMMUNITY OF PROMISE

Worth County has an organization called "the Worth County Community of Promise." Our mission is to enrich the quality of life for all people in Worth County. The objectives and purposes to be transacted and carried on are to accelerate the development, conservation and wise use of human, financial and natural resources in order to improve the standard of living and the quality of life in Worth County and surrounding areas. This organization has a goal to have representation from all of Worth County and we need input from everyone. Currently we have 73% of our voting positions filled. We need active representation from Fertile, Hanlontown and Joice. Please step forward and volunteer your services. For more information you may contact Sarah Bruce at 324-2799 or skib@myclearwave.net. Our next meeting will be held in Joice on 1/4/07 at the Community Room at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and you are invited to come.

Sarah Bruce, Chair
Worth County Community of Promise
1156 Hwy 105
Northwood, IA 50459
641-324-2799

WITH SYMPATHY

GOLDIE A. FELLAND 1928 - 2006

Goldie A. Felland, 78, of Fertile, died Nov. 25, 2006 at The Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.



Funeral service was held Nov. 29, 2006 at Fertile Lutheran Church. Burial was at Brush Point Cemetery in rural Fertile.

Goldie A. Felland was born in rural Leland on Oct. 5, 1928, the daughter of Alfred Anderson and Gladys Anderson.

Goldie received her education in rural school near her home, attended Leland schools and graduated from Lake Mills High School.

On Jan. 25, 1950 she married Roger Felland at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leland. The couple made their home in Fertile their entire married lives. Goldie worked retail sales for many years in Forest City. She worked for Sid Reuben, Lynn's Clothing, Anderson's Clothing and Forest Fashion. Dressing up for Ridiculous Days was a favorite time for Goldie. She worked for several years at the Fountain Center Treatment Center in Forest City until retiring.

She enjoyed antiquing, quilting and doing crafts. She was a member of the Worth County Election board for years and an active member of the Fertile community -- anything to do with Fertile she was an ardent supporter of, volunteering for many different efforts over the years.

She was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church, Women's Circle and the Clear Lake VFW Women's Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, Sheila Trees, of Lake Havasu City, AZ; Lona (Marty) Trees, of Forest City; Tanya Olson of Forest City, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Also surviving is a brother, Gerald (Judy) Anderson of Forest City; several nieces and nephews; and special friends Ruth Ouverson and Jody Smith.

Goldie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roger; and brothers, Robert (Pee Wee) and Roger (Bud) Anderson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met Nov. 14th, 2006 at Betty Theilen's home. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members answered roll call to the question, "How Many Years Since you Graduated High School?"

We then discussed new members to invite and elected our new club officers for 2007.

Diane Schulze gave a lesson on pruning trees and shrubs, and we all signed cards to send to community members we remember at Christmas time.

The meeting was adjourned and we were served a wonderful lunch by our hostesses Betty Theilen and Pat Lohman.

Diane Schulze, Reporter

INER "RAY" BAKKE 1920 - 2007

Iner "Ray" Bakke, age 86, died January 5, 2007 at the Lake Mills Care Center.



Funeral services were held Jan. 9 at the Fertile Lutheran Church with Mr. David Halverson officiating. Burial was at Brush Point Cemetery, rural Fertile, with military honors conducted by the Clear Lake VFW.

Iner Raymond Bakke was born

Oct. 27, 1920 to Torborn (Tom) and Lena (Eggen) Bakke at Callendar, IA. The family lived there until Ray was 7 years old and then moved to the Forest City area. He finished eighth grade and went to work for area farmers to help his family out. After farming for some time, Ray went to work for Eddie Knutson at Leland in the produce business. In December 1942, Ray was drafted and served in the armed forces until February 1946. He spent most of his time in Newberry, England. When he was discharged, Ray came back to Fertile to drive a lime truck for the quarry.

On Aug. 2, 1947 Ray was united in marriage with Lorraine Gilbertson at Concordia Lutheran Church in rural Joice.

Just prior to and for a short time after his marriage, he ran a restaurant in Fertile, but was always a farmer at heart. In 1950, he and Lorraine started farming southwest of Fertile and farmed for 11 years. In 1961, they purchased the feed mill in Fertile which they ran until he started working in the RV industry. Ray first worked at Kayot Forrester, then at Winnebago Industries until his first retirement in 1987. Not one to be idle, he started a lawn and garden service twice.

He was a past commander of the VFW in Clear Lake and also served as treasurer for Fertile Lutheran Church.

In 1992, Ray and Lorraine moved to Lake Mills where Ray kept busy taking soil samples part time and coffeing full time, thoroughly enjoying his coffee buddies. He entered the Lake Mills Care Center in late August 2006.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine, of Lake Mills; three children, Steven R. Bakke and his wife, Anne, of Forest City; Craig L. Bakke and his wife, Judy of Bucklin, MO; and Carolyn Swanson and her husband, Allan, of Lake Mills; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-laws Gretchen Bakke of Lebanon, MO, Shirley Sheimo of Garner, Darlene Ziesmer of Garner and James and Judy Gilbertson of Ackley; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Lena; two sisters, Blanche Helland and Agnes Ryerson Robinson; two brothers, Alvin and Truman Bakke; three nieces and three nephews.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

WITH SYMPATHY

ROBERT "BOB" CHARLES KENNEDY 1935 - 2006

Robert "Bob" Charles Kennedy, 71, of Fertile, passed away on Dec. 6, 2006 at the Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City after a lengthy illness in Mercy Hospital.



Funeral service was held Dec. 9 at the Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel in Clear Lake, with Rev. Nimrod Anderson officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City.

Robert was born Aug. 10, 1935 in Mason City, IA to Charles and Esther Kennedy. He graduated from Mason City High School in 1953.

On Feb. 9, 1952, Bob was united in marriage to Mary Ann Elizabeth Bentele at Central Heights Community Church in Mason City. Bob and Mary Ann moved their family to a farm near Fertile and have lived there for 43 years, raising two sons and three daughters. These children have given them seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bob worked driving a gas truck in Mason City. Then while in Fertile, he worked for Winnebago Industries for 26 years before retiring in 1995.

He also drove a school bus for the Forest City Schools for several years. His passion was farming, which he did from 1963 until retiring in 2003. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Mason City.

After retiring, Bob and Mary Ann enjoyed traveling in their fifth wheel trailer and spending the winters in Texas.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, of Fertile; three daughters, Bobbi Ann (Don) Elbert of Ventura, Kim (David) Brue of Forest City and Kathy Wise and special friend, David Johnson. He is also survived by two sons, Danny Kennedy of Plymouth and special friend, Patti Lauritson, and Chuck Kennedy and his wife, Susan; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his mother, Esther (Kennedy) Mulhern of the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake; sister, Arlene Kafer of Sheffield and a sister, Mary Whitnoble of Bussey; along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Charles Raymond Kennedy; a brother, Clarence Kennedy; and two sisters, Linda Peterson and Violet McCloud.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him "Oh, I do that all the time.! No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I ask myself, 'Now what am I here after?'"

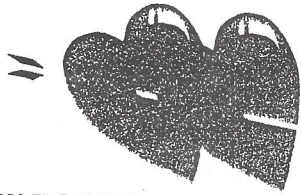
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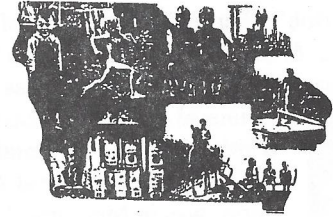


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by
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Library News: Jane Ramon was \$100 Wal-Mart gift card winner!

Happy New Year! Our annual holiday raffle was a great success. Over \$800 was raised. Thank you to these individuals & businesses for donating prizes: Wal-Mart, Fareway, Humble Beginnings, Pronto, Betty Suby, Bee Hive Quilt Shoppe, Manufacturer's Bank & Trust, Salon Intrigue, KFC/Taco Bell, Culver's, Tintonka Savings Bank, Downtown Café, Butcher's Steakhouse, Lisa Lacey, Teddy Bear Learning Center, Tammy Waddington, Pat Oswald, Caroline Nedved, Community State Bank, Sheila Enderson, Wendy's, McDonald's, Subway, Katie's Massage, Perkins, Melanne Bang (Mary Kay), FB&I, Pizza Hut & a BIG thank you to Ruth Rhodes for making the beautiful afghan. A special thank you to Betty Suby & Tammy Waddington for selling lots of tickets & finding prizes to raffle.

About 40 children visited with Santa & received a gift & candy bar. Everyone had their picture taken with Santa. Stop by the library & pick up your free photo. Thank you to these Santa Fund sponsor's: Larson's Plumbing & Heating, Hare Electric, & Steve & Karen Usher. And of course thank you to Santa, aka, Eddie May. This day could not have been possible without all your help.



Fertile School Book

The response has been great for helping to find information of family members of the deceased. Thank you for all the calls and letters. BUT we are not done yet so still need to keep searching. I know a lot of these people but not who to contact to find them.

Here is the new list: Rua Goodell Doebel
Axel Grander, Rex Hill, Ellen, Minnie,
Esther and Art Oppedahl and Selma
Oppedahl Summers, Minard Rhodes,
Velma Hill, Mae Stevens, Irene Stuart,
Verna Beal Habeck, Christine Stuart
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Wolford, Edgar Waggoner, Alma Hegney
Varner, Clara Knudson Kalb, Edwin Myhre,
Viola Waggoner Abrams, Shirley Jones
Andrew Luckason, Leroy Adamson, Paul
Engen, Gladys Skogen Satter, Kathryn
Walker Rogers, Gale and Corlys Rye

Remember they did not have to graduate to be in the book, so send me those names.

If you have already given me a lead on any of these, I still have it so may be waiting for a response.

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- Feb. 2 Grafton Community Center Nail Clinic 9:00 a.m. This can be for a nail trim on hands or feet. Please call WCPH for an appointment at 324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388.
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- Jan-March - Begin Life Skills for 3rd grade at N-K.

A limited amount of Flu Vaccine is still available at the Worth County Public Health office. Anyone wanting a flu shot can stop into the office between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM Monday thru Friday. Cost is \$20.00 to the general public or bring your Medicare Part B number and we will file it for you.



"The Cannon Ball"

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*It travels thru town, to the park it goes
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COUNTRY SCHOOL

By George Kisner

My first years of school were at a country school. It was a small one-room building with two outdoor toilets in the back. One building designated "Boys", the other "Girls". In complete charge was one teacher (always a lady) and usually eight or ten students, depending on the size of the families. The grades included first through eighth and sometimes only one or none to a grade. The children always walked to school.

Our farm was about one and one-half miles from the school following the road or half that distance cutting across the fields. I was only five the first year but my two older sisters looked after me and probably would even carry me part of the way if I whined enough.

One day in the very late fall, a sudden blizzard struck. There was no radio or telephone at the school, so there was no advance warning whatsoever. The fierce snow and wind made visibility only about 50 feet. The temperature was also rapidly dropping toward zero. The teachers was only about 20 years old and did not know what to do. It was very apparent to her that she could not send the children out in the storm to go home. We children thought it great fun and ran from window to window watching the snow pile into huge drifts.

At that time a big wagon pulled by two farm horses appeared out of the storm. It was my father! He had come to see everyone safely home! Quickly, he banked the fire in the potbellied wood stove and locked the schoolhouse door. Then he loaded everyone on the wagon. The children were always warmly dressed, but the teacher always wore a dress and light stockings. My father brought a blanket to wrap around her and there was loose straw in the wagon box for the children to huddle in. The sides of the wagon protected us from the icy wind.

When the teacher and neighbor children had been delivered safely to their homes, the snow was blowing so bad my father could no longer see to drive! He loosened the reins on the horses and told them to take us home. Then he got down in the straw with us children and tried to stay warm.

Our two horses, Florry and Bess, wanted nothing better than to return to their warm stall with plenty of hay. After a bit, we raised up and peered out. Sure enough, we were pulling up the long driveway to our house! Our father stopped in front of the house to let us off and then took the horses to the barn. We ran into the house and told our mother about the fun we had had. The next day the storm had passed and school was held as usual.

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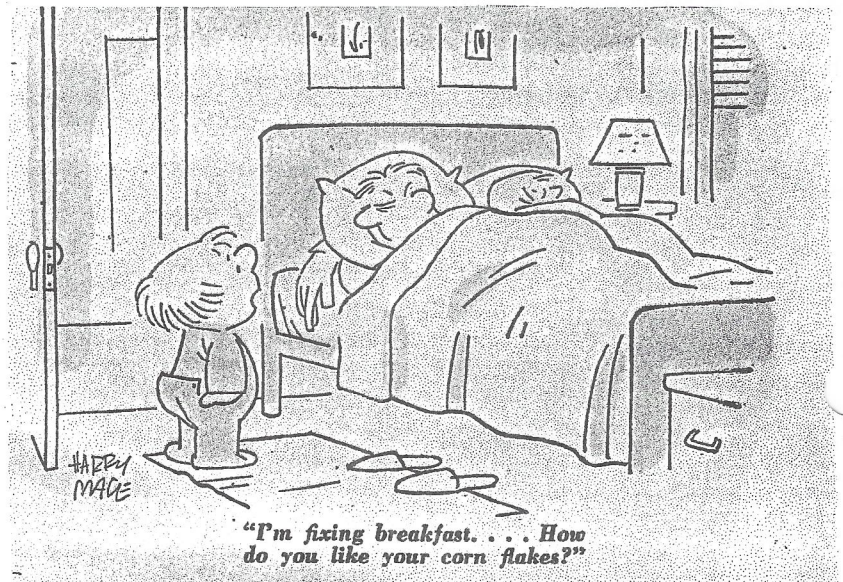
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FERTILE SCHOOL BOOK

Thanks to all the people who have been sending information for the book. There are many more people to find so keep the information coming. Here is the next list: Henry Paulson, Ruth Richards Myhre, Juner or Marvin Hoveland, Myrtle Luthro, Genevieve Nesheim Pontillo, Francis Hill Hudgell, Melvin Myhre, Marie Engen Donavon, Antonette Field Brodigan Gordan, Dorothy Contrell Sheldon, Melva Jones McEnnely, Clinton McEnnely, Stella Enderson, Sophus Peterson, Lloyd Shields, Stella Anderson, Edward Husome, Harvey Peterson, Edward Van Zanten, Delton Davis, Roger Hill, Dorothy Peterson Pederson, Glenn Smith, Ire Myhre, Beryl Anderson Haugebak, Norma Dalager Nelson, Melba Smith Stumbo, Karla Hammervold, Dale Jones, Jr, Charles Eikenbary, Charles Kisner, Arlo Hovland, Lila Rodberg, Phyllis Brue Jones, Donald Boos, Virginia Hill Caughlan, Dale Hagen, Clairence Kitner, and Floyd Calhoun.

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I am in need of recipes. How about you cooks out there helping me out? Send your recipes to: Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434. Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

I received one of those recipe chain letters, I decided to send it out so I could have new recipes for the Reminder.. Received a lot of new ones and I will share them with you.

FOUR LAYER DESSERT

From Texas

9x13 cake pan.

1st layer: Mix in bowl

1 1/2 cups flour

3/4 cup butter (cold)

1/2 cup chopped pecans.

Cut butter & flour, like for pie crust

Mix in nuts.

Pat in pan & **bake 12-18 minutes at 350°.**

Cool.

2nd layer:

8 oz. Cream cheese (softened)

1 cup sugar

Mix with electric mixer.

Fold in 8 oz. Cool Whip.

Spread over cooled crust.

3rd layer:

2 packages Raspberry Danish Junket

(cook according to back of package as for pie glaze.

Cool a little & add 1 box frozen raspberries.

Spread over 2nd layer.

Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

4th layer:

8 oz. Cool whip on top.

Just before serving you could put crushed up peppermint candy as a decoration

NOTE:

For the 3rd. Layer, you can change to

1 pkg. Chocolate instant pudding

1 pkg. Vanilla instant pudding

beat well until thick.

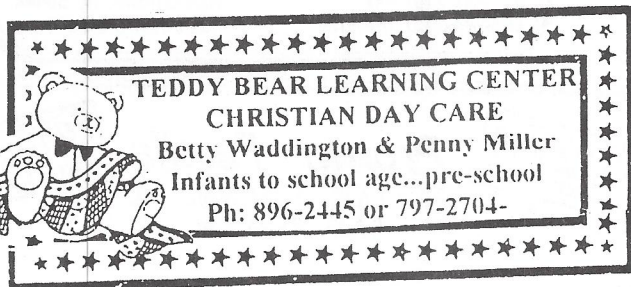


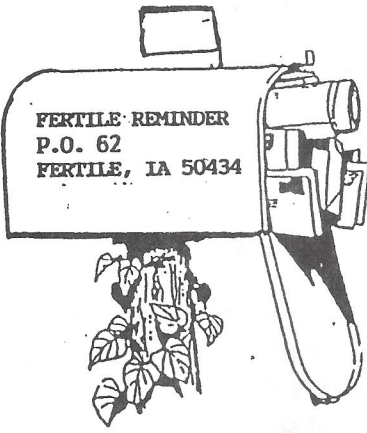
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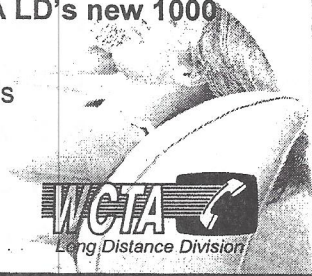
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