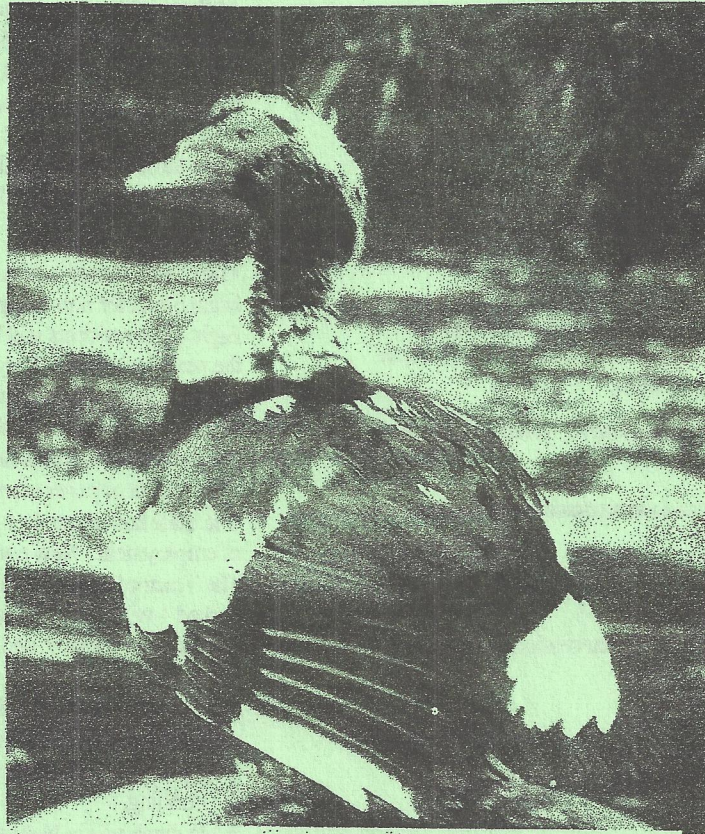


**AUGUST 2008**

# FERTILE REMINDER



## **ZORRO OR GOOSEY LUCY?**

This is the second year we have enjoyed her visit to our area.

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|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| August 3 - 5 | Church of Christ VBS                           | 5 p.m. Sunday<br>6 - 8 p.m. Mon/Tue |
| August 4     | Fire Department Meeting                        | 7 p.m.                              |
| August 5     | Senior Citizens Dinner                         | Noon                                |
| August 14    | Re-cycle Day                                   |                                     |
| August 18    | Library Board Meeting                          | 7 p.m.                              |
| August 19    | Senior Citizens Dinner<br>City Council Meeting | Noon<br>7 p.m.                      |
| August 28    | Re-cycle Day.                                  |                                     |

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

### 1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in special session, July 8 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

### 2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Pat Renchin, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was City Manager Warren Bruns.

### 3.) Bidding Requirements Resolution

*Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to set a \$50,000 threshold for bidding requirements. Under \$50,000 requires one bid, over \$50,000 requires 3 bids. Roll Call vote: 4 yes, 1 no. Motion Carried.*

### 4.) Knapper Building

Mayor Russell is to contact the City Attorney to draw up a purchase agreement according to last month's Council Meeting Minutes. May will contact Mr. Knapper about the agreement.

### 5.) Adjourn

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Pat Renchin, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was City Manager Warren Bruns.

### 6.) Adjourn – Miller moved, Renchin 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

### 1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 17, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

### 2.) Roll Call

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

### 3.) Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the June minutes. Motion Carried.*

### 4.) Monte Topp – September party

- Mr. Topp asked for a permit to shoot fireworks off during their party in September. The Council approved a permit with the following stipulations: the fireworks must be stopped before 10:00 and the Worth County Sherriff's department must be notified.
- *Peters motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the Fireworks Permit. Motion Carried.*

### 5.) Snow Plow Driver

- A back-up Snow Plow Driver position will be open for next winter.

### 6.) Fire Department Building – Community Center Update

- Mr. Knapper accepted the purchase agreement.
- The City was informally approved for a short-term loan in the amount of \$55,000. It is proposed that the City will use \$40,000 of Casino money and \$20,000 General Fund money, along with the loan, to purchase the building. The sale of the current Fire Department building will pay off the short-term loan and reimburse the City's General Fund.
- A public hearing will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> to approve the purchase. A Notice of Hearing will be published in the Northwood Anchor.

- The current Fire Department building will be placed on the real-estate market on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- May presented a revised Community Center/Library/City Hall/Post Office/Storm Shelter floor plan. This plan eliminates the racquetball courts, theatre, Maintenance Garage, and Fire Department.
- The original plans were 43,504 sq ft, the current plans are 19,215 sq ft. The original cost estimate was \$3.9 - \$5.2 million. The current estimate is \$1.7 – \$2.3 million.
- Current plans are available for preview at City Hall – by appointment.
- The Community Center Committee is suggesting the purchase and relocation of Sandifer's home. After removing the current library, the new facility could be placed on both lots.
- *Miller motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the Community Building rough draft. Motion Carried.*
- The Community Center Committee will now let the plans out to contractors and/or architects to design a final draft. This draft will then be presented to the public for feedback.
- Once those plans are finalized, they will be released to contractors and grant agencies. A Capital Campaign will then be initialized.

### 7.) Mayor's Report

- The City Attorney is pressing charges against the owners of 115 West Main Street for non-compliance with City Nuisance Ordinances. Eight other residents will be receiving failure to comply notices within the next few weeks. They will have a certain amount of time to bring their properties up to regulations before charges would be pressed.
- The abstract and title for the current Fire Station is being updated.
- Mayor Russell has attended several meetings this month with FEMA, there is a lot of paper work involved in cleaning up after the flood.
- The State has adopted a new smoking ban for public areas and places of employment. New non-smoking signs have been posted.
- The Tractor Ride brought over 150 tractors through Fertile. They were parked 4 wide down Main Street and 3 wide on East Main. A big thanks to the Library, and those who assisted the Library, for providing a luncheon.
- A big thank you to Pam Stecker and the City of Mason City for providing bottled water during our water shortage!
- Yaggy Colby will be inspecting the footbridge footings in response to the flooding.
- A big thank you to Nettleton Excavating for removing the flood debris from the park! Haugen Lawn Service will finish cleaning the park once FEMA approves the funding.
- Aukes has been spraying extra due to the flood. Spraying will continue as scheduled during the rest of the summer.
- Fertile Days celebration will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visit the website at [www.fertileiowa.us](http://www.fertileiowa.us) for event details.

### 8.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the 2008 year-end financials.
- *Renchin motioned and Shropshire 2nd to include bank balance adjustments to the 2008 year-end financials. Motion Carried.*
- *Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the June Expenditures. Motion Carried.*

### 9.) City Maintenance Report

- The water main broke July, 7<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks to Warren, Buck and Nettleton Excavating for timely repairs!
- Bruns suggested an early warning system be placed in the water plant to alert us when the level gets too low. Bids will be received.
- The chlorinator check valve malfunctioned during the main break. The City has a temporary valve while ours is being repaired.
- The City Snow Plow fuel tank is being repaired.
- Bruns announced his resignation as City Manager. He will stay on as the Water Superintendent, but needs more time to focus on his

business and family. Be sure to give Warren a big pat on the back for his faithful years of service. The City will miss his expertise.

- The City is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance person to start before the harvest season begins. Job Description is available at City Hall. A drug screen and physical is required. A CDL and skid loader experience is preferred.

10.) **Other Business**

- A shelter house will be constructed late this summer or early fall at the ball diamonds.
- A housing committee was formed to administer the Iowa Housing Fund Grant application. Kilby and Shropshire will lead the committee.

11.) **Upcoming Meetings**

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in special session, August 5, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, August 19, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

12.) **Adjourn – Renchin moved, Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn.** Meeting adjourned.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Fertile will be flushing the Water Mains during the month of August.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice of Hearing before City Counsel of City of Fertile, Iowa.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall, Fertile, Iowa, to take into consideration the purchase of the following described real estate with building situated thereon, to-wit:

N. 66 feet of Lot 8 & N 66 of W 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Lot 9, block 2, Original Town of Fertile, legal description to be verified per abstract of title.

For use by the City as a municipal fire department building for a purchase price in the sum of \$115,000.00 to be financed by application of existing city funds in the sum of \$60,000.00 and to finance the balance by securing a loan from the First State Bank in the sum of \$55,000.00 on terms and conditions to be negotiated by the City Council.

Eddie May, City Clerk  
City of Fertile, Iowa

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Best Western - Holiday Lodge  
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Clear Lake, Iowa  
Pre-Register by July 23rd

**August 20 & 21**

Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce  
220 South Broadway, Suite 100  
Rochester, Minnesota  
Pre-Register by August 13th

**September 4 & 5**

Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce  
220 South Broadway, Suite 100  
Rochester, Minnesota  
Pre-Register by August 28th



**Your Instructor**

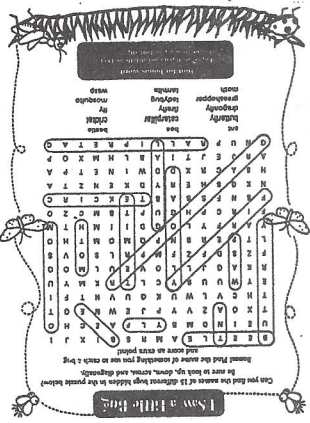
Eddie May has over fifteen years accounting experience. He has held accounting positions within the local government, retail, wholesale, and non-profit industries.

Eddie is the founder and President of Advantage Business Solutions, Inc. He is a member of the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers and is an adjunct teacher at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, Iowa.

Register Online at:  
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**City of Fertile  
Expenditures and Revenues  
As of June 30, 2008**

Type	Name	Paid Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>General Fund Checking</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-488.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-389.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-245.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-34.63
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-72.98
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-83.30
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.68
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-113.24
Bill Pmt -Check	Fastnal	-36.72
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-50.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LaHarv Construction Co., Inc.	-1,970.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-277.92
Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair	-71,059.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-112.00
Bill Pmt -Check	USDA	-34,688.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-267.94
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa League of Citites	-258.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-53.82
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.76
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	-42.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Advanced Door Systems	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-835.63
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-43.61
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-22.61
Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Pipe Supply	-42.80
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	-219.60
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.59
Check	US Post Office	-109.00
Check	Petty Cash	-26.61
Check	Tractor Supply	-89.05
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	City of Fertile Water Department	-10,000.00
Check	City of Fertile Streets Department	-13,500.00
Check	City of Fertile Sewer Department	-9,890.15
Deposit		2,686.35
Deposit		2,791.74
Deposit		5,158.96
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	671.78
Deposit		76,258.39
Deposit		2,779.38
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,303.98
Deposit		105.23
Deposit		32.34
Deposit		20,007.55
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-452.42
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-766.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-1,113.61
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-561.02
<b>Total General Fund Checking</b>		<b>-37,753.83</b>
<b>Total General Fund Accounts</b>		<b>-37,753.83</b>
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		
Check	City of Fertile	-12,333.41
Deposit		31.50
Deposit		13,500.00
<b>Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		<b>1,198.09</b>
<b>Water Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Check	City of Fertile	-7,674.14
Deposit		1.30
Deposit		10,000.00
<b>Total Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		<b>2,327.16</b>
<b>Total Water Fund Accounts</b>		<b>2,327.16</b>
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		1.92
Deposit		9,890.15
<b>Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		<b>9,892.07</b>
<b>Total Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		<b>9,892.07</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-24,336.51</b>



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Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon



## NEW BOOKS

- Silent Thunder – Iris Johansen
- Shadow Rider – Jory Sherman
- That Summer Place – Debbie Macomber
- Passing Through Paradise – Susan Wiggs
- Rogue – Danielle Steel
- Tailspin – Catherine Coulter
- Lovehampton – Sherri Rifkin
- Jackknife – William W. Johnstone
- LaVida Vampire – Nancy Haddock
- Darkest Pleasure – Gena Showalter
- Sleep on it :Prepare Delicious Meals the Night Before-  
Carol Gordon
- Someday – Karen Kingsbury
- Forbidden – Beverly Lewis
- From a Distance – Tamara Alexander
- A Man for Temperance – Gilbert Morris
- Mermaid in the Basement – Gilbert Morris
- Edge of Recall – Kristen Heltzmann
- Fair Game – Carol Cox
- Mending at the Edge – Jane Kirkpatrick

## DVDs

- The Bank Job – Jason Statham
- 10,000 BC – Steven Strait
- Spiderwick Chronicles – Freddie Highmore
- Rio Bravo – John Wayne
- Sweeney Todd – Johnny Depp
- The Assassination of Jesse James – Brad Pitt
- Running With Scissors – Annette Bening
- Nanny Diaries – Scarlett Johansson
- The Invasion – Nicole Kidman
- Charlie Wilson’s War – Tom Hanks

## Library News

Thank you everyone for the delicious bars you baked for the Tractor Ride. It was a hot, humid day but the food was great. We received many compliments. Everyone had trouble deciding which bar they wanted.

A **BIG** thank you to Morgan Miner for doing a great job giving the summer reading program. Twenty six kids participated. She read stories, had crafts, games & snacks.

## I Saw a Little Bug

Can you find the names of 15 different bugs hidden in the puzzle below? Be sure to look up, down, across, and diagonally.

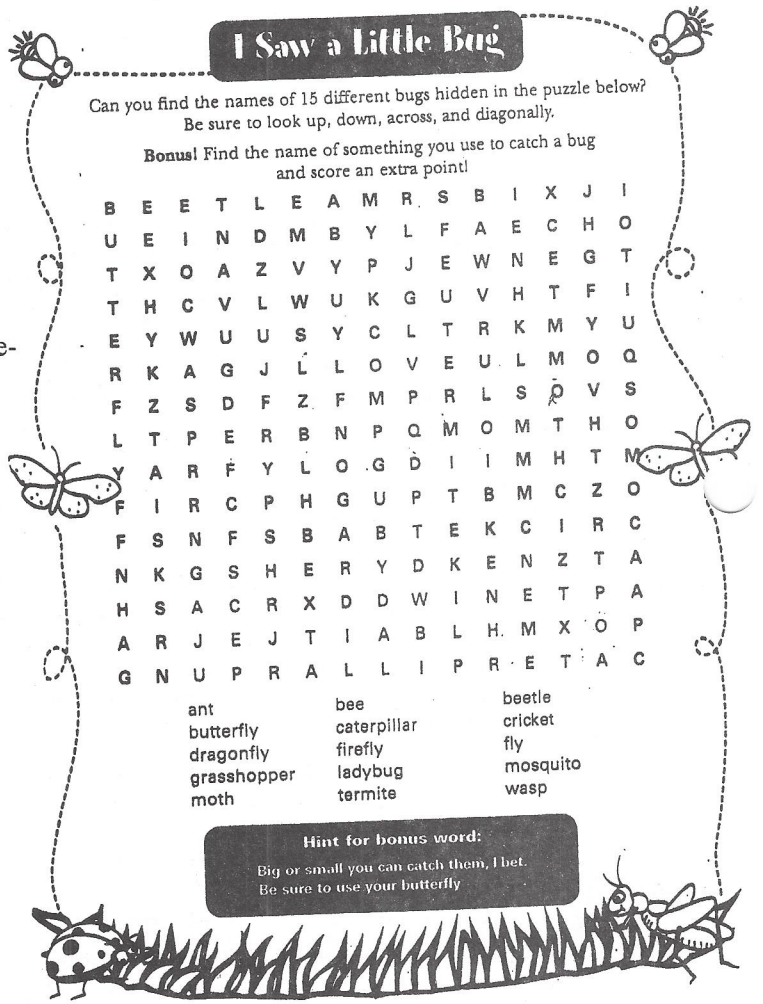
Bonus! Find the name of something you use to catch a bug and score an extra point!

B E E T L E A M R S B I X J I  
 U E I N D M B Y L F A E C H O  
 T X O A Z V Y P J E W N E G T  
 T H C V L W U K G U V H T F I  
 E Y W U U S Y C L T R K M Y U  
 R K A G J L L O V E U L M O Q  
 F Z S D F Z F M P R L S O V S  
 L T P E R B N P Q M O M T H O  
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 F I R C P H G U P T B M C Z O  
 F S N F S B A B T E K C I R C  
 N K G S H E R Y D K E N Z T A  
 H S A C R X D D W I N E T P A  
 A R J E J T I A B L H M X O P  
 G N U P R A L L I P R E T A C

- |             |             |          |
|-------------|-------------|----------|
| ant         | bee         | beetle   |
| butterfly   | caterpillar | cricket  |
| dragonfly   | firefly     | fly      |
| grasshopper | ladybug     | mosquito |
| moth        | termite     | wasp     |

### Hint for bonus word:

Big or small you can catch them, I bet.  
Be sure to use your butterfly



## WITH SYMPATHY

**LARRY W. LOVICK**  
1937 - 2008

Larry W. Lovick, 71, of Forest City died July 8, 2008 at the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.



Memorial services were held July 12, at Fertile Lutheram Church with David Halverson, lay minister, officiating. Inurnment was at Brush Point Cemetery near Fertile.

Larry Wayne Lovick, the youngest of 12 children of H. O. and Ida (Hanson) Lovick, was born Feb. 1, 1937 on a farm near Joice. He graduated from Fertile High School in 1954 and joined the U. S. Marines in 1955, serving his country in Okinawa, Japan. After his military service, he returned to the Fertile area where he farmed with his dad and brothers.

On March 26, 1966 he married Diane Bacon in Ventura. To this union three children were born, Darren, Shaun and Kelli. They made their home east of Forest City where they remained for 43 years.

Larry enjoyed fishing in Canada, going to farm auctions and hunting out West with his good friends, Norm and Jim. He also loved farming and collecting toy tractors. His favorite hobby was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Larry was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council. He also served on the Pilot Knob Lutheran Church Council.

He was very involved in community organizations such as the Hancock County Soil Conservation Board and the Forest City School Board.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Diane, of Forest City; two sons, Darren (Janet) Lovick of Mission Hills, KS and Shaun (Julie) Lovick of Naperville, IL; his daughter Kelli (Mason) Harms of Forest City; and his great love, his eight grandchildren, Nick, Max and Kate Lovick, Benjamin, Audrey and Joshua Lovick and Laura and Jack Harms. Larry is also survived by two brothers, James (Alvera) Lovick of Fertile and Leo (Marlys) Lovick of Ackley; five sisters, Murllette Hagen of Lakes Mills, Alice Toresdahl of Clear Lake, Elaine (Bob) Ollenburg of Ventura, Pearl Hanna of Clear Lake and Doris (Frank) Bonstetter of Chapin, S.C.; his mother-in-law, Anna Grace Bacon of Clear Lake; sister-in-law Juanita Lovick of Washington, IA, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ardie and Paul Lovick; two sisters, Amy Brakke and Irene Brakke; and his father-in-law, Vern Bacon.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**BOBBY F. QUERY**  
1954 - 2008

Bobby F. Query, 54, of 102 Second St., Fertile, died July 8, 2008 at his home.



Funeral service was held July 12 at Fertile Church of Christ with pastors Dennis Ganz and Kelly Benton officiating.

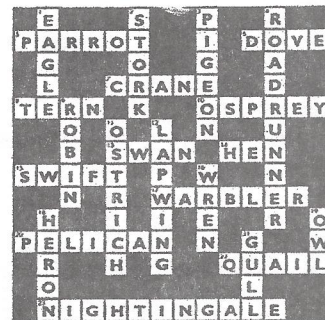
Bob was born Jan. 25, 1954 in Mason City, the son of William and Elaine Delores (Johnson) Query. He graduated from Mason City High school in 1972. Bob married Kathy Sheperd on Nov. 9, 1974 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City. To this union two children were born.

Bob was a man that went far and beyond to help others. He loved to make people laugh, and his greatest joy was making people happy. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, drag racing, NASCAR - especially Dale Earnhart, building cars, auto tinkering, Harley Davidsons, and spending time with his grandchildren - especially taking his grandson Tony to the park and to Sunday School. Bob will best be remembered as a loyal friend and peacemaker.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy of Fertile; children, Brandon Query of Fertile and Jessy Query and her finance, Joe Nichols, of Clear Lake; grandchildren Tony and Rayna Nichols of Clear Lake; his second mother, Ruth Rhodes, of Fertile; brothers, Billy Query of Fort Dodge, Ricky Query of Mason City and Danny Query of Forest City; sisters, Debbie Foy of Des Moines and Cindy Roath of Colorado; his brothers in-law, Bill (Joyce) Shepherd of Hampton and Dean (Linda) Shepherd of Belmont; and his sister-in-law, Dyan (Jack) Stickley of Norfolk, NE; his special friends, Mike Ball of Fertile and Dean and Stefanie Black of Thornton; and many nieces and nephews, and other friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his great-nephew Ricky Mathew Query; his stepbrother, Mark Winters; his brother-in-law, Sonny Shepherd; his friends, Rich Jaspersen and Tim Mammen; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



*Fertile Lutheran Church (ELCA)*  
602 W. Washington St.; P.O. Box 215  
Fertile Iowa 50434  
Phone 641-797-2767

*Worship 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10 a.m..*

*David Halverson, Lay Minister*

**How about a CHUCKLE or two?**

One day God was looking down on Earth and saw all the rascally behavior that was going on. So he called one of his Angels and sent the angel down to Earth.

When the Angel returned—he told God, “Yes it is bad on Earth, 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not”.

So God called another angel and sent that Angel to earth for a time.

When the angel returned he went to God and said, “Yes, it is true the Earth is in decline, 95% are misbehaving and 5% are being good”.

God was not pleased! So he decided to E-Mail the 5% that were good.

He wanted encourage them and give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what the E-Mail said?

Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either!



Dave Haugen, Owner

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Ole was reading the paper. “Lena,” he said, “dis is really interesting. De bathtub vas invented in 1850 and da telephone wasn't invented until 1875. Yust tink...a guy could have spent twenty-five years in da bath tub vidout da phone ringing VUNCE.”

### FERTILE LITTLE LEAGUE

The 2008 Fertile Little League season is now complete. There were 125 participants ranging in age from 4 - 15 on nine teams. Dozens of parent volunteers made the season a success. There were 25 parent volunteer coaches as well as parents contributing by serving in the concession stand, car-pooling, umpiring, diamond maintenance, and donating equipment. Parent involvement is vital to the success of the Little League program. Thank you to parents who gave of their time, energy and resources.

Thank you to the businesses that financially supported Fertile Little League this season. They are: Brcka Construction, BMC, Brian Nettleton Excavating, Hare Electric, Image Xperts, J2 Construction, Larsen Plumbing & Heating, MBT, Poet, Pronto, Tim Kleveland Construction, Tom's Electric, Waupaca and WCTA.

The lost and found pile has grown throughout the season and includes baseball gloves, hats, clothes, lawn chairs, car keys and a bike. Contact Melanne Bang (797-2216) to claim items.

The can redemption bin has been moved to the Little League diamond with proceeds going to the Little League program. Thank you for supporting the program in this way.

We are planning to have team pictures on the Fertile web site soon.

If you or your business would like to be a sponsor for the Little League 2009 season, please contact us. A big thank you to all who came to cheer our youth on!

Fertile Little League Committee:  
David & Melanne Bang and Tim and Deb Kleveland

## BAD WEATHER

It was a terrible night, blowing cold and rain in a most frightful manner. The streets were deserted, and the local baker was just about to close up shop when a little man ed through the door. He carried an umbrella, blown inside out, and he was bundled in two sweaters and a thick coat. Bnt even so, he still looked wet and bedraggled. As he unwound his scarf, he said to the baker, "May I have two bagels to go, please?" The baker said in astonishment "Two bagels? Nothing more?" "That's right," answered the little man. One for me and one for Bernice." "Bernice is your wife?" asked the baker. "What do you think?" snapped the little man. "My mother would never send me out on a night like this!"

## NEW PASSPORT PHOTO

Unfortunately, getting a new passport required a new photo. As I handed my ten-year-old passport to the clerk, I sighed. "I like the original better," I told her. "Trust me," she said. "Ten years from now, you'll like this one."



### Tennessee Ten Commandments.. kinda plain & simple!

Some people in Tennessee have trouble with all those 'shall's' and shall not's' in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't use to talking in those terms...

So, some folks in middle Tennessee got together and translated the 'King James' into 'Jackson County' language.

### The Hillbilly's Ten Commandments:

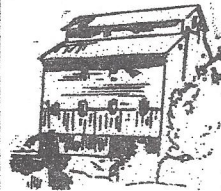
1. Just one God
2. Put nothing' before God
3. Watch yer mouth
4. Git yo urself to Sunday meetin'
5. Honor yer Ma & Pa
6. No killin'
7. No foolin' around with another fellow's gal
8. Don't take what ain't yers
9. No telling' tales or gossipin'
10. Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met on June 9th at the home of Kristin Mikes. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the reading of the "Club Woman's Creed". Roll call was answered by sharing memories of our first home away from home. Amanda Waddington shared a terrific lesson on tool tips. We had a short business meeting, followed by drawing for May baskets. Our July meeting will be a tour of Rieman Gardens and Skycrest Gardens in Ames. The thought for the day was shared by Fern Midtgaard. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Elaine, Amanda and Mary. A delicious lunch was served by Pat Lohman and Kristin Mikes.

Submitted by Kristin Mikes  
Secretary

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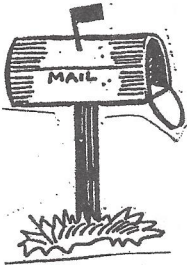
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 Mary Kreis

Dear Girls,  
 We enjoy the Reminder. You ladies do  
 a great job with the paper. Thank you so much.

Ruth & Virgil Ouverson

Dear Ladies,  
 Well, another year has gone by so fast. Please  
 renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. This  
 helps keep Fertile close to my heart. Thank you.  
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Dear Reminder Girls,  
 I look forward to every issue. Thank you!  
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**WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.**

95 9th St. North, Northwood, IA 50459  
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Child Immunization clinic at Manly Town Hall from 3:00 - 5:00  
 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month. The next cli  
 will be September 10th and this is by appointment only. Child  
 under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time.  
 Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to ensure your  
 child's home is not poisoning your family. To make an  
 appointment for immunizations at this time, please call one of the  
 numbers listed above.

Women and Diabetes Awareness program is not just for those  
 with high blood sugars or that are diabetic. Women health  
 education sessions led by professionals in a variety of backgrounds  
 give the holistic approach to health prevention. All women ages  
 teen and up may participate in this free program. Sessions are held  
 in Worth County with meetings twice a month. Baby sitting is  
 available. A free blood sugar test is done at the kick-off meeting.  
 To participate in this program, call WCPH at 1-800-765-1388 or  
 324-1741.

Worth Joining Generations Mentoring Program - Mentors are  
 always needed. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to have  
 a positive presence in children's lives, please contact Kristie at  
 Worth County Public Health at 324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388

The Iowa Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection  
 Program - Women ages 40 - 64 who meet certain guidelines may  
 be eligible to receive cancer screening tests at no cost. If you have  
 no health insurance, insurance that does not cover these services  
 cannot pay insurance deductibles or co-payments, or no Medical  
 Part B coverage, you may qualify. Through this program you may  
 be able to receive referral for breast and cervical cancer treatment  
 coverage should you be diagnosed with cancer or a pre-cancerous  
 condition. Call Lisa at Worth County Public Health at 324-1741 or  
 1-800-765-1388 for information on this program.

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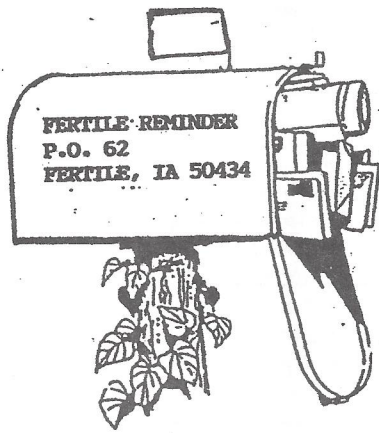
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*Vacation Bible School will begin August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm with registration/missions/singing followed by the OLD FASHIONED COUNTY FAIR! All children need to come dressed as a farm kid – an old fashioned farm kid! Also – pick up a color page for the coloring contest at the Church of Christ! Monday and Tuesday will be from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Come and join us for lots of fun!*

**To pre-register call 641-797-2784!**

**Pre – registration is not required but would be appreciated!**

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