

NOVEMBER 2008

# FERTILE REMINDER



## COMING EVENTS

Nov. 3	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Senior Citizens Dinner Fertile Girls Night Out	Noon 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Re-cycle Day	
Nov. 11	Garden Club	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 18	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
Nov. 20	Re-cycle Day	
Nov. 27	THANKSGIVING DAY	



# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, September 16, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

### Roll Call

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

### Minutes Approval

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

### Public Hearing – IDED Housing Fund

- Mayor Russell announced that this was the time and place for a Public Hearing, as per published notice, regarding authorization to submit a Housing Fund grant application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program in a target area of the community.
- Steve Wendt of NIACOG made several comments during the public hearing in order to inform the Council and Citizens in attendance, about the application and the grant program. This included:
  - how the need for a rehabilitation program was identified (starting with the City of Fertile Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment completed in 1999)
  - proposed budget, which identified sources and uses of funds, including the requested amount of the Housing Fund grant;
  - the date that the application needs to be submitted to IDED (by no later than November 21, 2008)
  - statement that 100% of the federal funds will benefit LMI Households (income limits based on family size were shown), discussion of the target area (a map was provided)
  - the nature of the proposed grant activity (examples of likely work to be completed for the assisted homeowners were given)
  - a statement no persons or businesses will be displaced as a result of the proposed rehabilitation activity
- Steve Wendt also fielded questions from the Council and from Citizens in attendance.
- There were no written objections and no oral objectors at the hearing.
- The Mayor then declared the Hearing to be closed.
- *Miller motioned and Renchin 2nd to adopt Resolution #08-09-16 approving a 2009 Housing Fund grant application and committing local funds of \$12,000.* Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Resolution passed.

### Community Development & Housing Needs Assessment

- Steve Wendt of NIACOG presented an updated assessment outlining community development and housing needs of low and moderate income persons, other community development and housing needs, planned or potential activities to address housing and community needs.
- *Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the assessment.* Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

### Tom Monson – Special Building Permit

- Mayor Russell presented a drawing detailing a requested security fence to be attached to Tom Monson's garage. The fence would be 8ft when the City Ordinances state that privacy fences cannot be higher than 6ft.

*special building permitting an 8ft security fence.* Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

### Maintenance Position Applications Review

- Mayor Russell presented two applications received by City Hall. After 2 formal interviews, Mayor Russell, Buck Russell, Warren Bruns and Eddie May suggest the hiring of Craig Koch.
- *Berg motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the hiring of Craig Koch, contingent upon a clean background check, drug test and physical.* Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

### Chris Anderson - Updates

- The FB&I committee is disbanding. The money in their savings will be turned over to City Hall for the funding of a shelter house at the ball fields.
- The Council will discuss the options for revising the committee.
- Little League has applied for a Minnesota Twins Foundation grant. If awarded, the grant could possibly pay for new bleachers, dug outs, back stops, fences and/or a new infield.

### Mayor's Report

- Several vehicles were found running donuts in the ball fields. Four cars were apprehended by the Worth County Sheriff's Department for running donuts in the park.
- Clapper Tree Services took down a tree that had been struck by lightning over the veteran's memorial. He also trimmed up several trees in the park and at the ball fields.
- Waupaca is now taking brush. Please stop by the office before dumping.
- The City wants to thank the Rural Water Association for their continued support and service for our system.
- Three Coyotes have been seen in town. Please keep an eye out for your pets.
- Thompson's Garage has been purchased by Frank's Repair of Hanlontown.

### City Clerk's Report

- May presented the August financials.
- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve a lien against the property at 605 West Washington for unpaid utility bills.* Motion Carried.
- *Berg motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the August Expenditures.* Motion Carried.

### City Maintenance Report

- The regulatory controls at the water plant have not recovered from the shut-down caused by the water main break this spring. It is functioning, but is needing a lot of baby-sitting. The cost of a new system is \$16,280. If the system crashes, the City would be without any water for several days while a new system is being ordered and installed.
- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the purchase of a new regulatory system.* Motion Carried.
- A couple of fire hydrants will have their insides replaced due to seized up mechanisms.
- Bruns and Russell will help the new maintenance person assemble a procedures manual for the position.

### Committee Reports

- The County will be maintaining 1<sup>st</sup> street where the new culvert was installed. This area will be blacktopped next spring after the ground has had time to settle.
- The owner of 501 West Washington has been asked, by the City, to mow his yard. If he does not, the City can mow his yard and charge him.
- The Community Center floor design is being reviewed by area architects who will be submitting proposals for

- Brian Nettleton will be re-excavating the ditches along West Washington before winter. They will be smoothed and re-seeded.
- The trial between the City and the owners of 115 West Main Street, scheduled for Sept 10<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.

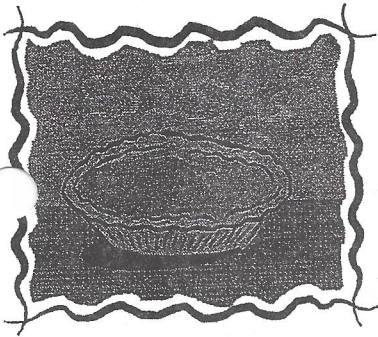
### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, October 21, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

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

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of August 31, 2008			
Type	Name	Paid Amount	
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>General Fund Checking</b>			
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC		-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.		-2,700.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon		-482.57
Bill Pmt -Check	HyVee		-2,700.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR		-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating		-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI		-58.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Mason City Rentals		-296.66
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards		-20.29
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group		-112.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.		-12.15
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto		-245.87
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS		-11.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management		-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA		-132.02
Bill Pmt -Check	Eliot, Inc.		-108.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.		-300.68
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service		-242.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management		-612.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy		-1,034.06
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila		-170.36
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric		-316.34
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.		0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples		0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Recorder		4.50
Check	Petty Cash		-74.34
Check	US Post Office		-138.00
Check	Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Depa		-31.85
Check	Hessel, Mike & Mary		-150.00
Check	Larsen, Jack		-150.00
Check	Haugen, William		-150.00
Check	First State Bank		-1.34
Deposit		2,322.09	
Deposit		208.53	
Deposit		5,337.04	
Deposit		8,485.01	
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County		42.82
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino		3,018.73
Deposit	Staples		248.40
Deposit			20.02
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren		-615.54
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F		-765.07
Paycheck	Russell, Grant		-1,270.58
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-559.73
<b>Total General Fund Checking</b>			<b>3,157.70</b>
<b>Total General Fund Accounts</b>			<b>3,157.70</b>
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>			
Deposit			25.25
<b>Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>			<b>25.25</b>
<b>Water Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>			
Deposit			1.83
<b>Total Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>			<b>1.83</b>
<b>Water Revenue Fund CD</b>			
<b>Water Revenue Fund CD</b>			
<b>Total Water Revenue Fund CD</b>			
<b>Total Water Fund Accounts</b>			<b>1.83</b>
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>			
Deposit			4.08
<b>Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>			<b>4.08</b>
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<b>Total Sewage Revenue Fund CD</b>			
<b>Total Sewage Fund Accounts</b>			<b>4.08</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,188.86</b>





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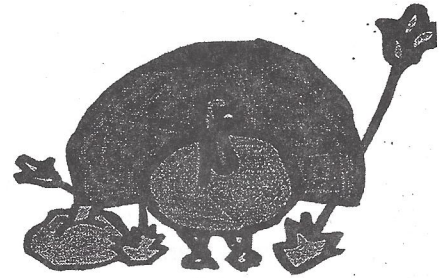
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Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon



### NEW BOOKS

Killing Ground – William W. Johnstone  
Rustler – Linda Lael Miller  
Deadly Night – Heather Graham  
Bullet for a Bad Man – Ralph Compton  
Lucky Charm – Carly Phillips  
A Bride by Christmas – Heather Graham  
A Promise to Believe in – Tracie Peterson  
Something Borrowed – Emily Giffin  
Something Blue – “  
Baby Proof – “  
Cry Wolf – Patricia Briggs  
Storm Caller – Tom Lloyd  
One Perfect Day – Lauraine Snelling  
Dark Summer – Iris Johansen  
Brass Verdict – Michael Connelly  
Cool in Tucson – Elizabeth Gunn  
Lucky One – Nicholas Sparks  
Halloween – Mathew Mead  
Dewey – Vicki Myron  
The War Within – Bob Woodward

### Large Print

Longing – Beverly Lewis  
Sabrina – Lori Wick  
Falcon & the Sparrow – M.L. Tyndall  
White Christmas Pie – Wanda E. Brunstetter  
Rebecca's Reward – Lauraine Snelling

### DVD'S

Sleeping Beauty 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition  
It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown  
Indian Jones & the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

### Library News

It's hard to believe the holidays are already around the corner. It's soon time for our Annual Library Christmas Open House & Santa Day. We will again be having a raffle as a fundraiser. If anyone would like to sell tickets or donate an item contact the library. The money raised is used for books & children's programs.



### CD'S

Dewey – Vicki Myron  
Hot Mahogany – Stuart Woods  
A Long Way from Chicago – Richard Peck  
Last Gunfighter: Reprisal – William W. Johnstone  
Eve of the Emperor Penguin – Mary Pope Osborne

## WITH SYMPATHY

### ROY CALGAARD

1925 - 2008

Roy Calgaard, 83, died Oct. 4, 2008 in Lincoln, Calif.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, 2008 at

Bethany Lutheran Church in Joice. Interment was for both Roy and Beverly following the service.



Roy was born on April 16, 1925 at Joice to Oscar and Martha Calgaard. His family moved to Fertile where he graduated from Fertile High School. Roy was united in marriage to Beverly Haugen on April 21, 1945. He lived at rural Fertile, Joice, Lake Mills, Clear Lake, and after his wife's death, in Lincoln, Calif.

Roy's life was full of memories enjoying many different things from his days in High school musicals, local sporting events, hunting and fishing trips, traveling, golfing, attending the Super Bowl only to see the Vikings lose, and in later years watching his grandson play numerous sports. Roy served as supervisor for Worth County, also served on the ASCS county committee, adjusted hail for Farmers Mutual and was a life-long farmer.

He was involved in many church activities. He was proud of the fact that he was baptized, confirmed, married and will be buried all at Bethany Lutheran Church of Joice.

Roy loved to visit. Give him a cup of coffee and someone to visit with and life was good—all the better if it was a free cup of coffee at the elevator.

Roy is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Dr. Barbara and Ron Nelson; Lincoln, Calif; son, Danny Calgaard of Naples, FL and three grandchildren, Christina Maulsby and her husband Grant of Naples, FL; Nicholas Calgaard of Naples, FL; Erica Calgaard of Des Moines; sister Judy Harris; sister-in-law Joyce Calgaard and many life-long friends.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



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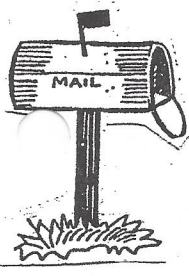
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Jarlyn Upchurch

Dear Editors,  
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job sending us news from Fertile.

My husband, our two daughters and I were on a  
trip to Iowa and Wisconsin in July. We were in Fertile &  
Forest City and visited family in the area.

Norma Holtan Wakeley

**WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.**  
95 9th St. North, Northwood, IA 50459  
641-324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388

**Child Immunization Clinic** at Manly Town Hall from 3:00 - 5:00  
p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month. The next  
clinic will be **November 12** and is by **appointment only**. Child-  
ren 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  
above listed numbers.

**In-office screenings at Worth County Public Health office:**  
The Senior Health Program is now offering in-home assessments to  
people over 60 years of age. This program is funded by the  
Elderbridge Agency on Aging, so some information regarding health  
history and income is needed. The assessment includes labs  
(cholesterol panel, hemoglobin, and blood sugar), review of health  
history and medications, and a brief physical exam including blood  
pressure, apical pulse, and lung sounds. These services continue to  
be available during office hours as well. Please call one of the  
above listed numbers if you are interested in this program.

November 4     **Manly Nail Clinic at the Whistle Stop - 8:45**  
a.m. Please call to schedule an appointment.

November 13     **Maple Court Nail Clinic - 9:00 a.m. in the**  
common area. Please call to schedule an  
appointment.

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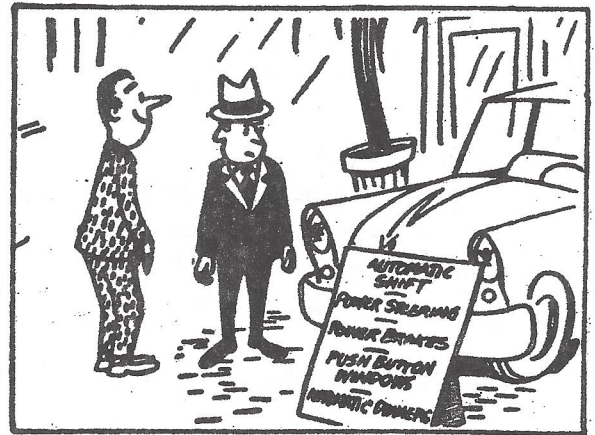


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"Service department?" exclaimed the dealer. "You have a brand new Cadillac. You don't need service on it yet, surely?"

"Vell," said the Norwegian. "Ay been used to da stick shift . . . and this car has got those funny letters like PRNDL on the steering veel."

"Yes, that's correct," said the dealer. "That's the automatic transmission."

"Vell," said the Norwegian. "I first put 'er in 'L' for 'light out.' Den I see a guy trying to pass. So I put 'er in 'L' for 'Sic 'em.' Dat put me a little faster. So when anodder car starts to pass, I looks at the dial and put 'er in 'D' for 'Dig in.' Boy, I really got going. All of a sudden a kid in a hot rod started to go 'round me. So I looked at the dial again and put it in 'R' for 'Racing'."

"Where's your service department?"



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## CERRO GORDO COUNTY WAR

From George Kisner's book "Childhood on the Farm"

Although never recorded in history books, some of the fiercest battles of Cerro Gordo County took place on our farm in the 1930's. My mother came from a family of eight children with strong Irish heritage. Every year or two, they would all get together for a family reunion. Since they were scattered from central Minnesota to southeast Iowa, our farm, 15 miles from the Minnesota border, was a logical meeting place.

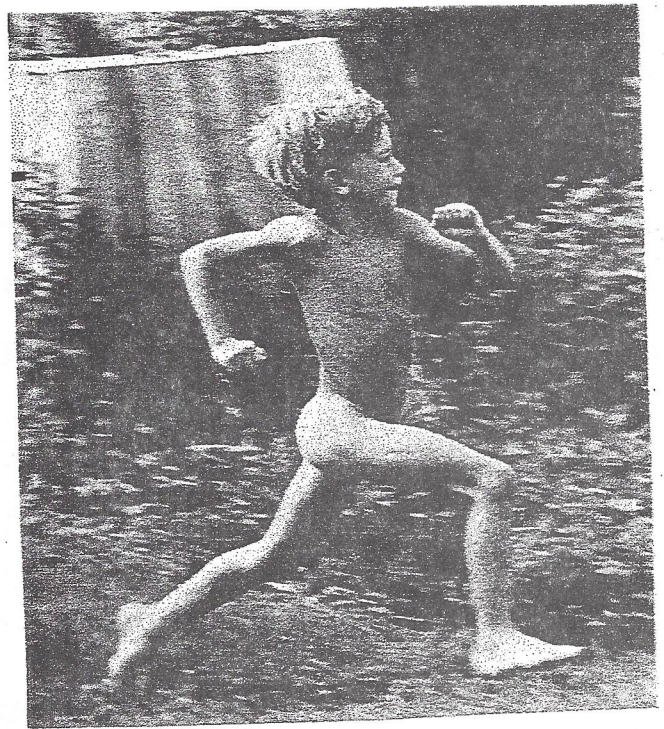
My mother would begin preparing for weeks ahead for this event and made sure all of us children had clean clothes with no holes or patches. The women and girls always slept in the house, but the men and boys got to sleep in the hay loft on the fresh hay. I have no idea how everyone was fed, but I have fond memories of kindly aunts urging me to have more pie or cookies. Also, our old ice cream freezer came out and we children turned the crank seemingly for hours with delicious results.

After the big noon meal, the adults would all sit around and participate in the most vicious family arguments I have ever heard. Politics and religion were usually the topics, but occasionally, arguments on raising children or farming were not unheard of. My two taciturn uncles were always silent, but my brave father would sometimes express opinions. The six sisters would unite against him and thoroughly humble him. In retaliation, he would bring out his violin and play old German songs strictly by ear. After that, he would sing "Rock of Ages" in a pleasant bass voice.

One afternoon, my two brothers and our boy cousins decided to go down to Lime Creek and go swimming. It was only one half mile away, so we were soon to the creek. We had never heard of swim suits at that time, much less owned one, but we quickly shed our clothes and were in the water. Most of the creek was only a couple feet deep, but there were occasional deep holes over our heads. The rest of the boys could all swim reasonably well, but I was the youngest and could not swim a stroke. I soon became bored and wandered along the bank trying to catch frogs.

I was beside a long stretch of shallow water, when to my total chagrin, I heard female voices. It was my two sisters and my female cousins out for a stroll along the creek!

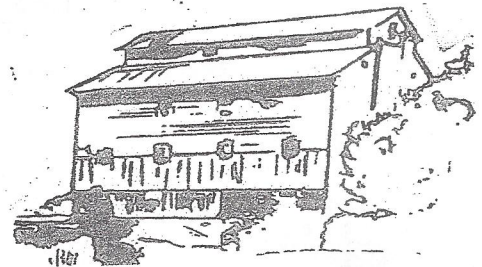
I did not know what to do, but finally figured if I ran fast enough, I would be just a blur until I could safely reach the deep water. I leaped in at full speed, and, even though it was over my head, paddled and splashed furiously until I reached the other side of the deep water. My wife always wonders why I hate swimming, but when she reads this she will understand.



### DOWNTOWN CAFE

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MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 5:30 - 1:30  
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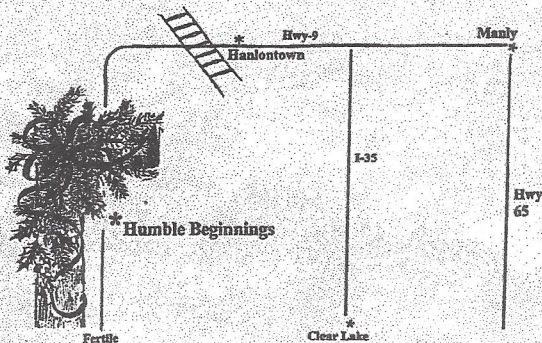
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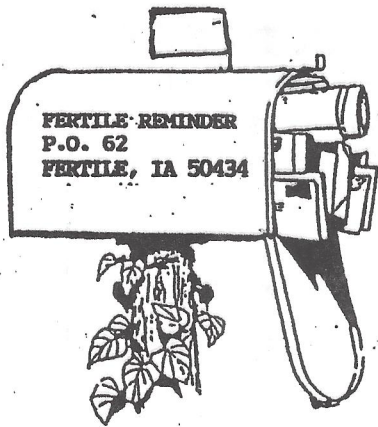
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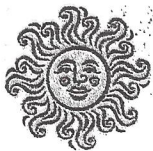


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