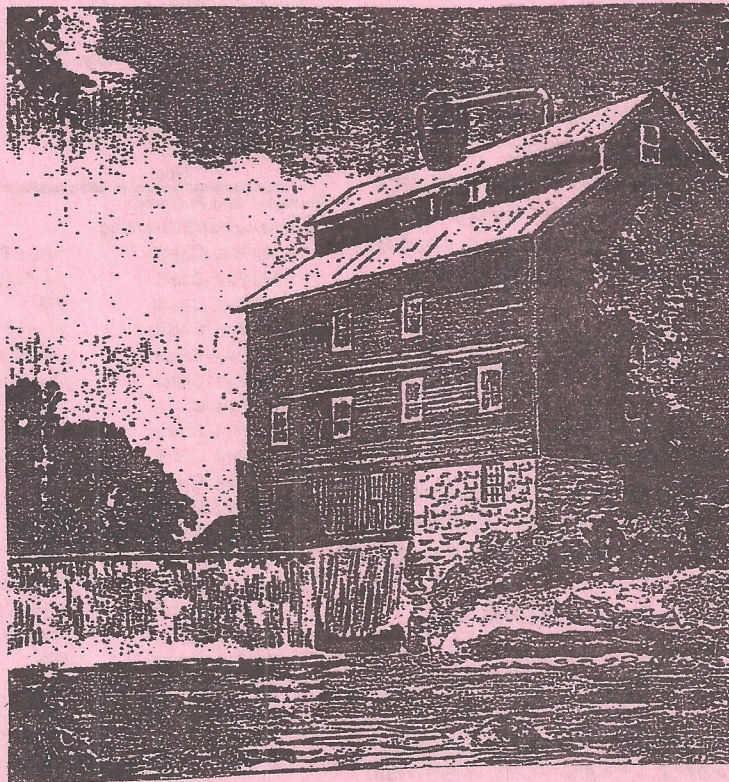


JUNE 2009

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

June 1	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
June 2	Senior Dinner	Noon
June 4	Re-cycle Day	
June 6	LOCAL FARM AUCTION Roger Jennings Farm	9 a.m.
June 9	Fertile Girls Night Out Garden Club	5:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
June 15	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
June 16	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
June 18	Re-cycle Day	

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 19 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters, Pat Renschin, Maintenance Manager Craig Koch and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.

Minutes Approval

- *Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the April minutes.* Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- The City has an approved offer to purchase Hall's Apartments at 202 West Main Street. The offer is contingent upon the reception of a WCDA grant to cover the cost of acquisition. The building would be removed to make way for the City's proposed Community Center and Storm Shelter.
- The City must update our Hazard Mitigation Plan before we can apply for a grant to cover the cost of the Community Center and Storm Shelter. Once the Plan is accepted by FEMA, the city will apply for a series of grants which are projected to cover 100% of the cost for the Community Center and Storm Shelter.
- The Community Center Committee has started the process of creating a Capital Campaign to cover the cost of construction for the Library and City Hall Offices.
- The final bills for the 2008 flood recovery are being submitted to FEMA and will allow the City to collect the remaining State funds.
- On May 14th, Mayor Russell presented the Worth County Development Authority (WCDA) scholarships to our seniors at Forest City High School. 10 Worth County students attending FCHS each received \$6,161.18 to be applied to college tuition, fees and books.
- The little red mill, used for parades, fell apart when it was moved. It is unfortunately no longer available for parades.
- Dave Haugen will spray the thistles out at the Lagoon as requested by the DNR.
- Two manholes, two new pumps, and a generator, for the Water Plant have been ordered. They are being paid for through a grant awarded by the Worth County Development Authority (WCDA).

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the April financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date: (we are 83% of the way through the fiscal year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	92%	71%	85%	80%	79%
Expense	123%	41.5%	71%	24%	67%

- *Jeff motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the April Expenses.* Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- The City's well pump has been dragging and needs to be replaced. The City has a backup pump and it will be inspected to see if it can be used as a temporary replacement until a new one can be purchased.
- Craig and Penny will be contacting landscapers to receive quotes for smoothing the ditches along West Washington after Nettleton Excavating has dug them out.
- Nettleton Excavating will be in town within the next few weeks to replace the two manholes and to perform some ditch repairs before the new roads can be put in.
- The new roads should be going in during June or July.

Committee Reports

- **Streets & Signs** – the wind has played a number on several speed limit signs throughout town. The speed limits are in effect, even if the sign is damaged. The signs will be fixed soon.

- **Weeds & Garbage** – a few residents who have not been mowing their lawns will be given a deadline before the City will mow their lawn. The charge for each incident is \$55.

Other Business

- **Speeding and reckless driving** has become an issue within City Limits. The Council would like to ask all residents to report incidents to the Worth County Sheriff at 800-458-1234. Mayor Russell will ask the Sheriff's Department for increased enforcement.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, June 16, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.

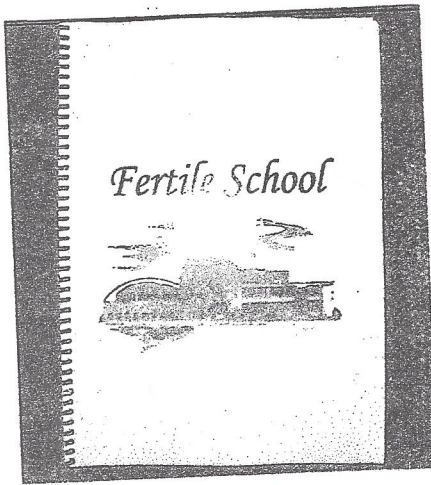
Adjourn - Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of April 30, 2009

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,156.81
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IRS	-364.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-67.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-702.34
Bill Pmt -Check	Municipal Managemnet Corp.	-650.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-82.46
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-72.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-136.66
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-240.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,112.72
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-59.62
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-517.34
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-1,246.28
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-41.15
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	1.55
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-9,496.00
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-4,339.50
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	Severson, Tim	-150.00
Check	Lundgren, Ken & Randa (Rental)	-150.00
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	Legler, Mark	-204.00
Deposit		185.53
Deposit		2,381.22
Deposit		5,406.01
Deposit		6,253.12
Deposit		4,169.83
Deposit		3,072.18
Deposit		20,002.78
Deposit		21.56
Liability Check	IRS	-1,437.94
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-159.00
Liability Check	IPERS	-325.20
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.87
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,443.52
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-779.07
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-531.32
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Financ	-896.00
Total General Fund Checking		7,749.23
Total General Fund Accounts		7,749.23
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		9.47
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		9.47
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		.78
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.78
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.96
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.96
TOTAL		7,764.44

THRESHING TIME

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



The book is done and at the printers. This 8 1/2" x 11", 310 page book contains more than eight hundred names and profiles of students that attended Fertile School. It is not perfect, but interesting reading. The book contains a glossary of class years, several class pictures and an index of all the students names. It is printed on premium paper with a plastic over the front cover. 100 copies are being printed and when they are gone, then orders will be taken for the next printing. The first ones should be ready to ship by the end of May. No books will be shipped without payment. Prepaid orders can be picked up at the Alumni Dinner in August.

Price.....\$22.00

Shipping and handling \$5.00

(Shipping will be in a bubble envelope)

Betty Waddington

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After my father started raising sheep, he found some of the problems with them. One of these was multiple births in ewes. Often times if the ewe would have two or three lambs, she would simply refuse to mother one of them. These were call orphans and had to be bottle-fed with cow's milk until the time they could eat solid food. Therefore, he would usually assign a lamb to my sister and I to raise.

This was a great treat for us and we would always name them and they would follow us everywhere except into the house. In the year 1937, when she was nine and I was six, we were assigned two orphan lambs, which we called Felix and Blackie. I named mine Blackie because of his black face. Where Frances got "Felix" I don't know, but they were our babies. They would bleat excitedly as we came home from school and wait impatiently for their bottle to be prepared.

It was a contest to see which lamb grew the fastest. When they started eating grass, we would usually sneak a little corn or oats to them as a special treat. The four us would play in the grove and fields and they would look down on their brothers and sisters confined to the sheep-pen. In just a few months they grew to one hundred pounds which was market weight. My father needed money to buy binder twine for the oat harvest so he decided to sell the lambs.

We had no way to haul them to market but he desperately needed some money. Finally he decided just to put them in the back of the family car and haul them to Albert Lea, MN where the sheep-packing house was located. We rushed to tell our friends of the grand journey they were taking!

Frances and I were told to sit in the back seat and keep the lambs quiet. Our friends jumped in the back seat of the car. We held them tight all the way to Albert Lea.

It was a sad quiet trip back without our two buddies, but my father explained that every animal and person was put on the earth for a special purpose. Blackie and Felix had done a good job and I am sure my sister Frances is frolicking with her good friend as I will be within the next few years.

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

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 the office at 324-1741 or 1-800-876-1388 if you are interested in this program.

June 22 Manly Nail Clinic at the Whistle Stop - 9:00 a.m. Please call one of the above numbers to schedule appointment.

June 23 Grafton Community Center Nail Clinic 9:30 a.m. Please call to schedule your appointment.

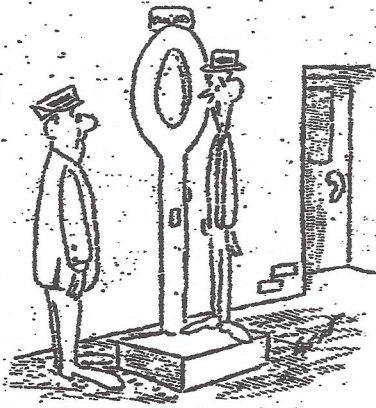
June 23 Maple Court Nail Clinic - 1:00 p.m. Please call Shana at 324-1741 for an appointment.



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"All it keeps doing is refunding my money."

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My three boys stick together-when one boy gets into trouble, neither of the others will tell on him."

Then how do you find out which one to punish?"

"It's easy. I send them all to bed without supper. Then the next morning I thrash the one with a black eye."

* * * * *

A small boy who had a part in a play was to appear on the stage and say, "Be not afraid. It is I".

When the time came, however, he said in a scary voice, "Don't git skeered...tain't nobody but me!"

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In a corner of his log cabin, the mountaineer struggled with a pencil and a piece of paper. Suddenly he looked up and exclaimed, "Doggone if I ain't learned to write!"

His wife waled over and peered at the lines scribbled on the paper. She asked, "What do it say, Ezra?"

"I don't know," he answered, "I ain't learned to read yet."

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Pat Lohman with Ginny Lovick as co-hostess. President Penny Miller read the Garden Club Creed and we honored our flag with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was to name one thing out of our bucket list. There were so many interesting ones, from traveling more and just catching up on neglected projects.

Amanda had a very interesting and informative lesson on "Patio Herb Gardening." Herbs are very healthy and also very much used for medicine. She passed out 3 very interesting recipes for fresh salsa, herb butter and pesto sauce.

Our business meeting was planting the barrels in town, weeding schedule and also applying for some grants for help in beautifying our community. We are to meet on May 12th at 6 p.m. for planting.

Kristen Mikes had the "Thought for the Day." Next meeting we will have a plant swap among our members.

June hostesses will be Kristen Mikes and Betty Waddington.

Fern Midtgaard, Reporter



FLOODING IN FERTILE IN JUNE 2008



Lena went back to Norway to visit her sister. Back home, Ole was keeping house by himself. Lars asked him if he was lonesome all by himself.

"Vell, a little," said Ole. "But vunce a veek, I have a voman come in and nag."

Ole and Lena took little Lars to church for the first itme. After the services, they asked him how he liked it. "Vell," said little Lars, "Da music program was OK, but da commercial vas too long."

This Norwegian lived way, way out in the woods in Minnesota... seldom came into town. Finally when the snow went out, the Norwegian and his wife went to Duluth. They spent nearly two hours watching a microwave oven. Finally, the Norwegian got up in disgust. "Come on, Ma," he said, "if dis is vat television is like, dey can have it."

Torvald asked the local banker, "Vots da latest dope on Wall Street?"

Answered the banker, sourly, "My son-in-law."

A Swedish woman sent her husband downtown to buy a Lazy Boy rocker. He came back with a Norwegian guitar player.

Ole was spending some time in Dodge City during the frontier days. He stalked into a saloon yelling, "All right, where is da galoot what painted my horse purple?"

"Right HERE!" answered a vicious looking cowpoke standing about seven feet tall. "What are you going to do about it?"

"Nutting," answered Ole witha gulp, "I just wanted to let you know dat da first coat is dry."

Ole and Lena were going home from the grocery store with Ole pushing the baby carriage.

Suddenly Lena exclaimed: "Ole....we've got da wrong baby!" "SSH HH" said Ole..."dis is a better buggy."

Dagmar was trying to lose weight, so she took up horseback riding. After the first week, the horse lost 10 pounds.

Two Norwegians were building a house. One of them reached into a sack of nails and said, "Lars, you got us the wrong kind of nails. Dese nails have got the point on the wrong end."

"Dat's okay," said Lars, "Ve can used dem on the other side of the house."



Ole & Lena

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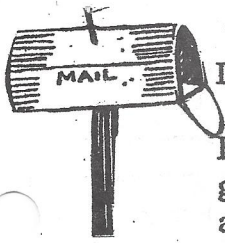
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Lanny & Sandy Jenkins

Here you go Ladies!

As always, you are doing a great job keeping us up on Fertile news. As you can see from my various addresses over the years, I'm getting closer and closer to Iowa; I do intned to return some day.

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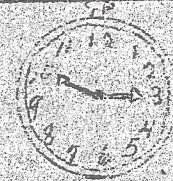
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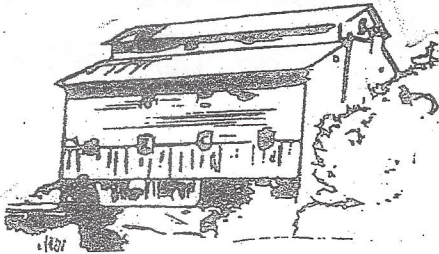
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OATMEAL BARS

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 cup oatmeal | 1 1/3 cups flour |
| 1 1/4 cups boiling water | 1/2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup shortening | 1/4 tsp. nutmeg |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 tsp. soda |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 2 eggs | 1 tsp. Vanilla |

Pour boiling water over oatmeal and then add shortening, sugar & eggs. Add dry ingredients & vanilla.

Place in an ungreased cookie sheet

BOILED TOPPING

- 1 stick oleo
- 1 cup grown sugar
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup pecans
- 2 egg yolks

Boil for 2 minutes.

TOP the oatmeal bars when almost cooled.



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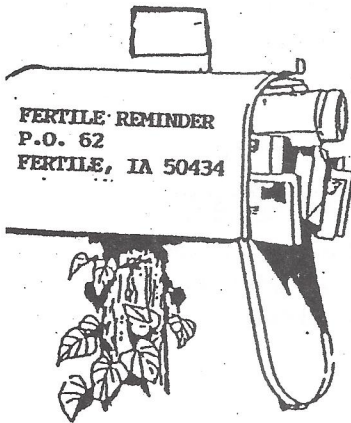
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- Annuals
- Aquatic plants
- Berries
- Birdbath
- Border
- Cover
- Dust bath
- Feeder
- Flowers

- Fountain
- Hedgerow
- Insects
- Leaves
- Logs
- Mulch
- Native plants
- Pebbles
- Perch

- Perennials
- Shelter
- Shrubs
- Slopes
- Thicket
- Wild plants
- Windbreak

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