OCTOBER 2011

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Oct. 4 Senior Dinner Fertile Girls Night Out		Noon 5:30
Oct. 6	Recycle Day	
Oct. 17	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	Senior Dinner	Noon

- City Council Meeting 7 p.m. DEADLIINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES
- Oct. 20 Recycle Day
- Oct. 31
- HALLOWEEN

DOWNTOWN CAFÉ

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 5:30-2:00 SATURDAY---5:30 - 1:30 TUESDAY-- TACO NITE - 5:00 - 8:00 FRIDAY NIGHT - FISH & RIBS 5:00 --8:00 BURTNESS~LUNDGREN PLUMBING & HEATING, Inc. Call for all your Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Needs!

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City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes September 20, 2011 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin; Maintenance Manager Buck Russell & City Clerk Eddie May.
- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the August Minutes. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- The City has been researching the cost of renting comparable rooms as the new community center. Kensett rents their center for \$275 per day including a \$100 refundable deposit. They also charge a \$100 fee for table and chair set-up and tear-down. Ventura charges \$495 per day and holds 250-300. The City will continue to research comparable rates before setting ours.
- The new community center is currently taking reservations for 2012 and 2013. Graduations, reunions and wedding receptions have already been booked.
- Sign Pro installed a new sign at City Hall and has changed the sign at the maintenance shed. Hare Electric will be installing lights for the new City Hall sign. Sign Pro will get us information on the cost of an electronic bulletin board.
- On 9/13 NIACOG awarded bids for the last two Housing Grant award recipients: 105 School St and 404 W Washington
- Alliant fixed the street light at corner of School St and W Washington. They hope to come through town before winter and trim trees near power lines. Storms have delayed them.
- There will be a Sherriff's sale for 103 W Washington on November 15th. Information about the sale is at the Post Office.
- We received \$102,805 from the Worth County Development Authority, charitable arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, from the spring grant for phase II of the Community Center project.
- Schoneman Realty owns the properties at 210 W Main and 501 W Washington. They have been notified that the City will be taking legal action against them for property nuisance. They have been asked to clean up the properties and have not.
- Cindy has taken a new job and cannot be the backup rep for Winn-Worth Betco. Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to appoint Pat Renchin as the new Winn-Worth Betco backp rep. Motion Carried
- Two Council seats, as well as the Mayor's seat, are up for election on November 8th. Joyce is running for re-election as Mayor, Jeff Berg, Cindy Peters and Julie Jessen are running for Council seats.
- Joyce interviewed 8 more candidates for the City Maintenance position. The Council will interview 2 candidates on Friday, September 30th.

City Clerk's Report

۲	Eddie pre	sented th	ne Augu	ıst Finan	cials (17	% through	h the year)
	Income Expense Net Income	6% 11%	Roads 17% 5% \$3,678	Water 27% 16% \$7,310	Sewer 30% 21% \$8,041	Landfill 30% 24% \$1,906	Total (incl. non-budget items) -\$99,278

- Eddie explained that the large deficit was caused by checks written to community center contractors prior to cashing the check to cover the expenses from the WCDA grant. The grant money was cashed the first week of September, so the financials will balance out next month.
- · Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve Aug. bills. Motion Carried.
- Eddie presented the Fall WCDA grant for the final phase of the Community Center and City Hall. The City is asking for \$115,377.90.
- Eddie presented the City's Annual Financial Report as well as the end of year report for the Library. The Library had a deficit last year, as it had been saving up in previous years, for the new "Beacon" automated reservation system.
- Pat motioned, Tad 2rd to approve the following liens: 403 1st St N for \$515.09; 405 W Main for \$425.79; 104 Mill for \$511.21; and 306 W Main for \$331.55. Motion Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- 100 new water meters have been ordered and Larsens have been installing them as they come in. The new meters will save time reading the meters and will be more accurate.
- · Both generators, at the lagoon and water plant, are working.
- Roof at the lagoon pump house has been replaced. City is getting quotes for siding the building.
- Buck cleaned up the lagoon grounds in preparation for winter.
- Larsens will be looking at the furnaces in the maintenance building and the water plant in preparation for winter.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, October 18th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- Pat moved and Cindy 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

City of Fertile Bills Paid				3:27 PM
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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met August 9, 2011 at the new Community Center. Twelve members were present answering roll call to "My favorite memory of my Grandmother's canning."

A very informative and insightful lesson on canning pickles was given by Amanda Waddington.

Discussion was held on finalizing plans for the cookbook to be sent to the publisher.

Further discussion on seasonal flags and different types for edging the flower beds were discussed.

A delicious lunch was served by Ciundy Peters and Penny Miller. Next meeting will be held at Pat Lohman's home. Pat & Sue Lee will serve as hostesses.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Lovik



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Fertile Days Celebration!



Fertile day's was a great success and we owe it to you for making it that way! Our Saturday kicked off with a parade. Dave and Lola Bruns were the grand marshals riding in Bob Tuttle's convertible. Worth County Sheriff's department gave a wonderful demonstration with their drug dogs and served hot dogs afterwards. Fertile Fire Department gave fire truck

rides to many adults and children. It's great to see the smiling faces of the little ones as well as the big ones getting a ride on the big red fire engine. Our face painting booth kept Elin Miner busy decorating many little faces. Kids flooded the bouncy rides and ran Kevin and Cindy Bidne ragged! Bingo tables were full and lots of prizes were given out as adults and kids played bingo. Prizes came from MBT Bank, Scoopy Doos, Pizza Hut, Breaduea Pizza, Brakke Implement, Jody Smith's salon, Diamond Joes kitchen buffet, Subway, and Holiday Inn Express. The library had a pet parade and lots of pets were dressed up and led down the street to show off. Pedal Pull was sponsored by WCTA and



held in front of Down Town Café. We were told the biggest hit was the havride. Kenny Biretz pulled a havrack with his John Deere tractor around town and up to the movie from 4 to 9:00 and his load was full! The movie "Despicable Me" was shown at the new City Hall with popcorn and pop. Eddie May set up his projector to give it a movie theater like feeling. Fertile Little league brought the popcorn

popper and Jerry and Paula Appel served popcorn, pop or water. At one time the count was 62! Down Town Café served our free community meal with pulled Id slaw, corn on the ach watermaler and a drink on the

pork, potato salad, cold slaw, corn on the cob, watermelon and a drink as the menu. They served 300 people, Dan Miller filled our fire ring with wood and started our camp fire. Kristen Andersen and Frankie Ruiz were in charge with

making smores. To end our evening, the band Skretta, Etc preformed. Thank you Tracy and band members for coming again and giving us a great concert!

Sunday was kicked off with the Fire department breakfast. The most they have ever served! They ran out of eggs and bacon! They would like to thank everyone for their donations to the fire department. We ended our weekend with a wonderful church service in our park. Rob Perry gave the message. Dave Halverson provided the sound system. There were approximately 175+ people at the service. The Forest City Food Bank received \$200.00 from the cash collected.



We would like to give a huge thank you to our supporters. WCTA. Poet. 5 Star Coop, Brakke Implement and many who gave cash donations. We would like to thank our volunteers for all the help. Without these people, we could not do this celebration. Thank you to our events and vendor people: Tropical Sno, Worth County Sheriff, Fertile Fire Department, Fertile Library, Laverne Lee (hay rack and straw), Kenny Biretz (tractor), Movie (Eddie May equipment and Library for the movie), and Downtown Café. If we missed your name – please accept our humble apologizes. We appreciated your help!

Fertile Days Committee







IN REMEMBRANCE

RUTH F. ROVANG 1918 - 2011

Ruth F. Rovange, 93, of Joice died August 23, 2011 at Hospice Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.



Funeral services were held 10:30 a.m. August 27th at the Fertile Lutheran Church with Rev. Don Burton and lay pastor Dave Halverson officiating. Burial will be in Beaver Creek Lutheran Cemetery near Joice.

Ruth Florence Rovang, the daughter of Fred and Florence (Zook) Ward was born Feb. 26, 1018 in Sheffield. She completed her elementary education and graduated from Swaledale Consolidated School in 1934.

Ruth received her teaching certificate after attending Iowa State Teachers College. In 1937 she began her teaching career at the Fuller country school near Burchinal, which was where her mother had first taught as well. She also taught in the New Providence and Forest City school systems. In later years, she completed course work at North Iowa Area Communicity College and Iowa State and Mankato State Universities.

She was a member of the Forest City Education Association and later on an active member in the Retired Teachers Association. She was a long-time middle school mathematics teacher, retiring in 1983 In recognition of her teaching accomplishments, she was inducted into the Forest City Education Hall of Fame in 1996.

Ruth was a devout Christian. She was baptized in the Swaledale Methodist Church and following her marriage was confirmed in the Eldora Lutheran Church. She was an active member of Beaver Creek Lutheran Church near Joice until its closing. She served in various officer positions in the Lutheran Church Women and Circle organizations and taught Sunday School for many years. Ruth also served as an officer of the North Iowa District Lutheran Church Women's organization. She currently was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church.

Ruth assisted John for many years in their farming operation and in 1961 they were named an Iowa Master Egg Producer. Ruth had a special interest in restoring antique furniture, gardening and remodeling their beautiful old farm house near Fertile. Ruth served as a 4-H leader for many years.

Ruth and John enjoyed traveling and made several trips to Europoe to visit the areas of their ancestors. Historical documents reflected the Ward family immigtrated from Cornwall, England in the mids1800s. They were also volved in the Republican Party, Farm Bureau and the dorth County Historical Society.

On July 6, 1942 she was married to John Rovang of Joice in a lawn wedding at her family farm. They celebrated

64 years of marriage in 2006 before his death in 2007. Ruth then remained on the farm she loved until entering Hospice following a cerebral hermorage. She loved her family and took great pride and effort in preparing for the multiple family gatherings held at the farm.

She is survived by her two sons, Douglas (Rosalinel) Rovang of Rochester, MN and Richard (Katie Doty) Rovang of Eagan, MN; a daughter, Donna (Brent) Orton of Mason City; Six grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren; sisters-in-law, Esther Ward of Swaledale and Virginia Ward of Mason City and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; parents; son, Mark John; brothers, Virgil, J.C., Willard, Donald and Delbert; and a sister, Thelma Watson. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

LAWRENCE TWEDT 1935 - 2011

Lawrence Sigurd Twedt, 75, passed away on August 25,2011. Funeral services were held Sept. 7, 2011 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Mesa, AZ. Internment with Military Honors was at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix.



Lawrence was born December 31, 1935 in Armstrong, IA.

He was in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pennleton, CA. Following his military service, he was united in marriage to DeEtta Thovson. They were married 55 years.

He was the General Manager of various cooperative grain elevators in Iowa, Colorado and Nebraska. After retiring from the grain business, the couple moved to Arizona.

He was an avid sports fan and had a great sense of humor.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, DeEtta; children, Steve (Connie) of Joice, IA and David of Mesa, AZ; and a sister, Maxine McKean of Fairmont, MN.,

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Curtis and Lester; sisters, Sophie Johnson and Alverda Jensen; a son Bruce and daughter, Kathryn Cahill.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.







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