

NOVEMBER 2011

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 1 | Senior Dinner
Fertile Girls Night Out | Noon
5:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3 | Recycle Day | |
| Nov. 15 | DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES | |
| | City Council Meeting
Senior Meeting | 7:00 p.m.
Noon |
| Nov. 17 | Recycle Day | |
| Nov. 19 | THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE
FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST 5-7 P.M. | |
| Nov. 21 | Library Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 24 | THANKSGIVING DAY
Re-cycle Day one day late | |

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 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 & Pat Renchin; Maintenance Managers: Buck Russell & Steve Roberts & City Clerk Eddie May.
- Jeff motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the Sept. Minutes. Carried.

Mayor's Report

- Joyce attended an Emergency Management meeting discussing the new video laser scanning of the Northwood schools. The scan uses GIS to produce a 3D view of the building.
- At the same meeting, it was announced that all emergency radios must be converted to the narrow band devices by Jan. 2013. The City increased the Fire Dept.'s budget to cover the cost of new radios.
- At a special closed meeting held on Sept. 30th, the Council hired Steve Roberts as the new Maintenance Manager. Steve started on the 10th of October and has been doing a great job!
- The City would like to thank Buck Russell for filling in during the interim. Buck will remain as a back-up for Steve. Buck--You Rock!!!
- Thank you letters have been sent to all applicants who applied.
- There will be a wedding in the Park on October 22nd.
- Porta-Poties will be taken out of the Park, and Ballfields, during the second week of November.
- Someone broke-in and vandalized an empty house last week. If anyone has any information, please contact the Sheriff.
- A tier 3 registered sex offender has recently moved into town. Information can be found at www.iowasexoffender.com.
- Clapper Tree Service removed 4 rotting trees from the park.
- There will be Sheriff's sales on 11/15/11 for 103 W. Washington. And on 1/10/12 for 207 E. Main. Info is available at the Courthouse.
- A City election for Mayor and 2 Council seats will be held on Nov. 8th. Joyce is the only registered candidate for Mayor, and Jeff Berg, Cindy Peters, and Julie Jessen are running for the Council seats.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the Sept. Financials (25% through the year)
- | | General | Roads | Water | Sewer | Landfill | Total (incl. non-budget items) |
|------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Income | 11% | 29% | 35% | 37% | 38% | |
| Expense | 15% | 10% | 25% | 37% | 25% | |
| Net Income | -\$6,521 | \$5,710 | \$6,950 | \$4,274 | \$3,745 | -\$10,642 |
- Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve Sept. bills. Motion Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- The shut-off valve at the water plant was recently replaced. The valve was under warranty, and Nettleton Excavating donated their time to install the new valve. THANKS BRIAN!!!
- The meter on the well (Installed in 1979) gave out. The City has ordered a new one and Larsen's will install it. The cost of the meter is \$1840 plus delivery and installation.
- The lightning damage to the sewer plant has been fixed and turned into the insurance company. City has a \$500 deductible.
- Buck, Warren, and Steve have been draining the lagoons per DNR regulations, in preparation for the winter.
- A fuel sensor gave out on the skid loader, so North Central Sales is replacing the skid loader!
- Larsen Plumbing & Heating has been installing new water meters. They are contacting residents to schedule times to do the work.

Committee Reports

- Streets & Signs – the Garden Club's fall decorations look great, but need to be careful not to cover up street signs.
- Parks – we need to write some spring grants for trees.
- Housing – Dwight and Mickie Harlan's work is complete. Doris Anderson's is in progress.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Monday, November 14th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- Pat moved and Cindy 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Checking					
Deposit	09/06/2011			Deposit	488.18
Deposit	09/06/2011			Deposit	3,370.67
Deposit	09/06/2011			Deposit	102,805.00
Check	09/06/2011		PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95
Deposit	09/07/2011			Deposit	1,132.23
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5728	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5729	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Water Meters / Maint Bldg	-646.14
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5730	Mason City Rentals	Fertile Days	-25.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5731	Municipal Supply, Inc.	12 new meters	-1,104.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5732	North Iowa Media Group	Fertile Days	-110.20
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5733	Pronto	Gas and Fertile Days Supplies	-117.85
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5734	Sign Pro	Comm Center/City Hall Signs	-933.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5735	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5736	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-144.62
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5737	Meyerholer Construction	Housing Grant	-6,502.00
Paycheck	09/07/2011	5743	May III, Edgar F.		-829.79
Paycheck	09/07/2011	5741	Russell, Grant		-1,152.89
Paycheck	09/07/2011	5742	Russell, Joyce		-742.57
Paycheck	09/07/2011	5739	Bruns, Warren		-308.31
Bill Pmt -Check	09/07/2011	5738	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Accounting help	-180.00
Liability Check	09/07/2011	106	IPERS		-482.30
Check	09/08/2011	5744	US Post Office	postcard stamps	-70.18
Check	09/12/2011	5754	PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95
Deposit	09/13/2011			Deposit	154.76
Deposit	09/14/2011			Deposit	2,647.49
Bill Pmt -Check	09/14/2011	5745	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-103.48
Bill Pmt -Check	09/14/2011	5746	BMC Aggregates L.C.	City Hall/Comm. Center Parking	-773.34
Bill Pmt -Check	09/14/2011	5747	Sign Pro	Installation charge	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/14/2011	5748	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.87
Bill Pmt -Check	09/14/2011	5750	Bates Bros. Construction	Housing Grant	-6,784.00
Deposit	09/15/2011			Deposit	5,971.19
Check	09/15/2011	5751	USPS	postage	-102.00
Check	09/18/2011	5745	First Security Bank & Trust	CC Loan	-2,500.00
Deposit	09/20/2011			Deposit	1,825.60
Check	09/20/2011		PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95
Check	09/20/2011		PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95
Deposit	09/21/2011			Deposit	2,511.42
Deposit	09/21/2011			Deposit	8,090.00
Deposit	09/21/2011			Deposit	6,502.00
Deposit	09/28/2011			Deposit	7,187.69
Bill Pmt -Check	09/28/2011	5752	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,127.06
Bill Pmt -Check	09/28/2011	5753	NIACOG	Housing Grant	-5,600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/28/2011	5754	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.11
Check	09/28/2011		Fertile Days	Fertile Days Adjustment	0.00
Check	09/28/2011		Fertile Days	Fertile Days Adjustment	0.00
Deposit	09/30/2011			Interest	32.07
Check	09/30/2011			Fertile Days Adjustment	0.00
Total General Fund Accounts					109,923.21
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	09/30/2011			Interest	15.32
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					15.32
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	09/30/2011			Interest	9.06
Total Water Revenue Accounts					9.06
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	09/30/2011			Interest	10.98
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					10.98
TOTAL					109,958.57



Happy Turkey Day

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FICTION

When All Your Dreams Come True - Janelle Mowry

Lost Wife - Alyson Richman

Still Missing - Chevy Stevens

Sixth Man - David Baldacci

Southern Comfort - Fern Michaels

Shock Wave - John Sanford

Blood Trails - Sharon Sala

House of Secrets - Tracie Petersen

Best of Me - Nicholas Sparks

Bonnie - Iris Johansen

Valley of Dreams - Lauraine Snelling

Blood Bond: Arizona Ambush - William Johnstone

Priests Graveyard - Ted Dekker

Christmas Wedding - James Patterson

Bond of Passion - Bertrice Small

Autumn Song - Martha Rogers

Second Nature - Jacquelyn Mitchard

Baby It's Cold Outside - Susan May Warren

Killing the Blues - Robert B. Parker

Ebooks

Dragon's Fire - Anne McCaffrey

The Blood Split - Asa Larsson

The Scarecrow - Michael Connelly

In the Company of Cheerful Ladies - Alexander McCall Smith

Fodor's Walt Disney World with the Kids 2012

The Icebound Land - John Flanagan

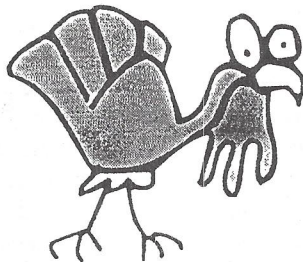
DVD'S

Amish Grace - Kimberly Williams-Paisley

Taking Chance - Kevin Bacon

LIBRARY NEWS

Do you feel festive yet? Christmas is coming! We will again be having our annual Christmas Open House & raffle. If you have anything you would like to donate for our raffle please contact the library.



The Library Friends are having a "Thirty-One" Party! Thirty-One offers a great selection of fun and practical products to help you get and stay organized. Think Christmas gifts! You can personalize! Browse a catalog at the library! Delivery by Christmas! Sponsored by Fertile Library Friends

"Fertile Mill" prints by Kathleen Doyle Almelein are available.

Prints are \$40.00

Stop by or contact the Library. if interested.

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Da End is Near!

Ole is the Pastor of the local Norwegian Lutheran Church and Pastor Sven is the minister of the Swedish Covenant Church across the road.

One day they are seen pounding a sign into the ground, which said:

**DA END ISS NEAR! TURN YERSELF AROUNT NOW
BAFOR IT ISS TOO LATE!**

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells "Leave people alone, you Skandihoovian religiousnuts!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. Shakin' his head, Rev. Ole says "Dat's da terd one dis mornin'." "Yaa" Pastor Sven agrees, then asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should yust say, "Bridge Out?"

OLE AND LENA

Ole invited his boss to dinner. As Lena was setting the table, Ole's boss casually asked little Ole what was being served for supper.

Little Ole responded, "I tink it's buzzard, because dis morning Mama said to Papa, "If ve are going to have dat old buzzard for supper, it might as vell be tonight."

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Ole goes into a bar and tells the bartender, "I know how you can sell more beer."

"How's that?" asks the bartender.

"Try filling up da glasses."

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

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is proof God has a plan for you.

The path may seem unclear right now,

But one day you will see.

That all that came before,

God wrote the book that is your life.

That's all you need to know.

Each day that you are living

Was written long ago.

God only writes best sellers,

So be proud of who you are.

Your character is important,

In this book you are a star.

Enjoy the novel as it reads,

It will stand throughout the ages.

Savor each chapter as you go,

Taking time to turn the pages.

Thanks to Kit Zirbel for this little poem.

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club Cookbook 1953 ~ 2011



The Fertile Garden Club Cookbooks will soon be back from the publishers. It contains over 650 recipes from members past and present. The cost is \$12.00 plus postage of \$3.00 if mailed. You can order your cookbook from Betty Waddington, 554 Hwy 9, Hanlonlntown, IA 50444 or contact bettyw@wctatei.net. A limited number have been ordered.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

V. RUTH (BALLENTYNE) OUVERSON 1919 - 2011

V. Ruth (Ballentyne) Oувerson, 92, passed away September 21, 2011, at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Forest City.



A funeral service was held September 24th at the Fertile Church of Christ with Pastor Dennis Ganz and Pastor Rob Perry officiating. Burial was in the Grant Township Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Ruth Was born on Jan. 9, 1919, in Clear Lake. She grew up on a farm just north of Ventura and would often recall how she would walk four miles each day to attend classes at the Grant Township School. While in high school, Ruth lived with her grandparents in Fertile where she attended Fertile High School.

On July 4, 1936, Ruth was united in marriage to Virgil Oувerson at the Fertile Church of Christ. Together they made their home in Fertile for over 75 years. Throughout her adult years, Ruth's first priority was raising their children and tending to their home.

She was accomplished in knitting and crocheting and made many afghans for family members and friends throughout the years. Ruth also enjoyed crossword puzzles and was available to lend a hand whenever the Fertile Church of Christ Christian Workers had an event or activity. Ruth enjoyed going out for dinner with Virgil each Friday evening at Pizza Hut and they did their weekly grocery shopping afterward. Ruth liked watching her weekly episode of "The Lawrence Welk Show" on Saturday.

Those grateful in sharing in Ruth's life are her husband, Virgil, of Fertile; her sons, Larry (Judy) of Yellville, Arkansas, Dennis Oувerson, Sebring, Florida and Roger (Susan) Oувerson, Vinton; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dick (Ethel) Ballantyne, Mason City and Bill (Irene) Ballentyne, Clear Lake; and a sister-in-law, June Ballantyne, Clear Lake; as well as extended family members and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Dora Ebaugh; a son in infancy, Jimmie Oувerson; a daughter, Rosalie Oувerson; and two brothers, Stan and Darrell Ballantyne.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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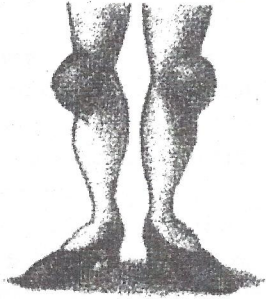
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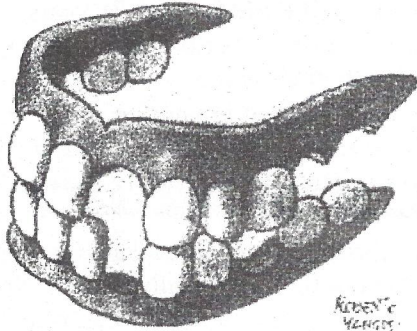
I'm Fine - How are you?

There's nothing the matter with me,
I'm just as healthy as can be,
I have arthritis in both knees,



And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

All my teeth have had to come out,



And my diet I hate to think about.
I'm overweight and I can't get thin,



But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

And arch supports I need for my feet.
Or I wouldn't be able to go out in the street.
Sleep is denied me night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right.
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin.
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Old age is golden ? I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder, as I go to bed.
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
And my glasses on a shelf, until I get up.
And when sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

The reason I know my Youth has been spent,
Is my get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went!
But really I don't mind, when I think with a grin,
Of all the places my get-up has been.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the obits.
If my name is missing, I'm therefore not dead,
So I eat a good breakfast and jump back into bed.

The moral of this as the tale unfolds,
Is that for you and me, who are growing old.
It is better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let people know the shape we are in.



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COOKS CORNER

Any time you have a recipe you would like to share,
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Last month I gave you the recipe for "Easy Cookie Mix" and promised I would you give you some recipes for special cookies using this mix. **HERE IT IS!** (Call me at 641-423-5024 if you don't have September copy with the Cookie Mix recipe)

GLAZED PEANUT BUTTER CUPS 350° Oven

- 2 cups Easy Cookie Mix
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/3 cup butter (softened)
- 1 egg
- 1 to 2 tablespoons Milk (if needed)

48 miniature milk chocolate-covered peanut butter cups, (Unwrapped of course)

GLAZE: 1/2 semisweet chocolate chips; 2 tsp. Shortening.
Grease 48 mini muffin cups with shortening or spray.

1. Stir cookie mix, peanut butter & egg with electric mixer, medium speed scraping bowl occasionally until dough forms. If needed, add 1 to 2 tablespoons milk.
2. Shape dough into 1 inch balls and place in muffin cups. Press 1 peanut butter cup into each ball.
3. Bake 13 to 18 minutes or until dough is set and golden brown around the edges COOL 5 minutes. Remove from pan and COOL 30 minutes.
4. In small microwavable bowl microwave Glaze ingredients on HIGH 45 seconds. Stir once halfway through until melted. Then continue to microwave on HIGH in 15 sec. increments, until smooth. Drizzle glaze evenly over cooled cookies..



HEARD OVER THE FENCE - a survival kit for everyday living

1. Toothpick—to remind you to pick out the good qualities of others.
2. Rubber Band—To remind you to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out.
3. Band Aid—To remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.
4. Pencil to remind you to list your blessing every day.
5. Eraser To remind you that everyone makes mistakes and it's okay.
6. Chewing Gum—to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.
7. Candy Kiss—to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day.
8. Tea Bag—to remind you to relax daily and reflect on all the positive things in your life.

FUN PAGE!

Animals in hot climates ...

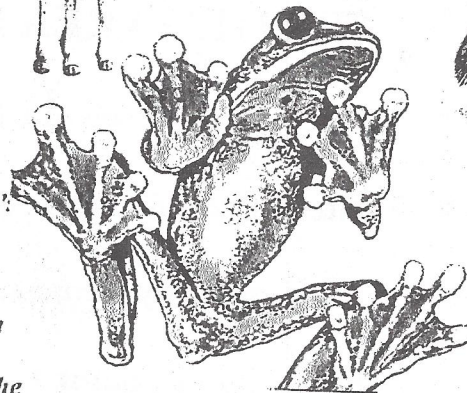
There are 15 animal names hidden in this puzzle. Twelve of the animals live in hot places such as deserts, tropical grasslands and rainforests. But the other three belong in cold climates - which ones are they?



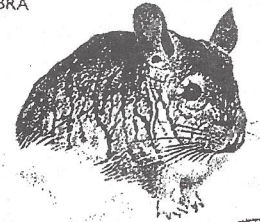
CAMEL, CHIMPANZEE, ELEPHANT, HIPPOPOTAMUS,
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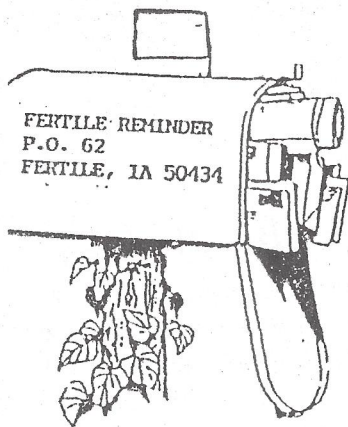
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Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Please join us Saturday, Nov . 19, 2011.

We will be serving dinner with all the trimmings from 5 - 7 p.m. in our church fellowship hall.

Reservations are not required but are appreciated. Please call the church office at 797-2784

PLEASE JOIN US -- WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING A MEAL WITH YOU.