FERTILE REMINDER

APRIL 2012, FERTILE, IA 50434



Coming Events

- April 2 Fireman's Meeting
- April 3 Fertile Girls, 5:30, Downtown Cafe
- April 3 Senior Citizens Dinner
- April 7 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 10 Garden Club
- April 16 Library Meeting
- April 17 Senior Citizens Dinner
- April 17 Council Meeting

WATCH FOR LIBRARY BOOK AND BAKE SALE!!!

- June 9 Alumni Banquet
- August 11 12 Fertile Days



The Fertile Garden Club met for their first meeting of the year with a pot luck supper at the Penny Miller home. 8 members were in attendance with 5 absent.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Penny Miller. Roll call was to tell something about yourself.

No minutes were read due to the absence of our secretary. The treasurer's report was read. Out of our 330 cookbooks ordered there are six left to sell. The members were commended for the quick sales. Every year the Constitution is read and our program books handed out and explained. We drew for our Secret Pals.

It was explained to our new members that the garden club plans, purchases, plants and maintains the flower pots on main street, the hanging planters, the flower beds by the foot bridge, and up at the Fertile sign. The watering has to be done often if no rain. We also change the flags and decorate with the corn shocks in the fall. Otherwise, it is our goal to beautify the town. The April meeting will be in the City Hall with Cindy Peters as hostess.

Betty Waddington, Reporting

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Tad Miller & Pat Renchin; Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts & City Clerk Eddie May.
- Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the February Minutes Carried.
- Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to close the public meeting at 7:08 to discuss a WCDA application. Carried.
- *Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to re-open the public meeting at 7:20.* Carried

City Maintenance Report

- Steve has been busy preparing the business incubator. He is happy to have something to do since we have had no snow.
 Carpet and Electrical (Hare Electric) will be done next week.
 Larsen's is finishing the plumbing this week.
- Steve will be looking out for varmints trying to borough in the sewer/drainage systems
- MacGuire Iron will be cleaning the water tower next week.
- The City will wait till May to flush the water mains
- Mayor Russell suggested that the City purchase a pull behind sprayer so that Steve can spray for weeds without needing help. City Council agreed.
- Steve will be installing a water faucet on the side of the Maint. Building to make cleaning the trucks and equipment easier.
- Now that it is getting nice outside, Steve will start siding the sewer lagoon building.
- Steve will also investigate possibilities to keep the banners and flags from blowing off the light poles.

Business Incubator

- This last month, the Globe Gazette, Northwood Anchor, and Forest City Summit published press releases relating to the opening of the Business Incubator. The City also published ads two weeks in a row in both the Northwood Anchor and Forest City Summit requesting applications.
- Advantage Business Solutions, Inc., from Fertile, was the only business to apply (or even request more information).
- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve Advantage Business Solutions' application. Vote was unanimous Motion Carried.
- There is still a second portion of the building that can be used by another interested business. Therefore, applications will still be accepted for the incubator. Applications can be found on the website. Assistance in completing the application, or more general information, is available by calling City Hall.

Mayor's Report

• On Feb 23rd, Mayor Russell met with Worth County to get City Hall approved for elections regarding handicap accessibility.

- The City will have 2 huge roll-off dumpsters for clean-up day on either June 9th or 16th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. (date will be set at the next Council meeting) Residents will get a ticket in the mail with all the details. Tickets must be presented to dump.
- Julie suggested that we open up the maintenance building for people to exchange used, but good, stuff from 8:00 to 10:00.
- CAD, from Charles City, has offered to remove appliances, printers, tvs, and more (for a small fee) during this time as well.
- On March 8th, ICAP presented the 2012 insurance policy. The insurance for all City Departments (including utilities, roads, parks, fire department, library, etc) costs \$ 11,857.13.
- WCTA, in 2011, gave free internet to the Library and free internet & cable tv to the Fire Department, a value of \$1,521.00
- On March 6th, Steve noticed that the weight restriction and park hours signs were gone. New signs have been purchased and will be attached to the trees.
- While the new tables and chairs for the community center will not be used outside of the building, the older ones can still be rented for graduations and other events outside of City Hall.
- The porta-poties will be brought back by the end of March.
- The 2" water meter has been installed at the Fire Department
- Mayor Russell has ordered two plaques for City Hall and the Community Center thanking the WCDA & Fertile Trustees for the funding to make the facilities a reality. No tax money, or utility bill money, has been used in the purchase and construction of the facilities. 100% of the funds have been received by the WCDA

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the Feb.Financials (67% through the year) Landfill Total (incl. General Roads Water Sewer 77% non-budget 64% 74% 76% 48% Income items) 52% 76% 103% 65% 34% Expense -\$33,696 \$659 -\$5,648 \$3,801 Net Income-\$13,283 \$9,273
- Deficit is caused primarily by Housing Grant and Community Center Grant money that has been spent, but has not been reimbursed by the CDBG or the WCDA yet.
- · Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve Feb. bills. Motion Carried.
- Pat motioned, Jeff 2rd to approve the following liens: 108 W Washington for \$444.84, 203 E Main for \$368.86. Carried. Liens will be placed if payment is not received by the 25th.

Committee Reports

• Community Center – The first coat of paint, and the ceiling grid, have been completed. Next up are the cabinets and flooring. Electrical will be done by the end of April. Target completion is the middle of May.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 17th, 2012, at Fertile City Hall. There will be a Public Hearing to amend the Flood Plain Ordinance at this meeting.
- · Penny moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

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MEMORIES OF FERTILE

BY Maxine Rye

Memories! Yes, I have many! I should since I am 92 and will be 93 on May 1st. I have lived in Fertile since 1945.

Did you know Fertile had a little red barn? Where Goldie Felland lived (now Josh Miller) was the old Lutheran Parsonage and across the street was no houses, just a little red barn. Pastor Coltvet had a cow in that barn. Norm came home in October 1945, after 4 years in service with no furlough. He wanted to get married right away, so we asked Pastor Coltvet to marry us. He set an appointment in the evening. We had to wait while he milked his cow.

Many times I've sat and thought of the beautiful gym we had. There were so many programs there.

Behind Grandma Ryes was the river. Young people enjoyed ice skating there. They would clear a large spot of snow off the ice and ice skate. They also made bon fires to warm up. They loved to play "Crack the Whip". They formed a line, and then skated real fast and the last one would lose his hold and whip away!

We had a bank on Main Street and when that closed, Teed Eithon and Gale Rye had an "International Harvester" business there. The young boys loved to visit with them.

Carl Fredrickson had a little café on Main Street. It had 2 little booths. Norm and I loved to go and have coffee. One night we walked in and 3 men were sitting in the 1st booth. They were telling something they did not want us to hear so they switched to Norwegian. I sat in the next booth with my back to them. When they were through, I turned and said in Norwegian "arf kos du snokkie", which translated means "oof, how you talk". They became very quiet.

Oscar Brue ran a grocery store on the north side of the street where I would send Jimmy down for a loaf of bread. One time, in the winter, when Jimmy went, the maintenance man had piled the snow from main street back there. Junie Seglem lived in a little brick house next to the store. Jimmy had climbed up the huge snow pile and gotten stuck. Junie heard him hollering, so she called across the street to Max Purcell's café and one of the men went and pulled him out.

At one time our town had three gas stations, a bank, a locker, 2 grocery stores, 2 cafes, hardware store, post office and a barber shop in the other half of the post office.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Reminder Staff

Thank you again for another year of memories and enjoyment. We plan to be around for at least one more year. Amos Miller

Dear Reminder Ladies: The world goes around again and it's time to renew the paper. I surely enjoy reading the Fertile Reminder so I am sending my dues for another year. Keep up the good work. Thanks for your time. Pat Tuttle

Hi, I would like to renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. I have neglected to do this for the last year or so and really miss it. You Gal's really do a great job. Thank you, Ver Lynn Austin

Dear Fertile Reminder Staff, We always enjoy receiving the Fertile Reminder. We have enclosed the \$8.00. Please keep the Fertile News coming our way. We enjoy each part of the paper. Have a wonderful March and the rest of 2012. Thanks again, Sincerely, Vonnie and Sever Pederson

> DON'T SAY Submitted by Kit Zirbel Don't say you're not important, It simply isn't true. The fact that you were born, Is proof, God has a plan for you.

The plan may seem unclear right now But one day you will see That all that came before, God wrote the book this 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 book as it reads It will stand throughout the ages Savor each chapter as you go. Taking time to turn the pages. This is for you, because you are special.

May God Bless you and keep you safe.

FERTILE ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

(This includes anyone that has ever attended Fertile Schools)

Date: June 9th

Where: Fertile Community Center On Highway 9 across the road West of the Church of Christ

Time: Luncheon to be served at 1:00

Doors will open at 11:00 with Coffee The last class graduating class from FHS -- the Class of '62 -- will be presenting the program this year. Harlan has asked Sig's Band to come and entertain us with some good music. Those who were in pep band and still have their instruments or can borrow an instrument are invited to play along -- at least for "On Wisconsin".

We have decided to try a luncheon rather than a dinner so that if you live relatively close to Fertile, you can be home by dark if you desire.

A caterer will be offering a 2 meat buffet at 1:00 for a cost of \$17.50 per person (this includes food, drink, tax, gratuity, and mailing costs). A short program will follow. Please send your check and bottom portion to:

> Dolores Sandifer P.O. Box 147 Fertile, IA 50434

(Name)

Class of

Number of people attending

I am bringing a

(instrument)

to play in the pep band.

This is needed to make sure we have enough music for everyone to have an opportunity to play.



Gene Brosdahl, 84, of Thornton, passed away Saturday, March Gene was born April 15, 1927, on a farm near Joice, Iowa, to Thomas and Alvina (Tweed) Brosdahl. He attended and graduated from Fertile Consolidated School. After graduation he was drafted into the Army. Following his

discharge he worked for the Navy Department at Arlington, Virginia. He returned home and started farming.

On December 5, 1954, Gene was united in marriage with Dorothy Pihl. They farmed until 1965 when they purchased the Lime Rock Café in Fertile. In 1967 they purchased a farm north of Joice, then in 1970 they moved into Joice and he worked for Standard Oil Fertilizer until 1975.

In 1975 Gene and Dorothy moved to Thornton to manage and later purchase a fertilizer plant in Swaledale. Gene also worked for a short time at Winnebago Industries in Hampton. He retired in 789.

Sene's greatest prize was his grandchildren. He was a devoted husband and father, traveling to the Sheffield Care Center daily day to visit Dorothy when she lived there.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Alan (Debra), Lexington, S.C., and Jody (Dawn), Gretna, Neb.; grandchildren, Morgan, Mason City; Tad (Shelby), Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Trent, Gretna, Neb.; and brothers and sisters and sister-in-law. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy, in October 2011; son, Dwight; brother, James Brosdahl; and brother-in-law, Jim Duff.

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FOREST CITY – Craig Hauge, age 53, played his final round on the Bear Creek Golf Course in Forest City on March 15, 2012, and was rushed to Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa, Mason City, where he was later pronounced dead. Craig Lynn Hauge was born in

Forest City on Jan. 6, 1959, the son of Arnold and Helen (Keyser) Hauge, where he grew up and lived his whole life. He graduated from Forest City High School in 1977, where he was involved in football, basketball, track, and baseball. After high school, he worked for the railroad and Bartleson Construction, before starting with 3M in 1981, where he has worked for the past 31 years. He married Teresa Heimdal in 1979 in Forest City, and to this union came three boys. They were later divorced in 2006.

Craig loved riding horses, being active in softball and bowling leagues, but as his boys grew, his interests shifted more to teaching them and on to becoming their biggest fan. Craig has been a long time Atlanta Braves fan even through the bad years, and was well known around the area for his Braves jacket he wore for years. One great memory Craig got to experience with his boys was a trip to Milwaukee to watch the Braves play a series and spend time with all three sons. Craig was very close to his parents who he visited regularly at their farm outside Fertile. He found joy in helping with the horses. bailing hay, and just enjoying the company of his family. Craig made it a point to support his family no matter the event. He was a proud supporter of Forest City athletics, and also the collegiate and recreational activities his children took part in. Craig was also a proud supporter of the U.S. Military, having two sons serve in the United States Army,

Throughout the last six years of Craig's life, Craig became an avid blood donor donating over seven gallons of blood. Craig during that time took up a great passion for the game of golf, walking, and a healthier/social lifestyle. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and co-workers.

Craig is survived by his parents, Arnold and Helen Hauge; his brothers, Paul Hauge of Britt, and Kent (Carmen) Hauge of Kiester, Minn.; his sons Jeremy Hauge of Des Moines, Benjamin (Julie) Hauge of Ogden, Kan., and Matthew Hauge of Mankato, Minn. Craig was preceded in death by his grandparents; an infant brother (Dennis Arnold) and infant sister (Paulette Kae).



NEW BOOKS

The Dressmaker—Kate Alcott Beauty for Ashes— Dorothy Love Chasing the Sun—Tracie Peterson Lone Wolf—Jodi Picoult Montana Gundown—William W. Johnstone The Killing—William W. Johnstone Kill Shot—Vince Flynn Taste of Home Casseroles Kid-Approved Foods—Taste of Home

NEW AUDIO BOOKS

The Litigators—John Grisham Explosive Eighteen—Janet Evanovich Semper Fi—W.E.B. Griffin

LIBRARY NEWS

As many of you already know the library provides wireless (Wi-Fi) access for our patrons. We are pleased to provide this service but want you made aware that wireless access is not filtered. You also need to be aware that you are transmitting over an open network and are susceptible to potential 'eavesdropping'. Wireless patrons are responsible for maintaining up-to-date antivirus software, firewalls, etc. 'Wired' access to the Internet is filtered. The library's Internet Access Policy & Guidelines are posted in the library.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE LIBRARY BOOK AND BAKE SALE! If you have any books or movies you would like to donate call or drop them off at the library! A big thank you to everyone who have already generously donated!!!

GREAT TIP FOR KEEPING BERRIES

FRESHER LONGER. Wash them with vinegar. When you get your berries home, prepare a mixture of one part vinegar (white or apple cider probably work best) and ten parts water. Dump the berries into the mixture and swirl around. Drain, rinse if you want (though the mixture is so diluted you can't taste the vinegar,) and pop in the fridge.

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NEW EBOOKS

6 P.M.

The Amazon's Curse—Gena Showalter Endangered Species—Cathy Hapka Highland Honor—Hannah Howell I've Got Your Number— Sophie Kinsella

NEW DVDS Breaking Dawn Pt. 1—Robert Pattinson



EASTER EGG HUNT Fertile Park April 7, 2012 10 :00 AM Bring Your Own Basket!

FERTILE GARDEN COOKBOOK CORRECTIONS

Please make the following corrections in your cookbook. We apologize for the errors.

Page 92 Sour Cream Cookies 1 tsp. of soda ONLY

Page 93 Spice Drop Cookies 1 t. soda in raisins and water before heating

Page 94 Hilda Johnson's White cookies 1 ½ cups sugar

Page 238 Kosher Dill Pickles 6 cups cider vinegar instead of 5

COOKS CORNER

Any time you have a recipe you would like to share, Send it along to REMINDER, PO BOX 62, FERTILE, LA. 50434

KOOL AID PLAY DOUGH

1 cup flour 1/4 cup salt 1 TBSP vegetable oil 2 tsp. Cream of Tarter I package Kool Aid Glitter can be added.

Mix all ingredients with a wooden spoon In a sauce pan until most of the lumps are gone. Put on stovetop over medium heat, stirring constantly till a ball forms. Dump ont on counter and knead until it looks like playdough.

(This was given to me by Betty W. and she said Kathy Gaither had this posted on FB for her day care kids. Have some ready when the grandkids Neat Idea. come by to visit.)

My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again. The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now ...

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FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday- Sunday School 9:00 AM Fellowship Time - 9:55 AM Worship - 10:15 AM Tuesday- Fireside study 10:00 AM Wednesday- Youth & Teen Groups 7:00 PM

> Fertile Lutheran Church 602 W. Washington Box 215 Fertile, IA 50434

Pastor David Halverson 641-797-2767

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Wed. 5:30 pm Confirmation Class

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH 805 10th Ave. North Clear Lake IA 641-357-0026 Sunday School – 9:00 – 9:45 Fellowship – 9:45 – 10:00 Praise and Worship Service – 10:00 – 11:00 Youth Group – 1st & 3rd Sunday 5:00 – 6:00



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May you and your family bave a Blessed Easter The Fertile Reminder Staff

