

FERTILE REMINDER

MAY 2012, FERTILE, IA 50434



THINGS MOM'S SAY

- Money does not grow on trees.
- Don't make that face or it'll freeze in that position.
- If I talked to my mother like you talk to me....
- Always change your underwear; you never know when you'll have an accident.
- What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?
- You have enough dirt behind those ears to grow potatoes!
- Close that door! Were you born in a barn?
- Be careful what you wish for, it might come true.
- What's meant to be, is meant to be.
- I hope that when you grow up, you have kids "Just Like you"!
- Because I'm your mother that's why.
- If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times.
- If you fall out of that tree and break your leg, don't come running to me.
- Someday your face is going to stick like that.
- Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.
- Yes, I *AM* the boss of you.
- Because I said so.
- Just wait till your father gets home.
- No dessert till you clean off your plate.
- I've got eyes in the back of my head, that's how
- Just you wait until you have kids of your own - then you'll understand
- Honestly... You'd lose your head if it wasn't screwed on!
- Bored! How can you be bored? I was never bored at your age.

Coming Events

- May 1 Senior Dinner - noon
- May 1 Fertile Girls 5:30 pm
- May 3 Recycle
- May 5 Shower, Dallas & Marissa Koencke
- May 7 Firemen Meeting 7:00pm
- May 8 Garden Club 7:00 pm
- May 10 Recycle
- May 13 Mother's Day ALL DAY
- May 15 Senior Dinner - noon
- May 15 Council 7:00 pm
- May 15 Deadline for the Reminder
- May 20 Forest City & Clear Lake Graduation
- May 21 Library Meeting
- May 27 Pot Luck for Don & Peggy Roberts
- May 28 Memorial Day - Post Office Closed
- May 31 Recycle

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 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.
- *Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the March Minutes with the following two corrections: WCTA gives a discount for Internet service to the Fertile Library, they do not give it for free. A lien was not placed on 108 W Washington – a payment was posted to the wrong account – 108 was current.* Motion Carried.

Lot-line Variance Request – Amanda Waddington

- Amanda asked the Council for a variance to allow construction closer to the lot line than the ordinances require. *Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the variance as long as the variance request is written out and, approved and signed by the affected neighbor.*

Little League Batting Cage

- The Fertile Little League was awarded a \$9,187 grant from the WCDA, charitable arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, for the purchase and installation of a new batting cage. The cage will be used both during practices, and during the game, to keep players warmed up.
- While there was some miscommunication in the application process, & the application wasn't approved by the Council before submission, the Council stands behind the Little League and is proud of the great job that David and Melannie Bang have done as directors.
- As a reminder, in an effort to work together as a team and to prioritize projects across the City, all WCDA grants, written for a department of the City, must be approved by the Council before submission. This policy was passed at the May Council meeting in 2006 and published in the Minutes of that meeting.
- The Little League has submitted a copy of the grant to City Hall and will work with Eddie to monitor the grant and to present appropriate financial statements to the City Council.
- The City Council thanks David and Melannie Bang, as well as all the coaches, umpires and volunteers that have made the Little League a very important part of the Fertile Community.

City Maintenance Report

- Cleaned out the plow truck sand & salt. Will need to take to Elliot's to weld the spreader back on. Truck is starting to rust out, but should be good for a couple more years.
- Started to mow and trim. Purchased sprayer to tow behind mower.
- Put new signs up in the park for hours and weight limits. Re-installed a yield sign that had knocked down over the winter.
- Water tower was cleaned out. Macguire Iron stated it was the cleanest they had seen in the last couple of years. (The outside really needs to be painted though.) Chlorination system wiggled out during the cleaning so the west half of town lost water for a few hours. Steve, Buck and Warren stayed all night manually switching the pumps off and on to help the system re-calibrate.
- Cleaned out the alley behind the Fire Station and has been filling in the potholes on Main Street. Also helped Penny and Julie hang the flags on the light poles on Main Street.
- Finished the work on the Business Incubator and installed a cabinet in the Mayor's office.
- Encouraged to diligently watch for critters damaging lagoons

Community Center / Business Incubator

- Council took a tour of the building updates.
- Community Center: Both the ceiling and the floor have been installed. The final coat of paint is on. Cabinets will get put in this weekend. Electrical and plumbing can continue once the cabinetry and countertops have been installed. We received a \$775 quote for the stripping, waxing and buffing of the floor from Shineway in Mason City, as well as a \$75 quote for regular cleaning. *Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the Shineway contracts.* Motion Passed.
- Business Incubator: plumbing, painting, flooring and electrical have been completed. Advantage Business Solutions has moved in. They are still finishing up a little construction work.

Mayor's Report

- Worth County Sheriff was called in to investigate windows shot out by a BB gun and a pop machine that was vandalized. They did find fingerprints that could lead to an arrest.
- Porta-poties have been re-installed around town.
- A sensor was replaced by Hare Electric at the lagoon plant which may have been damaged by lightning. It was suggested that we install a taller lightning/grounding rod.
- A resident, and his dog, was bitten by a loose Pit Bull. The incident was reported to the Worth County Sheriff. City ordinances state that Pit Bulls, and other dangerous animals, cannot be kept in City limits. Ordinances also state that dogs must be kept on leashes when outside.
- Summary ordinances for golf-cart usage, curfew, and animal control were posted at the Post Office. Ordinances can be read at City Hall.
- Working with Worth County to verify all addresses for 911.
- Attended a storm spotters training with Emergency Mgmt.
- The City siren will sound for 10 minutes once a tornado warning has been declared. Remember the siren is to warn those who are outside. During inclement weather, residents are encouraged to use a NOAA weather radio, watch KIMT, or subscribe to smart phone weather alerts from WeatherBug.
- City clean-up day is scheduled for June 9th from 8 am till noon, or until the two dumpsters are full. Residents will receive a ticket in the mail which they must present before dumping. We have also contracted with CAD from Charles City for curb-side appliance removal. Appliances will be removed for free. TVs and computer monitors will cost \$15-\$25 (depending on size), and printers and computer equipment will be charged on a separate basis.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the March Financials (75% through the year)

	General/Housing	Roads/WCDA	Utilities	Total
Income	\$257,527	\$125,528	\$126,734	\$509,790
Expense	267,675	144,140	128,656	540,471
Total	-10,148	-18,612	-1,922	-30,681

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. Eddie anticipates a net income by year end

- *Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve March bills.* Motion Carried.
- *Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the following liens: 210 W Main for \$199.76, 501 W Washington for \$199.76, 605 W Washington for \$587.87 and 207 E Main for \$665.22.* Motion Carried. Liens will be placed if payment is not received by the 25th.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, May 15th, 2012, at Fertile City Hall. There will be a Public Hearing to amend the Flood Plain Ordinance at this meeting.
- *Pat moved and Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Motion Carried.

City of Fertile
 Bills Paid
 As of March 30, 2012


4:30 PM
 04/18/2012
 Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
General Fund Accounts					
Bill Pmt -Check	3/1/2012	5966	Advantage Business Solutions, In	Accounting help	\$ (232.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/1/2012	5967	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	\$ (586.24)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/1/2012	5968	ICAP	Insurance	\$ (11,857.13)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/1/2012	5969	Menards	Supplies for City Hall	\$ (132.35)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/1/2012	5970	PSI	2500 Utility Bill Cards	\$ (98.50)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/1/2012	5971	UPS	Water testing	\$ (10.76)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/1/2012	5972	Waste Management	Landfill	\$ (1,918.58)
Deposit	3/2/2012			Deposit	\$ 1,819.66
Deposit	3/3/2012			Deposit	\$ 3,025.27
Deposit	3/7/2012			Deposit	\$ 1,068.16
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5947	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	\$ (11.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5948	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	\$ (10.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5949	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	Dues	\$ (376.12)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5950	Kramer Ace Hardware	Lagoon Supplies	\$ (12.28)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5951	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Community Center Thermostat	\$ (246.77)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5952	Menards	Business Incubator	\$ (38.25)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5953	Municipal Supply, Inc.	Meter for Fire Department	\$ (1,081.49)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5954	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Legals, Budget Estimate	\$ (111.08)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5955	Pronto	Gas for Truck/Warrens classes	\$ (278.24)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5956	Superior Lumber, Inc	Business Incubator	\$ (46.29)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5957	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	\$ (152.49)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5958	Waste Management	Dumpster	\$ (128.59)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5960	Bates Bros. Construction	Housing Grant	\$ (4,685.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/7/2012	5961	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	\$ (150.34)
Paycheck	3/7/2012	5965	Bruns, Warren		\$ (311.39)
Paycheck	3/7/2012	5964	Russell, Grant		\$ (208.19)
Paycheck	3/7/2012	5963	Russell, Joyce		\$ (859.95)
Paycheck	3/7/2012	5962	Roberts, Stephen J		\$ (1,261.12)
Liability Check	3/7/2012	iQue	IPERS		\$ (674.30)
Liability Check	3/8/2012	efips	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes	\$ (1,012.80)
Deposit	3/12/2012			Deposit	\$ 388.20
Deposit	3/14/2012			Deposit	\$ 2,588.15
Paycheck	3/15/2012	5973	May III, Edgar F.		\$ (794.08)
Check	3/18/2012	5960	First Security Bank & Trust	Community Center Loan Payment	\$ (2,500.00)
Deposit	3/20/2012			Deposit	\$ 1,762.66
Deposit	3/21/2012			Deposit	\$ 2,469.89
Bill Pmt -Check	3/21/2012	5974	Menards	Paint for the Incubator	\$ (73.32)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/21/2012	5975	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$ (43.46)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/21/2012	5976	Waste Management	Landfill	\$ (444.87)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/21/2012	5977	Yaggy Colby Associates	Sewer Services	\$ (349.50)
Paycheck	3/21/2012	5978	Roberts, Stephen J		\$ (864.52)
Check	3/21/2012		Tractor Supply	Equipment	\$ (249.05)
Check	3/21/2012		Displays2GO	Outdoor Bulliten Board	\$ (233.36)
Deposit	3/28/2012			Deposit	\$ 5,646.91
Bill Pmt -Check	3/28/2012	5979	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	\$ (11.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/28/2012	5980	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	\$ (1,252.27)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/28/2012	5981	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Replace Stolen Signs in the Park	\$ (106.25)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/28/2012	5982	Menards	Incubator Expenses	\$ (17.66)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/28/2012	5983	North Iowa Media Group	Business Incubator	\$ (168.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	3/28/2012	5984	Staples	Office Supplies	\$ (46.98)
Deposit	3/30/2012			Deposit	\$ 4,685.00
Bill Pmt -Check	3/31/2012	5985	Lukes Floor Covering	Incubator Flooring	\$ (2,672.00)
Deposit	3/31/2012			Deposit	\$ 7.40
Total General Fund Accounts					\$ (12,856.77)
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	3/7/2012			Interest	\$ 10.56
Deposit	3/31/2012			Interest	\$ 10.00
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					\$ 20.56
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	3/31/2012			Interest	\$ 5.35
Total Water Revenue Accounts					\$ 5.35
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	3/31/2012			Interest	\$ 6.48
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					\$ 6.48
TOTAL					\$ (12,824.38)

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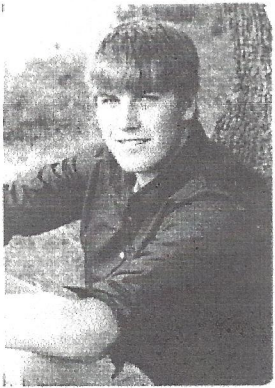
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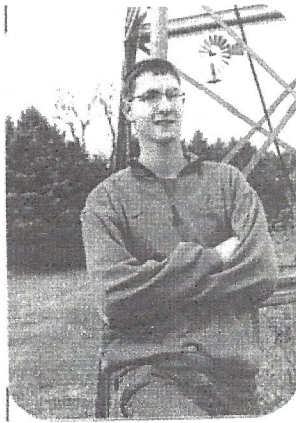
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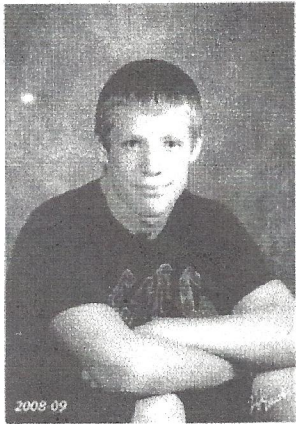
Joshua Bruns, son of Dick and Joely, plans to attend NIACC for Ag and business classes.



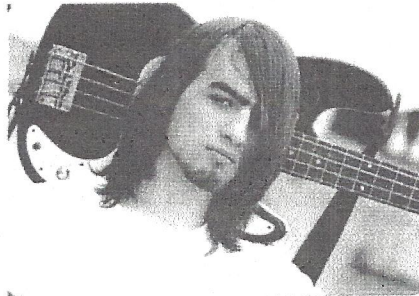
Luke Klevland, son of Tim and Deb Klevland, plans to attend Iowa State to study engineering.



Nicholas Mitthun, son of Paula and Jerry Appel, plans to attend NIACC



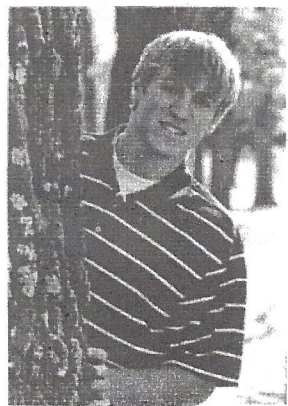
Ben Collins, son of Darcy Collins and the late Timothy Collins, has joined the National Guard and plans to attend NIACC



Joshua May, son of Eddy and Lisa May, plans to go to SE Technical College in Red Wing, MN and study guitar building and repair.



Liz Olson, daughter of Don and Cely Olson, plans to attend Carthage College in Kenosha, WI & major in Elementary Education, plus be a member of the Women's Swim Team.



Aaron Harms, son of Randy and Robin Harms, plans to attend Ellsworth College in Iowa Falls for Criminal Justice.

Amber Knopf, No Information



McKenzie S. Neve, daughter of Dave & Sue Neve, plans on going to College of Art in MN.

Paige Holt No information!



Brandon Theilen, son of Paul Theilen and Michelle Case, plans to go to NIACC in the fall.

Jeremy Kostelecky, cont. next page



Open House

Bridal Shower

Honoring Dallas & Marissa (Oleson) Koeneke

May 5th, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Fertile Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome to come join in celebrating
with the happy couple!

They are registered at Target and Kohl's.

Don and Peggy Roberts

A pot luck noon meal will be held at the Fertile Church of Christ on May 27th from noon to 2 pm in honor of Don and Peggy Roberts and their family who are here from California for a very short period of time. Don graduated from Fertile High School with the class of 1955.

All relatives and friends are invited and we hope to eat as near noon as possible. Hope to see you there. Viola Roberts

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met on April 10, 2012 at the Fertile City Hall. Roll Call was answered by 11 members, each telling which is the first flower to appear in their garden in the spring. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a delicious lunch was served by Cindy Peters. Discussion was held on the types of flowers to be planted by our Fertile sign, and in the containers that decorate main street. New flags will be ordered for Main Street, and plans to plant flowers at our May meeting. Happy Birthday was sung to Mary Anderson. Thought for the day was shared by Betty Waddington.

Our next meeting will be May 8th, at the Community Center, hostess Penny Miller. Meeting adjourned.

Suzanna Lee, Reporter

B A B Y

Abigail Eileene Chase was born on February 17, 2012 to Josh and Laura (Pederson)Chase, Fertile. Abigail has a brother Isaac at home. Grandparents are Randy Pederson, Cheryl & Bryon Kurtzleben, Great-grandparents are Marcheta Pederson, Darold & Sondra Schleuger, Jim Chase and Brenda McKinstry.



Finley Ayla Anderson, daughter of Adam and Lindsey Anderson was born on March 22, 2012 weighing 9 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 1/2" long. Grandparents are Kris Anderson and the late Joel Anderson, Gary and Jodene Bartleson, all of Forest City.



FERTILE GIRLS

The Fertile Girls meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Downtown Cafe at 5:30. This is for any gal that went to Fertile school and graduated in the years 1960-1965 although anyone is welcome to join us.

If you have an item for the paper, send to fertilermd@wctatel.net by the 15th of the month.

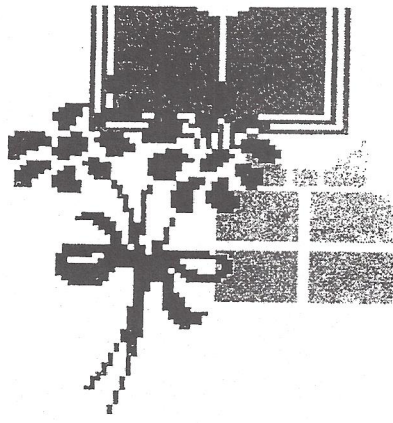
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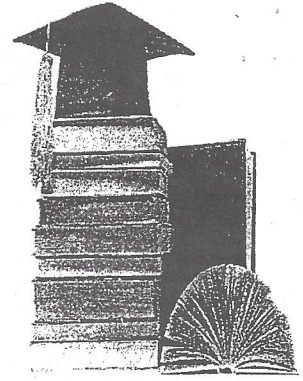
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NEW BOOKS

- Missing - Shelley Shepard Grey
- Betrayal—Danielle Steel
- Calico Joe—John Grisham
- What Doesn't Kill You — Iris Johansen
- Heart of Glass—Jill Marie Landis
- The Witness—Nora Roberts
- Loving—Karen Kingsbury
- Lover Reborn—J.R. Ward
- Guilty Wives—James Patterson
- Zero Day—David Baldacci
- Lost Years—Mary Higgins Clark

NEW EBOOKS

- The Loner—J.A. Johnstone
- Blood of Renegades—J.A. Johnstone
- The Big Cat Nap—Rita Mae Brown
- Against the Night—Kat Martin
- Half Blood Prince—J.K. Rowling
- Chomp—Carl Hiaasen
- The Coldest Night—Robert Olmstead

NEW DVDS

- War Horse—Emily Watson
- Girl With the Dragon Tattoo—Daniel Craig

Don't miss it!

Fertile Library's

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SIX BOYS~



Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC , with the eighth grade class from Clinton , WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capital, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II.

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?'

I told him that we were from Wisconsin. 'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.'

(It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his

dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.)

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.)

'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin . My dad is on that statue, and I just wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers' which is #5 on the New York Times Best Seller list right now. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

'Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it.

(He pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph, a photograph of his girlfriend. Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

'The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country.' He knew he was talking to little boys.. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

'The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona . Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima . He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

'The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky . A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews. When Walter Cronkite's producers or the *New York Times* would call, we were trained as little kids to say "No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back." My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup; but we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press. You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, "I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back, did NOT come back." So, that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time."

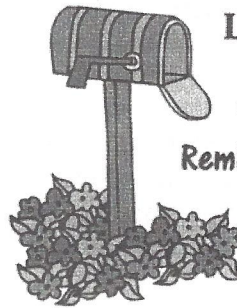
Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

Just minutes after the flag was raised, SGT Michael Strank, CPL Harlon Block and PFC Franklin Sousley were killed.

REMINDER: Every day that you can wake up free, it's going to be a great day!



Jeremy Kostelecky, son of Cathy Jamison-Williams and Kevin Kostelecky, has been accepted in the Aviation Program at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to have the Fertile Reminder again. I miss the paper as I don't get to Fertile very often anymore. Gladys Humphrey

Reminder Staff,

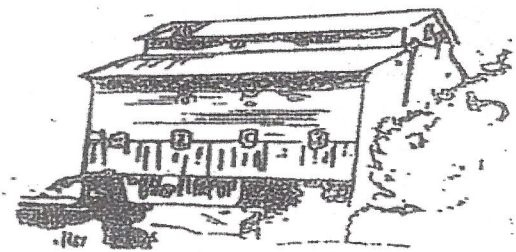
Thanks for the work you do. Please keep the Reminder coming to South Dakota. Arlyn Abrams

Thanks for doing such a great job. Joyce Russell

Check for Subscription renewal? Thank You, Bob Luthe

Thank you so very much for your service. We both enjoy getting Fertile news. Donna & Ed Stalker

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This probably sounds crazy, but just yesterday I was in Wal Mart looking for a wastebasket. I found some made

China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked the lady if they had any others. She took me to another department and they had some at \$2.50 made in USA . They are just as good.

Same as a kitchen rug I needed. I had to look, but I found some made in the USA and they were \$3.00 cheaper. We are being brain washed that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. Not so. That is also why I don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore. They are made in China and are expensive. I buy them at Dollar Tree....50 cents each and made in USA .

Check this out. I can verify this because I was in Lowe's the other day for some reason and just for the heck of it I was looking at the hose attachments... They were all made in China .

The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA .

Start looking ...

Our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - even their job. So, after reading this email, I think this lady is on the right track.. Let's get behind her!

My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is marked made in Mexico now. I do not buy it any more.

My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico ... Now I have switched to Crest. You have to read the labels on everything....

Good idea . . . One light bulb at a time . . .

ANT-TIDOTE

Do those pesky little ants drive you crazy when they invade your space?? Here is a quick remedy to get rid of them without using anything poisonous!

Put 2 T of dish detergent to a pint of water, put spray bottle and spray the area the ants have taken over. DO NOT WIPE IT DOWN AFTER SPRAYING!

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY???

Making your own laundry soap can do just that. Some have been using this and find it does work!!

LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP

Hot water
1/2 cup Washing Soda
1/2 cup Borax
1/3 bar Soap (grated)

In a large pot, heat 3 pints of water. Add the grated bar soap and stir until melted. Then add the washing soda and borax. Stir until powder is dissolved, then remove from heat.

In a two gallon clean pail, pour 1 quart of hot water and add the heated soap mixture. Top pail with cold water and stir well.

Use 1/2 cup per load, stirring soap before each use (will gel).

For the bar soaps required in the recipe, you could try Fels-Naptha, Ivory soap, Sunlight bar soap, Kirk's Hardwater Castile, and Zote. Don't use heavily perfumed soaps.

Washing Soda and Borax can normally be found in the laundry and cleaning aisles.

Store in your empty detergent containers or you can put in gallon containers. Keep covered.

You can add between 10 to 15 drops of essential oil (per 2 gallons) to your homemade detergent. Add once the soap has cooled to room temperature. Stir well and cover. Essential oil ideas: lavender, rosemary, tea tree oil.

POWDERED LAUNDRY SOAP

Each batch yields approximately 32 ounces (between 32-64 loads based on how many Tbsp used per load).

1 bar of shaved bar soap (Ivory, ZOTE, Fels-Naptha) (can use food grater or food processor)
1 cup of borax
1 cup of washing soda

Thoroughly stir together for 5 minutes and enjoy the results! That's it folks...seems too good to be true, but it is true indeed! Use 1 Tablespoon per load.

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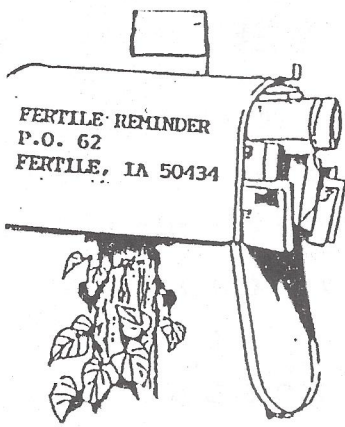
Praise and Worship Service - 10:00 - 11:00

Youth Group - 1st & 3rd Sunday 5:00 - 6:00

LESSONS ON LIFE FROM FAMOUS DAVE

1. Start your day with positive affirmations to yourself. Smile and say something positive and be cheerful to everyone you meet. Give someone a hug!
2. Be hard on yourself and life will be easy on you. Be easy on yourself and life will be hard on you. Don't look for the easy way. You won't grow and you won't learn anything.
3. If it's to be, it's up to me. Learn to depend on yourself. You are responsible for where you are in life. Quit blaming others for your failures. Change yourself and the world around you will get better.
4. Never complain, never gossip; instead, always be a good finder.
5. Work hard on your job and you'll earn a living. Work hard on yourself and you'll learn a fortune. Do more than you are paid to do. Always volunteer for extra work. Never quit learning. Whatever you do, take pride in your work.
6. Giving makes you bigger than you are. The more you pour out, the more life will be able to pour in.
7. Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.
- 8. Be "Solution Conscious" not "Problem Conscious". Anyone can point out problems but the valuable person is the one who finds solutions and accepts the responsibility to implement the solution.
9. Working 40 hours will only earn you a living. Everything invested over 40 hours earns you a fortune.
- 10. It is better to "wear out" than to "rust out!" Live a life to its fullest. Don't waste it.
- 11. There are no Shortcuts in Life. Patience is a virtue. What you do, day-in-and-day-out may be boring, but those who stay the course are always the ones who win at the end.
- 12. Be all that you can be. Always try to achieve your maximum potential.
- 13. What happens to you in the Inside....becomes a Reality on your Outside.
- 14. God is in the details,, Pay attention to the details.
- 15. Live Healthy and be Happy !

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Coming Soon: Sunday Brunch

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Downtown Café is now open under new management. Nicole and Kylie Hare are the new owners. Tom Hare, their Dad, and Nicole's boyfriend, Josh are cooking. If you get a chance to stop by, the food and service are GREAT.

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