

FERTILE REMINDER

February 2019



This is the fall project to put in a cement pad and install flag poles and flags at the Community Center. This spring the Garden Club will landscape around it. Aren't they impressive? Thanks Penny Miller for the picture.

FEBRUARY

4 Firemen meet

9 Firemen's supper

14 & 28 Recycle

18 Library Board meets

18 City Council

19 Reminder emailed

28 Reminder mailed

Does anyone know about the ghosts at the school house that the Facebook participants have been talking about? Please send any facts.

How many of you have the story of Dillenger eating and staying in Fertile AFTER the Mason City Bank robbery. Please send any information on this.

Recently a story has been told of 2 brothers who lived in the area. One disappeared so a few years after the sister came to investigate what happened to the one him. She disappeared. Later a grave was found with a man and woman buried. Anyone have any facts on this?

Send any information to bettyw@wctatel.net or Betty Waddington, 554 Hwy 9, Hanlontown, IA 50444.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey, Ron Rachut and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the minutes of the November meeting.* Unanimous
- Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to accept agenda with the addition of the Fertile Fire Department and Jeff Berg.* Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Fertile Fire Department: The Fire Department notified city council that they're planning to put in a WCDA grant for new digital radio that has been mandated by the Federal Government.

Jeff Berg:

- Jeff Berg is working with Scott Wilson at the DNR & Bergo Development in regards to nuisance property at 301 W Main Street. He is currently working on getting a permit from the DNR for the deconstruction process. The deconstruction will be delayed until the river is frozen.
- Jeff inquired about the tile on E Main that has tree roots plugging it and creating water back up on E side of town. Joyce will be contacting the Worth County Engineer on this.

Home Rule Proclamation: Joyce proclaimed that the Home Rule is essential to effective and responsive municipal governance in Iowa and provides flexibility to make decisions at the local level.

City Maintenance Report:

- Christmas Lights have been installed on Main Street.
- The Fall draw down at the lagoon is complete.
- Snow Chains for the snow plow truck have been repaired and new chains have been purchased.
- Steve serviced the city mower for next year.
- A cooper / lead water test had been sent to residence that samples were taken from.
- Snow fence has been set up on W Washington.
- Josh Miller repaired the hydraulic line on the snow plow truck.
- The skid loader program has been discontinued. Steve will be checking into lease estimates to submit to the city council.
- Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report.* Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Joyce decorated City Hall & the Community Center with Christmas décor.
- Worth County Sheriff's office was notified of dogs running at large. ASPCA set up live traps and the dogs were caught and sent to the Humane Society.
- Joyce is working on Tier 2 Emergency & Hazardous Chemical Inventory.
- Joyce & Cindy are working on WCDA spring grant to get bids to repair the log cabin in the park. Jaci Miller will be writing the grant for this.
- Fertile Days Spaghetti supper will be held on January 19th at the Community Center.
- Heartland Asphalt is giving us a bid to blacktop the parking lot at the library.
- Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented the USDA AFR report to the Council. *Cindy motioned, Tad seconded to approve the report.* Unanimous.
- Committee Budgets are due January 15th, 2019.
- Ron motioned, Holly 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve November Bills.* Unanimous
- No Liens.

	7/1/2018 to 11/30/2018	General	WCDA	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST	Utilities	Total
Income		156,449.73	61,792.98	21,817.83	957.11	3,968.98	16,053.05	79,876.90	340,916.58
Expense		185,102.35	61,792.98	12,491.07	0	3,145.07	0	48,360.54	310,892.01
Total		-28,652.62	0	9,326.76	957.11	823.91	16,053.05	31,516.36	30,024.57
Fund Balance		26,176.35	21.32	69,645.25	957.11	2,037.33	16,053.05	186,583.82	301,474.23

Committee Report:

- Holly suggested prioritizing the grants desired for the City of Fertile. Fire Department Radios, Bridge at Williams Rhodes Mills Park, Log Cabin Repair, Blade for Skid Loader, Walking Path at Williams Rhodes Mills Park, Clean Drain on W Main Street & Library Parking lot.
- Ron is attended meeting in January regards to bike trails in Worth County. They plan to start within the cities. Also trails along the river have been discussed.
- Ron contacted State Forester Park for types of trees to plant in the park.
- Wendy suggested applying for Visioning Iowa with Trees Forever to help improve the community. This would help with planning and development of paths, trees, signage, etc.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session on January 15th at 7:00 pm at Fertile City Hall.
- Nick motioned, Holly 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

Summary:

- Nuisance Property at 301 W Main Street
- Grants
- USDA AFR

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of November 30, 2018

Accrual Basis
Amount

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Check	11/01/2018	AMA	Citibusiness Card	(L) Allocating Ask My Accountant originally enter 10-03-2018.	0.00
Check	11/02/2018	ACH	Citibusiness Card	(L) Books & CDs, Supplies, Programs, DVDs, Postage, Fees	-621.17
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8848	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-40.00
Check	11/07/2018	DEBIT	USPS	Postage	-120.00
Paycheck	11/07/2018	8849	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-300.20
Paycheck	11/07/2018	8850	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-328.88
Paycheck	11/07/2018	8851	Russell, Grant	City Maintenance	-162.22
Paycheck	11/07/2018	8852	Russell, Joyce	Mayor (Donated 16 Hours)	-1,429.57
Check	11/07/2018	8853	Egesdal, Ashley	Utility Deposit Refund	-150.00
Check	11/07/2018	8854	Hauge, Trista	Utility Deposit Refund	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8855	Clapper Tree Service	Lift tree off dam.	-500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8856	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-263.56
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8857	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8858	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Winterize baseball Concession stand	-95.79
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8859	Quality Pump & Control	Contacto, Start Capacitor, Potential Relay	-351.35
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8860	Visu-Sewer	Clean & Televised 1905' of Sanitary Sewer	-2,655.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8861	Waste Management	Garbage, Recycling & Container Services.	-2,338.17
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8862	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-208.16
Bill Pmt -Check	11/07/2018	8863	Wendy Lunning - v	Mileage to Bank (10 miles @ .545 per mile)	-5.45
Liability Check	11/14/2018	EFT	IPERS	(L)	-325.58
Liability Check	11/14/2018	EFT	IPERS		-843.60
Liability Check	11/14/2018	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,482.78
Paycheck	11/14/2018	8864	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,067.71
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2018	8865	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,838.81
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2018	8866	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-395.03
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2018	8867	Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Loan	-778.75
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2018	8868	Iowa Rural Water Association		-225.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2018	8869	Marco	IRWA Membership Dues	-74.77
Bill Pmt -Check	11/14/2018	8870	Verizon Wireless	Copier, Printer, Fax	-80.98
Paycheck	11/21/2018	8871	Arndt, Linda J	Cell Phone	-221.77
Paycheck	11/21/2018	8872	Knudson, Loni	(L) Assistant Director	-165.56
Paycheck	11/21/2018	8873	Thompson, Angela M	(L) Clerk	-1,156.71
Check	11/21/2018	ACH	WCTA	(L) Librarian	-64.93
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8874	AgSource Laboratories	Telephone	-111.75
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8875	Alliant Energy	Sewer Testing	-145.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8876	Baker & Taylor	Electric	-546.63
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8877	Black Hills Energy	(L) Books & CDs	-82.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8878	Demco	Natural Gas	-106.63
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8879	Green Canopy, Inc.	(L) Application Cards, Borrowers' Cards & Poster	-385.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8880	Iowa One Call	AUGUST Fishing Dock, Park & Ball Diamond	-19.80
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8881	MicroMarketing	Water locates	-51.73
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8882	Miller Ranch and Mobile Repair	(L) Books	-428.64
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8883	Staples	Snow Plow - Hydraulic Hose	-98.97
Bill Pmt -Check	11/21/2018	8884	Green Canopy, Inc.	3 - Tab File Folder & Paper	-30.00
Check	11/23/2018	DEBIT	Midwest Wheel Companies	AUGUST Fishing Dock, Park & Ball Diamond	-74.21
Paycheck	11/28/2018	8885	Roberts, Stephen J	Invoice 1413082-00	-1,067.71
Check	11/28/2018	TRANSFER		City Maintenance	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2018	8886	AgSource Laboratories	TRANSFER \$17688.00 from Restricted USDA class to Sewer class a/c loan paid in full.	-13.50
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2018	8887	Green Canopy, Inc.	Water Testing	-385.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11/28/2018	8888	USDA	SEPTEMBER Fishing Dock, Park & Ball Diamond	-17,306.86
Check	11/30/2018	ACH	Citibusiness Card	Water Loan Payments	-627.43
Bill Pmt -Check	11/30/2018		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	(L) Books & CDs, Supplies, Programs, DVDs & Postage	
				QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction for bill payment stub	
Total Checking					-39,927.36

City of Fertile Deposits

As of November 30, 2018

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	11/01/2018	Property Taxes	5,790.22
Deposit	11/01/2018	(L) Property Taxes	126.71
Deposit	11/01/2018	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	11/01/2018	Farm to Market Deposit	1,559.69
Deposit	11/05/2018	Casino Funds Deposit	3,194.98
Deposit	11/07/2018	Utility Deposit	1,265.10
Deposit	11/07/2018	Utility Deposit	160.33
Deposit	11/08/2018	Local Option Sales Tax	2,303.75
Deposit	11/09/2018	Utility Deposit	359.64
Deposit	11/14/2018	Utility Deposit	3,184.53
Deposit	11/14/2018	(L) Enrich Iowa - Library Funds	1,335.56
Deposit	11/20/2018	Road Use Tax	2,197.42
Deposit	11/21/2018	Utility Deposit	4,592.99
Deposit	11/21/2018	Library Deposit	38.00
Deposit	11/21/2018	Utility Deposit	212.66
Deposit	11/26/2018	Utility Deposit	158.78
Deposit	11/28/2018	Utility Deposit	2,949.34
Deposit	11/30/2018	Local Option Sales Tax	2,826.90
Deposit	11/30/2018	Interest	22.99
Total Checking			32,279.59

City of Fertile Deposits

As of December 31, 2018

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	12/01/2018	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	12/01/2018	Utility Deposit	77.33
Deposit	12/01/2018	Property Taxes	6,271.27
Deposit	12/03/2018	Casino Funds Deposit	2,612.50
Deposit	12/06/2018	Utility Deposit	1,411.44
Deposit	12/07/2018	Facility Rental Deposit	200.00
Deposit	12/07/2018	Utility Deposit	3,497.18
Deposit	12/12/2018	Utility Deposit	337.91
Deposit	12/12/2018	Utility Deposit	147.06
Deposit	12/18/2018	Road Use Tax	2,224.74
Deposit	12/19/2018	Farm to Market Deposit	1,950.88
Deposit	12/19/2018	Facility Rental Deposit	50.00
Deposit	12/19/2018	Utility Deposit	2,559.72
Deposit	12/19/2018	Library Deposit	50.00
Deposit	12/19/2018	Library Deposit	213.00
Deposit	12/28/2018	Utility Deposit	541.40
Deposit	12/31/2018	Interest	23.67
Total Checking			22,168.10

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2018 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey, Ron Rachut and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent: Tad Miller
- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve the minutes of the December meeting.** Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to accept agenda.** Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Jeff Berg:

- Jeff Berg is working with Scott Wilson at the DNR & Bergo Development in regards to nuisance property at 301 W Main Street. He is currently waiting on a permit from the DNR for the deconstruction process. The deconstruction will be delayed until the river is frozen.
- Joyce is working with the Worth County Engineer about the tile on E Main that has tree roots plugging it and creating water back up on E side of town. The County Engineer has cut down trees that have root damaging the tiles.

WHKS:

- Jake Shaw, from WHKS, was available to answer questions regarding the replacement of the William Rhodes Island Park Bridge. There are three phases in the process, and Joyce would like them all together so that it can be submitted for a WCDA grant. There would also need to be a contingency of no obligation if grant is not received. Joyce is working with City Attorney.

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve has been cleaning the water plant.
- Christmas Lights have been removed from Main Street.
- Outdoor light has been replaced at the Library.
- Mower has 484 hours on it. Steve is requesting we put money in the budget for a new mower.
- The skid loader program has been discontinuing. The cost for a trade in would be \$20 per hour. The skid loader currently has 120 hours. Steve has requested that we put this in our budget.
- The trucks from the quarry have been going North through Fertile. Joyce talked with Cindy at the quarry and it has stopped.
- Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Joyce took down decorations at City Hall & the Community Center.
- Joyce updated the Hazardous Mitigation Plan for DNR.
- Joyce updated the Emergency Management Plan for 2019 and gave copies to EMC and Fire Department.
- Joyce completed the annual report to WCDA for funds received during 2018. The City of Fertile received a total of \$278,406.47. Thank you so much WCDA Board, Fertile Trustees and Diamond Joe Casino.
- Fertile Days Spaghetti supper is January 19th at the Community Center from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.
- Fire Department will be having homemade soup supper February 9th at the Community Center from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.
- Ron motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Committee Budgets are due January 15th, 2019.
- Wendy presented information on Visioning.
- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve Financial Report.** Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve December Bills.** Unanimous

7/1/2018 to 12/31/2018	General	WCDA	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST	Utilities	Total
Income	187,090.15	61,792.98	25,994.03	1,092.93	4,514.19	16,053.05	91,438.11	387,975.44
Expense	212,368.43	61,792.98	16,133.08	0	3,807.27	0	59,987.54	354,089.30
Total	-25,278.28	0	9,860.95	1,092.93	706.92	16,053.05	31,450.57	33,886.41
Fund Balance	29,550.69	21.32	70,179.44	1,092.93	1,920.34	16,053.05	186,518.03	305,335.80

- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:
115 W Main Street \$325.43

Ron motioned, Holly seconded to process liens with Worth County Treasurer. Unanimous

Committee Report:

- Cindy presented bids on restoration of the Rhodes Pioneer Log Cabin in the William Rhodes Island park. Minimum cost of \$31,210.00 will be submitted for a grant.
- Holly asked about the memorial tree at the corner of Main and First Street. This location is no longer available.
- Ron attended bike trail meeting on January 9th. Next meeting will be on February 12th at 6:00pm.
- Ron will be attending Win Worth Betco meeting at January 23rd. Speaker mention park trail should be 12 feet, 3 1/2 inches thick, level with ground.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session on February 19th at 7:00 pm at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

Summary:

- WHKS – William Rhodes Island Park Bridge.

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of December 31, 2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Paycheck	12/04/2018	8889	Bruns, Warren		-300.20
Paycheck	12/04/2018	8890	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-433.11
Paycheck	12/04/2018	8891	Russell, Joyce	Mayor (Donated 14 hours)	-1,142.72
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8892	AgSource Laboratories	Sewer Testing	-64.75
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8893	BMC Aggregates L.C.	3/4 Roadstone - Extend Parking Lot	-928.42
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8894	CarQuest	Hydro Fluid	-131.92
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8895	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-15.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8896	Kramer Ace Hardware Miller Ranch and Mobile	Cable Ties & Key	-14.78
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8897	Repair	Snow Plow - Hydraulic Hose	-289.71
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8898	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-205.94
Bill Pmt -Check	12/06/2018	8899	Wendy Lunning - v	Mileage to Bank & Training in Waverly (92 miles @ .545 per mile)	-50.14
Check	12/07/2018	DEBIT	Staples	Paper Towels	-5.99
Paycheck	12/12/2018	8900	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,067.71
Bill Pmt -Check	12/12/2018	8901	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,256.86
Bill Pmt -Check	12/12/2018	8902	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-175.02
Bill Pmt -Check	12/12/2018	8903	Menards	Holiday supplies & Sand	-83.95
Bill Pmt -Check	12/12/2018	8904	North Iowa Media Group	Annual Financial Report	-180.18
Bill Pmt -Check	12/12/2018	8905	Waste Management		-2,338.17
Paycheck	12/12/2018	8908	Bailey, Nick	City Council	-443.28
Paycheck	12/12/2018	8910	Peters, Cynthia	City Council	-516.66
Paycheck	12/12/2018	8911	Rachut, Ron	City Council	-479.75
Paycheck	12/12/2018	8912	Russell, Joyce	Mayor Annual Salary	-870.50
Paycheck	12/12/2018	8909	Lovik-Hanna, Holly	City Council	-479.75
Bill Pmt -Check	12/12/2018	8906	Forest City Ambulance	2018 Donation	-500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/12/2018	8907	John Greve Attny Trust Acct	Merry Christmas	-1,000.00
Liability Check	12/12/2018	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,192.62
Liability Check	12/14/2018	EFT	IPERS	(L)	-314.20
Liability Check	12/14/2018	EFT	IPERS		-604.78
Check	12/18/2018	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-2,616.53
Check	12/18/2018	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-3,194.98
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2018	8920	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-93.25
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2018	8921	Alliant Energy	Electric	-673.93
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2018	8922	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-722.87
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2018	8923	Green Canopy, Inc.	OCTOBER Fishing Dock, Park & Ball Diamond	-385.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2018	8924	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-44.07
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2018	8925	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-80.98
Paycheck	12/19/2018	8926	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Assistant Director	-163.25
Paycheck	12/19/2018	8927	Knudson, Loni	(L) Clerk	-238.71
Paycheck	12/19/2018	8928	Thompson, Angela M	(L) Librarian	-1,156.71
Check	12/20/2018	ACH	WCTA	Telephone	-64.34
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2018	8929	Alliant Energy	Electric	-145.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2018	8930	Baker & Taylor	Books & CDs	-257.09
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2018	8931	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-92.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2018	8932	Globe Gazette	Periodical	-45.00
Check	12/20/2018	ACH	Citibusiness Card	Books & CDs, Supplies, Programs, DVDs & Postage	-1,591.07
Check	12/20/2018	DEBIT	USPS	USDA AFR - Certified Mail	-7.20
Paycheck	12/24/2018	8933	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,067.71
Check	12/28/2018	DEBIT	USPS	Postage	-255.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/31/2018		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction for bill payment stub	
Total Checking					<u>-27,980.80</u>
TOTAL					<u>-27,980.80</u>



Lorna G. Petersburg, age 65 of rural Joice,

passed away Friday, December 14, 2018 surrounded by her family at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Lorna was born to the late Albert and Bernice

(Lien) Olesberg on March 29, 1953, in Seattle, Washington.

Lorna attended Lutheran Bible Institute in Everett, Washington, where she met her husband Douglas. They were married on February 17, 1974. In 1977, Doug and Lorna moved to the family farm in rural Joice. Working together, they built a home and family.

Lorna was an active member of Fertile Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school and attended many small groups. Lorna worked alongside Doug on the farm, running for parts, driving tractor and delivering meals to the guys in the field.

After retiring from Shopko Pharmacy, Lorna could be found enjoying every minute with her family and grandkids. Whether cooking mac n' cheese, baking chocolate chip cookies, having picnics in the field or a sleepover at grandma and papa's house – Lorna made sure each grandchild felt loved and special.

Lorna was always thinking of other people. Instead of dwelling on the negative, you could hear Lorna say 'it is what it is' as she moved onto the next task.

Lorna is survived by her husband of 44 years, Douglas; children, Jessie (Jake) Franklin, Mike (Samantha) Petersburg, and Jason (Cassandra) Petersburg; seven grandchildren, Brady, Taylor, Emma, Jackson, Katelyn, Julia and Joseph; siblings, Albert (Skip) Olesberg III, Sue (Rob) Atkins, Karen (Don) Berry and Jon (Lindsay) Olesberg; along with many more relatives and countless friends.

Lorna was also a very special guardian to Kathy Petersburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister-in-law Pam Olesberg.

A lesson shared from Lorna: Life is short. God has put you here for a reason – to do and be something. Let Him lead you – love those around you – and don't be afraid to show it.

Helen Ann Biretz, 74, of Fertile, died Friday, December 7, 2018, at her home.

Family suggests memorial contributions to the Salvation Army of Mason City.

Helen was born April 25, 1944, the daughter of William Joseph "Joe" and Leona Grace (Damman) Koster in Rolfe, IA. She married Joseph "Lee" Biretz on June 19, 1965, in Garner.

Helen graduated from Rockwell-Swaledale High School in Rockwell. Throughout her life she enjoyed listening to country music, feeding wildlife and gardening. She also liked watching western movies with Lee, along with NASCAR races. Most of all, Helen loved her family and cherished the time she shared with them.

Helen is survived by her husband, Lee Biretz of Fertile, a son, Matthew Biretz of Des Moines; three siblings, Mary Bockock of Marion; Dean Koster (Jim Gibson) of Iowa City and Doris (Steve) Naney of Colorado Springs, CO; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three siblings, Jeanne Fluhrer, John Koster and Karen Hennigar.

Helen will be greatly missed by her family and will forever remain in their hearts.



Garden Club met on Dec. 12th at Rhodes Mill Retreat (aka Fertile Mill). Starboard Market furnished the supper of soup and sandwiches, which was delicious.

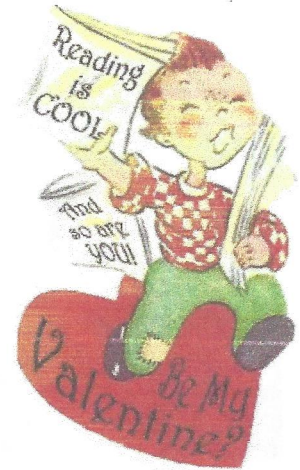
Christmas cards were signed for people of the community to be remembered. Also, a card sent to our member, Lorna Petersburg who passed away 2 days later. She will be missed!!

After eating we went upstairs for gifts and fellowship. After a short meeting with our outgoing president, Twylah Kragel, Penny Miller led in Christmas singing followed by Betty Waddington reading a Christmas story. Secret Pal gifts were revealed and gifts opened.

We look forward to another year.

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Fertile, IA 50434
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Thursday: 3-6 P.M.
Friday: 9- Noon & 2-6 P.M.
Saturday: 9 - Noon

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Library Events

Family Movie Night

February 8th @ 7 pm

Adult Craft Afternoon

February 16th @ 1 pm

We will be doing a craft, eating snacks & chatting. Join us for the fun. Ages 18+

Valentine Storytime

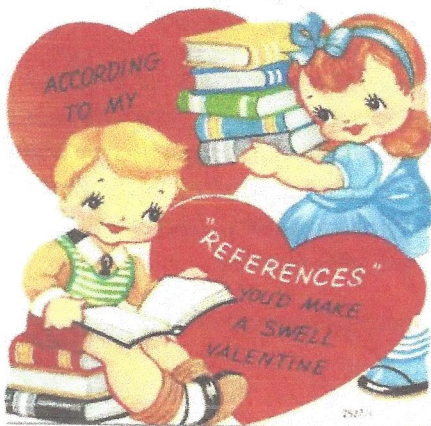
February 11th @ 5:30 pm

Come join us for a a fun time with books and crafts! Snacks will be provided and fun will be had.

Cook book Club

February 21st @ 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss a cookbook and sample some of it's offerings. This is a dinner and conversation group. 18+



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The boy - Tami Hoag
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The catcher was a spy
Crazy rich asians
Eighth grade
The meg
The spy who dumped me
The darkest minds

Cookbook Club

The library is starting a cookbook club. Once a month we will meet to discuss a cookbook/ memoir. We will be making dishes to enjoy while we chat. The first meeting will be February 21st @ 6:30, here at the Library. Just bring yourself!



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Saturday, February 9

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Worth County Historical Society was recently contacted by James Kenyon, a historian and author. He is writing a book about closed down high schools. He would like to feature at least one school from each county. He is looking for pictures of the school and people from the school to interview. I wondered since fertile had an all school reunion this last year if there would be any interest. Please let me know what you think or if you could direct me to someone who could help me.

Thank you, Amanda Girouard, WCHS

These are from a book called Disorder in the Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?



THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON Good Morning, Fertile
 I am so happy it is 2019.
 I may not say that later, but I will now after a terrible 2018 weather wise.
 Three things for the citizens of Fertile to be aware of.

First, All Veteran organizations are running short of members that can help. The last military funeral that I was part of was a 12 gun salute instead of 21. If I, with my bad knees, and the V.A. director of Worth County hadn't been there, it would have been 6-gun salute. Not the same as 21, and our fallen soldiers deserve better. I would encourage anyone who has been in military uniform to join a local American Legion Post or a V.F.W. Post, or an All Vets Center. It is a way to serve your fellow man. IF you are able, please join one of the organizations.

Second, as I see what is happening and what potentially could happen in Africa and South American with Russia and China, many of our young people could be in uniform. The draft may even come back. What is happening in South America scares me.

Third, it has been mentioned before, but was talked about more at our December City Council meeting. The subject is our city drainage. With the predictions of warmer and wetter years, city drainage is becoming a priority. Too much of the tile in the city is old and is not functioning properly. Some is plugged up with tree roots and some going through the muck soils has the slits closed. (We were told by two tilers and the N.R.C.S that plastic tile that is put in the upland that last 50 years or more lasts 5 years in muck. If we used muck tile with a sleeve, we could extend that to 8 -10 years. The iron bacteria that is naturally in muck soils plus the vibration of the large equipment plugs them up. If we want to grow vegetables, we will have to retiling every 5-8 years). We also will have to drain into a sump and then pump over the ditch bank into the ditch. I say that because Jeff Berg showed me the outlet for the city water into the river. It is really bad. With flooding of the river two to three times a year, there is no point in fixing it. Just tile into a big sump on the south side of the blacktop and pump it into a ditch and let it run naturally. This is going to cost money. We just paid off a U.S.D.A loan and now we may have to take out a new one. We have to do something because we can't continue to overload our sanitary sewer system every time it rains. Tell a council person what you think. Thank you to the Fertile Fire Department. Nick and Dan will know why.

Thank you to the Church of Christ for their Community Thanksgiving meal. That meal and the Mason City

Community Christmas meal are two examples of church. Sunday morning services are where we learn how Jesus would have us live our lives. When we do that, then it is church. Until next time, thank a veteran for the freedoms you enjoy. Thank a farmer for the food on your plate. And above all, thank God for your daily blessings.

Did you know???? By Ann Hendrickson

The New Year is here with future memories to appear. The Worth County Historical Society looks forward to completing some projects. It will be the Stromstein building and other small objects.

Our wish for you as we celebrate new days is that 2019 will be a safe, healthy and prosperous year in so many ways. Happy New Year!



Hi Betty. This is Nancy Frederick, mother of NATHANIEL FREDERICK who owns Cafe Mir. I have just placed a check in the mail for \$100 for a half page ad in the Fertile Reminder for Cafe Mir for the next year. I hope it is not too late to still put it in the next Reminder. Please use the same ad that you have been using unless we create a new ad and give it to you. We really appreciate the wonderful Fertile reminder and believe it has brought more customers to Cafe Mir. Thank you for your support and encouragement of Cafe Mir. We are so very proud of our son NATHANIEL and our nephew Joshua for what they have created in your lovely town of Fertile.

Hope you have a fantastic new year, Betty, and keep up the great work with the Fertile Reminder!
 Sincerely, David and Nancy Frederick

Thank you for your hard work. We look forward to receiving the Reminder. **Tim and Kim Severson**

Thank you for all your hard work. **Al & Neta Severson**

Thanks for the trips down memory lane. **Cleo McKim**



KUNS SUPER SERVICE

This photo takes us way back to the 1940's when Dad's garage and filling station were across the street from the lumber yard. Only the really OLD timers will remember it. That's me on the bench with a big 12 oz. bottle of Pepsi, third from the right. In those days I thought more was better and preferred Pepsi to Coke which came in a six ounce bottle. Dad kept the business open seven days a week to make ends meet. Mom would take him a plate of Sunday dinner so he could stay with the business. After years of this he finally decided it was not worth the time and effort and closed on Sundays. That was probably the beginning of his spiritual re-vitalization.

It was in that building that I learned to do brake repair, including truing the drums, replacing the shoes and other mechanical tasks. I finished re-assembling the head of a 1946 Plymouth late on a Saturday afternoon and found an extra valve on the bench when I thought the task was complete. I left on Sunday for a week at Boy Scout camp and didn't know until after I returned if I had really messed up the repair. The motor ran and I wondered if Dad had put the extra valve there to test my ability and perception.

When I reflect on all the different kinds of repair he did, including farm equipment repair, sharpening and maintenance, welding, painting automobiles, including the pin striping, as well as all sorts of motor repair I conclude that he named the business well – KUNS SUPER SERVICE.



THE BEST EGG SALAD SANDWICH RECIPE

Prep Time 15 minutes

Servings 6

INGREDIENTS

6 eggs

4 pieces of cooked bacon

2 T chives

1/4 cup shredded cheddar

4 ounces cream cheese

3 T mayonnaise

1/2 t salt

1/4 t fresh cracked pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

In a small bowl, mash together cream cheese, mayo, chives, salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, use a pastry cutter to mash up eggs. Finely chop the bacon and add to eggs.

Add shredded cheddar and cream cheese mixture to eggs and bacon. Mix together until everything is mixed really well and eggs are covered in cream cheese.

FOR THE FLU SEASON!!

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

4 chicken breast (cut in small pieces)

2 T. olive oil

1 onion (cut up)

3 carrots (sliced)

2 c. celery (sliced)

2 T. garlic (minced)

8 c chicken broth

1 pkg frozen egg noodles

In a large stockpot, cook chicken in olive oil until no longer pink. Add vegetables and 2 c. broth. Simmer with the lid on until vegetables are tender. Add the rest of the broth and bring to a boil. Stir in frozen egg noodles and cook till done.

AMAZING SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

If your're choking on an ice cube, simply pour hot water down your throat. Presto, the blockage will instantly remove itself.

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.

Avoid arguments about the toilet seat – use the sink.

For high blood pressure sufferers – simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes. Thus reduce the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.

A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep.

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives then you'll be afraid to cough.

You only need two tools in life – WD 40 and duct tape. If doesn't move and should, use WD 40 , If it shouldn't move and does, use duct tape.

Remember – everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said; "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."







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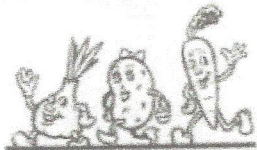
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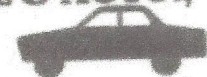
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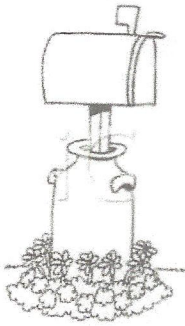
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