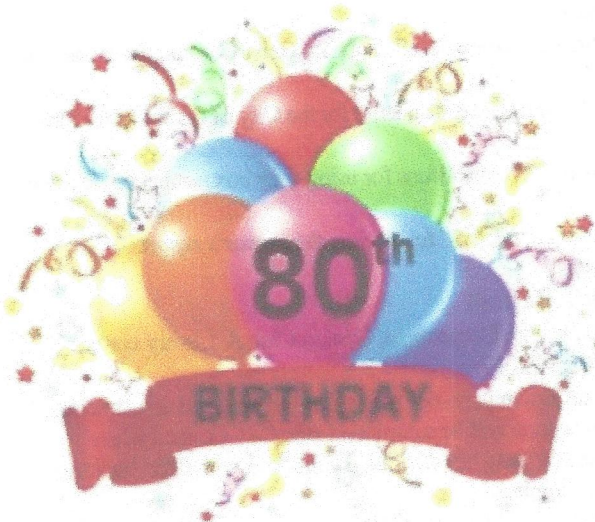


FERTILE REMINDER

August 2017

80 YEAR OLD'S PARTY



A "year-long" birthday party is be planned for those who have attended Fertile High School and have or will be turning 80 years old during the year.

The Party will be held at the Fertile Community Center from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday August 13 2017 and will include a short program about the Good Old Days at Fertile. The Party will be in conjunction with the Fertile Days weekend.

David Bruns will provide the coffee and a birthday cake with eight candles will be provided. One candle for each 10 years. Those invited are Delores Bell, Blanch Clapper, Sharon Felland, Pat Kirk, Nancy Nelson, Natalie Nelson, Karen Oswald, Janice

Ritter, Paula Sheimo, Harriet Stokke, Phyllis Suby, David Bruns, Raymond Jordan, Earl Kilen, LeRoy Luther, Leland Pederson, Nancy Raymond, and Don Roberts. Also bring a friend or partner.

It is amazing that so many people are still "going great"

No registration is necessary. Simply show up. Bring your year book if available.

For more information call Allen Suby 515 778 3081

AUGUST CALENDAR

3, 17, 31 Recycle

7 Firemen meet

8 Garden Club

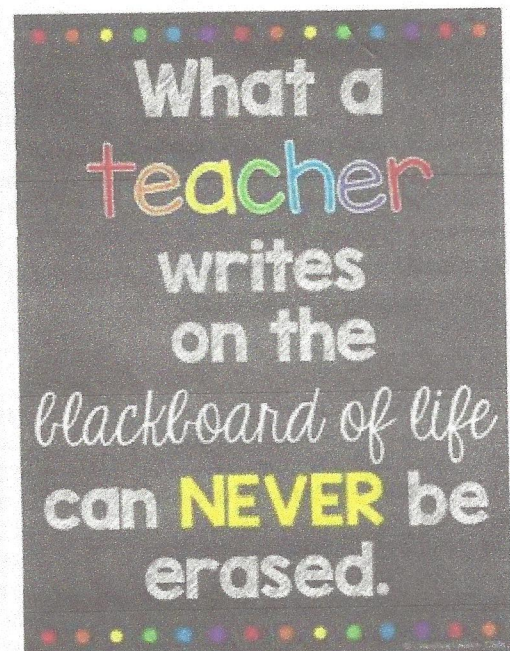
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12-13 Fertile Days – Birthday Party

15 City Council, Fertile Girls

21 Library Board meets

22 Reminder mailed



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2017 - 7:00 PM, City Hall Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Holly Lovik-Hanna, Nick Bailey, Cindy Peters, and Ron Rachut; City Clerk Wendy Lunning. Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the minutes of the June meeting.* Unanimous
- Ron motioned, Nick 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.

City Drainage Tile:

- Ron Rachut researched the water back up by the pump house. Joyce will be working with the County in regard to replacing damaged tile.

Ordinance Addition:

- Holly motioned, Ron 2nd to include the wording for Insufficient Funds Check Fee into the Fertile Code of Ordinances.* This is currently part of the State Code, but will provide quicker reference in the City of Fertile Code. A fee of \$30.00 will be charge for any checks that are returned for insufficient funds.

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve and Buck reinforced &/or replaced street signs.
- Johanson is currently working on the shelter for the playground.
- Steve and Joyce assembled the park bench at the library.
- Steve & Buck have sprayed weeds at the park, river banks and dike.
- Cindy motioned, Nick 2nd to approve maintenance report.* Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Joyce ordered signs for the pump house for Wellhead Protection Area as required by the DNR audit.
- City Wide Clean Up went very well. Thank you to helpers: Steve Roberts, Buck Russell, Tad Miller, Ron Rachut, Nick, Allison, Ryan and Chelsie Bailey and Cindy Peters. Three roll off dumpsters were filled and 6 loads of scrap metal and appliances. Thank you to the residence that participated in the City Clean Up.
- Joyce received 3 fireworks permits.
- The playground equipment is here and ready to install after the shelter for the playground is completed.

Checking

Deposit	06/01/2017	Utility Deposit	1,949.96
Deposit	06/01/2017	Local Option Sales Tax	2,547.27
Deposit	06/05/2017	Property Taxes	1,678.17
Deposit	06/05/2017	Casino Funds Deposit	3,513.77
Deposit	06/07/2017	Utility Deposit	1,105.09
Deposit	06/14/2017	Little League Deposit	45.00
Deposit	06/14/2017	Utility Deposit	84.18
Deposit	06/14/2017	Utility Deposit	3,431.23
Deposit	06/15/2017	Road Use Tax	2,031.34

- Joyce continues to follow up with Ulland Brothers on when Main Street will be completed.
- Fertile Fire Department is working on HazMat classes.
- City Election will be in November. There is Mayor and 3 Council Seats that will be available for 2018 to 2019.
- Maguire Iron was here to inspect and service the water tower. All was OK during the inspection and report will be sent to confirm.
- Aukes mosquitoes will be spraying August 8th & 10th.
- The small refrigerator that was previously donated by Buck and Joyce had the motor burned out. Joyce purchased a replacement refrigerator.
- Fertile Statue is being installed at City Hall / Community Center on July 19th.
- State of Iowa has issued an audit for the City of Fertile July 25 to July 27.
- Thank you to Warren Bruns for using their box scraper circle drive in park.
- Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Fertile Days, Fire Department, Garden Club & Library current through 06/30/2017.
- Fiscal Year End reports do not include the year-end adjustments. A full set of reports will be submitted to the City Council when completed. Wendy has scheduled a meeting with Clerkbooks to have this completed.

7/1/2016 6/30/2017 Income	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Expense	315,498.00	87,829.20	46,726.66	1890.46	125,688.21	577,632.53
Total	284,470.85	95,629.20	23,744.07	0.00	130,786.32	534,630.44
Fund Balance	31,027.15	-7800.00	22,982.59	1890.46	-5,098.11	43,002.09
	68,416.79	-7800.00	46,643.40	1,890.46	137,988.11	247,138.76

- Ron motioned, Holly 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve June Bills.* Unanimous
- Liens presented to the council were as follows:
605 W Washington \$233.90

Committee Report:

- Cindy asked about Frisbee Golf course at the park. It may be a potential for a grant.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

City of Fertile Deposits

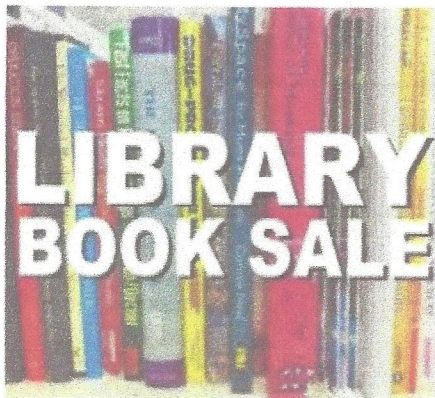
As of June 30, 2017

Deposit	06/21/2017	Dividend Deposit	119.11
Deposit	06/21/2017	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	06/21/2017	Utility Deposit	311.36
Deposit	06/21/2017	Utility Deposit	4,426.64
Deposit	06/25/2017	Building Permit Deposit	35.00
Deposit	06/25/2017	Utility Deposit	227.33
Deposit	06/27/2017	Local Option Sales Tax	2,547.27
Deposit	06/29/2017	Utility Deposit	3,228.84
Deposit	06/30/2017	Interest	16.16
Total Checking			27,297.72

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of June 30, 2017

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Check	06/01/2017		Superior Lumber, Inc	Acoustic Panels	0.00
Check	06/06/2017	DEBIT	USPS	Postage	-68.00
Paycheck	06/07/2017	8123	Lunning, Wendy S		-368.99
Paycheck	06/07/2017	8126	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,019.51
Paycheck	06/07/2017	8125	Russell, Joyce		-1,350.88
Paycheck	06/07/2017	8122	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	06/07/2017	8124	Russell, Grant		-67.39
Paycheck	06/07/2017	8127	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,019.37
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8128	AgSource Laboratories Barco Municipal	Water & Sewer Testing	-109.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8129	Products, Inc.	Vehicles off grass Gas for Trimmer, Mower, Truck and Golfcart	-149.04
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8130	Fertile Pronto		-85.65
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8131	First Gabrielson Agency Herb Olson Sewer	Fireman's Accident/Sickness Policy	-811.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8132	Cleaning Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Sewer 110 1/2 W Main	-267.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8133			-150.16
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8134	Menards	Grass Seed	-131.76
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8135	US Post Office	Annual PO Box Renewal	-56.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8136	Waste Management		-2,197.08
Bill Pmt -Check	06/07/2017	8137	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-200.67
Check	06/07/2017	DEBIT	Amazon	Replacement Ink Pads	-10.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8138	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,319.22
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8139	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-228.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8140	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8141	IMWCA	Worker's Compensation Coverage	-3,312.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8142	K Severson	Little League T-shirts	-174.20
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8143	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-86.20
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8144	Menards	Playground Equipment	-62.98
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8145	North Iowa Media Group	Budget Amendment Estimate	-117.14
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2017	8146	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-79.92
Liability Check	06/14/2017	EFT	IPERS		-954.15
Liability Check	06/15/2017	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,378.10
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2017	8147	Franks Repair		-72.61
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2017	8148	Iowa League of Cities	Annual Dues	-379.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2017	8149	Menards	Flag Pole & Flag	-83.66
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2017	8150	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual Renewal	-38.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/28/2017	8151	K Severson	Little League T-shirts	-174.20
Bill Pmt -Check	06/29/2017	8152	Franks Repair	Battery for Golf Cart	-110.95
Bill Pmt -Check	06/29/2017	8153	Papa Everett's Pizza	Little League Pizza Party Little League Supplies - Plates, Cups, Napkins, Forks and Drinks	-106.91
Bill Pmt -Check	06/29/2017	8154	K Severson		-16.13
Liability Check	06/30/2017	EFT	IPERS		-796.28
Liability Check	06/30/2017	8160	United States Treasury		-1,128.71
Liability Check	06/30/2017	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-606.00
Sales Tax Payment	06/30/2017	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,073.00
Total Checking					-20,672.25
Petty Cash					
Total Petty Cash					
Total Operating Accounts					-20,672.25
TOTAL					-20,672.25



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Friday 9- Noon & 2-6 P.M.
Saturday - 9 - Noon



Library Events

Family Movie Night

July 21st 7pm

All ages welcome as we enjoy the new Smurfs movie! Popcorn is provided, please feel free to bring a water bottle or other non-red drink!

Book & bake Sale

The Library is getting ready for Fertile days. We will be having our annual book and bake sale fundraiser and we are looking for volunteers to bring baked goods.

We can also take donations of books and DVDs.

Come join us from 9-12 on Saturday August 12th. Buy a book and a treat to help us raise funds. The library will also be selling some odds and ends so come early for the best selection!

New Releases

Fiction

- Waves of mercy - Lynn Austin
- Two from the heart - James Patterson
- The perfect stranger - Megan Miranda
- Into the water - Paula Hawkins
- The innkeeper of Ivy Hill - Julie Klassen
- Fair play - Deeanne Gist
- Come sundown - Nora Roberts
- Camino Island - John Grisham

Movies

- Beauty & the Beast
- Why him?
- The shack
- The space between us
- Outlander

Library Board member

The library is looking for a new member to join the library board. The person must be a resident of Fertile, and live within the city limits. If you are interested in joining us to help the library flourish, please call or stop up!



2017 FERTILE DAYS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

- 8:00AM - 9:00AM - BREAKFAST @ FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(FREE WILL DONATION)
- 7:30AM - REGISTRATION FOR THE "DO THE PUTSY" 5K WALK/RUN
(\$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE)
- 8:00AM - 4TH ANNUAL "DO THE PUTSY" 5K WALK/RUN BEGINS
- 10:00AM - PARADE(PARADE LINE-UP BEGINS @9:00AM BY THE BALL DIAMONDS)
- 11:30AM - KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL
- 12:00PM - 4:00PM - INFLATABLES
- 1:00PM - MAGIC SHOW FEATURING MIKE PRESTBY (BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR)
- 1:00PM - 3:00PM - FACE PAINTING, BALLOON ANIMALS, AND KID GAMES
- 1:30PM - HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT (\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE)
- 3:00PM - 4:30PM - BINGO
- 3:30PM - BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT(\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE)
- 4:00PM - MAGIC SHOW FEATURING MIKE PRESTBY (BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR)
- 5:00PM - 6:30PM - COMMUNITY MEAL
PROVIDED BY WALDORF CONFERENCES AND DINING SERVICES W/MUSIC BY CHAR'S BAND
- 6:30PM - 9:00PM - HAYRIDES
- 6:30PM - 10:30PM - BORDERLINE BAND (BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

- 7:00AM - 10:00AM - FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST
- 9:30AM - DEDICATION OF FERTILE SCULPTURE LOCATED AT CITY HALL
- 10:00AM - COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE IN THE PARK



FOOD VENDORS

*WALKING TACOS

*HOT DOGS

*OTHELIA'S DOUGHNUTS

COTTON CANDY

Memories of Marvin Leroy Rye

Marvin wrote these memories of times with his grandparents. Marvin enjoyed revisiting his grandparents Raun farm with the Midtgaard family before his death, 2006.

Grandpa John Raun was a widower with two children, Nels and Carrie, when he married Julia Sanden. They lived in Mason City where John Raun operated a store. On February 8, 1897, my mother Grace was born. They purchased a farm west of Fertile in 1902 or 1903. Grace had two younger brothers, Lyle and Henry. Grace not only walked to country school but to confirmation. After country school, she worked as a hired girl before living with a widow in Fertile and working at the Claude Jones Store in Fertile. She met Harlan Rye, son of Gullick Rye and Anna Marie Sanderson, when Harlan was working across Main Street in Fertile Bank during World War 1, Harlan was assigned to an army unit stationed in France. His duties were largely clerical. He was reluctant to talk much about his Army experience, but did talk about Armistice signing.

Harlan and Grace were married Feb. 20, 1920. Mother continued clerking until I was born, September 1921. We resided with a couple who made a part of their house into a make shift Apartment, just a few doors from the bank. Down the street about two blocks lived Grandparents Gullick & Anna Rye. Grandpa Gullick Rye passed 1923 and Grandma Anna Marie was living with my mother and father when she passed in 1930.

Some of my very early recollections of the Raun farm include Uncle Nels, not yet married – he did most of the farm work, as Grandpa's health was on the downhill. Neighbors worked together; Suby, Midtgaard. Strommen, Rodberg and Bjorkland families. All farming was done with horses. I cultivated corn, helped with haying, thrashing and plowing. Grandma was the only person to do the milking, as she never thought I could do it right. Cleaning the calf pen in the spring was always my job. An experience in thrashing, I'll never forget, was driving bundle wagon with a rather frisky team, they were either scared by a snake or some other noise in the thrashing unit. We took off in a wild run around the hills and valleys. I was really lucky to get them stopped without accident.

Art Strommen and LaVerne Peterson were two neighbor boys I spent free time with. On rainy days we would run and jump from barn loft into have some 20 feet below. Uncle Nels had real ancient pair of big oak skis in granary, and one winter I got them down and skied down a pasture hill, missing all oak trees.

Grandparents read the Decorah Posten (Norwegian language paper printed in Decorah) cover to cover. Grandpa held tight to the Danish Bible when Grandma read from the Norwegian Bible. This was always in fun and we got a kick out of their funning. Grandpa Raun was a fun loving joking man. Family was musical. Grandpa never went to bed without a glass of milk with a graham cracker. At that time the Abrams store in Joice came with their truck once a week, picking up eggs and selling groceries.

The year they built the new chicken house was really a treat for Grandma. Anyone that visited was taken down to see it. Later the Grandparents had Fertile Lumber Company erect a small house, lacking all modern conveniences. Fertile Lumber was owned and operated by Henry Halverson. After the small house was built, he gave them a wooden milk stool. Grandma kept this stool in the house. It was painted red with Fertile Lumber on top and John on both sides. The year before Grandpa Raun died; I spent a considerable time on the farm. Uncle Nels had married late spring and moved to a farm nearby that he had purchased. I helped as much as I could and learned a lot. After Grandpa died in 1932 Grandma stayed on the farm and I spent many summers with her. Farm land was rented to Melvin Ouverson.

We would go to Uncle Nels & Emma's for Sunday chicken dinner. She was a very good cook. Nels loved a cigar, but was not allowed to smoke indoors. After dinner we always made a cigar smoking trip to check on the livestock and buildings. Hopefully dishes were washed before our return. Later the small house was moved onto Grandma's brother's lot in Forest City. Grandma Raun died in 1952.

Garden Club

The regular meeting of Garden Club was held July 11 with 5 members present. We took an interesting tour of "One Step at a Time Gardens" which is part of Heathy Harvest of North Iowa. Jan Libbey her husband TimLandgraf are owners near Kanawha. After the tour we stopped in Garner and enjoyed great food at Matt's Place. Our August meeting will be at Reiman Gardens, Ames.

Letters to the Editor

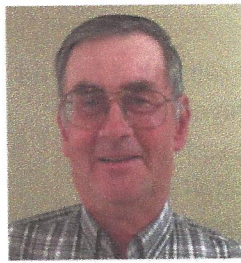
Thank you for a great job on the Fertile Reminder. The Post Office did a terrible job

on our last issue. We ended up with 2 pages; the outside cover and a page with mostly ads. Hope the next one is intact. LaVonne Kraft

We enjoy reading about all the people who lived in Fertile when we were growing up in our hometown. Renewing for my two brothers again for their birthdays. thanks again gals for keeping the paper going. Sandy & Lanny, Bob and Richard Purcell.



Thanks to the generosity of the Worth County Development Authority and the Diamond Jo Casino, the **Fertile Fire Department** received a grant to purchase 8 new MSA G1 self-contained breathing apparatuses (including 2 with integrated Thermal Imaging Cameras), 5" Storz water supply hose and a new 2.5 inch fire hose nozzle. This grant puts us on the cutting edge of SCBA technology and allows us to be equipped with the same breathing apparatus as fire departments such as Des Moines! We would also like to extend a thank you to Neal Stapelkamp of Sandry Fire Supply for the instruction and training on our new equipment!



Thoughts of Farmer Ron

Top of the day to you all!

I want to start this letter by welcoming you all to our annual Fertile Days Celebration on August 12-13 at the Fertile City Park. The committee has been

working very hard on putting together ideas (both past and new) for this year. Brian will be back for the evening music. New this year will be Char's Band from St, Ansgar who will provide old time music during the evening meal. (If you feel like dancing, please do.) The free meal will be catered by Waldorf College and sounds very good. Third will be other food vendors and the café will also be open so come and enjoy.

The celebration for our nation's birthday has come and gone, although it should be celebrated every day, since we are the greatest nation on the face of the earth. I'd like to tell you about a lady I know and what freedom means to her. She grew up in Poland; she spent six years of her life under Nazi Occupation, constantly moving to keep alive. When the Russian's took over the country at the end of the war, she found herself in front of a Russian firing squad. When the commander asked if any of them had any last words, she said goodbye to her mother in Polish. The commander let her go because she was Polish. The others and the Germans were shot dead. One of the liberating American soldiers came back for her. They married and came to the USA. She loves America and she loves President Eisenhower (then General Eisenhower) because his gave her freedom. I give her a hug and call her sweetheart every Sunday morning.

Freedom is not free. Many have served and many have died to preserve our freedom. I am curious. Those of you that have served in some branch of the US armed forces, what would you say to a young person if they asked you if they should join and serve their country? I would like to publish some of the responses. On this topic only, I will leave it open. If you want to be anonymous, fine. If you want to sign your name but don't want it published, fine. I'm just curious about the feelings of our veterans, And I will add, thank you for your service to our country.

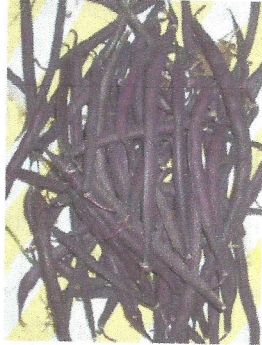
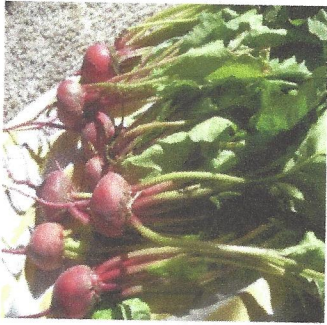
Those of you that have driven by the farm and wondered why the sprayer always seems to be in the field, we are spraying a fungicious burpy four days during July and August. Those foliar diseases are tough.

Until next time, thank a farmer for the food on your plates, thank a vet for the freedoms we enjoy and above all, thank God for your daily blessings.

Garden Diary

There have been a couple of nice rains that helped the garden. Epson salts were sprayed on the tomatoes (at this stage it is supposed to make them bigger and sweeter) so we shall see.

Beets (have you tried roasting this veggie) and green beans have been eaten. The beans are purple when picked but changes to green when cooked.



The kale has been harvested several times, the spinach not so much and the parsley just has started to be picked. Several quart bags have been picked of these. Zucchini is ready; Mandy wants that so it is all hers.

The 75 ft. rubber hose was made shorter by the lawn mower, so much for watering!! A new one has been purchased; hopefully the mower driver will pay attention!!

Nine tenths inch of rain fell this week and perked the entire garden up....and the weeds!! It was the night Hanlontown had all the wind damage with a grain bin destroyed and beans everywhere. The garden was missed, thank goodness.

As this is being written a few minutes ago more beans were picked, weeds were pulled and a garter snake now has possession of the garden!!!

Thank you so much to everyone for all of the birthday cards, calls and well wishes I received for my 103rd birthday. I heard from people I haven't heard from since my kids were little. I appreciate everything so much. It is great to be 103, just try it!

Love you all, Viola Roberts

Senior Car Buying

A retired older couple returned to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde in a mini skirt and a halter top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply. "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$55,000 asking price," said the older man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$45,000 to the lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model."

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water. "Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, salesman, sheepishly. Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man. "There you go," she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price.... See you later, Dad, Happy Father's

A tip for Senior Citizens

Tip!

Keep your medication list on your refrigerator in case you have an emergency so those called to help will know what medications you have taken and save them time.

"Hospital Regulations"

Hospital rules state that patients checking out must have a wheelchair. One day a newly graduated nurse assistant came into the room to find an elderly man fully dressed. He was sitting on the bedside chair, with a piece of packed luggage at his side, all ready to go. When he was shown the wheelchair, he was adamant that he was fully capable of walking himself to the parking lot.

But the assistant told him rules were rules, so he relented and let her wheel him out. In the elevator, the assistant asked the elderly man if his wife was coming to meet him.

"I don't think so," he replied. "It takes her awhile to change her clothes, so she's probably still upstairs in the bathroom taking off of her hospital gown and getting dressed."



Berry Cheesecake Salad

Serves: 8-10

- 4 oz. cream cheese (softened)
- ¼ cup Margarine or butter
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 small container cool whip
- 1 box INSTANT white chocolate or vanilla pudding
- 1½ cups milk
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 cup strawberries, halved
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup blackberries

1. In a bowl, beat cream cheese and margarine (or butter) until smooth. Mix in powdered sugar and fold in whipped topping. Set aside.
2. In a separate bowl mix pudding, milk and vanilla. Fold this mixture in with the cream cheese mixture.
3. Fold in fruit and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. ENJOY!

The Quickest and Easiest Way to Remove the Husk and Silk from Corn on the Cob
Starting from the stalk end, slice off the tip 1 inch above the last row of kernels.
Place on a plate, and microwave for 2 to 4 minutes.

Grab the corn by the uncut end, and shake while squeezing at the same time. The corn will slide out husk-and-silk free!



How to safely store your rice

When you cook rice, or bring it home in a doggy bag from your favorite Chinese joint, be sure to refrigerate it as soon as possible. From there, it should be safe to consume and reheat for another 4 days, provided it has been kept in an air-tight container

It's also important to note that all foods—not just rice—will end up carrying less harmful stuff if they are cooled relatively quickly. The whole idea here is that you don't want there to be any chance for bacteria to grow.

USDA's rule of thumb is to cool the food as rapidly as possible. If the rice is staying on a warmer, (i.e. a rice cooker or slow cooker), be sure that it is being kept at least 140°F. If that temperature drops, go ahead and store it in the fridge!

You can even freeze your rice if you'd like; just make sure that you cook it thoroughly and follow the golden rule of refrigeration!

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How One CEO Taught His Employees A Lesson In Integrity

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business. Instead of choosing one of his Directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young executives in his company together.

He said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you.."

The young executives were Shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a SEED today – one very special SEED... I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed. Everyday, he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow.

Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew.

Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing.

By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure.

Six months went by — still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however.

He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil – He so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection.

Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick to his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right. He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful — in all shapes and sizes. Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him!

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives.

Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!"

All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the Financial Director to bring him to the front. Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!"

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed – Jim told him the story.

The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young executives, "Behold your next Chief Executive Officer!

His name is Jim!" Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed.

"How could he be the new CEO?" the others said.

Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead – it was not possible for them to grow.

All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive Officer!"

* If you plant honesty, you will reap trust

* If you plant humility, you will reap greatness

* If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective

* If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation

* If you plant goodness, you will reap friends

* If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment

* If you plant hard work, you will reap success

* If you plant faith in God, you will reap a harvest

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

"Whatever You Give To Life, Life Gives You Back"

There is a story about how Albert Einstein was traveling to universities, giving lectures on his famous theory of relativity. One day while on their way to a university, the driver said: "Dr. Einstein, I've heard that lecture more than 30 times. I have learned it by heart and bet I could give it myself."

"Well, I'll give you the chance," said Einstein, "They don't know me at the next school, so when we get there I'll put on your cap and you introduce yourself as me and give the lecture," Einstein continued.

At the hall, the driver gave Einstein's lecture so wonderfully that he didn't make any mistakes. When he finished, he started to leave, but one of the professors stopped him and asked him a question which was very difficult. The aim of the question was not gaining knowledge but embarrassing Einstein.

The driver thought fast. "The answer to that problem is so simple," he said, "I'm surprised you have to ask me. In fact, to show you just how simple it is, I'm going to ask my driver to come up here and answer your question."!

Then Einstein stood up and gave an incredible answer to the question of that professor. ~

Moral of the story: No matter how genius you pretend to be, there is always someone who is more genius than you despite his position

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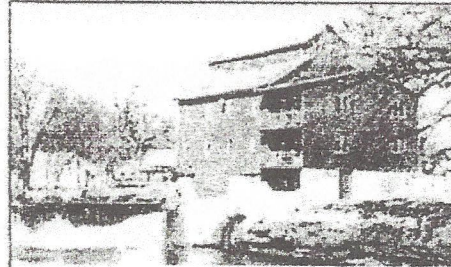
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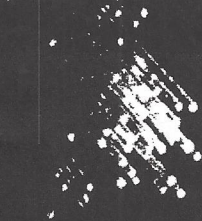
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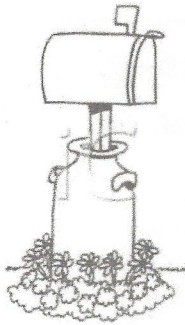
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