

FERTILE REMINDER

JULY 2017



LONG BEARDS are sprouting up all over the place in Fertile as residents look forward to the Quasiquicentennial celebration July 31 to August 2. Among the male residents sprouting beards are Lester Burtness (left) and Norman Nye. The weekend events include a beard contest for the men and a ladies dress competition.

Do you recognize these two men? From the Forest City Summit, 1971

July Calendar

- 3 Firemen meet
- 6 & 20 Recycle
- 11 Garden Club
- 12 Reminder Deadline
- 15 Towne/Midtgaard shower
- 17 Library Board meets
- 18 Fertile Girl's Meet
- 18 Council Meets
- 21 Reminder mailed
- 29 Carey/Kleveland Shower



Fertile Garden Club met for their regular meeting with a tour of the Hill's Nursery, Albert Lea. Pictured above from left to right front row are Diane Miller, Penny Miller, Ginny Lovik, Deb Berg, Betty Waddington: Back row: Bev Bruns Sharon McLaughlin, Cindy Peters and Sara Innes. We were very impressed with the nursery and the variety of beautiful plants. (Many plants were found in the cars as we headed for home.) Lunch was furnished by Deb, Bev and Sara when we returned home. Thought for the day was given by Sara.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 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. Warren Bruns and Buck Russell. Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts absent.
- Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the minutes of the May meeting.** Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Tad 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 Maintenance Report:

- Buck reported that the lagoon has been shut down.
- Warren recommended a cage being built to prevent turtles from being trapped at the lagoon.
- A special thanks to Hare Electric and Larson Plumbing & Heating for helping to unload the playground equipment.
- Joyce, Warren, Steve and Wendy met with the DNR. The DNR recommend a second well. **Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to work on a 10-year plan for a second well.** Unanimous. Plans to be implemented when current USDA loans are paid in full.
- Nick motioned, Ron 2nd to approve maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- City Clean Up days this Saturday, June 24 from 8:00 to 12:30.
- Joyce purchased a toddler swing seat and toddler swing set to be installed with the playground equipment.
- Flag pole at Community Center broke during the storm. Joyce purchased and installed a new flag and pole.

- Governor Branstad passed a bill to allow for Fireworks. The City of Fertile has a permit that needs to be filed prior to lighting fireworks within city limits. Permits are available at City Hall. **Nick motioned, Cindy 2nd to release authority to Mayor and Fire Chief for review of Fireworks permit for initial cycle.**
- Clapper Tree Service removed trees off Park Street that had fallen during storm.
- Thank you to Chris Hanna for the CPR training that he provided to the City Council, Employees and Fire Department.
- Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to write off outstanding balance of \$39.78 at 101 N Hill Street.** Unanimous
- Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Fire Department, Garden Club & Library current through 04/30/2017.

7/1/2016 5/31/2017	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	296,109.61	87,829.20	42,107.75	1,852.09	115,450.95	543,349.60
Expense	259,843.09	95,629.20	22,461.15	0.00	126,674.57	504,608.01
Total	36,266.52	-7800.00	19,646.60	1,852.09	-11,223.62	38,741.59
Fund Balance	73,928.93	-7800.00	43,307.41	1852.09	131,862.60	243,151.03

- Holly motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve Financial Report.** Unanimous
- Ron motioned, Nick 2nd to approve May Bills.** Unanimous
- There were no liens to present.

Committee Report:

- Library is in the process of moving their financials to City Hall as recommended by the State of Iowa.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session July 18th at 7:00pm, at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

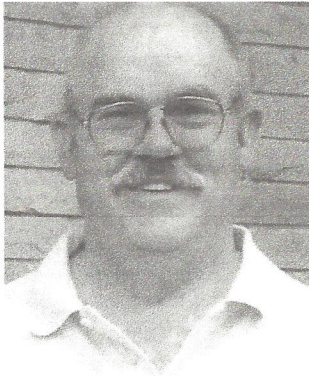
City of Fertile Deposits

Type	Date	Amount
Operating Accounts		
Checking		
As of May 31, 2017		
Deposit	05/01/2017	Property Taxes
		2,012.79
Deposit	05/01/2017	Lien Payment Deposit
		342.52
Deposit	05/03/2017	Deposit - Insurance Settlement for Sewer Pump
		14,000.00
Deposit	05/03/2017	Utility Deposit
		92.92
Deposit	05/03/2017	Utility Deposit
		1,387.73
Deposit	05/03/2017	Casino Funds Deposit
		2,852.62
Deposit	05/10/2017	Donation Deposit
		200.00
Deposit	05/10/2017	Utility Deposit
		139.21
Deposit	05/10/2017	Utility Deposit
		3,778.68
Deposit	05/11/2017	Road Use Tax
		1,541.15
Deposit	05/17/2017	Clerkboks Deposit
		0.00
Deposit	05/17/2017	Building Permit Deposit
		35.00
Deposit	05/17/2017	Farm to Market Deposit
		1,218.77
Deposit	05/17/2017	Utility Deposit
		2,516.28
Deposit	05/24/2017	Little League Deposit
		394.00
Deposit	05/24/2017	Utility Deposit
		3,334.03
Deposit	05/24/2017	Facility Rental Deposit
		200.00
Deposit	05/24/2017	Utility Deposit
		217.14
Deposit	05/25/2017	Grants Sidewalks Deposit
		59,940.00
Deposit	05/31/2017	Utility Deposit
		94.86
Deposit	05/31/2017	Interest
		18.86
Total Checking		94,316.56

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of May 31, 2017

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Bill Pmt -Check	05/02/2017	8088	Hare Electric	Sewer Pump	-14,500.00
Paycheck	05/03/2017	8089	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,019.51
Paycheck	05/03/2017	8090	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	05/03/2017	8091	Lunning, Wendy S		-356.03
Paycheck	05/03/2017	8092	Russell, Joyce		-1,196.20
Bill Pmt -Check	05/03/2017	8093	Waste Management	Garbage and Recycling Services	-17.16
Bill Pmt -Check	05/03/2017	8094	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-216.70
Bill Pmt -Check	05/03/2017	8095	Wendy Lunning - v	3 Tab folders	-8.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/03/2017	8096	Fertile Pronto	Truck & Chainsaw	-270.81
Check	05/03/2017	DEBIT	US Post Office	Postage	-102.00
			Larsen Plumbing & Heating		
Bill Pmt -Check	05/03/2017	8097		Open Bathrooms, Covers	-267.05
Bill Pmt -Check	05/03/2017	8098	Superior Lumber, Inc	Re-Set Post Office Mailbox	-5.10
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2017	8099	AgSource Laboratories	Sewer Testing	-61.50
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2017	8100	Fertile Pronto	Truck & Mower	-214.10
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2017	8101	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2017	8102	Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Loan	-10,215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2017	8103	Menards	Repair City of Fertile Sign	-18.54
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2017	8104	Star Granite	Grant Statue	-7,800.00
				Garbage and Recycling Services	
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2017	8105	Waste Management		-2,179.92
Liability Check	05/10/2017	EFT	IPERS		-809.03
Check	05/10/2017	8106	Prescott, Larry & Carol	Utility Deposit Refund	-150.00
Check	05/11/2017	DEBIT	Bomgaars	Sprayer	-349.99
Liability Check	05/11/2017	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,147.88
Paycheck	05/17/2017	8107	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,019.51
Bill Pmt -Check	05/17/2017	8108	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-305.96
Bill Pmt -Check	05/17/2017	8109	Complete Concrete	Footings for Bronze Statue	-450.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/17/2017	8110	IDNR		-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/17/2017	8111	K Severson	Little League T-shirts	-293.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/17/2017	8112	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-56.54
Bill Pmt -Check	05/17/2017	8113	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-94.73
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2017	8114	AgSource Laboratories		-121.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2017	8115	Complete Concrete	Main Street Sidewalks	-59,940.00
Paycheck	05/31/2017	8116	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,019.51
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2017	8117	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,393.07
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2017	8118	Eclectic 413 Photography	Little League Photos	-180.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2017	8120	Hanna Chris	CPR Training	-32.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2017	8121	Wendy Lunning - v		-7.70
Total Checking					-106,248.93
Petty Cash					
Total Petty Cash					
Total Operating Accounts					
					-106,248.93
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Savings					
Total Savings					
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
TOTAL					
					-106,248.93



Kent D. Hauge

December 30, 1952 -
June 1, 2017

FOREST CITY – Kent D. Hauge, 64, of Forest City died Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa in Mason City.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 P.M., Monday, June 5th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City with Pastor Zech Anderson officiating. Burial will be at Madison Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 P.M., Sunday at the Cataldo Schott Funeral Home in Forest City and will resume one hour prior to services at the church.

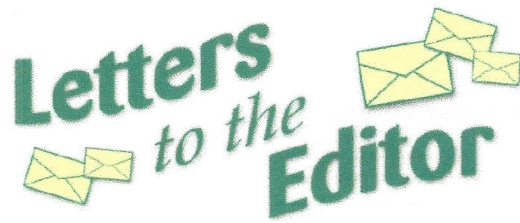
Kent Douglas Hauge, the son of Arnold and Helen (Keiser) Hauge, was born December 30, 1952 in Forest City. He graduated from Forest City High School in 1971. Following high school, Kent began working at Winnebago Industries. On November 23, 1974, he married Carmen Orvick at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City. They lived in Forest City until 1985 when they moved to Albia. In 1989, they returned to Forest City where Kent was employed at 3M. In 1991, they moved to Kiester, MN where they owned and operated the Kiester Bowling Center. Kent retired from 3 M in 2008 and in 2013 he and Carmen moved back to Forest City. He enjoyed bowling and attending his son, Bryan's athletic activities when he was in high school.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City.

Kent is survived by his wife, Carmen, of Forest City; son, Bryan (Shelby) Hauge of St. Paul, MN; father, Arnold Hauge of Fertile; brother, Paul Hauge of Britt; and three nephews, Jeremy (Kellie) Hauge of Grimes, Ben (Julie) Hauge of St. Ansgar and Chad Green of Faribault, MN.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen; brother, Craig Hauge; an infant brother, Dennis Arnold Hauge; an infant sister, Paulette Kay Hauge; and nephew, Matthew Hauge.

Our sympathy to the Hauge family.



Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder for two years. Thank You **Betty Heyerdahl, Reedsburg, WI, Class of 1948**

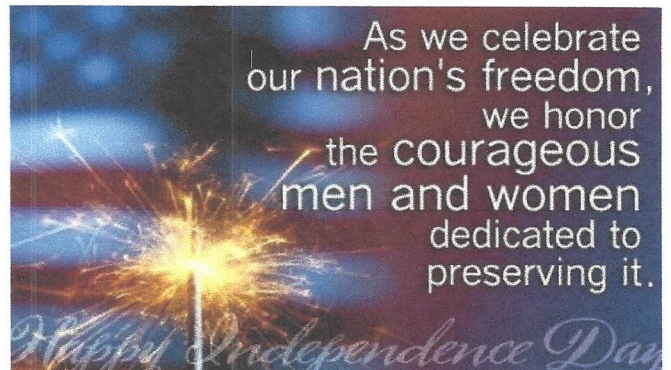
Thanks Ladies for all you do. **Deb Kleveland**

Hello Reminder Ladies: Keep up the good work, I hope you have kept an archive of all the Reminders at the Library. Tell Paula Worsley Hello from Ann Hargrave's youngest daughter. I'll be retiring in 2 ½ years and moving back to the area. Once an lowegian, always an lowegian! Thanks again, **Jane Briggeman**

Thanks gals, **Dwaine and Janice Asche**

Thank you

Thank You to all of you for your prayers, beautiful cards, plants, gifts, food visits and the love and concern you gave to us during and after Joel's passing. And thank you to all for making Saturday, Joel's Celebration of Life a special one. God Bless you all. Love, Jane Johnson and family.



MEMORIES OF JIM LOVICK

My first memory of Fertile was driving Pa's Model T the six miles to Fertile Creamery. I was about eight years old and my Mother was sitting beside me. Being the first grandson on both sides of family --- I was spoiled, a little bit. Later we built a small trailer to haul milk in and return with whey for the pigs. My Dad had a couple of strong mares that he bred and then sold / traded foals. He traded a team of horses for his first tractor, a small John Deere B. The tractor was used for plowing and the horses used for other field work. We loved that tractor and I've been a John Deere man ever since.

Times were tough after the 1929 crash, I worked out as a hired boy for one dollar a day -- pitched manure and walked miles behind horses. I was allowed Saturday mornings off to "meet the preacher." After walking home, I'd get a ride to Fertile Church. The dust storms were hard for my mother. She hung wet clothes on windows and done lots of sweeping. We slept on straw ticks, three to a bed. In the winter, horse manure was piled high on house foundation. We gathered corn cobs for cook stove fuel. In the summer, the cook stove was moved outside into a 'lean to kitchen.' We were lucky to have a sand pit on the other side of barn. We boys would jump in to wash up.

Fertile was a busy town with four grocery stores, two restaurants, implement dealer, lumberyard, hardware store, bank, feed mill, creamery, meat locker, hatchery, doctor. In the summer there were outdoor Western movies behind Elthon store and tented roller skating rink. The barn dance hall / bar was east of Leland.

After 1936 graduation from Forest City High School, I worked as a hired man and then rented a farm northwest of Forest City. Alvera Hanna and I had ridden with Don Brakke and sister Amy Lovick to the Little Brown Church where we witnessed their wedding, May 18, 1939. Alvera and I had our first date the following Friday.

At this time, teachers were not allowed to be married so we were married May 25th, when school was out. We had a wedding supper at her parents' home and then went home to do chores. I had bought calves for \$16.00 each and had a few pigs. My Dad gave us a milk cow and Mother gave us some of her laying hens -- good ones with strong 'laying muscles.' Alvera bought a new copper clad wood burning stove with a water reservoir - \$ 109.00, a Maytag dual motor washing machine - \$120.00, and a new bedroom set. (I still have bedroom set.). My sister Irene stayed with us and taught country school, one mile down the road.



During WWII I had a farm deferment while younger brothers Paul and Red served in Navy. We had seen our Uncle Pat suffer the lasting effects of being gassed during WWI while serving in Army. The war ended before I was called up.

We had two children, Gloria and David, when my in laws helped with down payment on 80 acres, four miles west of Fertile on Highway 9. We paid Mrs. Benson \$125 an acre. Alvera and I loved the farm life. I shared equipment and worked together with my Dad and brothers. Our family of six children tended cattle, milk cows, pigs, sheep and chickens. Time was spent picking rocks, weeding beans, gleaning corn, mowing, baling hay, etc.. In addition all were kept busy attending church, sporting events, 4H and county fairs. I enjoyed being a Sunday School teacher, serving on creamery board, and Fertile Church Council.



Farm home place was sold to Gloria and Ed and in 1988, Alvera and I moved to town --- Fertile. Now I was a hired man for my youngest brother, Larry. Alvera and I enjoyed Fertile Senior Club meetings, library, Fertile Days. Don Nelson helped me with my golf game and I kept busy on my John Deere lawnmower. I became a regular at Downtown Café liars table -- not named after me - where farmers met for 08:00 coffee and 'crop discussion'.

I enjoy 'going for a drive' to see farmers in fields and crops. I think if someone could push me up into a tractor cab, I could make a round with my one good eye. I'm looking forward to pizza with friends at the new café. Thank you to all who make Fertile a great place. It has been a wonderful life.

***Pictured front row: Alvera(deceased), James
2nd row: Janice, Gloria, Mary
Back Row: David,(deceased) Martha, Clara***





Bridal Shower

Open house Bridal Shower

**for Lindie Towne
bride-elect of Jeff Midtgaard**

**Saturday, July 15 from 9-11 a.m.
Fertile Lutheran Church
Everyone is welcome**

**Jeff and Lindie will be married on August 26,
2017 in Milford, IA**



Bridal Shower

Open House Bridal Shower

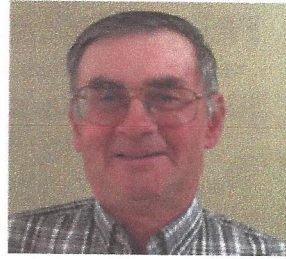
Saturday, July 29, 2017.

**Joy Carey, bride elect of Luke Cleveland
(son of Tim and Deb Cleveland).**

**2:00-4:00 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church
3906 Bluebill, Ave, rural Joice.**

**Registered at Bed, Bath, and
Beyond; Amazon.com and Walmart**

Nov. 4th Wedding planned at Omaha, NE



**THOUGHTS OF FARMER
RON WELCOME!** If the temperature is 95 the first part of June, what is t going to be in July? As I write this, we just had three tenths of an inch of rain. Normally, this would not be a big deal. This year it is

huge.

Normally, the topics I write about are for adults. This month, it will be focused more on youth and young adults, especially those complaining because their boyfriend/girlfriend just left them or they couldn't have the latest cell phone.

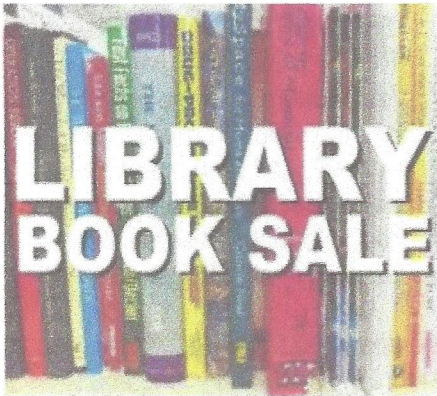
On May 26, Donna (my girlfriend) and I went to the VA in Des Moines, and then back to Ames for the State Special Olympics. As we drove into the parking lot of the VA Hospital, the first person we saw was a forty something young man missing his right hand. He's probably lost it in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. He lost his hand to protest your freedom.

In Ames we watched the special needs people compete. I say people because the ages are all the way from grade school to 50 plus years old. Some have fairly good ability and some had practically none. They are grouped by age and ability. There is one young man that runs the 100 meter dash. He always comes in last but also receives the most applause. You see, this young man is totally blind. They string up a rope held by college kids and he runs guiding his hand along the rope. It is held the Friday before Memorial Day and everyone should go at least once just to see how much progress we have made in this country in relations to those we now call "Special Needs". They are human just like us and they have abilities just like you and I. They are not retards or being stuck in a county home like has happened in the past. So young people, if you have a bed to sleep in, a roof over your head, food on the table and fairly decent grades, don't complain. It is just small stuff.

One more thing, too many young people are told that they wouldn't amount to anything if they don't have a four year college degree. This is totally false, our nation is running out of plumbers, carpenters, auto mechanics and health workers. These people have a one or two year degree and work with their hands as well as their brain and in many cases, earn more than those with four year degrees. Give it some thought.

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

Ron Rachut



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Thursday 3-6 P.M.
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!

Horse Chestnut



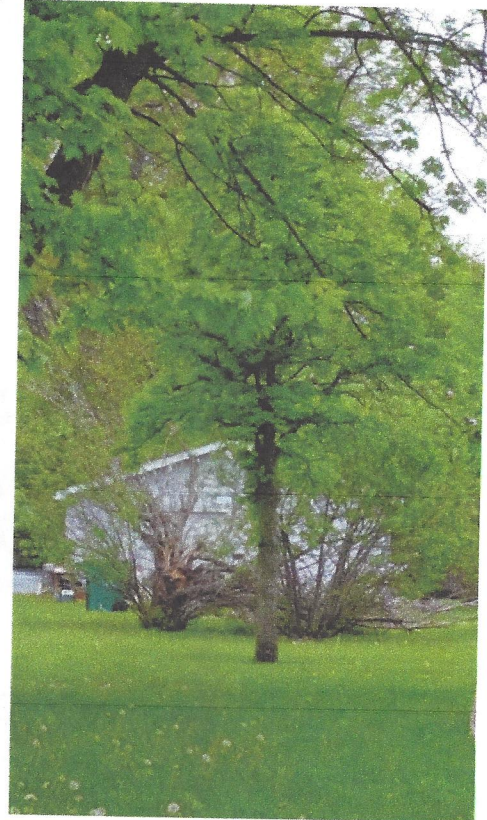
A Tree Grows in Fertile

In 1964 the year before he died Ernie Kuns planted a chestnut in the backyard of his home at 306 West Main Street. He lived long enough to see it sprout but not to see it grow.

The original building that held his business is long gone, replaced by the Midland gas station, but his tree grows in Fertile. His last garage building on the river is in a state of disrepair and abandoned but his tree still stands in Fertile. His wife and two younger sons have passed but his tree continues to live and grow in Fertile. Sometime after we sold it his home on Main Street burned, became derelict and was demolished to make way for a new greensward but his tree continues to drop its leaves every Autumn and to sprout new blossoms and buds each Spring.

When we visited my cherished tiny home town in March of 2016 I made it a point to look for the tree and to pick a leaf to press and preserve. It is the only living thing in Fertile that reminds anyone that Ernie once worked and lived there. I write this so that when I am gone his presence in the town he served and loved might not be forgotten.

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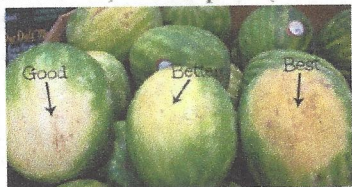


FERTILE DAYS
AUGUST 12 & 13



5 Key Tips To Pick The Perfect Watermelon

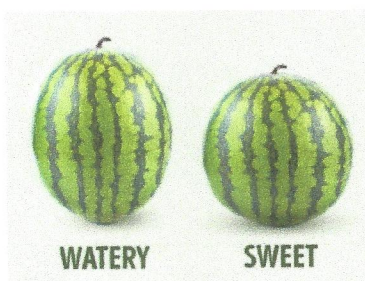
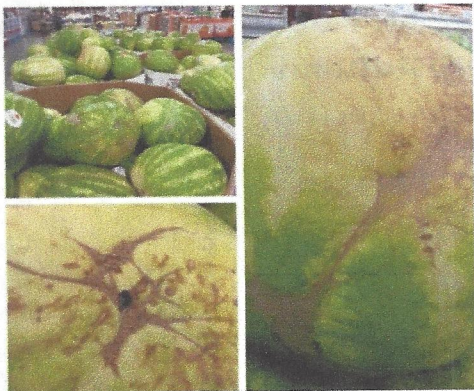
1. Field Spot When viewing watermelons, the first thing that sticks out are those weird white spots. However, these spots (called field spots) are quite



natural. The field spot is the area where the watermelon rested on the ground. While every watermelon has a

field spot, the best watermelons have creamy-yellow or even orange-yellow spots. Go for the gold.

2. Webbing The webbing of a watermelon indicates the amount of times that bees touched the flower. The more pollination, the sweeter the watermelon is.

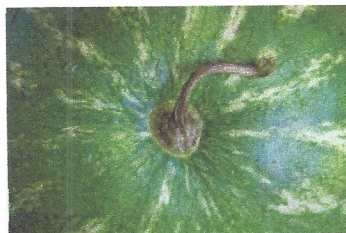


3. Boy or Girl? You may have not known this, but watermelons have genders. The 'boy' watermelons, are taller and more elongated, while the

"girl" watermelons are more round and stout. The boy watermelons are more watery, while the girl watermelons are sweeter.

4. Size

Our common sense tells us that bigger is better. So we may think that we should get our money's worth



and get the biggest watermelon we can haul onto our carts, but in reality, the best watermelons are average-sized. Don't go for too small or too big,

but just right. Size matters.

5. Tail The tail of a watermelon indicates its ripeness. A green tail indicates that it was picked too soon and will not taste as good. Go for the watermelons that have dried tails for the best taste. **You can't judge a book by its cover, but you can judge a watermelon by its shell.**



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LENNOX

Garden Diary

Pictures: tomato plants: Bush squash

May 28th, green beans, cucumbers and zucchini were replanted.

May 31st 36 jars of various sizes of rhubarb- blueberry and rhubarb -strawberry freezer jam were made.

Tomato plants were replaced that "died or were eaten by varmints". Marigolds were planted near the tomatoes to fend off bugs.

Shaved Irish Spring soap was put around the peppers to discourage rabbits from eating the blossoms. (Sure hope it works) The peppers will be sprinkled with red pepper, also, to keep those pests at bay.

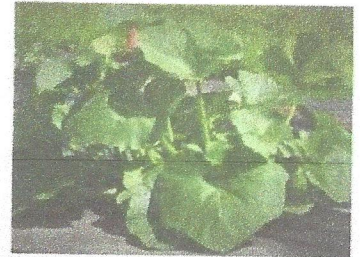
The asparagus was good but the cold spell hindered it for a week or so. The rhubarb was tasty and plentiful.

I planted a row of gladiolus in the garden but have not told the girls yet!! It is best that they don't know until the plants are grown.

Radishes, kale and spinach are ready for eating.

The garden has been watered twice, and then the rain came and was very welcome. The 90 degree weather dried it out quickly. Penny watches lawns that she can sweep and bring the grass clippings for the tomatoes to keep weeds out and moisture in. She asked her neighbor if she could sweep up her grass and take it. She got a rather funny look until she explained!!

No fertilizer is used as we want it to be organic!

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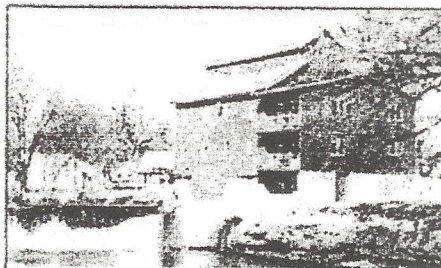
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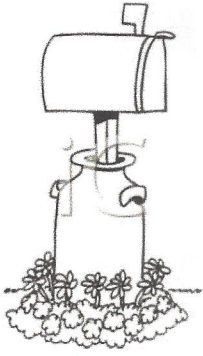
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