

FERTILE REMINDER

AUGUST 2016

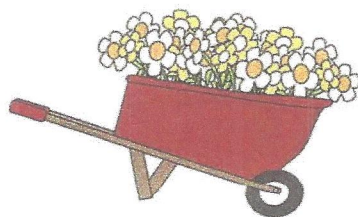
AUGUST CALENDAR

- 1 Fertile Firemen meet
- 4 & 18 Recycle
- 10 Reminder deadline
- 13 - 14 Fertile Days
- 13 Library Book and Bake sale
- 13 Class of 1956 Reunion
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Garden Club

Garden Club met on July 12 at the City Hall, then proceeded to Garner for a tour of the raised gardens on the Larry and Sue Bruxvoort farm. Larry explained and handed out material about planting a crop of mustard that helps to suppress weeds, reduces harmful insects, nematodes and fungal disease; recycles and redistributes nitrogen in the soil; improves long term health in the soil and provides an all-natural alternative to toxic chemicals. This also increases organic matter in their soil. It is then mowed and tilled under. There are many benefits from mustard!

After the tour we went back to City Hall for a short meeting and lunch. Sue Lee gave the Thought for the Day on caring and watering plants. Hostesses were Penny Miller, Ron Rachut & Betty Waddington.

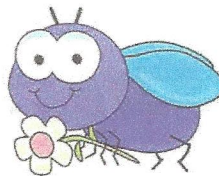


**Fertile Day's Grand Marshalls
Raymond (Joe) & Deanna Jordan**

Joe and Deanna grew up and raised their family in Fertile their entire lives. They both attended and graduated from Fertile Consolidated School. Joe had his eye on Deanna through their high school years and finally after he graduated in 1955, got the nerve up to talk to her and they were married March of 1961. They have 4 children (John, Doug, Lindsay and Danielle,) 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Joe operated the service station (Jordan's Station) from 1960 - 1990. He also helped Deanna's dad, Mike Wolfe, farm west of town for many years. Joe and Deanna love to travel, visit friends and family, and read. Deanna was church organist for Fertile Lutheran for many years and continues to play at Pilot Knob Lutheran. Joe was in Lions Club and served on the Fertile city council.

Thank you, Joe and Deanna, for sharing your story with us and for serving Fertile for many years!



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes July 19, 2016 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

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

Fertile Café:

- Nathaniel Frederick presented plans for the Fertile Café. He asked for council support in requesting \$50,000 -\$70,000 economic development funds from WCDA. Roll call vote taken... Holly – yes, Nick – yes, Ron – yes, Cindy – yes and Tad – yes. Unanimous

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve & Buck cleaned storm drain by the school from sand and gravel.
- Steve has been monitoring and pumping sewer drains due to rain and flooding.
- Broken water line at 504 W Main Street that is scheduled to be repaired.
- Steve traded a weed trimmer that wasn't being used for chain saw that will be much more beneficial to the city.
- Steve sprayed for weeds on Park Street and tennis courts.
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- Joyce and Wendy went to meeting with NIACOG and WinWorth Betco in regards to trails in the community.
- Joyce completed E-911 training via webinar class.
- Joyce and Wendy attended class to put Fertile on the map with Google.
- The concrete steps have been replaced at the band shell in the park.
- Jackie Miller completed grant for sidewalks on Main Street for Fall grant cycle.
- Curb stop has been repaired at 115 W Main Street.
- Reverse decision made at the property of 308 W Main due to the passing of long time resident. A lien in the amount of \$172.30 was processed via recommendation from City attorney, John Greve, council approved via email response.
- Josh Faber had Company Picnic in park and gave \$50.00 donation to the City of Fertile.
- There will be a sign out sheet for the use of old tables and chairs at maintenance shed. A \$50.00 charge will be applied if items not returned are damaged.

catalog and is looking for potential Spring grant cycle.

- Tad motioned, and Holly 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented June Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

Ron motioned, Nick 2nd to approve Financial Report. Unanimous
Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve June Bills Unanimous

- Liens presented to the council were as follows:

409 W Main Street \$297.13
212 W Main Street \$435.61
203 E Main Street \$227.56

- Wendy presented estimates for new computer for City Clerk.**
Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to accept offer from Dell Inspiron I7 5000 series. Unanimous

7/1/2015 06/30/2016	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	264,291.21	25,965.00	45,191.34	1,737.91	129,964.63	467,150.09
Expense	298,387.48	25,965.00	77,150.93	1,737.91	121,412.09	524,653.41
Total	-34,096.27	0.00	-31,959.59	0.00	8,552.54	-57,503.32
Fund Balance	38,334.08	0.00	23,660.81	0.00	125,023.70	187,018.59

Committee Reports:

- No additional reports.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

City of Fertile Deposits

As of June 30, 2016

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	06/01/2016	Utility Deposit	1,741.30
Deposit	06/01/2016	Local Option Sales Tax	1,652.33
Deposit	06/03/2016	Property Taxes	1,665.60
Deposit	06/03/2016	Deposit	0.00
Deposit	06/03/2016	Casino Funds Deposit	3,354.53
Deposit	06/08/2016	Fertile Days Deposit	750.00
Deposit	06/08/2016	Insurance Deposit	1,052.50
Deposit	06/08/2016	Utility Deposit	45.00
Deposit	06/08/2016	Utility Deposit	2,320.33
Deposit	06/17/2016	Initial Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	06/17/2016	Utility Deposit	2,883.43
Deposit	06/21/2016	Road Use Tax	2,171.58
Deposit	06/22/2016	Utility Deposit	425.80
Deposit	06/23/2016	Utility Deposit	2,756.72
Deposit	06/29/2016	Initial Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	06/29/2016	Utility Deposit	2,759.71
Deposit	06/29/2016	Utility Deposit	225.62
Deposit	06/30/2016	Interest	6.33
Total Checking			24,110.78
Total Operating Accounts			24,110.78

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Roads Revenue Accounts	
Savings	
Deposit 06/30/2016 Interest	0.56
Total Savings	0.56
Total Roads Revenue Accounts	0.56
Water Revenue Accounts	
Savings	
Deposit 06/30/2016 Interest	2.77
Total Savings	2.77
Total Water Revenue Accounts	2.77
Sewer Revenue Accounts	
Savings	
Deposit 06/30/2016 Interest	2.42
Total Savings	2.42
CD	
Total CD	2.42
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts	2.42
TOTAL	<u>24,116.53</u>

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of June 30, 2016

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Paycheck	06/01/2016	7755	Lunning, Wendy S		-294.79
Paycheck	06/01/2016	7756	Russell, Joyce		-1,285.11
Paycheck	06/01/2016	7754	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	06/01/2016	7757	Roberts, Stephen J		-991.97
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2016	7758	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-10.00
Check	06/01/2016	7759	Hoffman, Keegan	Refund Utility Deposit due to Good Credit.	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2016	7760	AgSource Laboratories	Sewer Testing	-46.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2016	7761	Waste Management	Container Services	-17.16
Liability Check	06/01/2016	EFT	IPERS		-752.18
Liability Check	06/01/2016	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,061.44
Check	06/02/2016	DEBIT	USPS	postage	-214.75
Bill Pmt -Check	06/02/2016	7762	Fertile Days	Kinney Lindstrom Foundation	-750.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/03/2016	7785	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,488.43
Bill Pmt -Check	06/03/2016	7786	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-49.16
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7763	Fertile Pronto	Truck, Mower, Golf Cart and Water Plant	-248.75
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7764	Green Canopy, Inc.	March, April - Fishing Point and Ball Diamond	-178.22
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7765	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7766	Interstate Motor Trucks Inc.	Snow Plow - Service and Exhaust	-297.62
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7767	Kramer Ace Hardware	Padalocks for Water Tower	-12.99
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7768	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Baseball Diamond Bathrooms	-317.04
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7769	North Central Sales & Service	Skid Loader Repairs	-1,552.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7770	US Post Office	Annual PO Box Renewal	-52.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7771	USDA	Water & Sewer Loan Payments	-34,438.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7772	Waste Management	Garbage and Recycling	-2,117.28
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7773	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-199.54
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2016	7774	First Gabrielson Agency	Firemen's Accident/Sickness Policy	-811.00
Paycheck	06/15/2016	7776	Roberts, Stephen J		-991.96
Paycheck	06/22/2016	7784	Roberts, Stephen J		-991.96
Bill Pmt -Check	06/29/2016	7787	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-20.00
Check	06/30/2016	TRANSFER		Fund Transfer	0.00
Total Checking					<u>-49,651.74</u>



CASPER, Wyo. — Jeffrey A. Hyde, 50, of Casper, Wyoming, died Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at his home.

Jeff was born May 22, 1966, in Mason City,

Iowa, to Dale and Sheilah Hyde of Fertile. He was baptized at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Clear Lake. He graduated from Forest City High School in 1984.

He enjoyed working outdoors. He had been employed on farms and ranches, in addition to recently working as an on-shore oil rigger. He also owned and operated a fencing business.

He was an enthusiastic vegetable gardener, well known in the Casper community for his Brandywine tomatoes and amazing sweetcorn. He also liked hunting and fishing. From an early age, he loved animals, including exotic chickens, dogs, and horses. In the past, he also found adventure in rodeo competition, riding broncos and bulls.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be directed to an animal shelter or the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter, Vanessa Hyde; mother, Sheilah Hyde; brother, Brian Pat Hyde; sisters Delia Hyde, Donna (Charles) Reed, June (Kevin) Lackore, and Jamie Hyde; several nieces and nephews; and a very special friend, Dena Richardson.

He is preceded in death by his father, Dale Hyde; sister, Debra Hyde; and brother, Michael Hyde.

Our sympathies to these two families.



MASON CITY — Matthew Ryan Hauge, 26, of Mason City, formerly of Forest City, died Monday, July 4, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Celebration of life services and visitation times have been delayed from those announce previously and details are pending. See updated information at

www.cataldoschottfh.com.

Burial of cremains will be held in Brush Point Cemetery in rural Fertile, following services with military honors provided by the Iowa Army National Guard Honor Guard.

Matthew Ryan Hauge was born on Aug. 11, 1989, at Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea, MN, to Craig and Teresa (Heimdal) Hauge. He was the youngest of three sons. Matt grew up in the Forest City area where he attended school, later graduating from Mason City High School in 2008. Growing up a Hauge meant you were immersed in baseball from the start and having two older brothers to watch and emulate paid off for Matt as he excelled in the sport. His second passion was running and he joined the cross country and track teams during high school to fulfill that passion. At age 14 he ran in the Junior Olympics in Miami. After graduating Matt joined the Army Reserves and attended NIACC where he received his AA degree. Matt also spent time at Iowa State University and Mankato State working toward his bachelor's degree.

Matt was that smart, funny guy with a huge personality and quirky smile to his friends and family.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Teresa Hauge-Clausen and stepfather Bill Clausen of Mason City; brothers, Jeremy (Kellie) Hauge of Grimes, IA and Benjamin (Julie) Hauge of St. Ansgar, along with their children Kinzley and Beckett; grandfather, Arnold Hauge of Fertile; maternal grandmother, Marilyn Heimdal and great-grandfather, Robert Witham both of Forest City; uncles, Kent (Carmen) Hauge of Forest City and Paul Hauge of Britt, IA; aunts, Tanya (Dale) Borg of Forest City, Valerie (Craig) Swalve of Garner, Victoria (Randy) Hopp of Palmetto, FL, and Natalie (Jerry) Black of Chandler, AZ; cousins, Myshelle (Trevor) Rhodes, Micah (Mikala) Heimdal, Jessica (Kevin) Nitcher, Justin Hugo, Bryan (Shelby) Hauge, Nicole (Eric) Heinicke, and Melissa Borg; as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

His father, Craig Hauge; paternal grandmother, Helen Hauge; maternal grandfather, Merlyn Heimdal and maternal great-grandmother, Myrtle Witham; preceded Matthew in death.



FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY
www.youseemore.com/NILC/FertilePL
 204 West Main Street/Box 198
 Fertile, IA 50434
 641-797-2787 Phone/Fax
 Monday & Wednesday-1-6 P.M.
 Thursday 3-6 P.M.
 Friday 9- Noon & 2-6 P.M.
 Saturday - 9 - Noon



Be one of us!

The Fertile Library Board has one position open. Help advocate for the library and plan for the future! The position is for one resident of rural Fertile Township. Call the library or city of Fertile for more information! 797-2787(library) 797-2121 (city)

Library News

Hello out there. This is Angie and I am the new director here at the library. I just want to take a minute to introduce myself. My previous job was at the Forest City library where I was the children's librarian for over 9 years. It has been great that I've been able to meet quite a few people already here at Fertile, and everyone has been very welcoming.

I enjoy having everyone come in and I am excited to discover what the people of Fertile like to read, and what kinds of activities they enjoy. I believe that the library is both a place of respite, where we can find peace and a world to get lost in. It is a place of meeting, where community members of all ages can come together to enjoy each other and a place to just be.

It is a privilege to be here -- stop in soon and let the games begin. -Angie

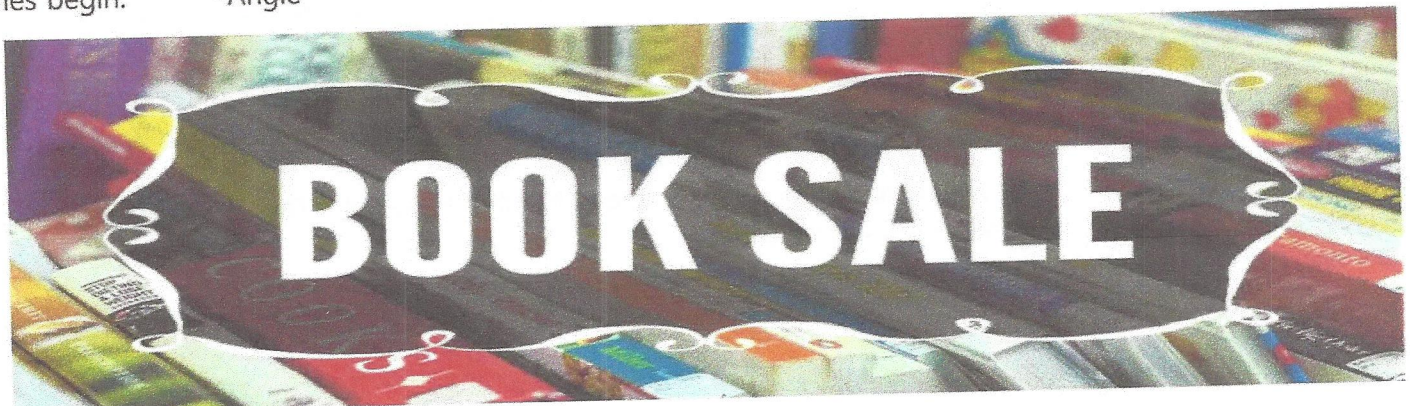
BOOK & BAKE SALE

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 13th. Buy a book and a treat and help us raise funds. The library will also be selling some odds and ends so come early for the best selection!

The Fertile Library now has a Facebook page... come "Like" us & look for Instagram photos to come!

Watch for new programs coming this fall!



PHILLIP RAYMOND SHEIMO

Written by Paula Worsley

Philip Raymond Sheimo was born November 13, 1899 at the Sheimo homestead 1 mile west of Fertile. He was the youngest of 11 children and was the son of Kittle O. and Marie (Ouverson) Sheimo.

He was baptized and confirmed at Fertile Lutheran Church, served on the Cemetery Board and other committees. Phil was a lifelong member.

While attending school in Fertile he was the captain of the basketball team and at 6'1" played center position. In 1921 was a graduate of Iowa School of Auctioneering located in Logan, Iowa. Because of his gift in sales it was said he could sell razor blades to Santa Claus.

The year 1926 Phil introduced Coca Cola as a new product in 8 counties in and around Marshall in southwestern Minnesota.

In 1936 Phil with his brother, Andrew, opened the Webster County Implement Company (Oliver) in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Again Phil was in sales and Andrew the business manager. That same year he was married to Naoma who preceded him in death in 1978. They were the parents of one daughter, Paula.

He returned to his beloved hometown, Fertile, to farm, raise livestock and cry auctions. Phil also served as mayor of Fertile for several years. Was voted the best dressed gentleman at the Fertile Centennial in 1956 and was again able to wear the same outfit 25 years later at the Quasiquicentennial in 1981.

An 85th birthday party was held at his home hosted by his family. He felt very honored that so many attended because he always enjoyed visiting with everyone.

On June 28, 1990 Phil was taken home. He is still admired and missed by his family.

The following was taken from "More About Fertile" 1976

My father Kittle O. Sheimo, at the age of 20, came from Norway to New York and then on to Madison, Wisconsin. Then he came to Iowa to work for Knut Bratrud a few years. He married Marie Ouverson whom he had met in Daleyville, Wisconsin.

They moved to the area of the location of what is Hanlontown. Three years later my father bought the Sheimo homestead - west of Fertile- the house of one of his grandsons now.

Our family lived in a log house until 1891 when the present house was built.

There were eleven children (as Paula mentioned), first child born in 1877 and the youngest child in 1899. We attended the Knutson rural school. Tracking rabbits or playing fox and geese or snow ball battles were the usual recess games in fall and winter. In spring trapping gophers or drowning out gophers kept us busy. Occasionally some wrestling and fighting took place. Later after 8th grade I attended school at Fertile graduating in 1918.

Going back to 1912, the first dime I made was planting potatoes for Abraham Halsor. Wages were 10 cents an hour for planting and later in the year for picking up potatoes. On Saturdays or after school I split wood for neighbors.

About 1916-1917 I helped John and Gunder Hegney make cement tile --- this enterprise was going on about where Lester Burtness's have the patio of their home. At other times I helped with threshing, hauling water for the steam engine or working on farms by the month.

I recall when No. 9, a state highway, was built through the town of Fertile in the spring of 1923. Horse and mules with dump wagons were used to move the dirt, The road crew was camped west of Fertile near where the cemetery is now.

From 1925 into the thirties I worked with bottled Coco Cola business, Marshall Minnesota. Then I sold milking machines in the Fort Dodge area and later Oliver machinery.

In the late 1930's I came back to Fertile and farming. I had begun auctioneering in 1920 and still sell and occasional sale.



Phil R. Sheimo

Auctioneer

Live Stock and General Farm Sales Solicited

Graduate of Iowa School of Auctioneering in 1919
and practical experience ever since.

Have had farming and machinery experience and
am in a position to know values of all kinds of Farm
Property.

You will find me at the OLIVER STORE and shall
be pleased to have you call and discuss your Sale
problems.

FORT DODGE, IOWA

508 Central Avenue - Phone Walnut 1452



Over 50 Years of Getting Together



The above group has been faithfully getting together for a party every 4th of July for over 50 years. The location of the party moves from place to place. This year it was at the home of Larry and Donna Nelson. Next year it will be at the home of Leland and Naomi Peterson.

L to R Larry and Donna (Vaage) Nelson, Allen and Nadine Suby, Joe and Deanna (Wolfe) Jordan, Leland and Naomi Peterson, Jim and Barb Seglem, and Jerry and Donna (Pitken) Ouverson

Class of 1959 to hold Reunion

The Fertile High School class of 1959 will have a reunion on August 13 and help celebrate Fertile Days. Classmates are Donna Vaage Nelson, Beverly Tweed McNeese, Gwen Johnson Scott, Nelda Ouverson Frahm, Diane Hunter Coons, Paul Ouverson, Gary Ouverson, Larry Burtness, Lyle Knudtson, Les Torkelson, Gary Hall, Neal Luker, Loren Hoffman, and Jerry Hill; Judy Haugen Hall and Sandra Felland are deceased. All classmates have been contacted and are hoping to attend. Donna Pitkin Ouverson was in the class but then had to attend Clear Lake School but has always been invited to the class's reunions. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stalker and Mr. and Mrs. Dreves and Mr. and Mrs. Kettleson are teachers who are also hoping to attend. The class is planning to have a float in the Fertile Days parade. Classmates should meet behind the Fertile Lutheran Church at 9:15 to get ready for the parade. The class will meet at 4:00 at the Fertile Lutheran Church for coffee and snacks and then will eat at 5:30; the rest of the evening will be spent visiting. Nelda Ouverson and Neal Luker are the committee for this reunion.

1956 CLASS TO HOLD 60TH REUNION

The Fertile High School class of 1956 will hold their 60th class reunion on Saturday, August 13, at the City Hall in Fertile at 5:00 pm for social hour with dinner at 5:30 pm. Class members attending are Gary Frahm, Janice Lee Asche, Deanna Wolfe Jordan, Bob Tuttle, Betty Tuttle Waddington and VerLynn Ouverson Austin. Sandy Thompson Young and Mary Brue Baca are unable to attend due to illness. Deceased members are Larry Luker, Marian Midtgaard, David Hunter, Burdette Norem, Marcus Lovik, Jim Rodberg, Jackie Humphrey Logan; missing members are Sheryl Hall and Marybelle Varner Swain. Deanna and Joe Jordan will be Grand Marshalls riding in a car driven by Bob Tuttle. The rest of the class plans to be riding in the parade, also. Planning committee is Deanna Jordan, Janice Asche and Betty Waddington.



Fertile class of 1958 celebrated 58 years since graduating on June 30th at the Prime and Wine. 7 out of 10 classmates celebrated the event. Attending were Bill Burke, Larry Nelson, Janet (Thompson) Burtness, Larry Frahm, Linda (Suby) Price, Lloyd Knudson, Laverne Lee. Not in attendance were Karen (Burke) Hinch and Lois (Clark) LeBahn. Deceased Bud Nelson.



4 teachers attended the event. Top row: Ed Kittleson, Ed Stalker. Bottom row: Beverly and Howard Dreves

Reunion Road Trip

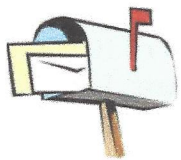
While on the road to our reunion, a classmate and his wife stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. When leaving, the classmate's wife unknowingly left her glasses on the table and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses. All the way back, the classmate became the classic grouchy old man.

He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became.

He just wouldn't let up for a single minute. To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the wife got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, our classmate (the old geezer) yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my wallet and credit card."



Thank you to all who came to my birthday party and for all the cards I received. It was a great day. My entire family was able to be there. Thanks to all. **Ruth Ouverson**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

: We always look forward to the Fertile Reminder. Enjoyed the July article about Charley Nye. My husband played a lot of hockey while growing up in Minot, ND. He wishes he could have known Charley. Thank you for all you do to publish the paper and for "reminding" us how fortunate we are to have grown up in the Midwest. **LaVonne Peterson Kraft**

Thanks Betty! for the E-mail of the Fertile Reminder we so enjoy - Leon can read it himself. - Thanks to all the ladies that help. **Leon & Shirley Suby, Mason City**

Please bear with me when you find mistakes. My proof reader, Joan Norem, points them out to me and too often I have it in pdf and cannot change my own mistakes and by that time do not have time to retype the page. Therefore, to get it out on time, I send it as is.

Today my Fertile Reminder email disappeared and I did not write down the password to get it back, chalk it up to old age!!!

Someday I may get it right, but don't count on it!!

AREA CHURCHES

Fertile Lutheran Church

602 W. Washington Box 215

Fertile, IA 50434

Pastor David Halverson

641-797-2767 Sunday Worship Service

9:30 am

Celebration Community Church

805 10th Ave. North, Clear Lake, IA 50428

641-357-0026 (Pastor Dan Miller)

Praise and Worship Service - 9:30 am

Wednesday - 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Fertile Church of Christ

Pastor Rob Perry

Sunday School - 9:00 am

Fellowship Time - 9:55 am

Worship - 10:15 am

Wednesday night Youth 7:00 pm

Pilot Knob Lutheran Church AALC

Rural Forest City

Pastor Robert Snitzer

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15

hello
AUGUST



There may come a time in your life when you find yourself cooking for one after cooking for a family all your days. It is not an easy thing to suddenly do and takes some thinking.

When making a casserole divide and put in small baking dishes, bake and freeze or you can freeze, then bake..

When baking a cake us 2 -8 inch pans instead of a 9 x 13 pan. Give half away or freeze it. Perhaps you have a neighbor or a close friend that would enjoy the one cake.

Buy ground beef in the 10# rolls (or any amount of pounds you desire. Divide it up according to the amount you want in a package and freeze. Mix up your meatloaf recipe and divide it into small bread pans or casserole pans, freeze. Make hamburger patties with onion etc., put single patty in a small plastic bag and put several into a larger bag, freeze.. You can use one at a time. Mix up poor man's steak and do this, also.

I can my green beans in half pint jars as that is all I want at one time, or can have!

Homemade soup can be frozen in 1 cup containers which is just enough for a meal.

Healthy Fried Rice for one

1 large egg
1/2 cup cooked **brown rice** (or white rice if that's what you have -- brown has more fiber and more flavor)
1/4 cup frozen peas
1 TBSP Tap Water

Break the **egg** into a bowl and mix it well.
Add the water to help make the egg fluffy if you would like. Take the 1/2 cup brown **rice** and mix it into the egg.
Add any extra seasonings as you like to the mixture (I often do Pepper, Red Pepper Flakes, or a shake of hot **sauce** -- but you can use whatever you like)
Heat a frying pan that's been sprayed with nonstick spray
Meanwhile, defrost the peas for 30 sec in the microwave.
stir fry the egg-rice mixture and once it's about half cooked add the defrosted peas.
The fried rice is done when the egg is cooked and the peas hot.

Barbecued Muffin Pan Meat Loaf

1 # ground beef 1/8 t. nutmeg
3/4 c. rice krispes
1 T. minced onion
3 T. Brown sugar
1 t. salt
1/2 t. pepper
1/4 c. catsup
1 t. dry mustard
1 egg
Combine ground beef, egg, cereal, salt, pepper, & onions and mix well. Mix together brown sugar, catsup, nutmeg and mustard. Add 1/2 of the mixture to the meat. Add just a little milk if mixture is too dry. Shape meat into muffin pans. Top meat with remaining barbecue sauce. Can put in a small pan, also.

Smile!!

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THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

I was reading an article about growing specialty crops in the June 15, 2016 issue of the Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman. Since I have been doing this all my life, there are a few things that need to be added to explain the difference between specialty vegetables and row crops (corn and soybeans.) With row crop, production is the key. It doesn't matter what kind of marketing plan we have if we don't have bushels. In specialty vegetables, it ranks fourth.

No. one is food safety. We are producing a product that is consumed, either raw or processed, by the public. Some buyers demand a Food Safety Plan. The Federal Government may say we are exempt because of small size. However, if the buyer wants a plan, that trumps the Feds and you need a plan. No plan, so sale.

No. 2 is a market. Having the market comes before planning. You are also competing with other established growers. It took us years to get into the markets we are in. You can have a field of the very best produce and it could rot in the field for

lack of a market buyer. We have sold onions below cost of production because the only two choices were to do that or dump them. There is no Government Price Protection either.

Number three is labor. Specialty vegetables are very labor intensive for most, If not all, year. Planning isn't too bad, but then comes the growing, harvesting, and labor to get the product ready for sale. When you count insects, disease, and weeds, we will drive the same rows of onions anywhere from ten to fifteen times per season. Each time we use at least fifty gallons of water per acre. The end of July and early August when the tops are big and if it is bad blight weather, we may go up to 150 gallons per acre to get coverage. We still hand weed the escapes. I.P.M (Integrated pest management) is a never ending job because things can change fast.

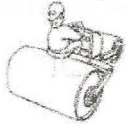
As you can see, relatively speaking, row crops are easy to grow and have a low risk. Still want to do it?

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.

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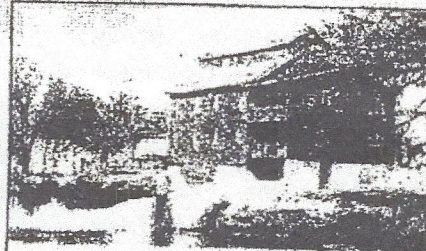
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7 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Lutheran Church (free will donation)

7:30 - registration - 3rd Annual "Do The Putsy in Fertile!" (5k, walk/run)

8:00 - walk begins! \$20.00 registration fee (includes a Fertile Days 2016 T Shirt)

10:00 - Parade - Line up at 9:00 by ball diamond (fertileparade@gmail.com)

Grand Marshall - Joe and Deanna Jordan

11:00 - Blue Star Memorial dedication (Band stand)

11:00 - Root beer floats (shelter house)

Hare's snow cones and popcorn (main street Hare Electric)

12:00 - 1:00 - Fertile Days 2016 T Shirt sales

1:00 - Kiddie Pedal Pull (Tennis Court)

12:00 - 5:00 - Petting Zoo and Inflatables (east end of park)

1:00 - Horse shoe tournament

2:00 - Pickle Ball tournament (Tennis court)

3:00 - 4:30 - Bingo (under the tents)

3:30 - 4:30 - Scavenger Hunt (under the tents)

4:30 - 6:00 - Pick up Community Meal Tickets and Fertile Days 2016 T Shirt sales

5:00 - 6:30 - Community Meal

6:00 - 9:00 - Hayrides (pick up at Foot Bridge)

6:00 - 10:00 - DJ - KLSS - 106.1 (Bring your own lawn chairs)

7:00 - Bean Bag Tournament (\$5.00 registration fee)

10:15 - Fireworks (at the ball diamond)

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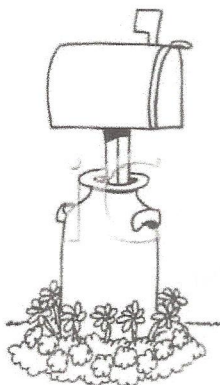
Munchie Wagon, Grub Hub, Nehemiah Mission Stand, Church of Christ and Fertile Lutheran Church, Hare's

Sunday - August 14th

7:00 - 10:00 - Firemen's Breakfast

10:00 - 11:00 - Community Church Service - Fertile Park





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We want to thank all of our loyal customers for supporting our Pronto Market restaurant. Unfortunately, July 30th will be the last day for the Restaurant. Hurry in to get your favorite foods before they are gone. *New Self-Serve food items will be coming soon!*

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