

FERTILE REMINDER

May 2016



Front row: Dan Miller, Jason Thompson, Mike Dahn, Matt Petersen, Chris Hanna, Dylan Knoph

Back Row: Josh Bruns, Jordan Bakkum, Dalton Cullinan, Andrew Hall

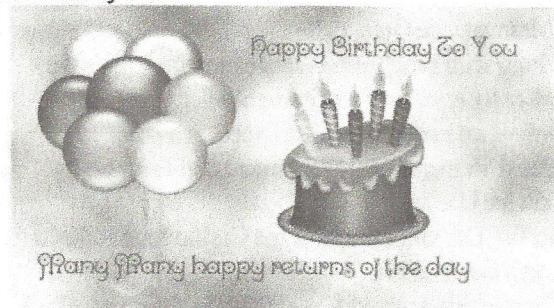
Absent: Josh Miller and Travis Child Photographer: Penny Miller

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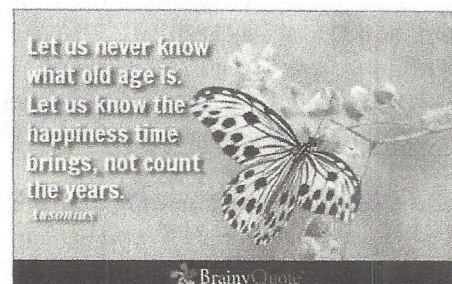
MAY CALENDAR

- 2 Firemen meet
- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 Garden Club
- 12 Recycle
- 16 Library Board Meets
- 17 Fertile Girls Meet
- 17 City Council Meets
- 19 Email Reminder
- 24 Mail Reminder

26 Recycle



27th Bob Humphrey - 31st Viola Roberts



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Holly Lovik-Hanna, Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey, Tad Miller and Ron Rachut; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. The City Council toured water and sewer plants prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00pm.
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the minutes of the March 15th meeting.** Unanimous
- Ron 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.

Phyllis Willis – Bat Houses:

- No Report.

Visu-Sewer Proposal:

- Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to accept proposals from Visu-Sewer to inspect sewer lines and seal as needed.** Unanimous

City Maintenance Report:

- Storm drain plugged on Main Street. Steve contacted Roto Rooter to clean drain. Steve will continue to monitor this drain.
- The snow plow truck needs a exhaust system replaced.
- Steve has been utilizing the new pole saw and trimming some trees.
- Clapper Tree Service removed tree stump in park.
- Steve has been cold patching some of the streets.
- New Chlorine alarm has been installed at the water plant. The Chlorine gas seems to be more efficient than the liquid gas.
- Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to approve maintenance report.**

Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 21st from 8:00 to 12:30 in front of the Maintenance Garage.
- Joyce is working with Emergency Management to make the Community Center approved for Storm Shelter.
- The 2016 Ordinance books were distributed.
- Joyce completed Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan for USDA.
- Thank you to WCDA and Diamond Joe Casino for \$3000.00 for our Fertile Days Celebration.
- The City of Fertile was granted \$24,889.20 for the repair of wiring on Main Street.
- Joyce attended Floodplain Mapping for 2016. New GIS Floodplain maps were printed for Ordinance books. Copies of the Floodplain maps are posted at City Hall.
- Resident letter asking citizens to cease blowing lawn clipping/leaves in streets and alleys. It is the homeowners responsibility to administer weed control as needed. Please keep our town beautiful.

Ron motioned, and Cindy 2nd to approve the mayor's report. Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented March Financials. The Fire Department financials show discrepancies. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

Nick motioned, Holly 2nd to approve Financial Report. Unanimous

Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve March Bills Unanimous

- Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to accept resolution 2016-4-19-1 adopting the Record Retention Manual for Iowa's Cities.** Unanimous.
- Wendy submitted proposal for Ordinance Amendment or new rates for utility bills.

- Liens presented to the council were as follows:

605 W Washington \$257.80
210 W Main \$298.93

| 7/1/2015 03/31/2016 Income | General | WCDA | Roads | EE Benefits | Utilities | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 192,564.39 | 22,965.00 | 37,548.90 | 1,027.50 | 89,908.13 | 344,013.92 |
| Expense | 233,792.56 | 22,965.00 | 71,600.29 | 6,222.51 | 96,593.65 | 431,174.01 |
| Total | -41,228.17 | 0.00 | -34,051.39 | -5,195.01 | -6,685.52 | -87,160.09 |
| Fund Balance | 31,202.18 | 0.00 | 21,569.01 | -5,195.01 | 109,785.64 | 157,361.82 |

308 W Main \$254.59

Tad motioned, Ron 2nd to file liens with County Treasurer. Unanimous

Committee Reports:

- Informational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2:00pm to 4:30pm at the Fertile Community Center. There will be two State Representatives presenting information in regards to Sex Trafficking. The meeting will be open to the public

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous



spring cleanup

SATURDAY

MAY 21ST

8:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

IN FRONT OF MAINTANENCE
GARAGE

City of Fertile Deposits

As of March 31, 2016

| Type | Date | Memo | Accrual Basis Amount |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operating Accounts | | | |
| Checking | | | |
| Deposit | 03/01/2016 | Local Option Sales Tax | 2,360.36 |
| Deposit | 03/02/2016 | Utility Deposit | 2,144.96 |
| Deposit | 03/02/2016 | Incubator Deposit | 505.76 |
| Deposit | 03/02/2016 | Farm to Market Deposit | 1,564.87 |
| Deposit | 03/03/2016 | Casino Funds Deposit | 2,651.96 |
| Deposit | 03/09/2016 | Reimbursement Deposit | 25.00 |
| Deposit | 03/09/2016 | Utility Deposit | 3,521.49 |
| Deposit | 03/10/2016 | Utility Deposit | 86.12 |
| Deposit | 03/15/2016 | Property Taxes | 2,497.02 |
| Deposit | 03/16/2016 | Deposit | 0.00 |
| Deposit | 03/16/2016 | Utility Deposit | 2,752.61 |
| Deposit | 03/18/2016 | Road Use Tax | 2,078.25 |
| Deposit | 03/23/2016 | Donation Deposit | 100.00 |
| Deposit | 03/23/2016 | Utility Deposit | 3,674.01 |
| Deposit | 03/23/2016 | Farm to Market Deposit | 1,798.52 |
| Deposit | 03/23/2016 | Tree Trimming Deposit | 35.00 |
| Deposit | 03/23/2016 | Utility Deposit | 255.09 |
| Deposit | 03/30/2016 | Utility Deposit | 1,894.00 |
| Deposit | 03/31/2016 | Interest | 5.87 |
| Deposit | 03/31/2016 | Fix Retained Earnings | 0.00 |
| Total Checking | | | 27,950.89 |
| Petty Cash | | | |
| Total Petty Cash | | | |
| Total Operating Accounts | | | 27,950.89 |
| Roads Revenue Accounts | | | |
| Savings | | | |
| Deposit | 03/31/2016 | Interest | 0.58 |
| Total Savings | | | 0.58 |
| Total Roads Revenue Accounts | | | 0.58 |
| Water Revenue Accounts | | | |
| Savings | | | |
| Deposit | 03/31/2016 | Interest | 2.86 |
| Total Savings | | | 2.86 |
| Total Water Revenue Accounts | | | 2.86 |
| Sewer Revenue Accounts | | | |
| Savings | | | |
| Deposit | 03/31/2016 | Interest | 2.50 |
| Total Savings | | | 2.50 |
| CD | | | |
| Total CD | | | |
| Total Sewer Revenue Accounts | | | 2.50 |
| TOTAL | | | 27,956.83 |

Happy Mother's Day !

City of Fertile Bills Paid

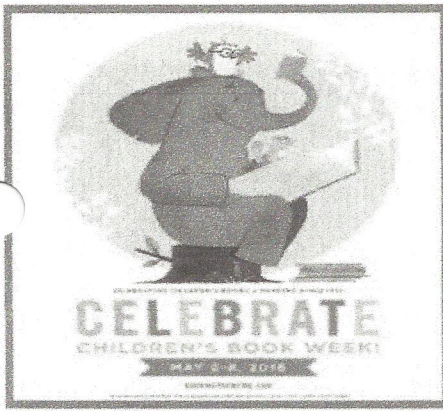
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| Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Accrual Basis Amount |
|---------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Operating Accounts | | | | | |
| Checking | | | | | |
| Paycheck | 03/02/2016 | 7657 | Lunning, Wendy S | | -335.17 |
| Paycheck | 03/02/2016 | 7658 | Russell, Grant | | -140.39 |
| Paycheck | 03/02/2016 | 7659 | Russell, Joyce | | -1,285.11 |
| Paycheck | 03/02/2016 | 7660 | Bruns, Warren | | -301.39 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7661 | Bruns, Warren v | Parking | -7.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7662 | Fastnal | Water Plant | -54.24 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7663 | Forest City Summit | Budget | -139.06 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7664 | Kramer Ace Hardware | Tools for Shop | -109.94 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7665 | Lonnie Knudson | Community Center Cleaning | -40.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7666 | NIACOG | Association Dues for 2016 | -15.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7667 | Waste Management | Garbage and Recycling | -17.16 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7668 | WCTA | Telephone/Internet | -191.08 |
| Check | 03/02/2016 | DEBIT | US Post Office | postage | -109.20 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/02/2016 | 7669 | Iowa Communities Assurance Pool v | Insurance | -12,799.18 |
| Check | 03/02/2016 | DEBIT | Holiday Inn | | -212.80 |
| Check | 03/02/2016 | DEBIT | Iowa Rural Water Association | Training | -325.00 |
| Check | 03/02/2016 | DEBIT | Mills Fleet Farm | Log chain & Cleaning supplies for water plant | -118.52 |
| Paycheck | 03/09/2016 | 7670 | Roberts, Stephen J | | -991.96 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7671 | CarQuest | Mower Oil Change | -25.93 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7672 | Fertile Pronto | Gas for Truck | -84.43 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7673 | Fertile Public Library V | Refund IPERS | -374.82 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7674 | Green Canopy, Inc. | October & November | -369.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7675 | Larsen Plumbing & Heating | New Meter & Plug | -104.74 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7676 | North Iowa Media Group | Public Hearing for Budget | -139.06 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7677 | Waste Management | Garbage and Recycling | -2,117.28 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/09/2016 | 7678 | WCTA | Telephone/Internet | -1,474.98 |
| Liability Check | 03/10/2016 | EFT | IPERS | | -797.70 |
| Liability Check | 03/10/2016 | ACH | United States Treasury | | -1,083.26 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/16/2016 | 7679 | AgSource Laboratories | Water Testing | -13.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/16/2016 | 7680 | Alliant Energy | Electric Bill | -1,761.68 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/16/2016 | 7681 | Black Hills Energy | Natural Gas | -552.55 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/16/2016 | 7682 | Marco | Copier, Printer, Fax | -49.16 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/16/2016 | 7683 | Menards | | -55.82 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/16/2016 | 7684 | Next Generations | Support Services | -13.92 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/16/2016 | 7685 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Phone | -63.40 |
| Check | 03/22/2016 | DEBIT | Standard Bearings | Equipment Water Plant | -133.59 |
| Paycheck | 03/23/2016 | 7686 | Roberts, Stephen J | | -991.97 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/23/2016 | 7687 | Menards | Cold Patch for Streets | -60.12 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/23/2016 | 7688 | UPS | Postage | -10.77 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/23/2016 | 7689 | Wendy Lunning - v | Key Box | -3.70 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/30/2016 | 7690 | BMC Aggregates L.C. | 3/4 Roadstone | -197.93 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/30/2016 | 7691 | Clapper Tree Service | Stump removal in Park | -562.50 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 03/30/2016 | 7692 | Hawkins, Inc. | Chlorine Detector | -9,093.04 |
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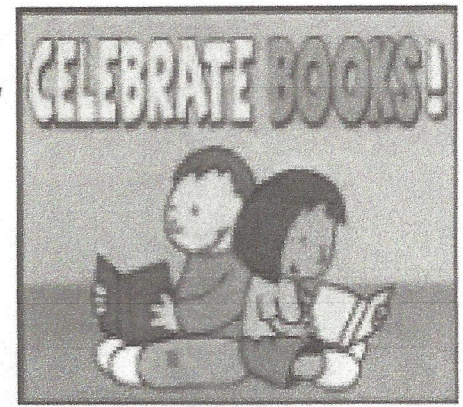
April Showers



bring May Flowers



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The Life We Bury—Allen Eskens
The Martian—Andy Weir
The Revenant—Michael Dunke
13 Hours in Benghazi—Mitchell Zuckoff
Once a Rancher—Linda Lael Miller
As Time Goes By—Mary Higgins Clark
Most Wanted—Lisa Scottoline
Flawless—Heather Graham
The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto—Mitch Albom
The Obsession—Nora Roberts
Lady Midnight—Cassandra Clare

New Books on CD

Lady Midnight—Cassandra Clare
As Time Goes By—Mary Higgins Clark
Naked Greed—Stuart Woods
The Fifth Wave—Rick Yancy
As Time Goes By—Mary Higgins Clark

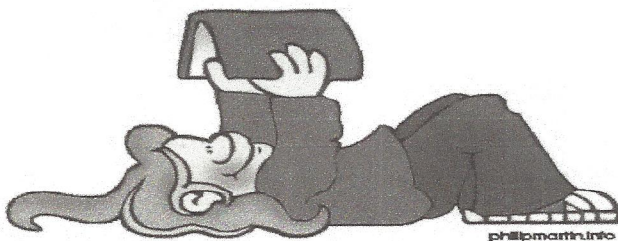
New DVDs

Fantastic 4—Kate Mara
The Gambler—Mark Wahlberg
The Good Dinosaur (animated)
Goosebumps—Jack Black
Hotel Transylvania 2 (animated)
Spectre—Daniel Craig
Bridge of Spies—Tom Hanks
Ted 2—Mark Wahlberg
The Forger—John Travolta

Library News:

Thank you everyone for attending “Fiesta Night”. We had a great turn out. We served lots of tacos, nachos & taco salads to over 100 people. We raised over \$1200. We also want to thank Thrivent Financial and Emily Odden our Thrivent action team leader for donating seed money to purchase what we needed for the dinner.

Even though the weather was too cold, and the park too wet for the Easter Bunny to hide eggs, we still had fun. Everyone got to make their own bunny ears and whiskers. They also had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.





IT WAS SALE DAY SATURDAY, but Thelan Elthon and his wife Lillian stopped scurrying around Elthon's Grocery in Fertile long enough to pose for this "retirement photo" behind the counter. Elthon and his wife have operated Fertile's only grocery for the past 34 years. The business was established by Thelan's father in 1894.



AUCTIONEER DON WADDINGTON of Hanlontown stretches to single out a bidder while one of the Elthon's grandchildren, Elizabeth Elthon of Minneapolis, holds up groceries for the crowd. Seated at right is auctioneer Phil R. Sheimo of Fertile. Groceries were sold at auction in "family size" packages Saturday, however the building and fixtures are now offered for sale separately.



Philosophical grocer

6-16-75

ends career in Fertile

BY DICK HAKES

While the auctioneers yelled and waved their arms outside before a small crowd of bidders, Thelan Elthon scurried in and about the store, running errands and stopping every few paces to acknowledge a familiar face or chat with a friend.

The occasion was Saturday's auctioning of the last remaining goods of Elthon's Grocery in Fertile, owned and operated by Thelan and his wife for the past 34 years and established by his father, A. A. Elthon, in 1894.

For Elthon, the auction marked the end of a hectic but prosperous business career in this clean little town which hugs the banks of the Winnebago River.

But for residents of Fertile, it meant that for the first time in 81 years, the town would have no grocery—at least temporarily.

Elthon, who is now trying to sell the store and its fixtures, is "fairly confident" that it will be operated again as a grocery.

"I would have turned it over if there were anybody in town who wanted to run it," he says. He adds that at present, there are two prospective buyers for the store.

Left to his own devices, Elthon would probably still base his life around the small grocery, spending most of his waking hours either behind the meat case or the checkout counter. However, a March 2 stroke "really floored" him and sent Thelan into "early retirement" at age 65.

Elthon belongs to a breed of small-town philosophers that is vanishing much too rapidly from the Summitland scene. Winding wit and proverb into practical life, he leaves people thinking about his stories and personal anecdotes long after they've left the store.

The grocer from Fertile, however, is unlike most other small-town philosophers in that he has actually lived most of his stories through an amazingly active public and community life. Mayor, school board president, scoutmaster, Lions Club president, Bible school teacher, Worth county conservation board chairman, acting town marshal—you name it and Elthon's been it.

"Just like any other small businessman," he said, "there isn't enough of you so you just take turns."

Fertile residents responded to his community efforts by patronizing the home-town grocery.

"People have always supported us and we've always extended credit," said Elthon. "When people have experienced hardships, or when the breadwinner has been taken, many

times we've given the account to the family."

Although Elthon claims to have been broken into "about every other year on the average," he's never had a fire loss. And he's proud of the fact that the store has never failed an Iowa Department of Agriculture inspection.

"I've got the file to prove it," he says—and

Family institution changing hands

FERTILE — A family institution dating back to 1894 soon will change hands on Fertile's tiny main street. Elthon's grocery store is up for sale.

Thelan Elthon, the owner, says he "was almost born behind the counter" of the tiny store. He first started working in it for his father, Andrew A. Elthon, at the age of 12 in 1921.

Elthon managed the store from 1929 until 1941, when he purchased it from his father, and he and his wife Lillian have operated it since then, with six-day work weeks being a way of life.

Elthon decided to sell the business "after a stroke slowed me down last year."

"We decided it was time to travel and do some fishing, which we've gotten way behind on:

"We've made a nice living here. . . educated our kids and all," said Elthon. "People have always treated us fine. In some cases we're serving the fifth generation of a family."

"We'll miss the people very much," said his wife Lillian. She added that the work schedule of the store didn't hamper her lifestyle too much. "I always managed to do laundry on Monday and clean house on Friday."

"It wasn't self-serve in the old days," said Mrs. Elthon. "Customers would call in their orders or write them up and we'd get them together for pickup. We had charge accounts before they were even a popular thing among businessmen."

"I'm sure our selling out will mean the end of grocery charge accounts in Fertile," added her husband. "Everything is cash and carry in the grocery business now."

"We've survived shortages, rationing, stamps, OPA, NRA, and every other alphabet the government could think up over the years," said Elthon. "Not too many stores in the area have stayed in one family this long."

The store's interior has changed little through the years except for occasional paint jobs and addition of refrigeration equipment. An ancient scale first used by his father now is a wall decoration. The scales still in use at the checkout counter date back to 1940, and a chalk board used to mark up meat prices has been in use since before 1920.

"I had the line 'Pioneer Store' added to our billing slips because I thought it fit. . . this was the first grocery here," said Elthon. "My father didn't think too much of it at the time though."

"We also did a good business selling fishing tackle. It didn't net that much, and break-ins made us stop that."

With some trips out west in the Elthons' future plans "maybe we can practice using some good tackle again instead of selling it."

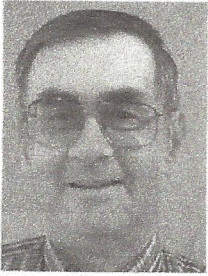
he does.

But now, Elthon plans to slow down a bit, along with his wife, Lillian, who has helped on and off at the store, "health and family permitting."

They will no doubt spend more hours with their children—Mrs. Ken Midtgaard, a Mason City nurse; Robert, a used car sales manager in Mason City; and Betty, a nurse at a Minneapolis hospital.

Oh, he'll fish a little. Thelan says, adding quickly that "I have had some time to do a little fishing over the years."

He hauled out a cardboard plaque listing himself as landing a record 33-pound, 50-inch long muskellunge at Deer Lake, Minn., in 1945.



THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

Buena's Tarde's – Good Afternoon. It has come to my attention that some of you are

upset, even offended by my use of a greeting in Spanish. Let me explain.

First. As part of his farming operation, my father grew onions. To do the weeding and hand topping, he hired migrant Mexicans from Texas. I grew up working side by side with them. One, Juan, from Crystal City, Texas, taught me the Mexican way to sew an onion bag. They were good people and I really am glad I had that opportunity.

Second. Speaking a few words of Spanish, even if it is broken, is a good welcome. "Halo-Coma Estas-Me Llamo Ron" which means "Hello-How are you-My name is Ron" goes a long way in greeting a Spanish speaking person. I remember when Jane and Al had the café; I would come in in mid-morning and see Al and Alex. Both came from South Texas and had been here their entire adult life speaking English. However, when they talked to each other, it was Spanish because it was their native tongue. I don't know any better than anyone else who will work at the new pork plant in Mason City, but if other plants are any indication, it could be Spanish speaking people and some could be coming to Fertile to live.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not advocating a change in our national language from English to Spanish, quite the opposite. Everyone in this country has to have a working knowledge of English to function. However, this idea that this is America and we only speak English is silly and will never happen. People will speak their native tongue and it is up to us to honor it. We are a better nation, a better community, when we celebrate and honor diversity. This is what made the U.S.A the greatest nation on earth.



President Twylah Kragel opened the Fertile Garden Club meeting on April 12th at the City Hall with 10 members present. Roll call was "What would you like to learn more about for your garden this year."

Sara Innes gave an interesting presentation on "Dyeing in the Garden". She explained and showed examples of many different ways of using plants to make dyes which can be used in coloring wool.

We have been invited to a perennial plant sale at Ann Wolf's residence in Sheffield which will take place near the end of May. If we have perennials we wish to donate she will be glad to take them. The money from the sale goes to ALS. She supports this organization as her husband died of ALS. Twylah has information on how to get a hold of Ann.

The large flower bed by the Fertile sign will be cleaned and the plants dug and divided and transplanted this week.

It was decided to buy our plants for the city pots at the Amish greenhouses near Northwood on May 12th.

The weeding/watering schedule was passed around and teams of 2 signed up for 3 weeks. The big flower bed does not need to be watered all the time.

We are to bring May Baskets to the May meeting. Thanks to our hostess, Bev Bruns and Deb Berg for the delicious lunch.

The meeting was closed with Ginny Lovik giving the "Thought for the Day"

Betty Waddington, Reporter



BENEFITS OF EATING ASPARAGUS

- It is a rich source of folate and vitamin K. folate helps to get rid of the problem of anemia. Vitamin K is found to play a role in regulating the process of blood coagulation. Hence, by consuming asparagus you can correct problems of anemia and blood coagulation.
- Asparagus also helps to improve the health of the heart. Consumption of juice of asparagus regularly mixed with honey helps to strengthen the heart muscles.
- Gastrointestinal tract and colon problems respond well if you consume asparagus regularly.
- Some people respond poor to chemotherapy. You can improve the condition by asking them to consume asparagus.
- It is also considered to act on brain and help to relieve the symptoms of depression.
- It also helps to fight certain ailments such as lung cancer, high blood pressure and fatigue.
- Are you suffering with the problem of constipation? Then, relieve it naturally without the need of any medications by consuming asparagus.
- If you are suffering with the problem of hair fall, then enjoy a healthy and growing hair by taking asparagus regularly.
- It helps to fight toothache.
- The diuretic effect of asparagus helps to fight kidney related problems, water retention and more. Hence,
- It is rich in calcium, niacin and phosphorus. It can be said as a vegetable with all minerals in required proportions as per the needs of the body.

• Asparagus is rich in amino acid named asparagine, which is found to cleanse the body of all the toxins. Hence, there is no wonder that you pass urine that smells bad after having asparagus.

• It is rich in phyto-chemicals that are known to fight the problem of inflammation. The anti-inflammatory property of asparagus helps to cure the problems of arthritis and rheumatism that respond poorly even to a wide variety of drugs.

Sautéed Garlic Asparagus

3 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 bunch fresh asparagus

3 cloves garlic, chopped

Melt the butter or margarine in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and asparagus spears; cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until asparagus is tender. If you like your asparagus well done, reduce heat and cook an additional 10 minutes.

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WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

New Pizza:

Chicken Bacon Ranch
Buffalo Chicken

New Sides:

Baked Beans
Biscuits

New Dessert:

Goopy Cinnabon Bites
Mrs. Smith Ready-to-
Bake Pies
(Apple, Peach, Cherry)

Coming Soon:

New Ice Cream Flavors

New Items:

Torch Lighters
(Single & Double Flame)
Zippo Lighters
Sunglasses
Hats
Bandangos
Nightcrawlers

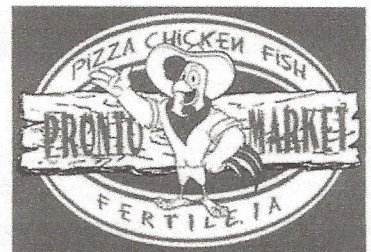


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Letter to the editor

Thanks gals, you do a great job. **Janice/Dwaine
Asche**

Thank you, we enjoy the Reminder. **Lance/Diane
Burtness**

Please renew my Fertile Reminder. I enjoy reading
it. Thank you, **Gladys Humphrey**

Ladies: It was a pleasure to receive my Reminders
in Mesa, this winter. Now, it is time to change the
address back to Iowa again. Please keep the
history articles coming. Appreciate all your work.
Thank you, Mary Myers

Dear Betty, Cindy, Joan, Evelyn, Paula, Sharon and
Marcheta: Thank you for all of your work on the
Reminder. I especially enjoy the old photos and
stories. I look forward to the Reminder each
month and would like to renew for 2 more years.
Darlene Rodberg

I have to question the back page of last month's
reminder. The "historical" ad for selling slaves was
very offensive to us and to our customers at
Pronto. Several customers complained before I
realized what was on the back page. As soon as I
saw it, I took the reminder off the bulletin
board. Just wanted to let you know the feedback
we received and hope this won't be an issue in the
future. Thank you for all the hard work you and the
others put into producing the Reminder. You are
greatly appreciated. **Lisa May**

How old is Grandma?

.One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The Grandmother replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before: television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There were no: credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens.

Man had not yet invented: pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your Grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir." And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir."

We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and Wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends - not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CD's, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk. The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10-cent (5 and dime) stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards. You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day: grass" was mowed, coke" was a cold drink, pot" was something your mother cooked in and rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby. Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware" was found in a hardware store and. software" wasn't even a word. We were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. Volunteered to protect our precious country. No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap. How old do you think I am? Are you ready????? This woman would be only 64 years old. She would have been born in late 1952. GIVES YOU SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.



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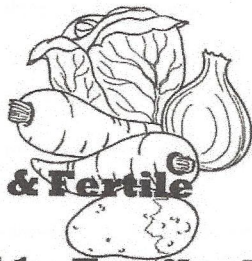
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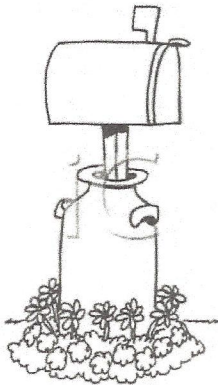
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