

FERTILE REMINDER

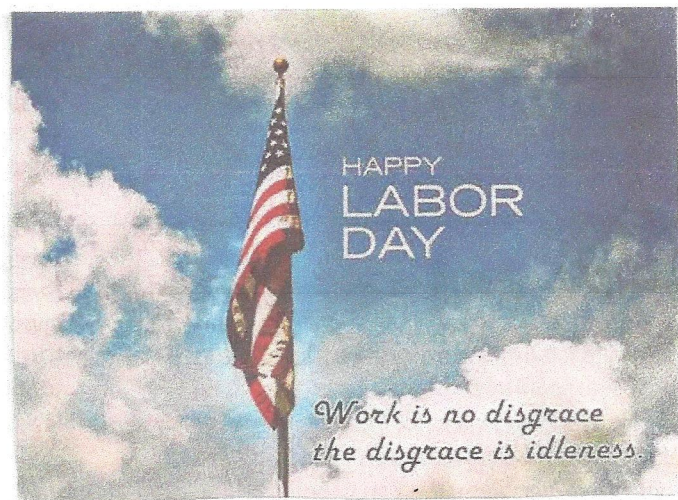
September 2016



The Class of 1956 (60 years) met at the home of Raymond and Deanna Jordan on August 13 with five members attending, Front row: Janice Lee Asche, Betty Tuttle Waddington. Back row: Ver Lynn Ouverson Austin, Deanna Wolfe Jordan and Bob Tuttle. Once and for all the record will be set straight, Bob and Betty are **not** twins, they have been in the same grade all their years in school but Bob is a year older.

SEPTEMBER CALANDER

- 1, 15, 29 Recycle
- 12 Firemen meet
- 13 Garden Club **14 Reminder deadline**
- 19 Library Board meets
- 20 Fertile Girls
- 20 City Council
- 27 Reminder mailed



City Council Meeting Minutes

August 16, 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.
- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve the minutes of the July meeting with the addition that Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the liens presented in June.* 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.

Winn-Worth Betco:

- Teresa Nicholson gave Council members a Needs Assessment to be completed for our Community. These are available at City Hall for residents to complete. Must be returned by September 10, 2016.
- Winn-Worth Betco is currently a 28E Agreement and is shared between both counties. They're looking to change their structure to a 501c3/501c6 entity and need feedback from the City of Fertile. Council member's will review and notify City Hall of their decisions.

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve has been working on tree trimming in the park for Fertile Days
- Thank you Buck for helping Steve mount the Blue Star Memorial in the park.
- Thank you to everyone including but not limited to Steve Roberts, Jeff Berg, Nick Bailey and extended family for helping weed whack the park for Fertile Days.
- Steve mentioned that the City will need to review options for removing snow this winter on Main Street. Space is available behind the maintenance shed, but the approach on the sidewalk will need to be widened. Steve is gathering estimates for completing this and Joyce will be working with City Attorney for additional options.
- Holly motioned, Tad 2nd to approve maintenance report.*

Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- Joyce worked with Daniel Ceynar to get Steam Gauge Sensor fixed on the bridge. It is now repaired.
- New steps and railings have been installed at the Band shell in the park.
- New lights have been installed at the ends of the foot bridge in the park.
- Thank you to Worth County Sheriff's office for bringing the electronic speed sign south of town.
- Thank you Fertile Fire Department for cleaning Veterans Memorial, Band shell and Shelter House in park.
- New LED lights were installed at the Tennis courts at the park.
- Thank you Evelyn Elthon for donating refrigerator - freezer to go to the Fertile concession stand at the Baseball Diamonds.

- WCDA Grant has been submitted for Main Street sidewalks for Fall Grant cycle. Thank you Jaci Miller for writing the grant.
- Tad motioned, and Nick 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented July Financials. A complete set of financials a available at City Hall upon request.
- The Fire Department financials through 05/31/2016.
- The Garden Club financials through 06/30/2016.

7/1/2016 7/31/2016	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	27,227.21	0.00	3,201.86	23.38	129.99	30,582.44
Expense	28,851.40	0.00	2,473.80	0.00	8,174.76	37,754.22
Total	-1,624.19	0.00	2,473.80	23.38	-8,044.77	-7,171.78
Fund Balance	36,709.89	0.00	26,134.61	23.38	116,978.93	179,846.61

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

Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to approve July Bills Unanimous

- Liens presented to the council were as follows:
 605 West Washington \$227.13
 210 West Main Street \$298.93

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

Committee Reports:

- A big Thank You to everyone that made Fertile Days a success.
- Ron Rachut is working with Winn-Worth Betco and Joyce for land options for housing development in Fertile.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 at Fertile City Hall.

Holly moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

As of July 31, 2016 Deposits

07/01/2016	Local Option Sales Tax	1,652.33
07/05/2016	Casino Funds Deposit	2,553.30
07/08/2016	Utility Deposit	77.38
07/08/2016	Property Taxes	1,014.76
07/08/2016	Assessment Receivable Deposit	85.20
07/12/2016	Farm to Market Deposit	1,377.24
07/12/2016	Utility Deposit	581.17
07/12/2016	Little League Deposit	53.00
07/15/2016	Park Donation Deposit	50.00
07/15/2016	Utility Loan Deposit	45.00
07/15/2016	Facility Rental Deposit	250.00
07/15/2016	Utility Deposit	2,960.86
07/19/2016	Road Use Tax	1,824.04
07/20/2016	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
07/20/2016	Utility Deposit	223.40
07/20/2016	Facility Rental Deposit	300.00
07/20/2016	Utility Deposit	3,534.05
07/22/2016	Initial Utility Deposit	150.00
07/26/2016	Utility Deposit	265.74
07/27/2016	Local Option Sales Tax	1,652.34
07/28/2016	Utility Deposit	4,633.34
07/28/2016	Facility Rental Deposit	100.00
07/31/2016	Interest	4.89
		23,388.04

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of July 31, 2016

						Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	
Operating Accounts						
Checking						
Check	07/01/2016	7792	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-4,000.00	
Check	07/01/2016	7793	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-5,193.50	
Paycheck	07/06/2016	7788	Russell, Joyce		-1,399.20	
Paycheck	07/06/2016	7789	Russell, Grant		-715.31	
Paycheck	07/06/2016	7790	Lunning, Wendy S		-304.94	
Paycheck	07/06/2016	7791	Bruns, Warren		-301.39	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7794	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray - June 17, 2016	-125.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7795	Clapper Tree Service	Clean branch in park and brush on Main by river.	-450.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7796	Decker Sports	T-Shirts for Little League	-150.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7797	Fertile Pronto	Truck, Mower and Golf Cart	-263.11	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7798	IDNR	Annual Water Supply	-42.98	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7799	Joyce Russell -P	Legal Copies of Easements	-8.53	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7800	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Meter J Brandt	-81.41	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7801	Menards	Tool, Flag and Cleaning Supplies	-63.36	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7802	NIACOG	Annual Dues	-273.80	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7803	Waste Management	Container Services	-17.16	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/08/2016	7804	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-199.07	
Check	07/09/2016	DEBIT	Walmart	Kitchen supplies	-65.03	
Paycheck	07/13/2016	7805	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,018.51	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2016	7806	AgSource Laboratories Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric, Inc.	Water Testing	-46.50	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2016	7807	Hawkins, Inc.	Chain Saw	-192.04	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2016	7808	Iowa One Call	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2016	7809	Marco	Water locates	-15.30	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2016	7810	Waste Management	Copier, Printer, Fax	-49.16	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2016	7811	IPERS	Container Services	-2,117.28	
Liability Check	07/13/2016	100613	United States Treasury		-944.17	
Liability Check	07/13/2016	100614			-1,364.72	
Check	07/15/2016	DEBIT	Staples	Binder Clips	-1.36	
Check	07/20/2016	DEBIT	USPS	Certified Mail postage	-9.74	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/20/2016	7812	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,653.63	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/20/2016	7813	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-156.42	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/20/2016	7814	Fertile Days	City Contribution	-2,500.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/20/2016	7815	Menards	Cleaning Supplies	-31.07	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/20/2016	7816	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-63.40	
Check	07/26/2016	DEBIT	Home Depot	Lighting	-315.82	
Paycheck	07/27/2016	7817	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,018.51	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2016	7818	Green Canopy, Inc.	May, June & July	-615.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2016	7819	Hare Electric	Water Plant & Outlets at Park	-468.04	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2016	7820	Jaci Miller	Grant Writing	-75.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2016	7821	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-90.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2016	7822	UPS	Postage	-10.58	
Sales Tax Payment	07/29/2016	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,408.00	
Liability Check	07/29/2016	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-571.00	
Check	07/29/2016	DEBIT	Dell	Computer	-1,651.46	
Total Checking					-30,050.50	
Total Operating Accounts					-30,050.50	
TOTAL					-30,050.50	



FOREST CITY
— **Frances M. Benson, 92**, of Forest City, died Sunday, July 24, 2016, at the Lake Mills Care Center.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday at Pilot Knob Lutheran

Church southeast of Forest City. A private burial will be held at Brush Point Cemetery, near Fertile.

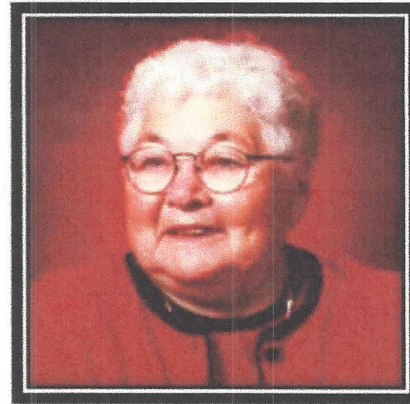
Frances Mae Benson, the daughter of Arthur and Clarinda (Halverson) Brenden, was born Oct. 17, 1923, in Fertile. She grew up on a farm west of Fertile and graduated from Fertile High School. Frances continued her education at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. During her summer breaks from college she was employed as a laboratory assistant for the University of Minnesota researching penicillin and chlorophyll. After graduating from St. Olaf in 1945 she became a laboratory instructor at the college for one year.

On Oct. 26, 1946, she was married to Stanton Benson at Fertile Lutheran Church. They lived near Joice where they raised their children. After their children were in school, she taught in the science department at Lake Mills Community High School for 27 years, retiring in 1986. She continued to live on the farm until 2015 when she moved to Forest Plaza Assisted Living in Forest City. She enjoyed reading, gardening, quilting and Bible studies.

She was a member of Pilot Knob Lutheran Church where she was part of Women of Life Ministries and belonged to Martha Circle.

Frances is survived by her four children, Rachel (Charles) Beck of Chisago City, Minnesota, Peter (Jolene) Benson of Wasilla, Alaska, Evangeline (Steve) Freeman of Windsor, Colorado and Dan (Tammy) Benson of Joice; 13 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stanton; and a sister, Lavonne Petersburg.



MASON CITY
— Alice Mae Toresdahl, 87, of Mason City, formerly of Clear Lake, died Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. 4th St., Clear Lake, with Pastor Matthew Muters officiating. Inurnment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City.

Family suggests memorial contributions to the Alice Toresdahl Memorial Fund.

Alice was born June 12, 1929, the daughter of Henry and Ida (Hanson) Lovick in Winnebago County. She married Gordon Toresdahl on June 22, 1947, in Fertile. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1990.

Alice grew up and attended school in Fertile, graduating from Fertile High School. She was a homemaker most of her life while helping Gordon on the family farm. She also was a babysitter later in life.

Alice was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Mason City. She enjoyed sewing, baking, gardening, and collecting rolling pins.

Alice is survived by three children, Larry (Regina) Toresdahl of Clear Lake, Todd (Kathy) Toresdahl of Las Vegas and Kristi (John) Berding of Mason City; four grandchildren, Gerilynn (Vanya) Kozlovskiy of Cedar Falls, Barnes (Emily) Toresdahl of Northwood, Blake (Jessica Rush) Walderbach of Mason City and Reid Walderbach of Mason City; five great-grandchildren, Ivy Toresdahl, Mary Toresdahl, Lily Kozlovskiy, Lev Kozlovskiy and Paizley Walderbach; and four siblings, James Lovick of Forest City, Leo (Marlys) Lovick of Ackley, Elaine Ollenbergh of Garner and Doris Bonnsetter of South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two children in infancy, Terry and Jean; and seven siblings.



FOREST CITY — Lorraine Bakke, 89, of Forest City, died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2016, at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City, IA.

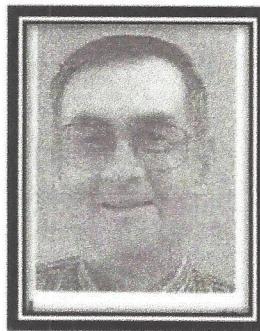
Burial will take place at Brush Point Cemetery in Fertile. Velma Lorraine Bakke was born Sept. 7, 1926, on a farm near Kensett, Iowa, the oldest child of four children born to Amos and Edna (Tvedt) Gilbertson. Lorraine was baptized Oct. 3, 1926, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church,

rural Kensett, Iowa. She was confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice, Iowa, on July 13, 1941. In 1929, the family moved to the Hanlontown area where Lorraine attended country school and graduated from Hanlontown High School in 1944. After high school, she began work as a bookkeeper for the Farmers Coop Elevator in Hanlontown where she met her future husband, Iner R. (Ray) Bakke. Ray and Lorraine were married on Aug. 3, 1947, and were together for 59 years until his death in early 2007.

Lorraine was a homemaker until all the children were in school. She started work for G & H Motor Parts in Forest City in 1965. In 1971, she moved to Winnebago Industries in the payroll department where she became paymaster. This is a position she held until her retirement in 1990. In the days before automatic deposit, she was the most popular lady at the factory on Fridays, when she delivered payroll checks. After retirement Ray and Lorraine spent winters in Arizona and later in Harlingen, Texas.

Lorraine is survived by her three children; Steven (Anne) of Forest City, IA; Craig (Judy) of Bucklin, MO, and Carolyn Swanson of Urbandale; six grandchildren: Aaron Bakke (Keiru) of Newark, CA; Laura Bakke of Seattle, WA; Ryan Bakke (Jana) of Urbandale, IA; Rachel Holmberg (Trent) of Adel, IA; Tim Colby (Tami) of Ankeny, IA; and Katy Blomgren (James) of Cumming, IA; 12 great-grandchildren: Langston and Celestina Bakke; Alayna, Ashlyn, and Ajay Bakke; Bennett, Walker, and Harper Holmberg; Aidan and Keaton Colby; Hunter and Madelyn Blomgren. Two step-granddaughters: Stacy Moore of Ogden, UT; and Kristine Swanson-Jordal of Mentone, CA. Three step-great-grandchildren: Chandler and Travis Moore; and Luke Swanson-Jordal. She is also survived by a sister Darlene Ziesmer of Garner, IA, and a brother James Gilbertson (Judy) of Ackley, IA; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her best friend of more than 60 years, Romane Lovik.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ray; son-in-law, Allan Swanson; sister, Shirley Sheimo, several nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law.



THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

Welcome

Last month I wrote about food safety and the need for a food safety audit. On August 9th we had our Field Food Safety

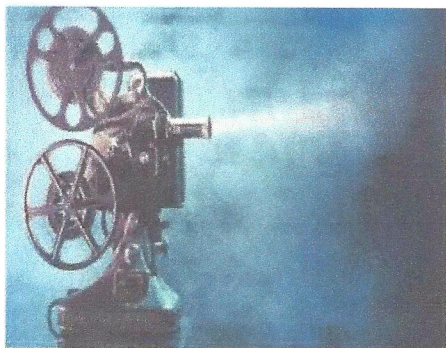
Audit by Primous Labs. We passed it just fine, It cost my brother and I each \$500.00, but we are able to sell into our Twin Cities market who pack onions for Wal-Mart. They are the ones who demand the audit and they are also our best market.

You probably noticed in last month's City Council minutes that the Council okayed help for the opening of the Downtown Café. I want it crystal clear with everyone that this is not one cent of the city money nor is it one cent of W.C.D.A. grants. It is a special loan fund of the W.C.D.A. for helping small businesses in Worth County. I will know more when Nat, the council, and our Mayor meet with the W.C. D.A. later this fall to present the proposal. The beauty of getting the café open again is that other small businesses may want to start or relocate to Fertile. Businesses that might qualify are a quilt shop, a bakery, a hydroponic growing operation, or a small food processor so Nat could have local grown food for his café year around. **DESTINATION FERTILE.** It starts with a local small town café.

On August 18, I am going to the Iowa State Fair to the farm bureau tent to meet with some people who give low interest loans to start small businesses in a small community. I will report more next month about what I have learned.

Last, we have some members of our Fertile Days Committee that are going to retire after many years of service. Those of us left have many obligations and can't take on anymore. We need more people to step forward and be on the committee for next year. If this doesn't happen, I am afraid the committee will fold and that will be the end of our Fertile Days celebration. Please 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.



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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



Join 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

Hey all! Here at the library we are making some plans to expand the programs we offer, to people of all ages. If you have an idea for a program that you would like to see us offer up here, please stop in or give me a call and let me know what you are interested in. I am open to lots of ideas and suggestions.

Have you checked out the Fertile Facebook Page yet? There is lots to see and it's a good way to keep up-dated on our events!

The Book & Bake sale was a big success, thanks to all who brought items for the sale and those who bought items from the sale! We appreciate the support this community has for the library! We couldn't do it without you!

The Fertile library is going to hold a back to school family movie night Friday September 9th @ 7pm. Popcorn will be provided! Come on down and watch a movie with the family.

There is no cost, just fun!

Programs for
All Ages



EVA RYE FAULKEN (taken from More About Fertile 1976)

Family history and dates sometimes make for dull reading but growing up in a family of ten is not dull. There were five boys and five girls all born in Fertile. I was the youngest and the oldest was a sister, we were the Alpha and Omega. As we often said we two were just distantly related.

Walking to school through the woods was about one half mile as the crow flies. School for me was a little education and a lot of good times. In those days teachers were allowed to touch the children, with the palm of the hand. And if we got it in school we didn't go home and tell it as the folks used the same system and carried on where the teachers left off. With our size family there was always at least one squeaker.

Carrying school lunches is now almost a thing of the past but I would imagine today's lunches would come from frozen food counters and home freezers. Our frozen lunches were in reverse. We would set our lunches, always called dinner pails on the cloakroom floor which on cold days was like a walk in a refrigerator. By noon, we had frozen sandwiches, fruit, cake or whatever was in our dinner pail. The heating system in the old school house was not the best, which way the wind was coming from was very important. On one cold day I remember the teacher feeling sorry for us as we were cold and right after dinner told us to go home. Instead we went to the Mill pond to skate, never too cold for that. While one of the boys was smarting off he skated in to the hole in the ice where E. E. Brown was cutting ice for his ice house. The teacher found out and although the next day was just as cold our shivering act didn't pay off, she kept us until 4 o'clock

Recycling was an unknown word to us but my mother surely knew how to recycle clothes, we called them hand me downs or made overs. With four older sisters I had my share of made overs. My first skates were hand me downs until one day my dad brought home a pair of new skates just for me. Andrew Elthon had ordered them; they were beautiful with nickel plated runners and cost a dollar and a quarter.

As we usually walked to town riding in the buggy was a real treat and going to Hanlontown a thrill. In the back seat of the surrey a double thrill. There were woods to drive through and at our rate of speed we could count the birds' nests between here and Hanlontown. Mother would drive to Clear Lake and Lake Mills for special shopping and always the stop at Joice on the way home. I had to leave my shoes and stockings in the buggy at Joice one day after a rain because of no sidewalks, I cried because I thought I was too big to let Joice people see my bare feet. How was I to know the now generation are in style barefooted.

The one and only car my dad owned was a Mitchell, a real air conditioned job, so much fun to ride in with the side curtains on. Now we could go to Mason City and even as far as Osage. In the fall it was set up on four jacks until spring, seldom driven at night though it did have acetylene lamps. I can remember going to church one night with my dad and mother and sitting in church dreading the two mile ride home because I thought my dad was too old to drive a car at night. He was about fifty-four.

My dad was born in 1856 and before he was married was a clerk in the Groves store. He bought and resold homemade butter and one day, a cold winter day, a lady brought in a big round ball of butter. Mr. Groves weighed it and she traded groceries for it. But when he went to recut it for sale there was a big round rock in the center. Sugar at that time came in barrels and was weighted up by the pound. Though this lady lived near Fertile she never came in the store again for about eight months. She bought sugar and Mr. Groves weighted up the rock in her sugar and sold it back to her the way he bought it, by the pound. Two wrongs never make it right but that's the way the deal was completed.

In the late 1890's and early 1900's my dad was a county supervisor and when he had to go to Northwood he would leave before daylight, walk to town, ride in B. J. Booths hack to Hanlontown, go to Mason City by train, then change trains and on to Northwood,, stay in Northwood about a week and rent a team to go out in that

part of the county. There were wolves on our farm and the country paid bounty. My dad would carry wolf eats in a gunny sack to take to Northwood for Pete Ouverson. I had one brother that could make up stories as fast as present day politicians. He would tell me all the wolves down by Beaver would know what my dad was carrying, chase him and we would never see him again, and of course, I was gullible enough to believe him. Many other things come to my mind, grandmas good home dried beef in strings, jerky we called it but must end this. After I am gone, I pray there will be many more generations to keep Fertile alive and many Centennials to follow.



THE GULLICK RYE FAMILY

FRONT-FLORENCE, GULLICK, EVA. ANNA, GLADYS
BACK-MABEL, MELVIN, HARLAN, LEWIS, GORDON, ARTHUR, HILDA



Russ says " Dale was 19 years older than me and when Lyle graduated I was only 10." My father died when I was 8 years old. Dale and Lyle both died in 2001 a few months apart. Evanelle died in 2010. Dale is on couch and Lyle and I are in front of the couch.

Thanks to Russ for his information!

IOWA UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE



On Wednesday evening May 25 about 8:15 p.m. Iowa Underwater Search & Rescue was called out for a missing person in Chickasaw County. Ken & Deena Biretz, Fertile, immediately got their gear loaded and proceeded to the Chickasaw County Park. As part of the team they were informed that there was a possible missing person somewhere in the pit. The search was called about 11 p.m. and will resume at 8 a.m. the next morning.

Upon arrival in the morning Ken got the teams sonar equipment set up and helped the DNR get their sonar set up. The two boats then started using a grid pattern. (This is where the boats go back and forth in straight lines across the area we are to search) After searching for several hours and marking a couple of possibilities the rest of the team was called back.

At this point Deena's job started. She keeps track of everyone on the scene. The diver's vitals are monitored (by an ambulance crew if possible.) While the divers are in the water she keep track of who is the main diver, the backup diver and also the tender (a tender is the person who helps the diver with his or her gear) The tender also has the rope that is attached to a diver when doing sweeps. (A sweep is when the diver goes back and forth the length of the rope.) She keeps track of the length of time the diver is in the water and the beginning and ending air pressure. A map is also drawn that shows the area the dive team has searched and where the body or item is found. At the end of the rescue or recovery she notates in her notes that everyone who showed up is accounted for.

Around 3 p.m. our signal was given "the coffee pot has been found" the team always uses a statement of this sort, because if anyone is monitoring the police radios they have no idea what is going on in the water. It is much easier for the family to hear it from a policeman that their loved one has been found. There is always the chance that what or who we find is not actually what or who we are looking for, (especially if there is more than one)

After the recovery is made, brought to the shore and identified by the police force (if possible) the dive team has another meeting with the rest of the agencies on the scene. At the end of the day a copy of all notes are given to the law enforcement agency that was in charge.

Iowa Underwater Search & Rescue is always looking for members. If you would like more information contact Ken or Deena Biretz in Fertile.

FALL FAIR

Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary

Fall Fair

Saturday, Sept. 24

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Lutheran Retirement Home Chapel

701 9th St. North, Northwood

Produce, Baked Goods, Crafts

Drawing for quilt and other prizes

Letter to the Editor:

Keep up the good work. Russ Faulken

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Does anyone have some information concerning George Hall, the town cop, or Carl Fredrickson, owner of the Cozy Nook Café, or Hans Johnson and his turtle business? Very little information can be found on these three.

Send to bettyw@wctatel.net or Box 554, Hanlontown, IA 50444

Fertile Town

Turn from Highway 9 and travel down
To the inland village, that "Fertile" town.
Drive down the hill to the village street
Where the winding stream and the timber meet,
For this village street was on Indian trail,
As the pioneers tell the old, old tale;
And the winding stream still bears the name
Of the "Winnebagos" who hunted their game
And fished this stream where the lilies grow
In the Indian days of long ago.

Drive down the street to the "Old Red Mill",
The water-wheels turning, the mill wheel's still;
And the oaks are there, along the stream
Where the settlers fed many an oxen team;
And the cabin is there, the pioneers' home
In the days when the Indians like to roam
Along this stream from the big bend down,
For this valley was then their "hunting ground",
And of Indian scares and of wolves galore,
There are hair-raising tales 'round the village store.

The railroad came, but it missed this place,
And the village was out of the world's mad race;
If neighboring places have spread and grown,
This pretty village has held its own,
For down through the years these kindly folks
Have weathered the storms like the grand old oaks;
There are plenty of towns near the railroad track,
But this village has something that they all lack;
Sometime in the summer, why, just drive through.
You'll love this old village, the same as I do!

By J. M Slosson

We're Going Back To School



The Fertile High School Class of 1959



The class of 1959 had an "off-year" reunion on August 13 during Fertile Days. The class has met every five years since graduation. Classmates who were available rode on a float in the Fertile Days parade; the float was provided by Larry and Donna Nelson. Those on the float included Larry Burtness, Neal Luker, Loren Hoffman, Gwen Johnson Scott, Donna Vaage Nelson, Nelda Ouverson Frahm, Beverly Tweed McNeese, Paul Ouverson, Gary Hall and Gary Ouverson. The class gathered at the Lutheran Church at 4:00 for snacks and conversation. In addition to those who were on the float, Lyle Knudson and his wife, Jerry and Donna Pitkin Ouverson, Jerry Hill, and the spouses of most of the classmates also attended the afternoon and evening events. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dreves, former teachers, also came for the afternoon and evening. A letter was read from Mrs. Paul Embretson, who is the wife of a former teacher. Diana Hunter Coons and Les Torkelson were unable to attend. Judy Haugen Hall and Sandra Felland were classmates but are deceased. Nelda Ouverson Frahm and Neal Luker were in charge of the reunion and dinner. Donna Nelson also contributed fresh corn off the cobb and a delicious salad. The class will meet in three years in Lincoln, Illinois, with Gary Hall and Neal Luker in charge of that reunion.

Two hunters named Stosh and Thad, hired a pilot to fly them into the Canadian wilderness, where they managed to bag two big Bull Moose.

As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could take only the hunters, their gear and one Moose.

The hunters objected, saying, "Last year we shot two, and the pilot let us take them both... and he had exactly the same airplane as yours."

Reluctantly the pilot, not wanting to be outdone by another bush pilot, gave in and everything was loaded. However, even under full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load, and went down, crashing in the wooded wilderness.

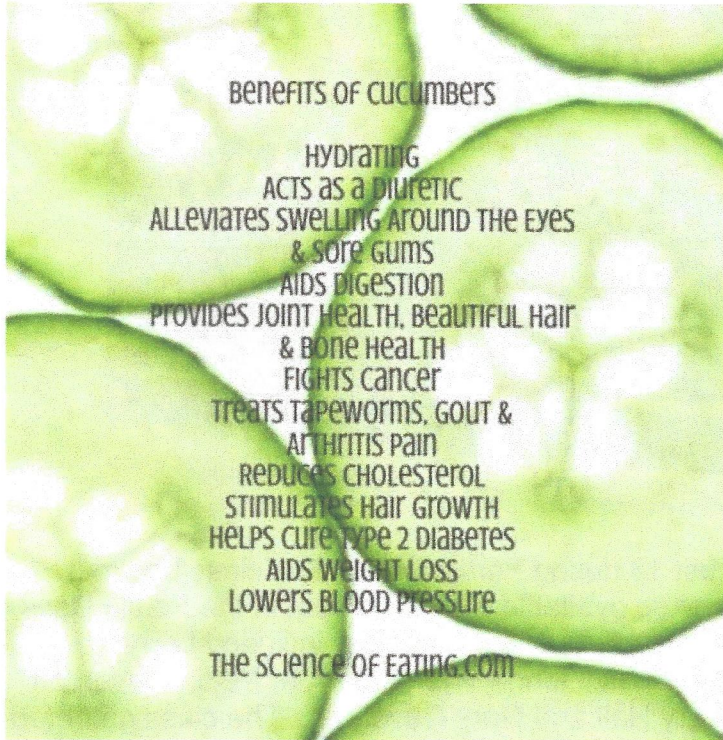
Somehow, surrounded by the moose, clothing and sleeping bags, Stosh and Thad survived the crash.

After climbing out of the wreckage, Thad asked Stosh, "Any idea where we are?"

Stosh replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."



It is cucumber time!!



CUCUMBERS

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Cucumbers Fun Facts For those who've noticed their cucumbers seem to deteriorate soon after refrigerating them, it is reported that cucumbers maintain freshness longer when stored at room temperature. Cucumbers are also highly sensitive to ethylene, a natural plant hormone responsible for initiating the ripening process in several fruits and vegetables, so another recommendation is to store cucumbers away from bananas, melons, and tomatoes because of the natural ethylene they generate.

How many of you store your cucumbers in the refrigerator???

FRESH CUCUMBERS

- 6 c. fresh cucumbers
- 1 c. sweet pepper, sliced thin
- 2 onions (into rings)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 2 c. sugar (I use 1 1/2) works fine
- 1 c. white vinegar

Mix well. Put in refrigerator, let stand overnight.

Cucumber Sandwiches

- 1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese softened
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 (.7 oz.) pkg. dry Italian salad dressing mix
- 2 loaves French bread cut in 1 in. slices
- 2 medium cucumbers, sliced
- 1 pinch dried dill weed.

Mix first three ingredients, refrigerate overnight
Spread on bread and sprinkle on dill weed.

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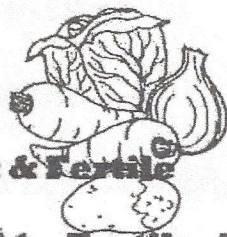
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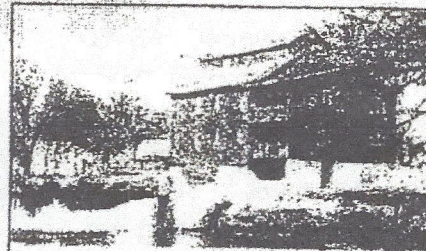
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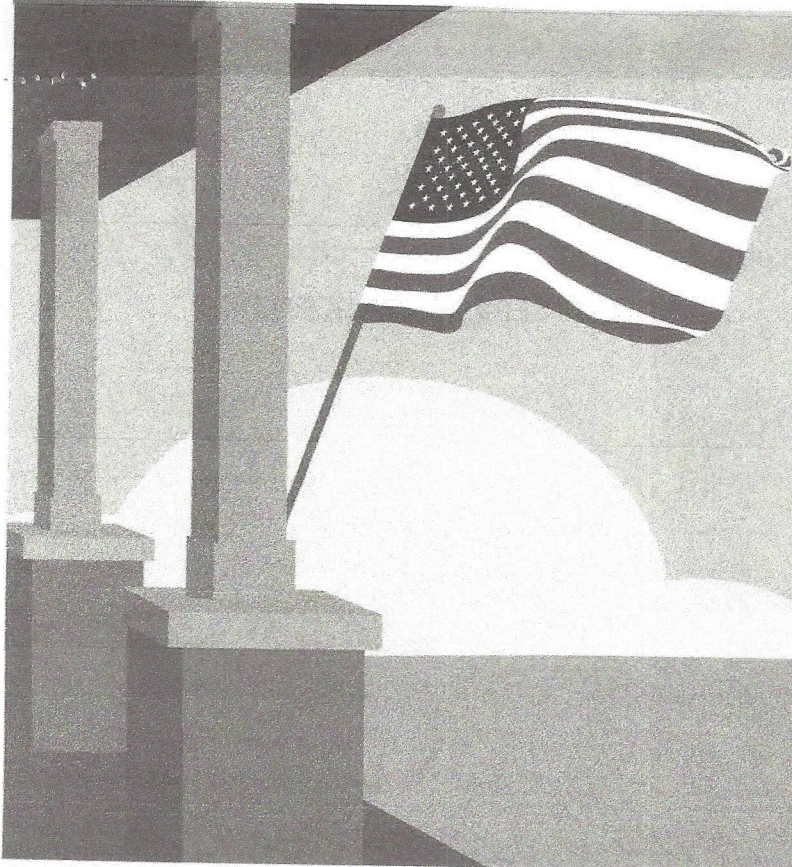
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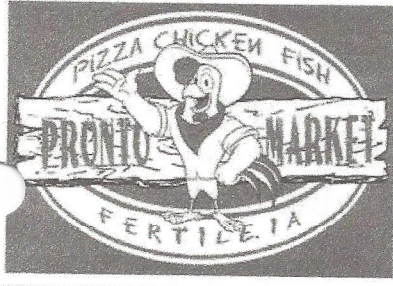
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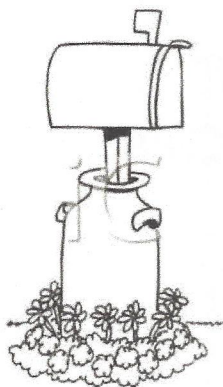
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