

FERTILE REMINDER

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2014 - 2015



This was sent with "class of 1932" written on it. Can anyone identify if this is confirmation or graduation?
Can someone identify these people? Send to fertilermd@wctatel.net. Thank you!

DECEMBER

1. Firemen Meet
9. Garden Club Party
11. Fertile Girls Meet
- 11 & 26. Recycle
15. Library Board
16. Council
23. Reminder Mailed

JANUARY

5. Firemen Meet
6. Fertile Girls Meet
- 8 & 22. Recycle
17. Fertile Spaghetti Supper
19. Library Board
20. Council
27. Reminder mailed

The Fertile Reminder Staff
wishes all our readers a
Blessed Thanksgiving
and a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!

Merry
Christmas!
*and a
Blessed New Year*

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Julie Jessen, Nick Bailey and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.

Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the minutes of the October 21 meeting. Unanimous

• *Julie 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.

Kendra Amundson

- A minimum charge shall be \$22.95 for Water and \$22.95 for Sewer per household or business building per month. Based on Section 6-5-8 and 6-5-10 of the City of Fertile Code of Ordinances. Ordinances are available at the Library and City Hall for reference.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve worked with Buck Russell and Dan Frank to remove the tree in the river to avoid damage to the dam.
- Steve cleaned up leaves in the park and moved the picnic tables for winter.
- Steve got salt and sand for the truck. The snow plow is in need of a new battery.
- Steve is also working with Bob Moen of VISU to camera sewer.

Tad motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the maintenance report. Unanimous.

Mayor's Report

- Steve was in need of an updated replacement phone for city. A new one was purchased at Verizon.
- Joyce received a report from the Iowa Rural Water Association on the calibration of the lagoon pumps.
- The copier in the City Hall is worn out. Joyce submitted two quotes for a new copier. *Holly motioned, Tad 2nd to accept the offer from Marco.*
- Nuisance letters have been sent to residents of Fertile. Additional letters will be sent as needed.
- Jaci Miller has agreed to prepare grant application to the WCDA in the spring for Danko siren in the City of Fertile.

Tad motioned, and Nick 2nd to approve the mayor's report. Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- *Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve Annual Financial Report.* Unanimous
- Wendy presented partial October Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

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

Julie motioned, Nick 2nd to approve October Bills Unanimous

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 16th, 2014, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Julie moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

Deposit

As of October 31, 2014

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	10/01/2014	Building Permit Deposit	35.00
Deposit	10/01/2014	Building Rental Deposit	325.00
Deposit	10/01/2014	Utility Deposit	2,842.70
Deposit	10/01/2014	Utility Deposit	193.60
Deposit	10/01/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	2,312.17
Deposit	10/03/2014	Property Taxes	25,072.34
Deposit	10/03/2014	Casino Funds Deposit	3,196.27
Deposit	10/08/2014	Utility Deposit	3,676.00
Deposit	10/08/2014	Initial Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	10/08/2014	Utility Deposit	281.99
Deposit	10/15/2014	Utility Deposit	1,212.15
Deposit	10/15/2014	Facility Rental Deposit	200.00
Deposit	10/15/2014	Library Grant Deposit	2,500.00
Deposit	10/21/2014	Road Use Tax	2,170.67
Deposit	10/22/2014	Deposit	0.00
Deposit	10/22/2014	Utility Deposit	3,180.41
Deposit	10/22/2014	Incubator Deposit	300.00
Deposit	10/29/2014	Library Grant Deposit	2,500.00
Deposit	10/31/2014	Utility Deposit	2,869.11
Deposit	10/31/2014	Interest	3.55
Total Checking			53,020.96
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			
Total Operating Accounts			53,020.96

Roads Revenue Accounts

Savings			
Deposit	10/31/2014	Interest	
			5.47
Total Savings			5.47
Total Roads Revenue Accounts			
5.47			
Water Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	10/31/2014	Interest	
			2.86
Total Savings			2.86
Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.86
Sewer Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	10/31/2014	Interest	
			2.50
Total Savings			2.50
CD			
Total CD			
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			2.50
TOTAL			53,031.79

**City of Fertile
Bills Paid
As of October 31, 2014**

				Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
Check	10/01/2014	7083	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation -3,500.00
Check	10/01/2014	7084	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment -4,993.50
Paycheck	10/01/2014	7082	Russell, Joyce	-1,367.65
Paycheck	10/01/2014	7081	Lunning, Wendy S	-233.65
Paycheck	10/01/2014	7080	Bruns, Warren	-301.39
Bill Pmt -Check	10/01/2014	7085	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning -40.00
Paycheck	10/08/2014	7101	Roberts, Stephen J	-964.39
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7086	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing -66.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7087	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill -1,439.10
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7088	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Snow Ordinance Signs -189.91
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7089	BMC Aggregates L.C.	Gravel for sidewalk at Maintenance Garage -78.24
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7090	CarQuest	Generator Maintenance -15.21
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7091	Fertile Pronto	Gas for mower, weed trimmer and chainsaw -125.29
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7092	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Annual Water Use Fee -99.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7093	Kramer Ace Hardware	Fly Ribbon for Maintenance Shop -4.49
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7094	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Water Plant and Meters -151.32
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7095	Menards	Community Center Bathrooms -2.90
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7096	Plunkett's	Pest Control -444.29
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7097	Superior Lumber, Inc	Sidewalk Driveway at Maintenance Shed -5.99
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7098	UPS	Sewer testing -11.47
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7099	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage -2,117.28
Bill Pmt -Check	10/08/2014	7100	WCTA	Telephone/Internet -150.97
Liability Check	10/08/2014	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance	-560.00
Liability Check	10/08/2014	EFT	IPERS	-741.36
Liability Check	10/09/2014	EFTPS	United States Treasury	-1,064.24
Sales Tax Payment	10/09/2014	EFTPS	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance	-1,046.00
Check	10/10/2014		USPS	postage -155.60
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2014	7102	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas -258.45
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2014	7103	IMWCA	Worker's Compensation Coverage -166.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2014	7104	Menards	Repair Batting Cage -10.24
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2014	7105	Trophies Unlimited	Plaques for Nye Donation -15.13
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2014	7106	Fertile Public Library V	2014 Grant Received -2,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/15/2014	7107	River City Fence	Batting Cage -136.50
Paycheck	10/22/2014	7108	Roberts, Stephen J	-964.39
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7109	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill -1,279.01
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7110	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs for Water Plant -94.74
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7111	Brian Nettleton -b	Water leak near water tower -960.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7112	Menards	Pothole Patch -127.20
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7113	Staples	Labels and Binder Clips -24.98
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7114	UPS	Water & Sewer testing -22.26
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7115	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone -38.39
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7116	Wendy Lunning - v	Mileage to Training (19.58 miles X .56 per mile / 2 cost shared with Hanlontown), Training Fee, ... -38.74
Bill Pmt -Check	10/29/2014	7117	Worth County Engineer v	Salt/Sand for City Plow Truck -877.53
Check	10/29/2014		Verizon Wireless	new phone for maint -349.92
Check	10/31/2014		Standard Bearings	Correct Class 0.00
Check	10/31/2014		Green Canopy, Inc.	Correct Class and Account 0.00
Check	10/31/2014		GE Capital Retail Bank	Correct Class 0.00
Total Checking				-27,732.72



Dale Gene Ouverson

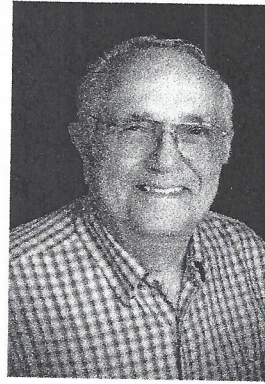
Dale Gene Ouverson passed away peacefully November 4; one day before his 78th birthday in Hammond, OR. He was born in 1936 in rural Fertile, Iowa to Edwin and Helen (Humphrey) Ouverson.

As a young man he farmed near Fertile and Northwood, Iowa. Later he became a contractor and built kitchen cabinets and many beautiful homes in Iowa and Oregon. He loved to fish in Alaska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Oregon and Canada; taking many trips with his sons, grandsons and many friends.

He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Kay, a daughter Sue (David) Eilertson of Bacus, Minnesota, two sons; Gene of Hammond, OR and Neil of Netarts, OR, a sister, Nelda Frahm of Charles City, Iowa, a brother, Dean of rural Fertile, Iowa, 11 grandchildren (nine boys and two girls), 19 great-grandchildren and many, many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Our sympathies to the family.



CLEAR LAKE | Dale N. Clapper, 73, of Clear Lake died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014, at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit. Dale Norman Clapper was born Feb. 9, 1941, in Mason City, the son of Dallas L. and Ethel Ruth Viola (Prestholt) Clapper. He grew up on a farm north of

Clear Lake and graduated from Fertile Consolidated in 1960.

On Aug. 26, 1962, he was united in marriage to Janice K. Milton in Manly. Over the years, he worked at various jobs including the Clear Lake Bakery driving truck for 13 years and the Cerro Gordo County Secondary Road Department where he graded roads and ran the snow plows for 12 years. He retired in 2006. Dale enjoyed spending time with his family, helping others, hunting (deer and pheasant), antiques, wood working, collecting gas pumps, gardening and sharing his produce with family and friends. He was a member of the First Covenant Church. Dale was a loving person who would do anything for anyone. He will be deeply missed.

Dale is survived by his wife of 52 years: Janice Clapper of Clear Lake; two children: David Clapper and wife Christine of Clear Lake and Chad Clapper and wife Angela of Clear Lake; son-in-law: Jeffrey Powers of Indian Mound, TN; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister: Blanche Schulze of Clear Lake; and his nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter: Denise Powers.

Our sympathies to the family.

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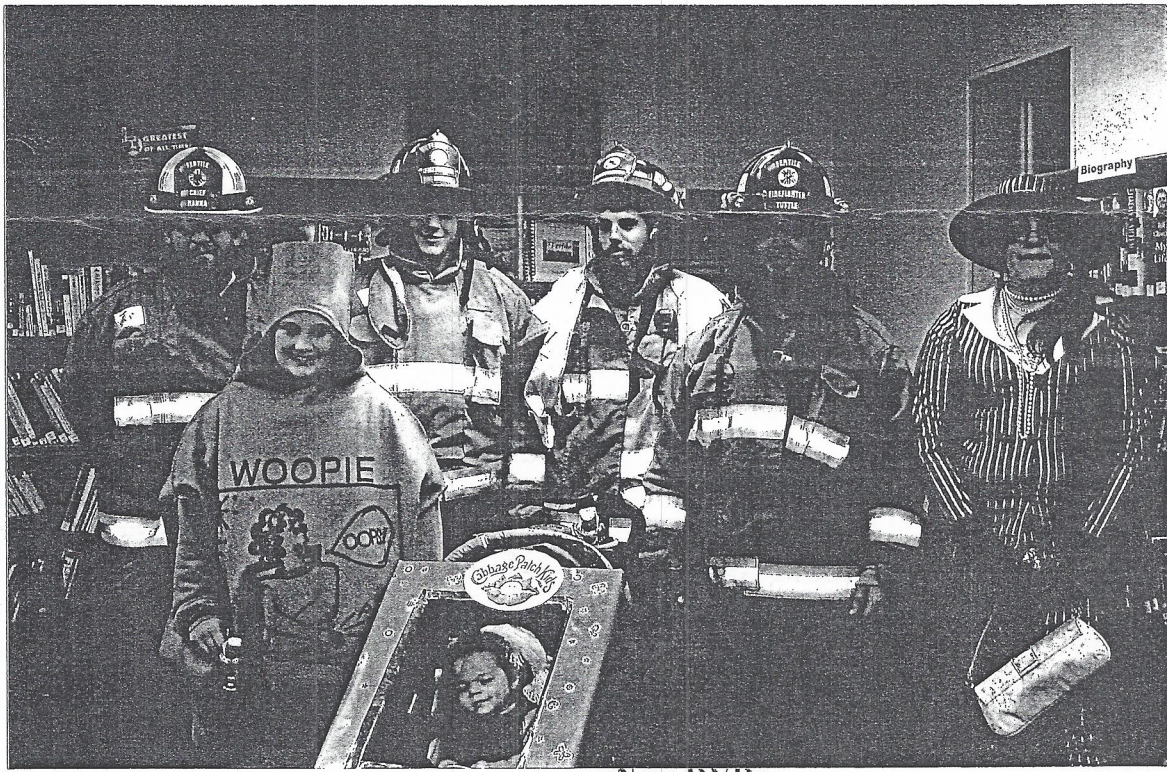


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Santa @ 10:00
 For ages to 10
Drawing @11:00
 for \$100 WalMart Gift Card
Join us for Coffee, Punch
& Christmas Goodies!

Library News
 We had 74 people attend our fun filled Halloween party. The winners of the Shooter's pizzas for best costumes were Ashlynn Miller, Finley Otto, & Jessie Query. We thank Fire Chief Chris Hanna & firefighters Andrew Hall, Dylan Knopf & Mitch Tuttle. The kids loved seeing the trucks. You guys are great!



New Books
 Private India: City on Fire—James Patterson
 The Burning Room —Michael Connelly
 Pegasus—Danielle Steel
 Watch for signs—Craig Johnson
 Vigilante Dawn—Ralph Compton
 Blood Magick—Nora Roberts
 Shadow of the Hangman—William Johnstone
 A Frontier Christmas—William W, Johnstone

New DVDs
 Maleficent — Angelina Jolie
 How to Train Your Dragon 2
 Jersey Boys—John Lloyd Young
New Books on CD
 The Burning Room—Micahel Connelly
 Burn—James Patterson
 The Bane Chronicles—Cassandra Clare
 Paris Match —Stuart Woods



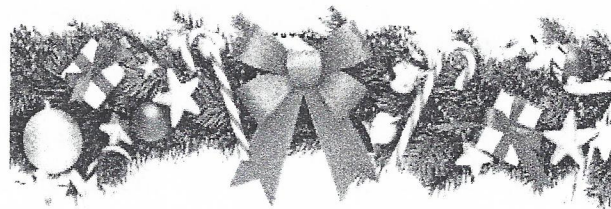
Letters to the Editor:

Hometown Fertile news is the best.
Thanks to the Faithful Volunteers.
Jim & Judy Gilbertson, Ackley, IA

Thanks! Grace Narveson, Manly, IA

Ladies, Thank you so much for all that you do. We so look forward each month to the Reminder's arrival and all the news, articles, recipes and photos. Happy Holidays to all. Larry and Judy Ouverson, Yellville, AK

You do so much, You do it so well, You do us so proud. You know you are amazing. Right? We are leaving for AZ the 25th, will be back to Mason City the 1st of April.
Wendell & Amy Mahoney, Mesa, AZ



History of our Peat Fields by Ron Rachut

This valley was once called Goose Lake. It was formed by a glacier between 12,000 and 15,000 years ago. Winnebago Indians camped along its banks and hunted waterfowl, animals that came to drink, and trapped animals for fur. We still find bones from buffalo that wandered in and couldn't get out. Before it was drained, swamp hay was harvested during dry periods. Some tried growing potatoes along its banks. Sometimes it worked well. Other times, it was a complete failure.

In 1928, a ditch was dug to drain the marsh. The first farmers to raise vegetables came from the St. Ansgar and Mitchell areas where they had already been growing these crops. In the first years, all planting, cultivating and harvesting was done by hand. Ten acres was a huge amount of work. When the Allis G appeared, it was like Christmas every working day. Until the advent of herbicides and mechanical equipment; Mexican migrants did most of the weeding, topped onions, picked potatoes and did whatever was needed doing as working on the graders.

Some crops like potatoes and carrots were grown, stopped for a few years and then restarted. Other crops like cabbage and garlic were grown in the early years and never again. One crop that has been grown every year for over 80 years is onions.

When the name of the nearby town was changed from Putsy to Fertile and the drained marsh was no longer a lake, this area became the Fertile Valley and still is today.

This January, why not start the year with an empty jar and fill it with notes about good things that happen. Then, on New Year's Eve, empty it and see what awesome stuff happened this year! Kay Olson, FB



1.

CALLING THE FERTILE GIRLS



The Fertile Girls will have their annual Christmas Party at Schooterz in Forest City on December 11th at 11:30 am. If you have attended Fertile School, please come

and join us!! Also bring a \$5.00 grab bag gift and a baby picture of yourself for an afternoon of fun and reflection. Please RSVP to jnorem@wctatel.net or lsjenkins@mediacombb.net by December 9th whether you can come so we can make arrangements.

CHRISTMAS TREE FARMING

by Twylah and Mark Kragel

Christmas tree farming begins in the spring like crop farming. As soon as the frost is out of the ground, we begin planting 700 – 1000 new 6-12 inch seedlings. All our planting is done by hand because we plant between standing trees. We make a small hole either with a gas operated auger or a tree planting bar. The seedling is placed in the hole and the dirt around it stomped down. About 70% of the seedlings will “make it” as a Christmas tree for your home. 30% are lost due to weather conditions, disease, rabbits, deer, or just don’t grow like they are supposed to; we use these trees to make our wreaths.

We watch the trees closely all year for pests and disease and have them inspected by the Department of Agriculture. We treat any diseased trees and also control the weeds and grasses so mowing 8 acres of trees seems never ending.

In early July we begin shearing or shaping the trees. We usually begin to shape a tree when it is about thigh high and continue to shape each year until it is sold. Shearing is also very labor intensive and done totally by hand either using a gas operated trimmer, clippers, or a long knife. The Scotch Pines take the most shaping while the Spruce and Fir varieties take less.

We also have to monitor the trees for moisture and heat. The Fir trees can’t tolerate heat and the lack of water so if it gets too hot or dry we water the first year seedlings and sometimes the 2nd year seedlings. We punch 2 small holes low on the side of a 2 gallon bucket, place a bucket by each seedling and fill each individual bucket with water from a barrel on the back of the tractor. Needless to say, we like rain and not so hot temperatures throughout the summer!

In late September we put a tag on each tree that is for sale. The tag shows the variety of tree, the cost, and the location. We charge per foot per variety. Postcards are sent to our previous customers inviting them to our Pre-Tagging Weekend that is always the second full weekend in October. Usually the weather is decent and our customers have the opportunity to choose their tree before it gets too cold and snowy. Of course, there are customers who only want to choose their tree when it is cold and snowy! We open for sales the weekend after Thanksgiving and are open through the first two weeks in December. We have saws available for the customers who want to cut down their own tree but also have some workers who will cut down the tree. We also have some pre-cut trees for those who do not want to walk the fields. The tree is brought up to the machine shed where it is shaken, wrapped in a bag for easier transport (small fee), and loaded into each customer’s vehicle. While the tree is being processed, customers come to our warm gift shop for free peanuts, hot cider or hot chocolate. Garland, wreaths, tree stands, and gift items are available for purchase.

After Christmas we have a few months to rest and begin planning for the next year. We are one of the 100 tree growing members of the Iowa Christmas Tree Association. We meet at a tree member’s farm each July for fellowship, sharing of experiences, knowledge, and ideas, and order supplies from vendors. We are proud to be Christmas tree growers and cherish helping families begin and continue holiday traditions. The Christmas tree symbolized a celebration of life during the holiday season and is also a source of life after the holiday. Unlike artificial trees that are made in Korea, Taiwan, or Hong Kong and aren’t biodegradable and will remain in the landfall for centuries after disposal, real Christmas trees provide something back to the environment such as mulch material, material for sand and soil erosion, refuge and feed areas for fish when put into ponds, and as bird feeders. For every tree that is harvested, 2-3 seedlings are planted in its place. Each acre of Christmas trees provides the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.

We invite anyone to visit us any time of the year but especially during the Christmas season. Check us out at kragelchristmastrees.com. Have a “treemendous” and blessed Christmas season..

An Obituary printed in the London Times.

Absolutely Brilliant!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
-by his parents, Truth and Trust,
-by his wife, Discretion,
-by his daughter, Responsibility,
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC

Pastor David Halverson 641-797-2767

WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:30 – 11:15 am

Youth Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Shopko
Wed. Dec. 3rd 5 to 7 pm inside the East
entrance.

Sunday School Christmas program on Dec. 21,
9:30 a.m. with coffee fellowship following worship

Celebration community Church 805

10th Ave. North, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428

Pastor Dan Miller

Coming up: December 13th – 5:00 p.m. Children's
Christmas program followed with a soup supper.
December 24th – 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday School – 9:00 am

Fellowship – 9:45 am

Praise and Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Adult Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor Rob Perry

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 9:50 AM

Worship- 10:15 AM

Wed. - Youth & Teen Groups - 7:00 PM

Sun., Dec 14, 6:00 pm

Children's Christmas Program - oyster stew and
chili following

Christmas Eve Service- Dec. 24th, 5 pm

PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN CHURCH, AALC

2391 330th St. Forest City, IA

Pastor Robert Snitzer

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 - 11:15 am

Christmas Program, Dec. 21, 9:00 am

Christmas Eve Service – Dec. 24, 4:30 pm

Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden Club met on Nov. 11 at the
Community Center with 12 members present.
Roll call was "My favorite bird."

Lisa Rawls gave a talk and demonstration on
"Winter Feeding and Care of Birds". She said
birds go south because they cannot find food!
Election of officers went as follows:

President: Cindy Peters; Vice President: Deb
Berg; Secretary: Twylah Kragel; Treasurer: Carol
Jara.

Cindy Peters was hostess.

Our December 9th meeting will be at the Rhodes
Mill Retreat for our Christmas Party and gift
exchange with a catered dinner from Rib Crib.

**Thank you Anne Jones for providing us with
such a beautiful place.**

Answers to Triva Quiz! >>>>>

1. Yes
2. Miss Fannie Bright
3. England
4. CA.
5. The Grinch
6. 36
7. Angel
8. Traffic Cop
9. 5 cents
10. Nothing

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. We all know that Rudolph has a red nose,
but does Rudolph have antlers?
2. In the song "Jingle Bells" who was seated
by my side?
3. Which country created eggnog?
4. This state has the "World's Tallest Living
Christmas Tree?" Maine or California?
5. Who is rumored to have stolen Christmas?
6. How many reindeer hooves are there
(include Rudolph) ?
7. The most popular item to put on top of a
Christmas tree is?
8. Who yelled "Stop!" to Frosty?
9. Lucy charges how much for her
psychiatric services in the animation, "A
Charlie Brown Christmas"?
10. How much did it cost to send a Christmas
card within the same city early in the
Victorian era?



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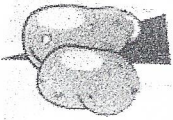
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FERTILE VALLEY GARDENS



Ron Rachut

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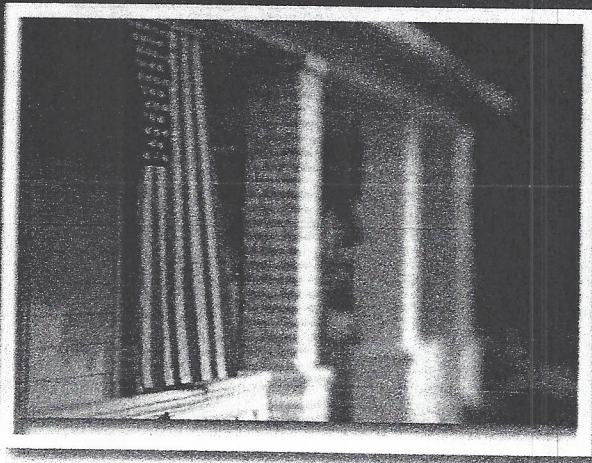
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An Iowa Poem

It's winter here in Iowa and the gentle breeze blows,
seventy miles an hour at twenty-five below.

Oh, how I love Iowa, when the snow is up to my butt.
I take a deep breath of winter air and my nose gets
frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is delightful, so, I guess I'll
stick around.

I could never leave this wonderful state because I'm
frozen to the ground.



Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

Cook's Corner

CHEESE BALL

Submitted by Lois Low

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 5 oz. jar olive-pimento cheese
- 2/3 chopped green olives
- 1/8 c. chopped onions
- 1/4 c. butter
- Roll in ball – chill until firm
- Roll in chopped pecans

Marshmallow Caramel Popcorn

- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. butter
- 9-10 marshmallows
- 12 c. popcorn
- Microwave brown sugar and butter for 2 minutes, add marshmallows & microwave until melted.
- Pour over popcorn.

Q. Why are there only snowmen and not snowwomen?

A. Because only men would stand out in the snow without a coat.

Q. What flies when it's born, lies when it's alive, and runs when it's dead?

A. Snow.

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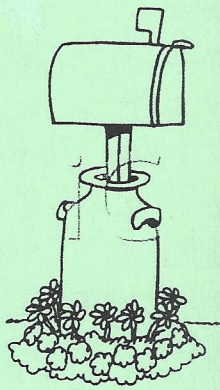


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