

FERTILE REMINDER

MAY 2015



Do you recognize anyone from this 1942-43 Basketball team? Please send names to fertilermd@wctatel.net.

May Calendar

May 4 Firemen Meet

May 10 MOTHERS DAY

May 12 Garden Club

MAY 14, 29 Recycle

MAY 15 Reminder Deadline

MAY 18 Library Board Meets

MAY 19 Council Meets

MAY 19 Fertile Girls Meet

MAY 26 Reminder Mailed



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Unanimous

• *Holly 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.

Sara Innis

- Sara mentioned that the memorial wall in the park is in need of some updating.
- Sara presented information on the Blue Star Memorial. Cost of the memorial will is approximately \$1400 and would be funded by donations. *Jeff motioned, Holly 2nd to proceed with the memorial.* Unanimous

City Maintenance Report (given by Mayor)

- Steve cleaned snow plow of salt and sand.
- Steve and Warren attended Iowa Rural Water Association classes.
- Steve moved picnic tables to the park.
- Steve painted frame of door at maintenance garage.
- Steve took the golf cart in to be serviced and Buck picked it up.
- Steve repaired chlorine line break at the water plant.
- New X-Mark mower has been delivered.

Nick motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the maintenance report. Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- Joyce received the emergency lighting for the library and it has been installed.
- Customers with recycling service should have received their new carts. If not, please contact city hall at (641) 797-2121 to receive one. If you have extra recycling bins these can be left at the maintenance shed and notify Mayor.

- Annual inspection of fire extinguishers have been completed in all city buildings.
- If you are interested in participating in the Free Market beginning May 6th at 4:00pm to 6:00pm, please contact Ruth Willard at (641) 512-8696 to sign Hold Harmless Agreement.
- City Wide CleanUp is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th.
- Alliant Energy will be trimming trees around power lines within the next 12 weeks.
- The City of Fertile was awarded grant for new Danko Storm Siren and it has been ordered. Joyce is working with Ray Huftalin, EM Coordinator, Winnebago & Worth county Sheriff's department and Electric Engineering to get this installed. Thank you to WCDA for the funding.
- Joyce presented estimates for City Utility drop boxes at the Maintenance garage and City Hall.
- The garbage disposal has been removed in the kitchen at the Community Center.
- Joyce is working to get estimates for the cement slab above the dam to be removed.
- *Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to accept NIACOG contract to update ordinances annually.* Unanimous

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

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented March Financials to the council. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

7/1 - 3/31	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	125,918.53	204,000.00	32,403.72	929.18	85,657.81	448,909.24
Expense	409,275.60	-36,000.00	18,376.33	0	69,798.17	461,450.1
Total	-283,357.07	240,000.00	14,027.39	929.18	15,859.64	-12,540.86
Fund Balance	-27,016.59	36,000.00	51,877.62	929.18	111,145.12	172,935.33

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

Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to approve March Bills Unanimous

Committee Report

- Fertile Day is scheduled for August 8th and 9th.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 at Fertile City Hall
- *Jeff moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

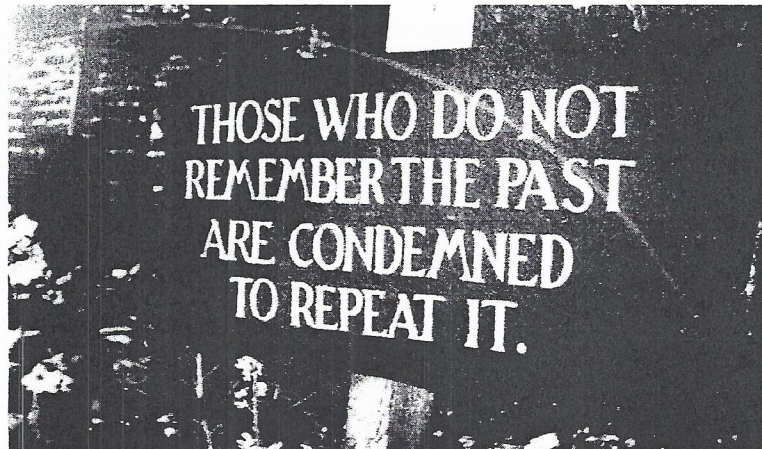
Worth County Fair Queen Candidates Invited to Participate in 2015

The Worth County Fair is inviting and encouraging nominations for 2015 Worth County Fair Queen Candidates. The 2015 Worth County Fair Queen Crowning ceremonies will take place on Wednesday, June 17th at 7 P.M. at the newly renovated Worth County Fair Grandstand. Queen contestants that are ages 16 to 21 years of age may participate. Those wanting registration information or who want to get signed up are asked to please call the Worth County Extension Office at 641-324-1531 or contact Worth County Fair Queen Contest Committee Members, Kim Hennigar at 641-390-0753 (cell) or 641-324-1525 (home) or call Sarah Innes at 402-679-2498.

City of Fertile Deposits

As of March 31, 2015

	Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
	Deposit	03/03/2015	Property Taxes	1,583.58
	Deposit	03/03/2015	Special Assessment Interest	57.00
	Deposit	03/03/2015	Assessment Deposit	755.72
	Deposit	03/03/2015	Casino Funds Deposit	2,545.39
	Deposit	03/04/2015	Utility Deposit	541.58
	Deposit	03/04/2015	Utility Deposit	1,931.67
	Deposit	03/05/2015	Rebate Deposit	31.92
	Deposit	03/11/2015	Utility Deposit	2,739.61
	Deposit	03/18/2015	Road Use Tax	1,786.02
	Deposit	03/18/2015	Deposit	0.00
	Deposit	03/18/2015	Farm to Market Deposit	1,525.98
	Deposit	03/18/2015	Utility Deposit	443.52
	Deposit	03/18/2015	Utility Deposit	2,488.12
	Deposit	03/25/2015	Utility Deposit	414.33
	Deposit	03/25/2015	Utility Deposit	3,672.77
	Deposit	03/31/2015	Interest	3.67
	Deposit	03/31/2015	Correct Class	0.00
Total Checking				20,520.88
Petty Cash				
Total Petty Cash				
Total Operating Accounts				20,520.88
Roads Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	03/31/2015	Interest	5.67
Total Savings				5.67
Total Roads Revenue Accounts				5.67
Water Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	03/31/2015	Interest	2.86
Total Savings				2.86
Total Water Revenue Accounts				2.86
Sewer Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	03/31/2015	Interest	2.50
Total Savings				2.50
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Total CD				
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts				2.50
TOTAL				20,531.91



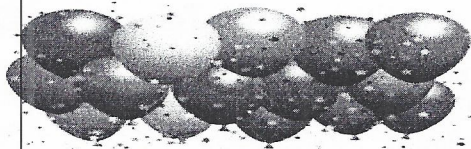
City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of
March 31, 2015

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts						
Checking						
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/01/2015	7253	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,602.36
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/01/2015	7254	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/01/2015	7255	Kramer Ace Hardware	Light Bulbs and Paint for Pit Covers	-90.94
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/01/2015	7256	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-50.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/01/2015	7257	Superior Lumber, Inc	Exhaust Fan	-31.30
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/01/2015	7258	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-13.65
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/01/2015	7259	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-196.27
	Paycheck	03/04/2015	7250	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
	Paycheck	03/04/2015	7251	Lunning, Wendy S		-277.50
	Paycheck	03/04/2015	7252	Russell, Joyce		-953.93
	Liability Check	03/05/2015	EFT	IPERS		-706.73
	Liability Check	03/05/2015	EFT	United States Treasury		-990.72
	Check	03/05/2015	DEBIT	USPS	postage	-6.49
	Paycheck	03/11/2015	7260	Roberts, Stephen J		-964.39
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7261	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-12.50
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7262	Forest City Summit	Publish Salaries	-8.11
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7263	Iowa Communities Assurance		-
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7264	Pool v	Insurance	12,060.91
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7264	North Iowa Media Group	Publish Budget	-115.34
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7265	Office of Auditor of State	Periodic Audit Fee	-900.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7266	Pronto	Gas for truck & batteries	-74.36
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/11/2015	7267	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-2,117.28
	Check	03/17/2015	DEBIT	Lazer Car Wash	Wash Truck	-7.25
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2015	7268	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-828.98
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2015	7269	Denny Steffensen	Steel Door for Maintenance	-
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2015	7270	Construction	Garage	-525.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2015	7270	Marco	Monthly Agreement	-42.75
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2015	7271	NIACOG	Association Dues for 2015	-15.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2015	7272	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-62.99
	Paycheck	03/25/2015	7273	Roberts, Stephen J		-964.39
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2015	7274	UPS	Water testing	-10.77
	Total Checking					23,941.30
	Petty Cash					
	Total Petty Cash					
	Total Operating Accounts					23,941.30
	Roads Revenue Accounts					
	Savings					
	Total Savings					
	Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
TOTAL						23,941.30

WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS
YOU HAVE THREE CHOICES. YOU
CAN EITHER LET IT DEFINE YOU,
LET IT DESTROY YOU, OR YOU
CAN LET IT STRENGTHEN YOU.

OVER 90 BIRTHDAYS



Maxine Rye May 1st will be 96

Robert Humphrey May 27th will be 92

Viola Roberts May 31st will be 101

If you know of anyone who is over 90, please let the editor know. Thank you!

i, Betty, your editor, need to retract the statement I put in the Reminder of Viola Roberts being the oldest person still living to graduate from Fertile School. It was my mistake and I want to correct it. We have three living graduates over 100 years old. How many small towns can boast that fact? They are:

1930, **Gladys Field Almelien** (103)

1933, **Viola Miller Roberts**, 101 May 27th

1934, **Virgil Ouverson**, (101)

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The May meeting was held on Tuesday night with 10 members and 1 guest present. Hostesses were Jean Marie Anderson & Bev Bruns.

It was decided to go to the Cedar Valley Produce Auction near Elma on May 8th. We will decide what plants to buy at that time depending on price and availability. Carol Jara will buy new hoses for plant watering. Penny Miller will buy soil, mulch and the batteries for the solar lights.

Sue Lee suggested in September to put things away for winter storage so hoses last longer!

Deb Berg had the thought for the day. We sang Happy Birthday to Deb Berg, Sara Innes and Ron Rachut.

Betty Waddington, Reporter

From the past.....

FC junior Logan Hall has sports in his blood, and as he approaches playing in the 2015 Iowa State Boys Basketball Tourney in Des Moines, the history isn't far from his mind.

Logan's grandfather, Gene Hall, was a member of the 1954 Fertile Indians state tourney team, coached by Edward Colbert. Play in the state tournament at that time was held in the Iowa City Field House. The Fertile Indians, decked out in their red and black school colors, were playing in their second consecutive tourney, having been defeated by Ottumwa 55-45 in 1953 tournament play.

State tournament experience and participation has a long blood line in the Hall family, and Grandpa Gene started it all. Gene even dated Judie (Haugen) Hall in high school, who was the post player for the Fertile girls basketball team. They dated throughout high school married in 1959 and the rest is history.

This may or may not be known, but Gene got to the state tournament by the luck of the draw. The coach considered Gene and Jerry Ouverson equal in ability and had them draw straws (or flip a coin, I don't remember which) to see who would dress for which level of the tournament. There were four levels: sectional, district, sub-state, and state.. Jerry won and picked the sectional and sub-state, apparently thinking it unlikely they would get to the state again. So Gene dressed for the district and then the state! **Gary Hall**

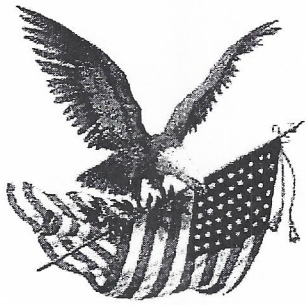
Happy Mother's Day to all Mother's. Many have mothers who are no longer with us, except in our hearts and memories. We do miss them!!

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Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

DECORATION DAY (MEMORIAL DAY)

I remember as a young child the holiday we paid tribute to as "Decoration Day." My family always attended the cemetery in Belmont where my family was buried. (My great grandpa who fought and was blinded in the Civil War is buried there.)

There was a long program (while we stood quietly) with a speaker, music, the roll call read, the Military men who stood at attention, shot their guns and finished with the Taps. It held much meaning to a young girl who was born before WW II.

As years passed by my life changed, I went off to college, married and started a family. I remember the first time I missed attending Memorial Day services in the late 1980's. I was told by my doctor that I had pneumonia and was not to go. I felt I was not honoring those that gave their lives for their country.

The crowds soon dwindled at cemeteries, no more programs and the holiday began to take on new meaning for many people. It was no longer the solemn day we honored but a day of camping, visiting, working at home or doing whatever the heart desired. The further we get away from the "Big wars" the more we forgot.

Decoration Day turned to Memorial Day. The government changed the dates so that people could have weekends to celebrate.

Last week I met a woman who emigrated from Germany in 1954. Her stories need to be told but she is 82 years old and may never tell them. Her family was told one night by the Russian army that they had to vacate their home and become refugees. Her life changed drastically that day. I want to hear more but doubt that I will see her again.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend.

Betty Waddington

A Typical Day in the Old Fertile Telephone Office

by Mrs. C. Norman Nye and
Mrs. Roger Humphrey

Time: Early one morning—
Night bell rings—operator comes to board.
Op: "They sure are starting the day early, isn't even time to open up.
Fertile—is this an emergency? We aren't open yet."
Party: "Oh, am I too early to ring? What time is it?"
Op: "It's only ten to 7:00, but I'll ring for you."
Party: "My clock says a little after 7:00. I'm sorry I called."
RING
Op: "Fertile."
Party: "Say, Aimee, I'm going away for a while this forenoon and I wondered if you'd take our orders for me?"
Op: "How long are you going to be gone?"
Party: "Oh, I should be back in a couple of hours."
Op: "Yes, I will."
RING
Op: "Fertile"
Party: "Have you seen my husband up there on the street?"
Op: "No, not just lately."
Party: "You don't see our car do you?"
Op: "No, but just a minute and I'll go and see." (Operator goes to door and looks up and down the street.) "Yes, I believe it is up at Ernie's garage."
Party: Will you ring there for me, please."
RING
Op: "Fertile"
Party: "Have you heard what time the shower is tonight?"
Op: "It's supposed to start at 7:30 but they never get started until 8."
Party: "Is it at the Lutheran Church or the schoolhouse? I guess I threw my card away and can't remember which it said."
Op: "It is in the school dining room."
RING
Op: "Fertile"
Party: "Ring my mommy."
Op: "Well, who are you?"
Party: "Dick."
Op: "Just a minute, Dick, and I'll ring her for you."
Op: "My land, I can't ring another soul, every plug is up and I can't get a line."
RING
Op: "Fertile."
Party: "What time do you have?"
Op: "It is a quarter to eleven."
Op: "I better blow the whistle so everyone knows it's dinnertime."
NOON WHISTLE
RING
Op: "Fertile." (Operator jumps) "My, but I got a shock. The sparks are just flying off the board. I wish people wouldn't ring when it storms."
RING
Op: "Fertile."
Party (frantically): "Call the fire department. The lightning struck a tree in our front yard and started a fire."
Op: "Who is this?"
Party: "Gussie Haugen."
(Siren blows—confusion reigns on the switchboard; everyone wants to know where the fire is, how bad it is or what is burning.)
Time: 9:30 P.M.
Op: "This has been a long day. Guess I'll lock up. It's 9:30."
RING
Op: "Fertile."
Party: "Say am I too late to call? I want to get in touch with my girl before she leaves the schoolhouse."
Op: "Well, it's after 9:30, but I'll ring for you." (Leaving board) "I'm so tired, I hope the night bell doesn't ring tonight."

Do you have your calendar marked for the All School Reunion on Saturday afternoon, June 13. We Three Catering from Belmond, is furnishing the meal. Don't miss out on the fun!!

Meet--Miss Fertile 1941

Entry No. 20 for Queen of North Iowa Band Festival June 17

The queens keep coming.

Here we have Miss Ardis Suby, who will wear the insignia "Miss Fertile" at the giant band festival in Mason City June 17.

Miss Suby was chosen by vote of the Fertile high school to represent that community at the big spectacle of music and pulchritude that will draw thousands of visitors to Mason City.

The Fertile bid for queen of the festival is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Suby. Her father is a trucker.

Miss Suby, member of the junior class in the Fertile high school, was president of her class for the past two years. She has been cheer leader for the last two years.

Miss Suby has also participated in other school activities. She is a member of the girls glee club, sextet and trio. She plays a French horn in the band and had a prominent part in the junior play. Her favorite hobby is sports.



ARDIS SUBY
—Miss Fertile

Things My Mother Taught Me

My Mother taught me LOGIC... "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."

My Mother taught me MEDICINE... "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

My Mother taught me TO THINK AHEAD... "If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"

My Mother taught me ESP... "Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

My Mother taught me HUMOR... "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS... "Do you think you were born in a barn?"

If I Had My Life To Live Over

By Erma Bombeck -- written after discovery of her terminal cancer

I would have talked less and listened more. I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the "GOOD" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

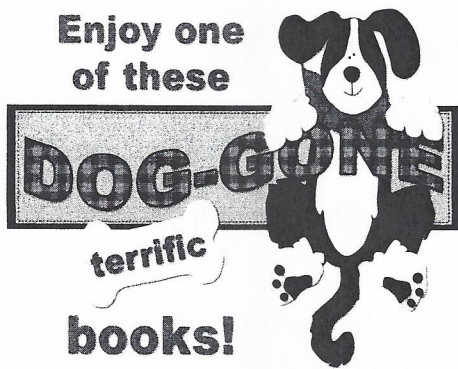
I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

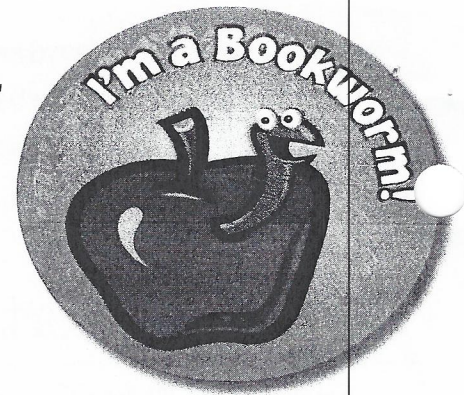
I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realizing that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later, now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more "I love you's" ... more "I'm sorry's" ... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute ... look at it and really see it ... live it .. and never give it back.



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New Books

When Grace Sings—Kim Vogel Sawyer
 NYPD Red 3—James Patterson
 Daughter of the Regiment—Stephanie Whitson
 The Dog Who Saved Me—Susan Wilson
 Hells Half Acre—William W. Johnstone
 Rapture—J.R. ward
 What's a Witch to Do?—Jennifer Harlow
 Werewolf Sings the Blues—Jennifer Harlow
 MacCallister--Kingdom Come—William W. Johnstone
 Wild Hearts Secrets and Lies—Sharon Sala
 Miracle at Augusta—James Patterson
 Chasing Sunsets—Karen Kingsbury
 The Bullet—Mary Louise Kelly
 The Liar—Nora Roberts
 Every 15 Minutes—Lisa Scottoline
 Still Alice—Lisa Genova
 Waling the Dead—Heather Graham

New Books on CD

NYPD Red 3 —James Patterson
 Gone—Randy Wayne White
 First Phone Call from Heaven—Mitch Albom
 Little Mercies—Heather Gudenkauf

New DVDs

And So it Goes —Michael Douglas
 Transcendence—Johnny Depp
 The Best of Me —James Marsden
 Night at the Museum Secret of the Tomb-Ben Stiller
 Dawn of the Planet of the Apes —Gary Oldman
 St. Vincent —Bill Murray
 Predestination—Ethan Hawke
 Dying of the Light —Nicholas Cage
 Penguins of Madagascar—Animated
 Big Hero 6 —Disney

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Fiesta Night was a great success. We served at least 128 meals. Our addition of taco salad was a hit with all ages. We thank all of you for coming and supporting the library. We also thank Thrivent Financial for their support and Emily Suby our "Thrivent Action Team" leader for going the extra mile.

If you haven't been in the library lately stop by and see our new window shades. They are beautiful. We love our windows and we love the sun but certain times of the day we need to filter the light. We were able to purchase these with a grant from Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust.

SUMMER IS COMING AND SO IS THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

Every Hero has a Story!

Programs Saturday Mornings in June!

Watch for more information!

July 29th @ 7 pm
 we will host

The Hanson Family Jugglers!

Mark Hanson is a Guinness
 World Record Holder for Speed Juggling!

More fun coming!!!

HALL OF LIFE

AS YOU WALK DOWN THE HALL OF LIFE
KNOCK AT EVERY DOOR,
DON'T PASS UP THE GOLDEN ONES
SAYING THERE ARE MORE.
SOME DOORS WILL CLOSE RIGHT IN YOUR FACE
WHILE OTHERS STAND AJAR,
SO TRY EACH DOOR BEFORE YOU MOVE
ALONG THE HALL TOO FAR.
THERE ARE STAGES IN THE HALL YOU SEE
WHERE YOU CAN'T WALK AGAIN,
THOSE DOORS WILL LOCK FOREVER
HALLS WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN.
YOU CAN'T WALK OVER THE HALL OF YOUTH
WHEN YOU ARE OLD AND GRAY,
IF YOU ARE YOUNG AND WALK THAT HALL
ENJOY THAT HALL TODAY.
IN YOUR MIDDLE YEARS THE HALL IS FILLED
WITH DOORS OF FEAR AND DOUBT,
BUT TRY THOSE DOORS BOTH BIG AND SMALL
DON'T LET THEM KEEP YOU OUT.
WHEN DOORS WITH DISAPPOINTMENT CLOSE
AND OTHERS SAY DEFEAT,
A DOOR STANDS OPEN FURTHER ON
WITH CHALLENGES TO MEET.
AND AS YOU STRUGGLE WITH THAT DOOR
AND ENTER SLOW BUT SURE,
THE PROBLEMS LYING IN THAT ROOM
WILL HARDLY MAKE A STIR.
WITHIN THAT ROOM ARE MANY DOORS
TAKE A LOOK ABOUT,
THEY ALL HAVE PROBLEMS HID BEHIND
AND ONLY ONE LEADS OUT.
ACCEPT EACH DOOR AS A GIFT OF LOVE
TO HELP YOU GROW IN GRACE,
GOD KNOWS JUST HOW TO OPEN THEM
AND EVERY PROBLEM FACE.
BUT WHEN YOU OPEN THAT ONE LAST DOOR
AND THE ENDLESS HALL YOU SEE,
IN CHRIST IT LEADS TO GOD ALONE
WHO IS ETERNITY.
SO TAKE THE SPIRIT AS YOUR GUIDE
IN THE HALLS AND ROOMS OF STRIFE.
AND WHEN THAT LAST DOOR OPENS UP
YOU'LL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

WRITTEN NOVEMBER 16, 1973 BY SEVER M. PEDERSON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi, I sure enjoy the "Fertile Reminder" and want to renew my subscription. You gals do a great job! Reading about old friends and classmates brings back a lot of memories. Thanks so much, **Ver Lynn Ouverson Austin, 14528 Nelsons Creek Dr., Omaha, NE 68116**

Reminder Staff, I was taken aback by the first reading of your April Fool's joke. Please keep the Reminder coming. Thanks for your work.

Arlyn Abrams

Dear Fertile Reminder Staff, We always enjoy receiving the Fertile Reminder. We have enclosed \$8.00 for the Fertile News to continue coming our way another year. Thanks for the great job! Have a wonderful April and rest of 2015. **Vonnie (Abrams) and Sever Pederson, 7524 Carrousel, Westland, MI 41815.**

You ladies do a great job on the Reminder! Keep the news coming! **Elsie Chisholm**

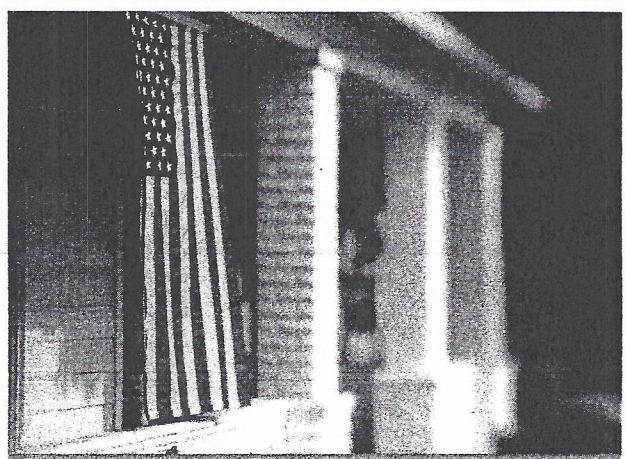
Dear Editor, Thank you for sending the March issue of the "Reminder". It has been a long time since I have lived in IA. I have two 1946 Fertile High School classmates I have wondered about. I resumed a relationship with Anna Mary Sanderson a few years ago. She lived in Madison, WI, but I didn't hear from her this Christmas, 2014. We visited Dorothy Elthon in CA in the 90's but she has never been a correspondent. Don is 89 years old and I am 76 last August. **Norma Holtan Wakeley, 100 Timber Ridge Way NW, Issaquah, WA 98027.**

Many thanks to the ladies who put together the Fertile Reminder. It is read by many and enjoyed by all. Thanks for all your dedicated work. **Pat Tuttle**

Keep doing the good job for the paper. Really enjoy getting it each month. Marlys Pederson

Please change my address, enclosed is my \$8.00 for the Fertile Reminder. Betty Heyerdahl 430 Grant St. #159, DePere, WI 54115

KEEP THOSE LETTERS COMING!!!



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COOK'S CORNER

Beverly Calgaard's Punch

2 sm. Env. Unsweetened lemonade

1 cup powdered milk

Mix ingredients together and add:

½ gallon water

½ gal. vanilla ice cream

Mix and freeze. Add 1 liter 7-up when served

Note: It freezes hard so remove frozen mixture some time before adding 7-up. This is the recipe that Beverly always made and served at the Alumni Banquets.

RASPBERRY PUNCH

1(8 oz.) bag frozen raspberries

½ gal. raspberry sherbet

2 liters cream soda

Mix all together.

Susanna Lee

RHUBARB CAKE

1 yellow or white cake mix, fix according to directions.

5 cups rhubarb

10 oz. miniature marshmallows

(3 oz.) pkg strawberry jello

½ to 1 c. sugar (use more or less for sweetness desired.

Place rhubarb, cut in one inch pieces, in the bottom of a 9 x 12 inch pan. Sprinkle dry jello and sugar over rhubarb. Add marshmallows on top of rhubarb, sugar and jello. Pour prepared cake mix on top. Bake at 350 for app. 50 minutes to 1 hour. Cake is done if fork stuck in comes out clean.

SAYINGS OUR PARENTS USED

1. A Bone to pick (someone who wants to discuss a disagreement))
3. One bad apple spoils the whole barrel (one corrupt person can cause all the others to go bad if you don't remove the bad one)
4. At Sea (lost or not understanding something)
5. Bad Egg (Someone who was not a good person)
6. Barking up the wrong tree.
7. An Axe to Grind (Someone who has a hidden motive. This phrase is said to have originated from Benjamin Franklin who told a story about a devious man who asked how a grinding wheel worked. He ended up walking away with his axe sharpened free of charge.
8. Been through the mill (had a rough time of it)
9. Between hay and grass (Not a child or an adult)
10. Calaboose (a jail)
11. Catawampus (Something that sits crooked such as a piece of furniture sitting at an angle)
12. Dicker (To barter or trade)
13. Feather in Your Cap (to accomplish a goal. This came from years ago in wartime when warriors might receive a feather they would put in their cap for defeating an enemy)
14. Hold your horses (Be patient!)
15. Hoosgow (A jail)
16. Jawing/Jawboning (Talking or arguing)
17. Kit and caboodle (The whole thing)
18. Madder than a wet hen (really angry)
19. Needs taken down a notch or two (like notches in a belt usually a young person who thinks too highly of himself and needs a lesson)
20. No Spring Chicken (Not young anymore)
21. Persnickety (overly particular or snobbish)
22. Pretty is as pretty does (your actions are more important than your looks)
23. Puny (Not feeling well, sometimes refers to the size of a person when smaller than usual)
24. Scarce as hen's teeth (something difficult to obtain)
25. Skedaddle (Get out of here quickly)
26. You ain't the only duck in the pond.
27. Straight From the Horse's Mouth (privileged information from the one concerned)
28. Tie the Knot (to get married)
29. Too many irons in the fire (to be involved in too many things)
30. Tuckered out (tired and all worn out)
31. Bee in your bonnet (To have an idea that won't let loose)

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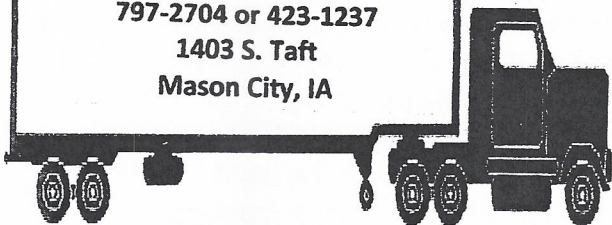
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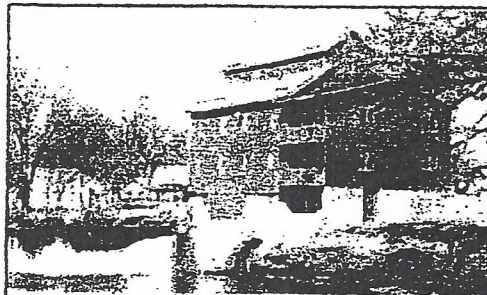
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