

FERTILE REMINDER

November 2015



70th Wedding Anniversary. Arden and Fern (Seglem) Midtgaard were married on Dec 2, 1945 in Fertile, IA. To celebrate their 70 years together their children are hosting an open house at the **Fertile Lutheran Church on Nov 28, 2015 from 2:00 - 4:00. No gifts please.**

Arden and Fern have 4 children, 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to: **Fern & Arden Midtgaard, 1327 330th Street, Hanlontown, IA 50444**

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Firemen Meet
- 3 City Election
- 10 Garden Club
- 11 Reminder Deadline
- 12, 27 Recycle
- 16 Library Board
- 17 Council meets
- 17 Fertile Girls @ Bennigan's
- 21 Church of Christ Supper
- 24 Reminder mailed

Garden Club met Oct. 13th with 9 members and 4 guests answering roll call. Cindy Peters, president presided over the pot luck supper meeting.

Todd Vonneywagon, Lime Creek Nature Center, gave a most informative presentation on Monarch butterflies. He stressed the need to grow milkweed plants so we can continue to attract butterflies.

Fred Hare has installed outlets (outside Community Center) and a new line to the pine tree on the corner of the lot so it can be decorated and lit for Christmas.

Buck and Joyce Russell have donated the lights for the tree. Steve and Buck will put up the lights.

We want to thank all involved in this project. Fertile will be the winner from this endeavor!!!

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the minutes of the September meeting with the addition that Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the proposal for an encroachment on sidewalk due to landscaping enhancements at 111W Main Street.

Unanimous

• *Julie motioned, Holly 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.

City Maintenance Report

- Windshield replaced on golf cart and new mirrors installed.
- Hydrants on E Main have been flushed.
- Heartland Asphalt will be starting road maintenance on E Main.

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

Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- A BIG 'Thank You' to WCDA for the storm siren has been installed
- Maguire Iron Inc drained, cleaned inside and inspected the Water Tower.
- The Library Halloween party will be October 29th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
- Trick or Treat will be on Saturday October 31st, 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Thank you to Buck and Joyce Russell for donating Christmas lights for the big evergreen tree in front of the Community Center.
- *Julie motioned, Holly 2nd to accept the resolution to add a street light on E Washington.*

Wife comes late at night & quietly opens the door to her bedroom.

From under the blanket she sees four legs instead of two!

She reaches for a Baseball bat & starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can.

Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to drink water.

As she enters, she sees her husband there reading a magazine..

Husband says.."Hi Darling !! Your Parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our Bedroom. Hope you have said hello to them!"

- Thank you for Bruns Brothers Farms for leaving com rows on W Washington for a snow fence.
- Election is scheduled for November 3, we encourage residence to vote.
- *Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to accept the proposal from Heartland Asphalt.*

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

Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

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

7/1 - 9/30	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	34,033.72	22,965.00	14,092.91	127.91	30,135.84	101,355.38
Expense	43,168.56	22,965.00	3,819.48	2,069.64	27,651.76	99,674.44
Total	-9,134.84	0.00	10,273.43	-1,941.73	2,484.08	1,680.94
Fund Balance	24,623.52	0.00	66,135.08	-1,941.73	119,800.16	208,617.03

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

Holly motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve September Bills Unanimous

Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to accept resolution for lien on 409 W Main in the amount of \$230.52.

Tad motioned, Julie 2nd via email to accept the Street Financing Report with adjustments. Unanimous

- Garbage Ordinance reviewed for updates.
- Fire Department has been contacted in regards to Annual Financial Reports needed to complete Annual State reports.

Committee Reports:

7/1 - 9/30	Library
Income	14,731.65
Expense	8,930.81
Total	5,800.84
Fund Balance	27,476.39

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 at Fertile City Hall
- *Holly moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

I don't know what I'd do without coffee... probably twenty five to life in the state penitentiary.



**City of Fertile
Deposits**

As of September 30, 2015

	Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
	Deposit	09/03/2015	Refund Deposit	28.62
	Deposit	09/03/2015	Building Permit Deposit	70.00
	Deposit	09/03/2015	Property Taxes	4,456.00
	Deposit	09/03/2015	Casino Funds Deposit	2,778.46
	Deposit	09/03/2015	Utility Deposit	1,750.29
	Deposit	09/08/2015	Enrich Iowa - Library Funds	1,167.98
	Deposit	09/09/2015	Incubator Deposit	1,284.32
	Deposit	09/09/2015	Utility Deposit	2,737.90
	Deposit	09/15/2015	Road Use Tax	2,407.97
	Deposit	09/16/2015	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
	Deposit	09/16/2015	Reimbursement Deposit	24.95
	Deposit	09/16/2015	Building Permits Deposit	70.00
	Deposit	09/16/2015	Utility Deposit	2,784.06
	Deposit	09/23/2015	Grant Deposit	22,965.00
	Deposit	09/23/2015	RUT Deposit	2,410.23
	Deposit	09/23/2015	Facility Deposit	100.00
	Deposit	09/23/2015	Utility Deposit	578.11
	Deposit	09/23/2015	Utility Deposit	2,770.03
	Deposit	09/28/2015	Utility Deposit	491.11
	Deposit	09/28/2015	Local Option Sales Tax	2,709.77
	Deposit	09/30/2015	Utility Deposit	3,234.45
	Deposit	09/30/2015	Interest	6.62
				<u>54,825.87</u>
Total Checking				54,825.87
Petty Cash				
Total Petty Cash				
Total Operating Accounts				<u>54,825.87</u>
Roads Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	09/30/2015	Interest	5.49
				<u>5.49</u>
Total Savings				5.49
Total Roads Revenue Accounts				5.49
Water Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	09/30/2015	Interest	2.77
				<u>2.77</u>
Total Savings				2.77
Total Water Revenue Accounts				2.77
Sewer Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	09/30/2015	Interest	2.42
				<u>2.42</u>
Total Savings				2.42
CD				
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Total Sewer Revenue Accounts				<u>2.42</u>
TOTAL				<u><u>54,836.55</u></u>

City of Fertile Bills Paid

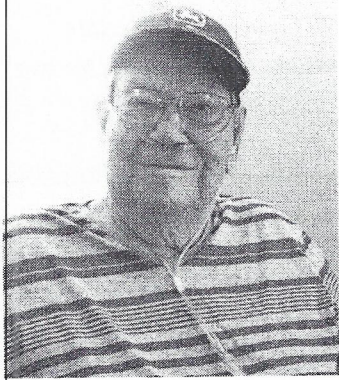
As of September 30, 2015

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
09/01/2015	7445	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Checks	-129.95
09/01/2015	7446	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,486.19
09/01/2015	7447	Kramer Ace Hardware	Lock for siren	-24.99
09/01/2015	7448	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-50.00
09/01/2015	7449	Waste Management	Container Service Plan	-13.65
09/01/2015	7450	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-196.50
09/02/2015	7442	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
09/02/2015	7443	Lunning, Wendy S		-360.55
09/02/2015	7444	Russell, Joyce		-1,414.08
09/03/2015	EFT	IPERS		-740.73
09/03/2015	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,064.66
09/08/2015	7451	Roberts, Stephen J		-992.97
09/09/2015	7452	Clear Lake Sanitary District	Water sample lab testing	-20.00
09/09/2015	7453	Fertile Pronto	Gas for truck, mower and Golf Cart	-310.23
09/09/2015	7454	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
09/09/2015	7455	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Connect Pipe	-227.41
09/09/2015	7457	Municipal Supply, Inc.	Touch Reader	-479.70
09/09/2015	7458	North Iowa Media Group	Fertile Days and Fireman's Breakfast	-228.40
09/09/2015	7459	Waste Management Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Garbage & Recycling	-2,117.28
09/16/2015	7460		Danger Chlorine	-31.67
09/16/2015	7461	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-155.88
09/16/2015	7462	IMWCA	Worker's Compensation Coverage	-463.00
09/16/2015	7463	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-63.05
09/23/2015	7464	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,661.68
09/23/2015	7465	Country Landscapes Danko Emergency Equipment	Top Soil - Water Main Break	-259.70
09/23/2015	7466			-6,775.42
09/23/2015	7467	Federal Signal Corporation	Siren	-13,507.00
09/23/2015	7468	Green Canopy, Inc.	August - Fishing Point and Ball Diamond	-205.00
09/23/2015	7469	Hare Electric	Siren	-2,700.00
09/23/2015	7470	Midwest Pipe Supply	Repair Curb Stop at Keeneys	-66.00
09/23/2015	7472	Staples		-231.13
09/23/2015	7473	Menards	Cleaning Supplies	-70.28
09/23/2015	7474	Roberts, Stephen J		-992.96
09/30/2015	7475	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-12.50
09/30/2015	7476	Maguire Iron, Inc.	Water Tower Interior Cleaned & Disinfected / Interior & Exterior inspected	-1,596.50
09/30/2015	7477	UPS	Water Testing	-10.75
09/30/2015	CORR	Staples	Account Correction Check 7439	0.00
Total Checking				-38,971.20



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





Roger (Rudy) Suby, 88, of Mason City, passed away Monday evening, Sept. 28, 2015, at Hospice of North Iowa, Mason City. Roger was born October 8, 1926, on the Joe Hill Farm in Grant Twp, Cerro Gordo Co, Iowa, to

Henry and Iva (Kirk) Suby. He was the 3rd oldest of eight children. He married Colleen Joyce Burgess on June 29, 1947. To this union was born four children: Mark, Collette, Kirk and Jody.

Roger attended school in Fertile, Iowa, graduating in 1944. He jokingly boasted that he graduated 7th in his class of 7. He was a World War II Veteran, stationed in La Harvre, France and Bremerhaven, Germany. He worked for the Mason City Street Department for 40 years, retiring on "April Fool's Day," 1987.

In younger years, Rudy enjoyed watching baseball and boxing. He was an avid sportsman and loved the Vikings and the Hawkeyes. In recent years, he enjoyed watching tennis and golf on TV.

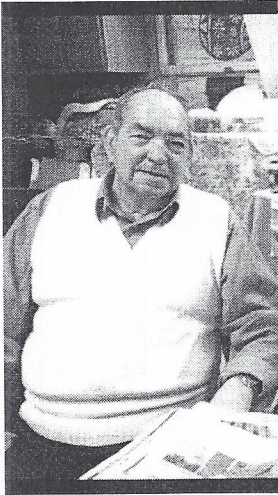
He loved playing cards, fishing and gardening, until the passing of his wife, Colleen, 8 years ago. Her death was a life changing event from which he never fully recovered. He was by her side throughout her long illness, caring for her and giving her the strength to make it through her painful days. For that, the family will always be grateful.

He treasured every moment with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They called him "Pops" or "Papa Rudy", nicknames that he loved.

He enjoyed more than 30 years of fishing trips to the family cabin in Minnesota, where he provided the family with many humorous stories to share about their adventures. These trips were also enjoyed by many members of the extended family. He was a likeable guy, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and good neighbor to those who lived around him. He will be missed by all. There will be no services, per his request. Memorials may be directed to Hospice of North Iowa.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Mark (Connie Bakken) Suby of Mason City; Collette Turner of Las Vegas, Nev.; Kirk (Val Schiff) Suby of Mason City; and Jody Sellon of Mason City. His

nine grandchildren: Heather Suby of Holmen, Wisc.; Jason (Sarah) Suby of New Windsor, N.Y.; Amber (Todd) Eldridge of Mason City; Andrew Suby of Mason City; Ryan (Amy) Sellon of Mason City; Larkin (Jayson) Becker of La Crescent, Minn.; Courtney Sellon of La Crosse, Wisc.; Brecken Baker of Fort Collins, Colo.; and Eric Turner of Las Vegas, Nev. His ten great-grandchildren: Austin and Allison Eldridge; Ethan, Brock and Brynn Suby; Jaxon, Jacey and Kenadi Sellon; and Cole and Lily Becker. He is also survived by three brothers, Leon (Shirley) Suby, Boyd Suby, and Allen (Nadine) Suby, and two sisters, Linda (Tom) Price and Phyllis Clausen, along with many nieces, nephews and extended family. Roger was preceded in death by his wife, Colleen, his parents, brother Robert "Buck" Suby, sister Helen "Dolly" Sparby, brothers-in-law Bill Clausen, Jack O'Neil and Alvin Sparby, sisters-in-law Delores Suby and Betty Suby, son-in-law Gary Sellon, and infant grandson, Adam Suby.



MASON CITY | Robert "Bob" Cates passed away at the Good Shepherd Care Center on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, at the age of 86.

Bob is survived by Fran Cates, his wife of 65 years, and his three daughters, Deborah (William) Foster of Mason City, Janalyn (Kevin) Helgeson of Clear Lake, Cathy (Tom) Gomez of Mason City; one son, Andrew Cates of Mason City; one brother, James (Rose) Cates

of Okoboji; five grandchildren, Torey Foster, Chad Dirks, Carrie Shannon, Jason Cates and Joseph Cates; 13 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Bob was well-known for his time and expertise in the grocery business. He so enjoyed winning at card playing with the kids, bowling, golfing, and he taught and fixed many a golf swing to those he knew.

Bob is predeceased in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Our sympathies to the families.



Sandra S. Hepperly, 69, of Mason City, died Friday Oct. 9, 2015, at the Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit, Mason City

Sandy was born June 29, 1946, in Mason City, the daughter of Hollis and Violet (Erickson) Burke. She attended Fertile grade school, Clear Lake High School

and Hamilton Business College, Mason City. She worked at Mercy Hospital in Mason City. She later was employed at Curries manufacturing plant in Mason City for 18 years, until her early retirement in 2007.

Sandy married Duane Hepperly June 17, 1967, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Clear Lake, and they have had 48 memorable years together.

Sandy enjoyed spending time at their lake home in Elysian, Minnesota, where she loved to fish, trying to out-fish her husband, which she normally did. She also enjoyed going out on the pontoon, watching the eagles and going on nature trail walks where she saw many animals. She had an overwhelming passion for animals. Sandy had a green thumb for planting flowers and shrubs, making anything grow and look beautiful. She loved horses, having many of her own. She enjoyed going to the fairs, watching her two granddaughters compete in horse races activities, taking home many ribbons and prizes. She also loved her two grandsons, playing family games, going to the parks and watching them ride their ATV in the park.

She and her sister Karen were very close. They enjoyed spending time together decorating their homes, going to antique stores, and taking many vacations trips together. She had met a lot of nice friends over the years, in town and at the resort, having many gatherings at potlucks, dinners, suppers, and breakfast.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Duane Hepperly, Mason City; son Brian (Brooke) Hepperly, Northwood; daughter Debbie (Mike) Jones, Cedar Falls; grandchildren, Brianna and Hailey Hepperly and Landon and Bryce Jones; her sister Karen (Ron) Hintch, Hampton; her brother Bill (Anne) Burke, McGregor; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hollis and Violet Burke; two brothers, John and Larry Burke; sister, Pat Patrick; step-brother, Peter Nissan; and three nephews, Christian Burke, Timothy Burke and Scott Patrick. She will be sadly missed.

Letters to the Editor:

Hometown news is the best. Especially appreciate articles and photos from the past. Thanks, too, for the faithful volunteers. Judy & Jim Gilbertson

Dear Friends< Thank you for all the time and effort you invest in the Reminder. It means more than you can know to all of us who live so far from home. We eagerly await its arrival each and every month. Larry and Judy Oувerson.

Great story on the meteor. My guess is that Dick Humphrey might have it. He lives in Silver City, NM. I checked the internet and a Richard I. Humphrey is listed, I am sure it is Dick. Best wishes, Gary Hall

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*Happy
Thanksgiving*

THE MEANING OF "UFF DA"

UFF DA is:

Trying to dance the polka to rock and roll music.

Looking in the mirror and discovering you're not getting better, you're just getting older.

Mailing your bills and discovering your checks are still in the checkbook.

Having Swedish meatballs for a lutefisk supper.

Spending two hours cleaning my room and mom says "Uff Da".

Driving to the mall and then wondering what you wanted.

Arriving late at a lutefisk supper and getting minced ham instead.

Checking your "retirement" account.

Eating hot soup when you've got a runny nose.

Getting out of bed in the morning with a backache.

Waking yourself up in church with your own snoring.

Forgetting your mother-in-law's first name.

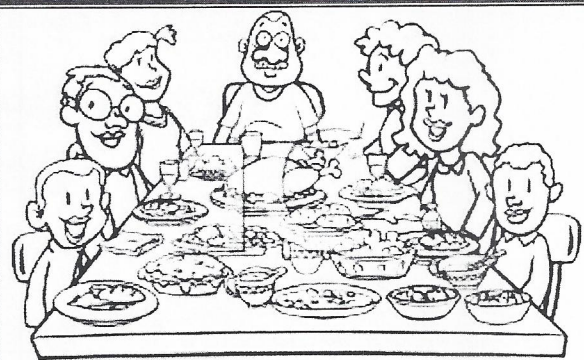
When two steady girlfriends find out about each other.

Noticing non-Norwegians at a church dinner using lefse for a napkin.

Eating a delicious sandwich and then discovering the spread is cat food.

When your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles on top.

NOT being Norwegian.



8th Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Saturday- November 21st
5:00-7:00 PM

All are invited to come and share in this traditional Thanksgiving Meal - Prepared and Served in the LOVE of Jesus, our LORD.

THIS IS OUR GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY-
so Please - No Donations. If you MUST- then bring an item that can be shared with the Forest City food bank

Maxine Rye has a new address

Maxine Rye
Franklin County View Nursing Home
Room 25
1720 Central Ave.
Hampton, IA 50441

WE WISH YOU A
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

November 3rd - City election
Vote for:

Ron Rachut

Ron has been a long time resident of Fertile. He owns and operates Fertile Valley Gardens. He has a love for Fertile and a great desire to serve as a council member for Fertile.

Cindy Peters

Cindy is a long time resident of Fertile. She has served on the council in the past, been the city clerk and presently is post master in Fertile. Cindy has a love for Fertile and great desire to serve again as council member.

2015 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame honorees named

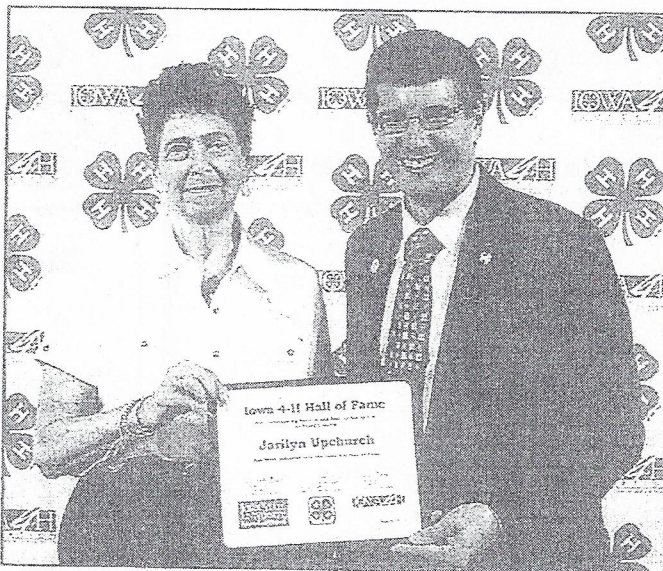
A record breaking 125 Iowa 4-H volunteers from 91 counties were inducted into the 2015 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame on Aug. 23 in the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair. Inductees or their representatives were presented a certificate by the Iowa 4-H Foundation as they were introduced on stage. A reception, sponsored by donors to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, was held shortly after the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame presentations.

The honorees were selected by their respective counties for their service and dedication to 4-H, contributions to the lives of 4-H'ers and the program. Inductees served as club leaders, fair board members, council members, fair judges, financial supporters, ISU Extension staff members and more. The inductees have demonstrated dedication, encouragement, commitment and guidance to Iowa's 4-H'ers through their years of service.

"When I look at all of the Hall of Fame inductees, I can't help but marvel at the ripple effect from their contributions to the 4-H program," said Albert Grunenwald, Executive Director of the Iowa 4-H Foundation. "We are honored to be able to recognize the efforts of these special people."

Jarilyn (Jerry) Upchurch has been an integral part of the Story County 4-H program for over 35 years. In 2005 she was recognized for 25 years of service as a 4-H club leader. She continues to serve as the Story County superintendent of the Flower Garden project.

As a 4-H leader, Jerry provided appealing activities that spurred



Jarilyn (Jerry) Upchurch was inducted into the 2015 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

young people's interest in exploring many different project areas. Through her leadership, 4-H members gained knowledge and skills such as learning how to run a business meeting and serving the community through service projects. One of those projects included delivering fruit baskets to the elderly in the community each December, a tradition the club carries on today. Citizenship and leadership development were strong components of her teaching.

Jerry motivated club members to serve beyond the club level. As a County Youth Committee member for 15 years, she encouraged 4-H'ers to participate in promoting the County 4-H program, which they did. Her involvement in the Story County 4-H History Committee for the past 12 years is another example of her commitment to 4-H.

It is apparent Jerry's leadership and dedication to the 4-H program was not only instilled in her 4-H club members, but also in her children, grandchildren and now in her great grandchildren who participate in the Clover Kid program.

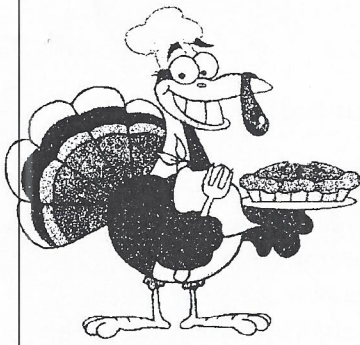
Working with youth has always been a priority for Jerry. Her interest in youth has reached out into her community where she served as a mentor for elementary school children and was a school Pen Pal. She is an active member of her community, church, Kiwanis and other groups.

Story County is extremely pleased to recognize Jerry Upchurch as the 2015 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame recipient.

The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was established in 2002 to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of 4-H.

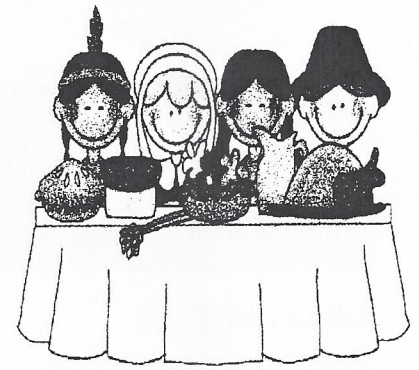
As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy



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New Books

Come Rain or Shine—Jan Karon
The Marriage Bargain—Jennifer Probst
After You—JoJo Moyes
The Murder House—James Patterson
Shadow Play—Iris Johanson
The Girl in the Spider's Web—David Lagercrantz
At Water's Edge—Sara Gruen
See Me—Nicholas Sparks
Love Everlasting—Tracie Peterson
The War Room—Chris Fabray
Moonlight on Butternut Lake—Mary McNear
The Decision—Wanda E. Brunstetter
Killing Reagan—Bill O'Reilly
Holiday Celebrations—Taste of Home
Into the Still Blue—Veronica Rossi

New Books on CD

Badlands—CJ Box
Alert—James Patterson
Killing Reagan—Bill O'Reilly
See Me—Nicholas Sparks
Gone girl—Gillian Flynn
Spoiled Brats—Simon Rich
A Walk in the Woods—Bill Bryson
Bossypants—Tina Fey

New DVDs

Barely Lethal—Hailee Steinfeld
Home—Animated
Selma—Opra Winfrey
McFarland—Kevin Costner
Still Alice—Julianne Moore
'71—Jack O'Connell
Wild Horses—Robert Duvall
Pitch Perfect 2—Anna Kendrick
The Longest Ride—Scott Eastwood
Survivor—Pierce Brosnan



Fertile Public Library

October 29, 2015

6:30—8:00 pm

Decorate your own pumpkin!

Halloween Bingo!

Corn Hole/Bean Bag Toss

Costume Judging!





APPLE BUNDLES

1 can crescent rolls
 1 large crisp apple ---peel and cut in 8 pieces
 1 stick butter
 ¾ c. white sugar
 ½ t. cinnamon
 6 oz. can Mountain Dew (not diet)

Wrap each apple slice in a a crescent roll. Place in 8x8 greased pan. Melt cinnamon, sugar and butter together. Spoon sugar mixture over the top of each bundle. Pour Mountain Dew into pan. Bake @350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve hot. DELICIOUS!

CARAMEL APPLE CAKE

½ cup butter or margarine
 ¼ cup whipping cream
 1 c. packed brown sugar
 ½ c. chopped pecans
 2 large cooking apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced (about 2 1/3 c,)
 1 box yellow cake mix
 1 ¼ c, water, 1/3 c. vegetable oil
 3 eggs, ¼ t. apple pie spice

TOPPING

2/3 c Whipped fluffy white frosting
 ½ cup cool whip
 Caramel topping

Heat oven to 350. In heavy saucepan, cook butter, whipping cream and brown sugar over low heat, stirring occasionally, just until butter is melted. Pour into 13x9 inch cake pan. Sprinkle with pecans, top with sliced apples.

Mix cake mix, water, oil, eggs and apple pie spice as directed on cake mix. Carefully spoon batter over apple mixture.

Bake 41 to 47 min. or test with toothpick. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Loosen sides of cake from pan. This is like an upside down cake, turn pan over on a platter and remove cake. Let pan remain over cake about a minute so caramel can drizzle over cake. In a small bowl, mix frosting and whipped topping. Serve warm cake topped with frosting mixture and drizzled caramel topping. Store in refrigerator.

Turkey contains an amino acid that makes you sleepy.

Turkey contains the essential amino acid tryptophan, which is a natural sedative, but so do a lot of other foods, including chicken, beef, pork, beans and cheese. Though many people believe turkey's tryptophan content is what makes many people feel sleepy after a big Thanksgiving meal, it is more likely the combination of fats and carbohydrates most people eat with the turkey, as well as the large amount of food (not to mention alcohol, in some cases) consumed, that makes most people feel like following their meal up with a nap.

LAUNDRY HINT: Put four silver safety pins in the each corner of a wash cloth. No more static cling in the dryer!! I leave it in the dryer all the time.

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While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

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When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday be 25 cents a gallon? Guess we will be better off leaving the car in the garage.  
Did you see where a baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they are making more than the president.  
I never thought I would see the day when our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making typewriters now.  
It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet. It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both go to work. I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.  
Thank goodness I won't see the day when the Government takes half of our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.  
The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.  
There is no sense going on short trips any more for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.  
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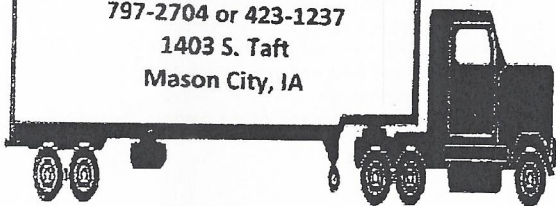
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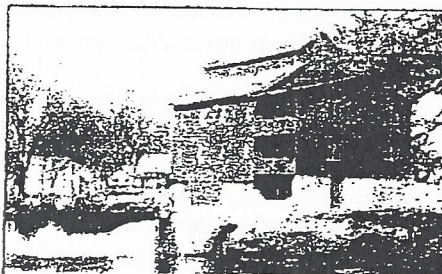
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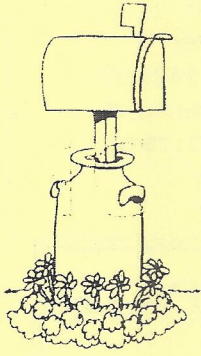
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