

# FERTILE REMINDER

October 2015



**FERTILE BOOSTER CLUB** has been hard at work planning for the Quasquicentennial celebration. Members include first row, from left, Vera Humphrey, Karen Shropshire, Lannie Kilen, June Strohmman, Joyce Buchanan, club treasurer; Nancy Sheimo and Eileen Schissel. Second row is Lois Alton, Tracy Stephenson.

Jean VanDenBosch, Ruth Ouverson, vice-president; Harriet Ouverson, president; Carolyn Nedved, Erma Brue and Roger Humphrey. Third row includes Chuck Waage, Ed Buchanan, Stanley Brue, Larry Shropshire, David Bruns, Arden Midtgaard and Leo Oswald. Absent was Vesta Kuns, secretary.

1981 Quasquicentennial committee

## FERTILE CAFÉ NEWS FLASH!!!

Nathaniel Frederick, owner of the Fertile Creamery Guest House (Airbnb website) has purchased the café in Fertile.

He is in the process of remodeling and the work is slow as he is doing all the labor himself. **If there are any people that would be willing to donate their time to help in this endeavor, he says it would be welcomed.** So men from Fertile and surrounding area here is your chance to help get our café opened even sooner!!! He said "if you see a gray volva station wagon outside the café, stop in and visit.

Beside the labor he needs to accumulate more money to buy whatever is needed to open the café. It all takes time and money! At the rate he is going he is thinking next summer it will be open.

His intentions are for breakfast, lunch and maybe two nights a week for dinner to be served with as much local produce as can be acquired. Adding a patio or deck so you can enjoy the river in the fresh air is also in his plans.

Nathaniel is an interesting young man (mid-thirties) and very outgoing. He has gone to NIACC, and a college in Colorado for writing. He studied and taught English in Czechoslovakia. He would be willing to give Italian lessons and is skilled in acupuncture.

This should dispel all the **rumors** that have been flying around Fertile as this came straight from Nathaniel himself. Help him if you are able and have the time otherwise, when FERTILE CAFÉ opens, be there to greet and patronize him, you will enjoy both experiences!!

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1, 15, 29 Recycle      | 20 Council             |
| 5 Firemen meet         | 20 Fertile Girl's @ OP |
| 13 Garden Club         | 27 Reminder Mailed     |
| 14 Reminder Deadline   |                        |
| 19 Library Board meets |                        |



# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

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

*Nick motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the minutes of the August meeting with the correction that lien for 201 W Main Street should have been 210 W Main Street.* Unanimous

• *Tad motioned, Julie 2nd to accept agenda. Visu-Sewer will be postponed until the following month.* 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.

### Public Hearing

*Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to approved the Ordinance Amendment 2015-0001.* Unanimous. *Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd hearing.* Unanimous

### City Maintenance Report

- Steve assembled and secured can cage for Fertile Days. The original can cage has been placed at Fertile Pronto.
- New lights were installed in maintenance shop.
- Annual maintenance is being completed on the Water Tower. Steve has pumps running continuously until water tower is full again.

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

### Mayor's Report

- The storm siren has been installed and will sound for 20 seconds at 12:00 noon and 6:00pm. A monthly test will be completed by the county on the first Monday of the month at 1:00pm. If Monday is a Holiday, the county test will be completed on Tuesday. In case of severe weather the siren will sound for full 10 minutes. Please take appropriate precautions and stay safe.
- Thank you to everyone that showed your support for Operation LZ. The Vietnam Veterans were welcomed home.
- Special Forest City School Board election was held September 8th.
- Meter Reader machine broke and was replaced.
- Congratulations to Holly Lovik-Hanna and husband Chris on the birth of the new baby boy.

• Building permits will be sent to County Assessor's Office as requested.

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

### City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented August Financials to the council subject to change due to year end. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

7/1 - 8/31	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	19,931.91	0.00	9,269.22	28.29	19,894.03	49,123.45
Expense	33,725.61	0.00	2,406.58	1,392.28	17,989.68	55,541.15
Total	-13,820.70	0.00	6,862.64	-1,363.99	1,904.35	-6,417.70
Fund Balance	-16,573.02	36,000.00	62,724.29	-1,363.99	118,081.23	199,868.51

*Nick motioned, Tad 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous

*Nick motioned, Tad 2nd to approve August Bills* Unanimous  
No Liens

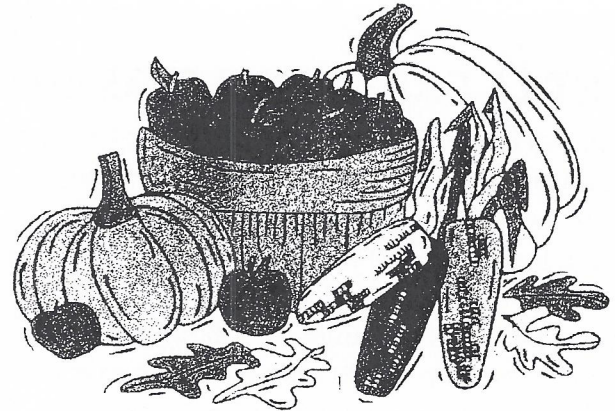
- Street Financing Report for the Department of Transportation was presented to the council. *Tad made a resolution, Nick 2nd to approve the report.* Unanimous

### Committee Reports:

DNR has requested more defined goals for adding a second well in Fertile. This will be discussed more in future meetings.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at Fertile City Hall
- *Jeff moved and Julie 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

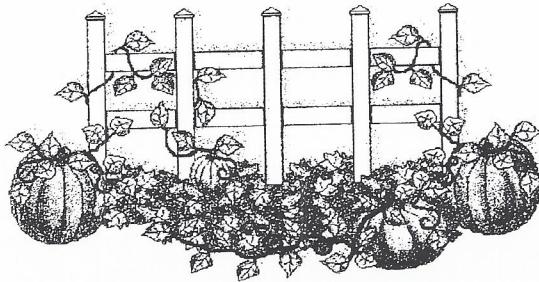


Next time when  
you think of  
Beautiful things,  
don't forget to  
count yourself in.

## City of Fertile Deposits

As of August 31, 2015

			Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Memo	Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>			
<b>Checking</b>			
Deposit	08/01/2015	Deposit	0.00
Deposit	08/03/2015	Property Taxes	173.29
Deposit	08/03/2015	Casino Funds Deposit	2,849.50
Deposit	08/05/2015	Utility Deposit	1,488.23
Deposit	08/05/2015	Farm to Market Deposit	1,952.36
Deposit	08/12/2015	Farm to Market Deposit	1,789.19
Deposit	08/12/2015	Utility Deposit	2,290.73
Deposit	08/12/2015	Utility Deposit	341.47
Deposit	08/18/2015	Road Use Tax	2,714.83
Deposit	08/18/2015	Deposit	179.40
Deposit	08/19/2015	Utility Deposit	3,114.43
Deposit	08/26/2015	Refund Deposit	96.00
Deposit	08/26/2015	Initial Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	08/26/2015	Utility Deposit	3,806.74
Deposit	08/26/2015	Utility Deposit	229.80
Deposit	08/31/2015	Interest	3.66
Total Checking			<u>21,179.63</u>
<b>Petty Cash</b>			
Total Petty Cash			
Total Operating Accounts			<u>21,179.63</u>
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>			
<b>Savings</b>			
Deposit	08/31/2015	Interest	5.67
Total Savings			<u>5.67</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts			5.67
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>			
<b>Savings</b>			
Deposit	08/31/2015	Interest	2.86
Total Savings			<u>2.86</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.86
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>			
<b>Savings</b>			
Deposit	08/31/2015	Interest	2.50
Total Savings			<u>2.50</u>
<b>CD</b>			
Total CD			
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			<u>2.50</u>
			<u><u>21,190.66</u></u>





**City of Fertile  
Bills Paid**

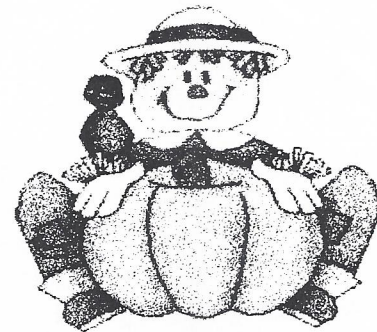
**As of August 31, 2015**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>					
<b>Checking</b>					
Bill Pmt -Check	08/01/2015	7399	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,504.80
Bill Pmt -Check	08/01/2015	7400	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray - July 17th	-450.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/01/2015	7401	Cindy Peters	Fertile Days: Borderline Band	-800.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/01/2015	7402	Interstate Motor Trucks Inc.	Snow Plow - Hydrolic Hose	-843.65
Bill Pmt -Check	08/01/2015	7403	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/01/2015	7404	Pronto	Fertile Days: Dinner	-2,800.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/01/2015	7405	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	-139.36
Paycheck	08/05/2015	7407	Russell, Joyce		-1,245.96
Paycheck	08/05/2015	7408	Lunning, Wendy S		-304.73
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7409	Bratrud Golf	Golf Cart for Fertile Days	-200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7410	CarQuest	Floor Dry Maintenance Garage	-47.06
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7411	Fertile Pronto	Gas for truck, mower and Weed Trimmer	-332.01
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7412	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7413	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	New Meter	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7414	Superior Lumber, Inc	Fastners for Water Line Maintenance Garage	-12.48
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7415	Waste Management	Container Service	-13.65
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	7416	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-196.68
Paycheck	08/08/2015	7417	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	08/12/2015	7418	Roberts, Stephen J		-989.96
Liability Check	08/12/2015	EFT	IPERS		-987.68
Liability Check	08/12/2015	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,421.60
Bill Pmt -Check	08/12/2015	7419	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-155.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/12/2015	7420	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray - July 31th	-450.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/12/2015	7421	BMC Aggregates L.C. Iowa Department of Natural Resources	3/4 Roadstone - E Main & 2nd Street	-192.03
Bill Pmt -Check	08/12/2015	7422	PSI	Annual Water Use Fee	-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/12/2015	7423	Roto Rooter	1500 Utility Bill Cards	-80.49
Bill Pmt -Check	08/12/2015	7424	Waste Management	Jet main sewer line	-164.80
Bill Pmt -Check	08/12/2015	7425	USPS	Garbage & Recycling postage	-2,117.28
Check	08/18/2015	DEBIT	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC		-154.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7427	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7428	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Adjustment due to budget increase July 2015 Quarterly Payment Adjustment and Fiscal Year end Levy Adjustment	-137.56
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7429	Fertile Public Library V		-500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7430	Lake Mills Graphic		-177.64
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7431	Marco	Fertile Days Advertising	-60.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7432	Mason City Rentals	Copier, Printer, Fax	-42.75
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7433	Verizon Wireless	Fertile Days-tents, chairs, tables, inflatables, cotton candy, delivery-setup-teardown	-1,813.41
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2015	7434	PeopleSmart	Cell Phone	-78.02
Check	08/25/2015	DEBIT	PeopleSmart	Background Check	-24.95
Check	08/25/2015	DEBIT	PeopleSmart	Background Check	-179.40
Paycheck	08/26/2015	7435	Roberts, Stephen J		-989.97
Check	08/26/2015	7441	FO Properties	Utility Deposit Refund	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2015	7436	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-667.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2015	7437	Central Lock & Key Inc.	Door at Pump House	-215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2015	7438	Green Canopy, Inc.		-949.50
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2015	7439	Staples	USB Flash Drive	-29.98
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2015	7440	UPS	Water Testing	-10.75
Check	08/31/2015	DEBIT	M & S Outdoor Equipment	Mower Blades	-55.37
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2015		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction for bill payment stub	
Total Checking					-23,395.91
Total Operating Accounts					-23,395.91
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-23,395.91</b>





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Scam—Janet Evanovich  
End Game—Catherine Coulter

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Strangers—Dean Koontz  
In Harm's Way—Ridley Pearson  
Fisherman's Bend—Linda Greenlaw  
Scam—Janet Evanovich

#### Library News

We are happy to announce Amanda Henniger as our new rural trustee. We thank Amanda for volunteering to be a part of the library team. Lisa May was reappointed for another term. Thank you Lisa for all you do for the library.

If anyone has any fun ideas for the Halloween party or would like to volunteer please give us a call.



### Fertile Public Library

(date pending)

October 29, 2015

6:30—8:00 pm

Decorate your own pumpkin!

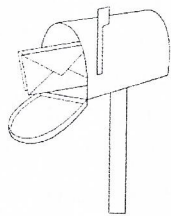
Halloween Bingo!

Costume Judging!

Creepy Snacks!



## Readers Letters:



We enjoy the Reminder so much! Love the "reflections of years gone by" as well as the "new news" and of course the recipes. Thanks! **Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard**

We enjoy all the hard work you do!  
Thanks, **Clet & Carolyn Nedved**

Thanks for a great job ladies. Denny enjoys reading the Reminder! **Denny & Sara Ouverson**

Thank you ladies for the pictures and long ago memories. Good job! **Jerry Upchurch**

I really look forward to getting the Fertile Reminder. It makes my day! **Floyd Zobel - Michelle Bouwens**

Good job girls! I enjoy the older pictures and articles. Thanks for all your hard work: **Lorriane Bakke**

Please renew my subscription. We all enjoy keeping in touch with our hometown news and memories of growing up in Fertile, Thanks, **Sandy Purcell Jenkins**

Thanks for the Reminder. We both enjoy reading it. We liked what you printed about my Dad and Mother. **Amy & Wendell Mahoney**

belonging to the family of the late Ira Deuel in Fertile. On a quiet, dark evening just before the turn of the century, the night was disrupted by a brilliant flash of light that found its way toward Fertile.

"My husband's father saw the flash and figured that a piece of meteor fell near the small stream on their farm." recalls Mrs. Ethel Deuel of Fertile. It was before I was married so I just remember talk about it from my husband's family. We were married in 1907."

Mrs. Deuel, now 98, recalled some of the story for the Summit.

"They hunted around the stream and found the meteor in the ground near the Beaver Creek where it empties into the Winnebago River." Mrs. Deuel said "The dug it out and brought it back to the farm. It has been in our family ever since."

Discoverer of the meteor was Ira Deuel, father of Mrs. Deuel's late husband, Wallace. The rock had fallen on the Deuel farm, which is now the Phil Sheimo farm. The land the meteor fell on was pasture at the time, but is now a cornfield.

"I suppose it was a ball of fire when Ira saw it." Mrs. Deuel said. "My husband and I farmed there until 1931 and we had possession of the meteor after his parents passed on."

The blackish 65 pound meteor is now housed in the garage of the Roger Humphrey's in Fertile. Mrs. Humphrey is Mrs. Deuel's daughter, Vera.

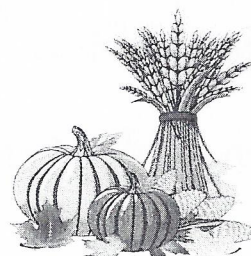
Does anyone know where this meteor is at this time?



### METEOR HIT FERTILE IN THE 1890'S Forest City Summit 1981

Large meteorite hit Fertile near the Winnebago River sometime during the 1890's.

Result of the meteor is a 65 pound chunk of rock





# Nels and Ruth Oakland Family



Wedding picture of Ruth & Nels

- Nels was born September 11, 1896, in Olen, Norway to Endre and Inger Okland.
- Nels arrived in America on April 18, 1913. He was the youngest of three brothers who came to the U.S.A.
- He became a U.S. citizen on November 10, 1930.
- Ruth Johnson was born November 27, 1909, on a farm near Huxley, Iowa, to Oliver and Emma Johnson.
- Pastor Okland married Ruth and Nels on December 24, 1929, in Miller, Iowa.
- Nels' older brother, Pastor Hans Okland, notified Nels of a farm for rent near Fertile, Iowa. So Nels, Ruth and their nine month old daughter, Norma, headed north and found their promised land southwest of Fertile, Iowa.
- Then on March 1, 1931, the Oakland family moved to Cerro Gordo county, rented a farm and lived there for eight years, where the other three daughters were born. Norma was born June 26, 1930, Emelia was born February 22, 1932, IvaDell was born April 20, 1933, and Marcelline was born October 28, 1936. They all graduated from Fertile High School.
- The family moved to the Gunderson farm on March 1, 1939, where they lived for four years.
- Nels, Ruth, and the girls moved from the Gunderson farm back to the farm they had rented earlier, and purchased that farm on March 1, 1943.
- The Oakland's were life long members of the Fertile Lutheran church, where Ruth was the organist and pianist; Nels sat with two daughters on each side.
- Nels passed away on April 27, 1964 at home on the farm, and Ruth passed away on January 17, 1996. After Ruth's death, the family farm was sold to their neighbor's son in 1997. The Oakland legacy has lived on through their four children, their spouses, twelve grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.



Back row (L-R): Emelia, IvaDell, Norma  
Front row (L-R): Ruth, Marcelline, Nels



Passport picture to return to Nels' homeland in Norway, 1958





## Community choir will present cantata at Church of Christ

1981

MEMBERS of the Fertile community choir prepare for the presentation of the cantata "Come Praise and Bless the Lord" by Cam Floria to be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Fertile Church of Christ. Members include the six soloists in the front row, from left, Ardis Sheimo, Scott Peters, Toby VanDenBosch, Amy Calgaard, Karen Calgaard, Dan Miller (and Heather). Second row, from left is Kris Ouverson, Sally Suby, Penny Miller, Tammy Waddington, Laura Nelson, Nancy Sheimo,

Donna Nelson, Zelda Suby and choir director Bonnie Kuns. Third row includes Carol Haugen, Jean VanDenBosch, Deanna Jordan, Coralene Hall, Gloria Kirschbaum, Diane Lovick, Sharon Ganz, Judie Hall, June Strohman and Joyce Calgaard. Fourth row is Todd Hewett, Joel Johnson, Harlan Rodberg, Dean Haugen, Eugene Hall, Raymond Jordan, Marlin Miller, Mike VanDenBosch and Bruce Ouverson. Not present for the photo were Dennis and Nancy Faber and Nancy Ouverson.



RAY JENNINGS



RALPH JENNINGS



ROGER JENNINGS

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1981



# WAR

Written by Ethel Tuttle July 9, 1944

The big war is still on with fighting in France now in addition to other countries. Berlin has been bombed many times.

Here in this country gas is rationed. A books or two gallons a week to city folks, A & B books to farmers, B about 60 gallons and C books to business firms.

It is hard to get anything. Kitchen curtains scarce at \$3.98. Each print is 40 cents a yard. Children's clothing was unheard of but coming back now. Everything is made cheap. Shoes are rationed to 3 pair a year.

Peas were 16 points a can. Each person gets 16 points each week, but peas are now 5 points, tomatoes 20 points per can, peaches 30 points and catsup 30 points a bottle. Have to have a B book and be in dire need of one before you can purchase a tire. Our first one lasted one year. It was a reclaim and cost \$13.48. Eggs are 30 cents per dozen and cream is about .52 per lb. & government subsidy gives up to 8 cents a lb. subsidy.

Dewey was nominated for Republican president.

Liquor is rationed; too, all they could buy last week was a quart of gin or rum and a quart of wine. All the beer you can get - about 6 - 8 or ten bottles. Once in a while they run out.

They can't be making washing machines say the OPA (OPA stands for Office of Price Administration).

No new stove can be purchased without a permit.

Very little new machinery is being made. Land is selling from \$125 to \$200 an acre.

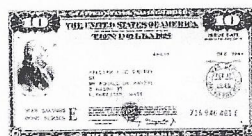
Roosevelt plans to run for a 4<sup>th</sup> term.

We've had a cold wet spring. Floods and storms everywhere. Guess we've been lucky, lots of rain, but no river running through the house and our crops look good.

How many of you remember the rationing books? I still have mine that was issued to me when I was 5 years old.

Many of you had grandparents, fathers, brothers and sisters that answered that call. And many sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.

We took dimes to school for war bonds, too!! How many remember that? still have my folder with some stamps in it!!



WW2 this poster was seen everywhere. >>>>>

## COOKS CORNER

### NO DOUGH PIZZA

Gluten Free, Low Carb, Diabetic Friendly!!!!!!

#### Crust

1 (8 oz) package of full fat cream cheese, room temperature

2 eggs

1/4 tsp ground black pepper

1 tsp garlic powder

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

#### Topping

1/2 cup pizza sauce

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

toppings - pepperoni, ham, sausage, mushrooms, peppers, Garlic powder

Preheat oven to 350.

Lightly spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray.

With a hand-held mixer, mix cream cheese, eggs, pepper, garlic powder and Parmesan cheese until combined. Spread into baking dish. Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Allow crust to cool for 10 minutes.

Spread pizza sauce on crust. Top with cheese and toppings. Sprinkle pizza with garlic powder.

Bake 8-10 minutes, until cheese is melted.

### Hawaiian Millionaire Pie

**Ingredients: yields 2 pies**

2 Ready-Made Graham Cracker Crusts

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 Large Container of Cool Whip

1 Large Can Crushed Pineapple (drained)

1 8 oz. jar Maraschino Cherries (chopped & drained)

1 Can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

1/2 Cup Chopped Pecans

1/4 Cup Lemon Juice

**Directions** Blend together the cream cheese, lemon juice and condensed milk; gently fold in the whipped topping. Stir in the crushed pineapple, cherries and pecans; pour into pie crusts and refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours.

## Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older:

- Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Don't worry about old age: it doesn't last that long.



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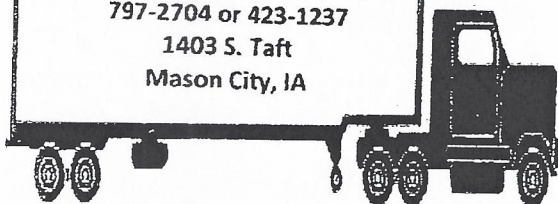
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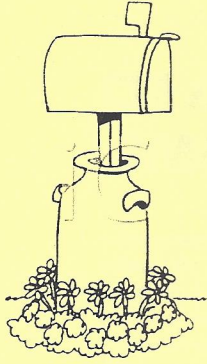
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A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.  
Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.  
Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.  
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.  
It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.  
You cannot unsay a cruel word.  
Every path has a few puddles.  
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.  
The best sermons are lived, not preached.  
Don't judge folks by their relatives.  
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.  
Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.  
Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.  
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There's two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.  
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