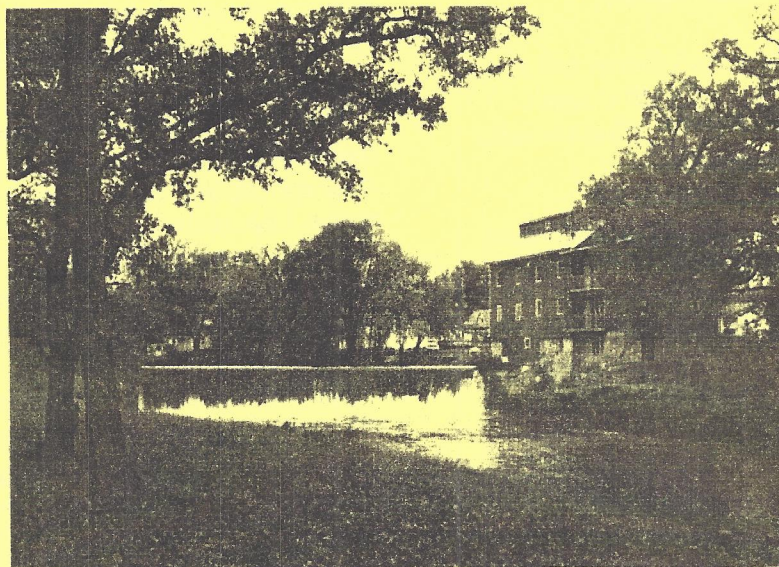


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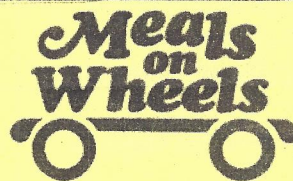
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COMING EVENTS

- 2 Recycle
- 7 Firemen meeting
- 8 Fertile Girls Meet

- 8 Birthday Club Meets
- 8 Garden Club
- 11 REMINDER DEADLINE
- 15 Council
- 16 Recycle
- 21 Library Board meets
- 22 Reminder mailed
- March*
- 29 FERTILE LIBRARY'S "FIESTA NIGHT"



MEALS ON WHEELS

Will be offered by the Amish Pantry beginning April 1st. Meals will be \$5.00 for each delivered meal Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. @ approx. 10:00 AM For more information call Roxie, 641-797-2510 Fertile and Hanlontown until further notice!

FERTILE GRADUATES



High school or college
Please send your picture with your name, address, parents names and your future plans to the Reminder by April 10th so they can be in the May edition.
You can send by internet to fertilermd@wctatel.net.



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Julie motioned, Nick 2nd to accept agenda.

Unanimous.

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Public Hearing

Public hearing to review budget. A copy of the Notice for Public hearing and department budgets were made available to the council.

Tad made a motion to accept the budget, and Holly 2nd the motion. A roll call vote was held, Tad (yes), Jeff (no), Nick (yes), Julie (yes) and Holly (yes). The budget was passed.

Mayor's Report

There has been a water leak in town and Joyce is working with Steve to determine where the leak is.

The City of Fertile has been given an opportunity to purchase the property of 207 E Main prior to Sheriff's auction. The council has decided to postpone action at this time.

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

Upcoming Meetings

The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 18th, 2014, at Fertile City Hall.

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

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Tad motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the minutes of February 18th regular meeting. Julie motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the minutes of the March 11th special budget meeting. Unanimous.

Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to accept agenda.

Unanimous.

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City Maintenance Report

The City Truck has been cleaned and detailed.

Steve search many places in town for the water leak. No leak was detected and the pumpage is back in standard use.

Steve contacted Min Iowa to align the water pump and is completed.

Steve worked with the local Fire Department to clean out the culverts to maintain water flow. Thank you Matt Peterson for your help.

Christmas Decorations have been removed and placed in storage.

The mower has had oil changed and maintenance completed in preparation for spring/summer.

Julie moved, Jeff 2nd to approve the maintenance report. Unanimous.

Mayor's Report

WCTA has discounted service for Fertile Library and Fertile Fire Department in the amount of \$718.20. Thank you WCTA for you support.

The Fertile website has been brought up to date with city council, agendas and minutes.

The door on the City Maintenance garage is in need of replacement and Joyce is getting estimates to have that completed.

Snowmobile ordinances have been posted at the City Hall and Post Office. Please be sure to read and follow the ordinances established by the City of Fertile when riding within city limits.

IMWCA will be stopping by in the spring to go through all the city buildings for inspection.

Thank you to Josh Miller and Brian Fairchild for plowing the snow while Steve was on vacation.

Thank you also to Buck Russell for doing the maintenance job while Steve was on vacation.

There was a frozen water line that Joyce had reported to the Iowa League of Cities for survey.

Joyce is working with Iowa State University in preparation for spring flooding that we may have in Iowa.

Joyce reviewed the maintenance agreement on the lawn mower and it was agreed that we need to get additional information in regards to a new agreement prior to proceeding.

Joyce presented the service contract from Maquire Iron for the water tower. *Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to accept the contract as written.* Unanimous.

Spring Clean up is scheduled for June 7th for Fertile residence only.

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

City Clerk's Report

Wendy presented the February Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request. The following is a summary of the year-to-date income, expenses & fund balances.

7/1 - 2/28	General	WCDA	Roads	Utilities	Total
Income	157,249.12	79,670.00	25,598.35	82,488.03	345,000.50
Expense	137,000.32	111,827.50	41,390.29	90,751.07	380,969.18
Total	20,248.80	-32,157.50	-15,791.94	-8,263.04	-35,963.68
Fund	72,533.14	-32,157.50	33,532.54	88,230.41	162,138.59
Balance					

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented the February Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon
- Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to approve Financial Report. Unanimous
- Nick motioned, Julie 2nd to approve Feb Bills Unanimous

Committee Reports

Little League registrations will be made available at the Post Office and City Hall. Please return with payment to the drop box or City Hall or you can mail to PO Box 161 Fertile, IA 50434. Contact Katie McColloch if questions (641)590-3894.

- Julie is planning to attend the Win Worth Betco meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 15h, 2014, at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of February 28,
2014

	Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount	Accrual Basis	
Operating Accounts Checking	Bill Pmt -Check	02/01/2014	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,827.04		
	Paycheck	02/05/2014	Bruns, Warren		-301.39		
	Paycheck	02/05/2014	Russell, Joyce		-1,219.07		
	Liability Check	02/05/2014	IPERS		-901.26		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2014	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-60.00		
	Paycheck	02/12/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-240.75		
	Paycheck	02/12/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-900.35		
	Liability Check	02/14/2014	United States Treasury		-1,322.72		
	Paycheck	02/18/2014	Roberts, Stephen J		-900.34		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-34.00		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-969.02		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Menards	Community Center Supplies	-9.80		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Pronto	Gas for truck.	-91.03		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Sign Pro	Vinyl Lettering for new snow plow	-279.00		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-43.73		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-2,035.68		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-154.17		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/19/2014	Wendy Lunning - v	Postage	-34.40		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2014	Staples	Office Supplies	-57.49		
	Paycheck	02/26/2014	Lunning, Wendy S		-251.35		
	Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2014	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Online Backup (12 months)	-83.40		
	Check	02/27/2014	K-Way	Training	-30.94		
	Check	02/27/2014	K-Way	Training	-50.00		
	Check	02/27/2014	Holiday Inn	Training	-201.50		
	Total Checking					-12,008.43	

**City of Fertile
Deposits**

As of February 28, 2014

	Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
	Deposit	02/03/2014	Casino Funds Deposit	2,179.08
	Deposit	02/03/2014	Local Option Sales Tax	2,386.58
	Deposit	02/07/2014	Utility Deposit	82.23
	Deposit	02/14/2014	Property Taxes	780.88
	Deposit	02/18/2014	Incubator Rent Deposit	200.00
	Deposit	02/18/2014	Utility Deposit Library Reimbursement	2,874.23
	Deposit	02/18/2014	Deposit	6,000.00
	Deposit	02/19/2014	Road Use Tax	1,860.70
	Deposit	02/24/2014	Utility Deposit	3,181.50
	Deposit	02/24/2014	Fertile Days Deposit	2,511.00
	Deposit	02/28/2014	Interest	2.23
				<u>22,058.43</u>
Total Checking				
Roads Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	02/28/2014	Interest	4.43
Total Savings				
				<u>4.43</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts				
				4.43
Water Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	02/28/2014	Interest	2.58
Total Savings				
				<u>2.58</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts				
				2.58
Sewer Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	02/28/2014	Interest	2.26
Total Savings				
				<u>2.26</u>
CD				
				2.26
Total CD				
				<u>2.26</u>
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts				
				<u>2.26</u>
TOTAL				
				<u><u>22,067.70</u></u>

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35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Marlyn Eugene "Gene" Hall, 74, Clear Lake, formerly of Fertile, died Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at Oakwood Care Center, Clear Lake.

Gene was born on March 28, 1939, in Mason City, the son of Glea and Mavis (Ouverson) Hall. He received his education in the Fertile Community Schools, graduating from Fertile High School in 1957, and also graduated from Mason City Junior College with an AA degree in business.

Gene was united in marriage to Judith "Judie" Haugen on Aug. 23, 1959, and to this marriage four children were born, Tim, Tracy, Tami and Troy. After their marriage, Gene worked for Northern Lumber, Great Plains Lumber, and Forest City Improvement Company, in Forest City, and Klemme, before becoming co-owner purchasing the Fertile Lumber and Hardware Company in 1978 until his retirement due to ill health in 1997. Gene enjoyed doing carpentry work with his sons and son-in-law, enjoyed helping others, watching sports, especially the Iowa Hawkeyes, and spending time with friends at the Apple Valley Assisted Living, but his great love and enjoyment was spending time with his family.

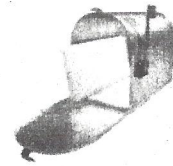
Gene was a very active and life member of the Church of Christ, Elder of the Church and Chairman of Board when they built the church, taught Sunday School for several years, and sang in the church choir.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Tim (Patty) Hall of Mason City, Tracy (Tammy) Hall of Joice, Tami (Dan) Horner of Clear Lake, and Troy (Trish) Hall of Forest City; grandchildren, Christopher, Casey, Stephen and Andrew (Brittany) Hall, Samantha, Brady, Austin, and Hailey Horner, and Bethany, Nicholas, Logan, and Carsen Hall; one great-grandson, Paxten Hall; his brothers, Brian (Coralene) Hall of Clear Lake, and Gary (Cheryl) Hall of Lincoln, Ill.; his brother-in-law, Larry (Dixie) Haugen of Clear Lake; several nieces, nephews, as well as many extended family members and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Glea and Mavis Hall; wife, Judie on June 28, 2004; sister-in-law, Janan Haugen; and his father and mother-in-law, James and Esther Haugen.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE HALL FAMILY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Thank you for the hard work. I really enjoy it.
Diane Lovick

Thank you ladies for all you hard work. Thanks so much. Pat Tuttle

Thank you for your paper. We both enjoy it. Your work is greatly appreciated by us. Donna & Ed Stalker

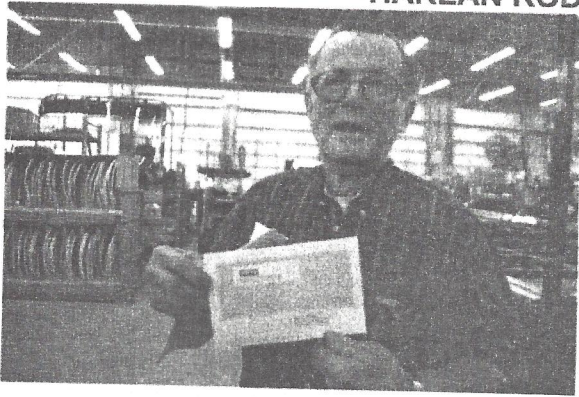
Wonderful paper—I really like the clean jokes and the stories. Great Work! Tammy Waddington

Thank you for sending me the February copy of the Fertile Reminder. My husband and I moved to the Timber Ridge retirement home in Issaquah in April 2013. In 2012 Don had heart valve surgery when we were still living in Bellevue, WA. He was having back problems early in 2013 so we took advantage of a vacancy at Timber Ridge to make a change in our living arrangements. He had surgery in July on his spine and later fractured ribs after he recovered from his operation. I was busy taking care of our business matters including selling our home in Bellevue we had lived in for 53 years. The Reminder was not forwarded to us and during the year we didn't think about what was happening in Fertile. We would like to resume our subscription. In January this year we enjoyed a visit from Ardelle Osnes from Forest City again. She came to visit her older daughter, Laurel, who in 2012 married, Kjell Rye, and they live near our retirement home. They took me to the 5th Ave Theater in Seattle for a sing-a-long version of "Sound of Music".

Don and Norma Holtan Wakeley
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HARLAN RODBERG...50 YEARS



Forest City Summit article:

He was only going to work until spring field farm work started, but he's stayed for 50 years. Harlan Rodberg will mark 50 years as an employee of Winnebago Industries on Monday, Feb. 24. The company is only 56 years old.

"It doesn't seem like it," Rodberg said on recent break from his assembly line job at the Forest City motor home manufacturer. He started when he was 19 after a neighbor talked him into trying it. "There wasn't much to do on the farm in the winter except pitch manure," Rodberg said.

Rodberg intended to return to the farm after several months, but, "I fell

in love with the place and the people I worked with. I love to work,

Rodberg likes that he's part of a team that creates and builds motor homes. "It's fascinating," Rodberg said. "We do something interesting every year."

RODBERG SAID he's just one of the employees that keep the operation going.

"He's a good person," Rodberg's supervisor Wade Rout said. "He does whatever it takes for the company."

Even standing still, Rodberg seems in motion. He moves through his tasks on the line at the pace of a much younger man.

"I hope I'm moving that well when I get that age," Rout said.

"I've been blessed with good health," Rodberg said.

With a quick wit and full memory, Rodberg can recall highlights of the past 50 years.

A Winnebago factory burned down in 1964. Most of the blue prints for the trailers made then were destroyed in the fire, he said.

"We built them by memory," Rodberg said. Employees had their jobs memorized and could continue to build trailers, Rodberg said.

The existing production plant, called Big Bertha, was built in 1968 on what was a soybean field, Rodberg said.

"I can remember coming down here and it looked like it was 300 miles from one end to the other," Rodberg said of the plant from south to north. "Now, look, you can't see to the north (because of production work that fills it)," he said.

RODBERG BUILT TRAILERS, knock-down trailers, when he started. But when the company moved into motor home production, it was full force, he said.

"The first ones cost \$5,995," he said. "That was a lot of money back then. The first ones were built on Ford chassis."

When that first motor home was completed, "it was a party," he said.

Company owner John K. Hanson took it on a test drive to Leland and back. "We were so happy it made it," Rodberg said.

Hanson's only recommendation was to adjust the headlights because "they were pointed up at the trees," Rodberg said.

He's helped make thousands of motor homes.

"I've worked with a lot of good people," Rodberg said.

Rodberg supervised employees for 35 years.

"I stepped down from that," Rodberg said. "I took a cut in pay but it was time to let the younger guys try it."

THE JOB HAS OFTEN required long days and always, physical labor.

Yet, "I'd rather go home physically tired than mentally burned out," Rodberg said. At the end of the day, "My mind is clear but my body is wore out," Rodberg said.

He stays at Winnebago because of the people and the work. It's steady work that provides a steady paycheck, he said. The paycheck was based on \$1.25 per hour when he started. The check has a higher amount these days, and, it arrives on a Friday. Paychecks were delivered on Wednesdays in the old days, but, Rodberg said with a laugh, "Nobody showed up for work on Thursdays, so they had to change that."

Rodberg said he plans to continue to show up for work because he has no real plan to retire.

"Some day, I might retire, you never know," Rodberg said.

Until then, Rodberg will bring a baloney sandwich to work for lunch and take his place on the assembly line.

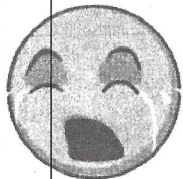


Arden Midtgaard Jan. 21 (90)
(sorry it was missed.)

Amos Miller. April 22 (90)
2118 Light House Ave., Layfayette, IN 47905

Glenn Miller April 6 (93)

If you know of someone that will be turning 90 or older, please let us know.



REMINDER WOES

As you all know the price of postage has gone up this year which adds to the cost of sending the Reminder. This month our Printing company announced they were closing by the end of March as he is retiring. Every business we have contacted wants much more money to do the job. As we make no profit from sending out the Reminder the extra cost has to reflect in the subscription price, so look for an increase in subscriptions. We do not enjoy raising the price but it is the only way we can keep the paper coming to your homes. Be watching for the new price!



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HEATHER SCHULZE

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Garden Club

The Garden Club met on Tues., March 11 with 14 members present, four were absent. We enjoyed a pot luck supper before the meeting.

Our theme this year is "Being in Touch with Nature."

The meeting was opened by Cindy Peters, President. The books were handed out, watering schedule passed around to sign, dues paid, secret pal names drawn and the upcoming year discussed.

Welcome to our new members Jean Marie Anderson, Deb Berg, Sara Innes and Ron Rachut.



FERTILE LITTLE LEAGUE

Katie McColloch - 647-590-3894

March 24th Meeting City Hall

March 26th DEADLINE

Registration forms at

Post Office or City Hall



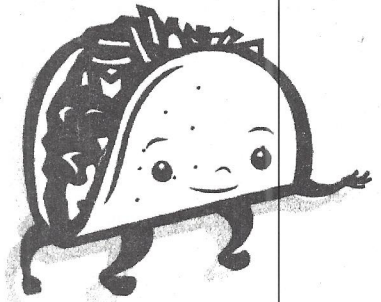


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LIBRARY NEWS

Bad News: We are still not open. :(

Good News: When we open we will have 2 new Kindle e-Readers for check out and a Kindle Fire for in library use.

We received these through a technology grant from the State Library. We give a big **THANK YOU** to Jaci Miller for writing this grant for us. If you already have a Kindle and need help we will be glad to assist you.

Just a reminder, you can continue to return books & DVDs to the Hanlontown Library. We will be open soon! Can't wait to see everyone!

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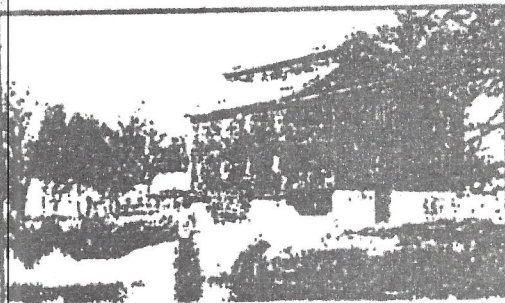


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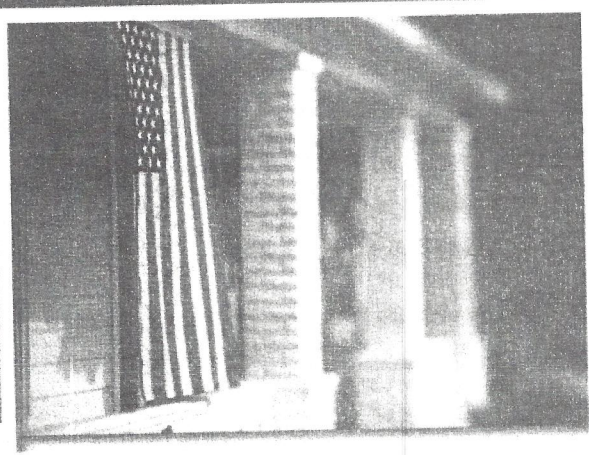
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