

# FERTILE REMINDER

SEPTEMBER 2013



## Calendar

- 2 Labor Day
- 5 Recycle
- 9 Firemen meet
- 10 Fertile Girls Meet
- 10 Garden Club
- 15 Reminder Deadline
- 16 Library Board Meets
- 19 Recycle
- 20 Council Meets
- 24 Reminder Mailed

### Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden club met at the City Hall on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was looking forward to touring "Beaver Creek Gardens", located at 106 N. Hill Street, in Fertile (641.590.3102). Scott and Sue McColloch have just started this new business. They offer fresh-picked produce such as heirloom tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, leeks, zucchini, cantaloupe and the list goes on and on. The entire club was very impressed with all of the vegetable gardens, and were even offered tasty samples of fresh snap peas, and green beans! Sue also made a tasty spinach dip, substituting spinach with her own fresh kale, which the club took back to their meeting after the tour to enjoy. Everyone also enjoyed asking Sue questions about her gardens and admiring all of the hard work and beauty they gave us. At the end of the tour, Sue drew a name from a bowl, and Cindy Peters won the basket of fresh veggies Sue had assembled as a prize. The club was very appreciative of all of the effort and great hospitality that Sue and her family provided to make the tour so enjoyable! After the tour, the group met at City Hall for the regular meeting. Roll call was taken by answering the question, "Where is my favorite spot or flower bed at my home." Hostess for the evening was Mary Anderson. We all sang Happy Birthday to Penny Miller and then adjourned for the evening.



The Fire Department got a fire call and it was from the Norwegian farmer.

"How do we get out to your place, Ole?" inquired the Fire Chief.

"Vell," said Ole. "You might use dat little red truck you got dere at da fire station."

### Alzheimer's Request

Do not ask me to remember,  
don't try to make me understand.  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept,  
I'm sad and sick and lost.  
All I know is that I need you,  
to be with me at all-cost.

Do not lose your patience with me,  
do not scold or curse or cry.  
I can't help the way I'm acting,  
I can't be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you,  
that the best of me is gone.  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
love me 'til my life is gone.



## City of Fertile

### SPECIAL NIACOG LOAN FORGIVENESS MEETING:

#### City Council Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

#### Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Pat Renchin, and City Clerk, Cindy Peters. Absent were Council Members Jeff Berg and Tad Miller. Also present were Josh and Jennifer Miller.

#### Lien forgiveness request regarding NIACOG rehab project house

Mayor Russell informed the council that the residents at 404 West Washington have sold their home and are asking the council to forgive the lien that is currently held on this home. NIACOG provided the residents with a loan to rehab their home with the stipulation that the residents must live in the home for five years. Upon completion of the five-year time period, the loan would be 100% forgiven. As two council members were unable to attend the meeting a quorum was not possible and no action could be taken at this meeting. The Mayor then scheduled another meeting for Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> to resolve this matter. Mayor Russell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Julie moved and Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. Passed.*

## City of Fertile

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SPECIAL NIACOG LOAN FORGIVENESS MEETING:

#### City Council Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

#### Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Pat Renchin, Tad Miller, Jeff Berg and City Clerk, Cindy Peters. Also in attendance was Josh and Jennifer Miller.

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*Tad moved that the city request the Millers to reimburse the city for the expenses incurred by the city to facilitate the rehab of their home with NIACOG, in the amount of \$4,500.00. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. A roll call vote was held as follows: Tad (Yes), Penny (abstained), Jeff (No), Julie (No), and Pat (Yes). The vote was tied.*

Tad then asked if anyone had another motion or option to be considered.

*Jeff made a motion that the Millers should reimburse the city for the expenses incurred by the city to facilitate the rehab of their home with NIACOG, in the amount of \$5,500.00. No second for the motion was offered, so the motion was dropped.*

No other discussion or motions were offered. City regulations state that in the event of a tied vote, the Mayor has authority to vote and break the tie.

*Mayor Russell voted Yes for reimbursement by the Millers in the amount of \$4,500.00. Passed.*

Mayor Russell asked the Millers to write a check in the amount of \$4,500.00 and remit to the city clerk, which would then allow the city to file the necessary paperwork to forgive the balance of the lien that was owed to the City of Fertile. The Millers did remit payment of \$4,500.00 to the City of Fertile.

Mayor Russell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
*Julie moved and Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. Passed.*

## City of Fertile

### Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

#### Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Tad Miller (via phone for part of the meeting) Pat Renchin; City Clerk Cindy Peters Deputy & Maintenance Manager, Steve Roberts.
- *Jeff motioned to approve the minutes with the addition to the July 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting of the following sentence, "The total amount due on the lien for the property at 404 West Washington was 16,899.74." Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the July minutes. Unanimous.*
- *Pat motioned, Penny 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the 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.

#### Approval of Contractor Bids for the Library Project

- Mayor Russell abstained from this discussion to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest pertaining to potential WCDA funding. Mayor Russell called Mayor Pro-tem, Tad Miller who was unable to attend in person, and placed the call on speaker phone. Tad then led the meeting via speaker phone. Jose' Rivas from CRW, was in attendance and answered any questions the council or the library board presented. Jose' stated that four contractors submitted bids. They were identified as Dean Snyder Construction, Larson Contracting, Larry Elwood Construction, and Holland Construction. The bids were presented at city hall on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and were opened by Jose Rivas. Larry Elwood Construction was the low bidder in the amount of \$204,000. Jose stated that all of the bid pricing would be good and valid during the WCDA grant application process. CRW's estimate was \$200,000 which was in line with Larry Elwood's bid. Jose also stated that there is no risk involved as the contract is not binding until we receive the grant. Jeff asked Jose if he knew who the subcontractors were? Jose stated that information would not be available until the contract was signed and we had secured the funding. *Pat motioned to accept Larry Elwood Construction as the contractor for the addition to the library, contingent upon receipt of the grant from WCDA. Penny 2<sup>nd</sup>. A roll call vote was held, Penny (Yes), Pat (Yes), Jeff (Yes), Julie (Yes). Motion passed.* Mayor Pro-tem Tad Miller, turned the meeting over to Mayor Russell and left the meeting.
- Jose answered questions directly from the library board. Their concerns were as follows: No outside spigots were included in the plans, re-using old light fixtures, salvaging paneling, no outside electrical outlets, and a preference to sheet rock the whole building. Jose answered the concerns as follows: there is an outside spigot



listed in the current plans, the light fixtures will all match, and any that do not work, will be replaced with matching fixtures paneling in the old part of the building will not be replaced unless it cannot be saved. Jose also reminded the board that any changes in the plans will be costly and will go beyond the established budget. Jose suggested that we add a "contingency budget" in our grant application of \$10,000. Jeff stated that the additions that the library board requested could be covered in a capitol campaign sponsored by the library. Penny stated that she thought anything over \$200,000 should be paid by the capitol campaign. Jose mentioned that it is sometimes possible to ask the contractor for ways to reduce the cost, and that one of the solutions may be to extend the completion date of the project. The contractor prefers this route as it eliminates the penalty fee listed in the bid of a \$200 charge per day for delayed completion.

### Coffee Club Group

- Jackie Swanson asked to be the spokesperson for the coffee club group. They asked the council for permission to use the city hall on Mondays and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 10:30 for their coffee group. The group would furnish the coffee, and Lonnie Knutson would open the city hall, and close it. Lonnie would also be responsible for cleaning the room. A freewill donation would be requested to help pay Lonnie for her work. The city would incur no expenses. After some discussion by the council, *Penny moved that the morning coffee group could use the city hall on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 10:30 with the contingency that if a conflict arose with the city hall, that they would reschedule their coffee group for another time. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>.* Unanimous.

### City Maintenance Report

- Steve reported that the water tower should be back online on Wed, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Steve filled the tower and took a lab test. That test came back good. He then drained the tower and re-filled it and took another lab test, that test also came back fine. A hose on one of the pumps in the water plant, developed a pin leak which then caused water to spray onto the motor which fried the motor. The motor had to be replaced. The repeater antenna for the county has not been put back on top of the water tower yet. The water tower painting company can take the antennas down, but are not allowed to place them back onto the tower. The mayor is looking into ways to fund this through the county, as it will cost around \$3000 to re-set the repeater and antenna. Steve will be filling in the ruts and damage to the grounds from the water tower crew. The sewer pumps were recalibrated at no charge in the lift station. This will help and maybe even solve the compliance problems the city has been contending with in the past. The pumps are to be calibrated every two years, but Steve has set them on a yearly schedule. Steve stated that the pick-up truck needs a tune-up. The sheep are back at the lagoon doing their job of grass control. Steve stated that Iowa Rural Water has a camera that the city might be able to use to inspect the water lines. Jeff stated that he would like to have this inspection done this year. *Pat moved, Penny 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the city maintenance report.* Unanimous.

### Mayor's Report

- The mayor asked the council to approve the purchase of a utility cart with a dump body and trailer hitch. It is a 1999, 4 cylinder, Briggs & Stratton, designed as a utility cart. Steve test drove it during Fertile Days and it was very useful. Bratrud Golf told the Mayor the price for the cart would be \$2,200 but he would give the city a special price of \$2,000. The mayor also was given a price of \$80 for a "knobby" style tire for the cart. Jeff stated that it would be helpful to buy rims to go with the tires, to save time during exchange from summer to

winter. *Penny moved that the city buy the cart for \$2000 and the tires and rims for \$320. Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>.* Unanimous

- On July 18, the mayor issued a boil water order and notified all of the media. The city purchased 100 cases of water to distribute to the public.
- On July 20, a canoe club planned a trip originating in Leland to Fertile on the Winnebago River and were planning to stay overnight in Fertile. Unfortunately, they were all set to go, but the DNR would not allow the trip to depart without the proper permit. They are planning another trip in the future.
- Tad emailed his report on the Winn-Worth Betco meeting he attended. Regulations and or new laws may be available for small towns to enable them to much more easily condemn houses that have been foreclosed on. This would enable the city to free up lots for new home construction.
- On July 23, the mayor lifted the ban on drinking water.
- On July 21, the mayor was interviewed by the media regarding our water issues.
- Waste Management asked the city to update their records and determine just exactly how many households in Fertile were utilizing Waste Management's services. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 121 homes were being billed for garbage service. This was a substantial decrease from what the city is currently being billed.
- The Worth County Sheriff's office caught several Fertile juveniles egging and damaging property in Fertile, as well as damage to the shelter house in the park. They were charged with the offense and were ordered to clean up or repair the damage.
- On July 24<sup>th</sup> a special council meeting was held regarding the sale of the house on 404 West Washington. No action was taken as a quorum was not possible.
- On July 29<sup>th</sup> a special council meeting was held regarding the house on 404 West Washington. The homeowners had received a loan from NIACOG to rehabilitate their house. The owners of the home, Josh and Jenny Miller asked the council to forgive the lien on their home. The total amount of the lien was \$16,899.74. After much discussion, the council stated that their decision is based on a case-by-case assessment and that they would ask the Millers to pay 4,500. This decision was based on the fact that the Millers sold their home at a loss and should not be penalized further.
- Bank of America paid off the liens that were held on the property at 110 East Main. The liens included past water bills and expenses incurred to repair a curb-stop and water line repair to the house.
- The end of the year financial audit was published in the paper as required by the State.
- Dennis May is still working on the plaques for the Worth County Betterment Committee. The original quote is considered to be too expensive and he is researching other options.
- On August 3<sup>rd</sup> a tractor ride drove through Fertile. The Forest City Knights of Columbus served breakfast in the Fertile Fire Dept building.
- The City of Fertile would like to thank Randy Bredeson, Gene Low and grandson, Logan for cleaning up and removing dead trees and branches from the park. They did all of this at no charge to the city and the city is very appreciative. Thank you again!
- The city would like to thank Holly Lovik for the high chair she donated to the Community Center. Thank you Holly!



- The city would also like to thank Elin Miner for the two booster chairs she donated to the Community Center. Thank you Elin!
- A letter from a parent of a resident at 203 Park Street, was sent to the City regarding the condition of the street. She stated that the potholes were huge and could potentially damage her vehicle. The mayor stated that due to the narrowness of the road, and the heavy farm traffic, it is almost impossible to keep rock in the potholes. The road would have to be totally re-graded and due to the narrowness and proximity to the ditch on one side and water on the other side, most dump trucks or graders cannot even access that road. The mayor stated that she will have our maintenance man bring gravel and attempt to remedy the situation.
- The drainage tile repair on West Main and Lake Street came to \$5,262.
- The mayor will be going to "jail" as part of the Muscular Dystrophy fund drive on August 29<sup>th</sup> in Forest City. Most of the mayors from the surrounding communities will be joining her, from 11:00 am to 1 pm. Her bail has been set at \$800. *Julie motioned and Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Mayor's report.* Unanimous.

### City Clerk's Report

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

7/1 - 07/31	General	Roads	Water/Sewer	Total
Income	16,856.80	2,831.58	14,428.58	\$34,116.96
Expense	24,202.21	16,213.11	11,371.86	51,787.18

Total	-7,345.41	-13,381.53	3,056.72	-17,670.22
Fund Balance	44,912.98	35,942.95	99,550.17	180,406.10

- *Penny motioned, Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- *Penny motioned, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve July Bills.* Unanimous

- *No liens were presented*

### Committee Reports

- Julie reported on the Little League. She is concerned that some of the PeeWee equipment still has not been returned. She believes that an inventory should be done in the future. She advised the council that the freezer could be removed anytime as it does not work. The refrigerator also has issues. The refrigerator section does not cool well at all.
- Weeds Committee is concerned about a resident that puts her fallen tree limbs into the street. There are also quite a few abandoned vehicles in Fertile. The Mayor asked the committee to submit a list of vehicles for further action.
- The Fertile Days Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make it a success this year. We couldn't do it without you!

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Penny moved and Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous.

### City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of July 31, 2013

12:29 PM  
08/21/2013  
Accrual Basis  
Amount

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Operating Accounts</b>					
<b>Checking</b>					
Check	07/01/2013	6537	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-3,500.00
Check	07/01/2013	6538	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-4,993.50
Deposit	07/01/2013			Utility Deposit	1,082.81
Deposit	07/01/2013			Local Option Sales Tax	2,161.97
Check	07/01/2013	Test	Fertile Days	Fertile Days - City Contribution	0.00
Deposit	07/01/2013			Lien Payment	755.22
Deposit	07/01/2013			Property Taxes	940.39
Paycheck	07/03/2013	6530	Roberts, Stephen J		-910.42
Paycheck	07/03/2013	6531	Bruns, Warren		-301.99
Paycheck	07/03/2013	6533	Russell, Grant		-538.83
Paycheck	07/03/2013	6532	Peters, Cynthia		-138.51
Bill Pmt - Check	07/03/2013	6535	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-50.00
Paycheck	07/03/2013	6536	Russell, Joyce		-970.49
Deposit	07/03/2013			Casino Funds Deposit	2,652.24
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6539	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Wastewater Testing	-100.00
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6540	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,611.01
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6541	Bill's Family Foods	Food for concession stand for Little League	-162.79
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6542	BMC Aggregates L.C.	Gravel for new sidewalk at community center	-12.34
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6543	Green Canopy, Inc.	Port-a-Potty	-555.33
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6544	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6545	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Annual Water Supply Fee	-43.21
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6546	Kramer Ace Hardware	padlocks, antifreeze, keys,	-111.49
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6547	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	SS clamps, fittings for water plant	-9.88
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6548	Menards	Gloves for sewer	-27.77
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6549	NIACOG	Association Dues	-266.40
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6550	Pronto	gas for truck for mow er	-413.54
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6551	Superior Lumber, Inc	four 2'8"x10' for sewer plant	-37.21
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6553	Visu-Sewer	clean plugged line at lagoon outfall	-570.00
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6554	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt - Check	07/06/2013	6555	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-161.11
Bill Pmt - Check	07/08/2013	6556	Kramer Ace Hardware	padlocks	-25.90
Bill Pmt - Check	07/12/2013	6557	Aukes Law n & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray	-900.00
Bill Pmt - Check	07/12/2013	6558	First Gabrielson Agency	Firemen's Accident/Sickness Policy	-784.00
Bill Pmt - Check	07/12/2013	6559	Iowa One Call	Utility location	-16.20



Bill Pmt -Check	07/12/2013	6561	UPS	sewer testing	-11.40
Bill Pmt -Check	07/12/2013	6562	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	-100.33
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2013	6563	Cindy Peters	Float candy & rubber duckies for Fertile Day	-31.03
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2013	6564	Decker Sports	T-Shirts for Fertile Days	-92.50
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2013	6565	Miller, Penny v	Prizes for Fertile Days	-77.80
Bill Pmt -Check	07/15/2013	6566	Miller, Penny v	Lemonade/Creamer for Fertile Days	-19.94
Bill Pmt -Check	07/15/2013	6567	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-43.21
Deposit	07/15/2013			Utility Deposit	2,778.21
Deposit	07/15/2013			Utility Deposit	203.44
Deposit	07/15/2013			Road Use Tax	1,605.07
Paycheck	07/17/2013	6569	Roberts, Stephen J		-925.62
Paycheck	07/17/2013	6568	Peters, Cynthia		-264.36
Bill Pmt -Check	07/17/2013	6570	Downtown Cafe' V	Fertile Days Community Meal - Partial payment	-2,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/17/2013	6571	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Professional Accounting Services	-600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/17/2013	6572	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-127.02
Bill Pmt -Check	07/17/2013	6573	Brcka Construction, Inc.	Community Center Sidewalk	-1,417.28
Bill Pmt -Check	07/17/2013	6574	Complete Concrete	Street Replacement at Intersection of 1st Str	-14,793.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/17/2013	6575	Menards	Community Center Cleaning supplies	-39.83
Bill Pmt -Check	07/17/2013	6576	Julie Jessen v	Little League Concession Food Supplies	-274.93
Bill Pmt -Check	07/19/2013	6577	Holly Lovikv	Fertile Days Posters and prizes	-62.21
Deposit	07/19/2013			Rent/Utility Deposit	1,667.49
Check	07/19/2013	ATM	First Security Bank & Trust	Harland Clarke Check Order for Deposit Slip	-80.64
Deposit	07/21/2013			Little League Deposit	25.00
Deposit	07/21/2013			Little League Deposit	30.00
Deposit	07/21/2013			Little League Deposit	755.10
Deposit	07/22/2013			CC Rental Deposit	225.00
Deposit	07/22/2013			Utility Deposit	953.42
Deposit	07/23/2013			Utility Deposit	501.44
Deposit	07/24/2013			RUTF/Utility Deposit	1,679.90
Bill Pmt -Check	07/24/2013	6578	Cindy Peters	Fertile Days: paint, no parking signs, poster :	-21.15
Bill Pmt -Check	07/24/2013	6579	Menards	City Hall broom/dust pan	-17.99
Bill Pmt -Check	07/24/2013	6580	UPS	sewer testing	-10.71
Bill Pmt -Check	07/24/2013	6581	North Central Sales & Service	replace tire on mower	-82.40
Deposit	07/24/2013			Utility Deposit	327.99
Deposit	07/24/2013			Utility Deposit	23.97
Deposit	07/24/2013			Little League Deposit	180.50
Deposit	07/30/2013			Utility Deposit	245.25
Deposit	07/30/2013			NIACOG lien payment	4,500.00
Deposit	07/30/2013			Reimbursement/Lein Deposit	1,503.49
Paycheck	07/30/2013			Utility Deposit	2,025.95
Paycheck	07/31/2013	6582	Roberts, Stephen J		-910.42
Paycheck	07/31/2013	6583	Peters, Cynthia		-407.85
Bill Pmt -Check	07/31/2013	6584	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill -Ball Park billed for 3 months	-2,291.05
Bill Pmt -Check	07/31/2013	6585	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	Repair curb-stop and water line @110 East	-1,170.00
Deposit	07/31/2013			Interest	2.29
Bill Pmt -Check	07/31/2013	ATM	Walmart	Bottled Water/Boil Alert! - Debit card	-250.00
Total Checking					-18,437.03
Petty Cash					
Total Petty Cash					
Total Operating Accounts					
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Deposit	07/31/2013			Interest	9.19
Total Savings					9.19
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					9.19
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Deposit	07/31/2013			Interest	2.86
Total Savings					2.86
Total Water Revenue Accounts					2.86
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Deposit	07/31/2013			Interest	2.50
Total Savings					2.50
CD					
Total CD					
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-18,422.48</b>





**Abbey Jean Almeliem Banh**

Abbey Jean Almeliem Banh, 34, of Iowa City passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, August 17, 2013.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions

may be made to The Abbey Jean Almeliem Banh Memorial Fund to be directed for future nursing scholarships at Luther College. Abbey was born in Mason City, Iowa, on December 12, 1978, the daughter of Molly and Ronald Almeliem. She was a 1997 graduate of Forest City High School and later went on to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing from Luther College, where she was currently working toward her master's degree. In 2011, Abbey married the love of her life, Dr. Luong Banh.

Survivors include her loving husband, Luong; her mother, Molly Iverson (Dave) of Greene, Iowa; her mother-in-law, Annette Banh of Ankeny, Iowa; two brothers, Isaac Almeliem (Karen) of Greene and Evan Almeliem (Carolyn) of Minnetonka, Minn.; a sister, Anna Canton (Nate) of North Liberty, Iowa; two step-sisters, Leah Iverson of Lake Mills, Iowa, and Hannah Iverson of Iowa City; a brother-in-law, Dong Banh (Jen) of Ankeny; nine nephews, Owen, Alex, Ezra, Eddie, Charlie, Bryson, Briggs, Brokk and Logan; three nieces, Bridget, Keira and Helene; and her grandmother, Lois Reinsmoen of Mason City. Abbey was preceded in death by her father Ronald, father-in-law Tom Banh, grandmother Opal and grandfather Ole Reinsmoen

*It's a Girl!*



Please join us as we celebrate the addition of Serenity Petersen to the Matt and Melissa Petersen family. We will have a baby shower for her at **10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14** at the **Fertile Church of Christ fellowship hall**. Serenity is in 24 month clothing and size 4 diapers. Please come meet this precious baby.



The Fertile Church of Christ invites you to join us as we celebrate the upcoming marriage of Adam Olson and Rose Abasola. A **bridal shower** will be held at **10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21** in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome!



FERTILE'S OLDEST RESIDENTS IN THE FERTILE DAYS PARADE. VIOLA ROBERTS AND VIRGIL OUVERSON

<b>Pronto Market</b>	
HWY 9, FERTILE, IA 641-797-2200	
GAS GROCERY COFFEE SANDWICHES SNACKS ICE POP BEER CIGARETTES	<b>HOURS</b> <i>M-Sat 7 am - 9 pm</i> <i>Sun 8 am - 8 pm</i>
	<b>ATM</b>  NEW! Greeting Cards from <b>LEANIN' TREE</b>



From the Globe Gazette, March 31, 1932

## INCENDIARY SUSPECT SOUGHT BY OFFICIALS AT FERTILE

Fertile, Iowa, March 31. Local and Worth County officers today continued to press the investigation in the \$7,000.00 fire which destroyed two structures yesterday morning and roused 16 persons from bed. They are on the trail of a suspect who may have had a grudge against the town, and worked all last night, No arrest has been made, however.

Mayor C. N. Jorgenson, County Attorney O. J. Wardwell of Northwood and other officials are working on the case. The state fire marshal has been asked to come for the investigation. Whether or not he will come or will send a deputy from his office has not been learned yet. Edna May Oredson, 7, daughter of Mr., and Mrs. Marius Oredson and Mrs. Oredson are recovering from burns suffered on their feet when they stepped on hot glass broken from the heat as they were escaping from a burning structure. Mr. and Mrs. Marius Oredson, who occupied the Oredson restaurant building, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Magunson and children and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Jenson, who occupied the H. E. Freeman place, are being cared for at the homes of neighbors.

Discovery of gasoline and kerosene sprayed on buildings when the fire was first noticed and the finding of two 10 gallon cans, one containing a small quantity of gasoline and the other a gallon can of kerosene have been important clues in the case. A structure in the immediate vicinity of those destroyed was burned down two months ago with circumstance of mystery surrounding the origin of the blaze. Whether or not the search for the suspect is being carried on outside Worth County as well as in has not been announced.

### April 14, 1932, Buffalo Center, Iowa

Sam C. Wilds, who was apprehended here a week ago Sunday, after escaping a week prior from Thompson officials, who raided his home there and found a large quantity of liquor, is facing an arson charge at Fertile. The information was filed against him last Saturday and his hearing has been set for

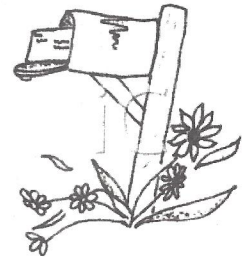
April 18. The bond was \$4,000 Wilds was unable to furnish, and he is being held in the jail at Forest City. It will be remembered Fertile suffered a fire loss of \$7,000 March 20th and the general opinion prevails that Wilds set the fire.

His two sons, Harley and Harold Wilds are also being held and will be questioned in connection with the fertile fire. One is in jail at Northwood and the other in Mason City.

*(These articles were submitted by Joanne Zrostlik and Viola Roberts.)*

### Letters to the Editor:

Dear Gals, Thanks for all your work on the "Reminder". We enjoy hearing all the Fertile news and then pass it on to Ann. Sending for 2 years subscription and have a cookie treat with the rest. Marlene Jenkins



I always enjoy reading the Reminder. As a kid, I, too, folded the Reminder each month at Carrie Luther's home. Sue (Purcell) Miller

Please renew our subscription to the Fertile Reminder for another year. Thank you to all the staff for your "labor of love" to keep us up to date on Fertile news. LaVonne Pederson Kraft

It makes for a happy day when we get the Reminder. It sort of takes us back home. Floyd & Lois Zobel

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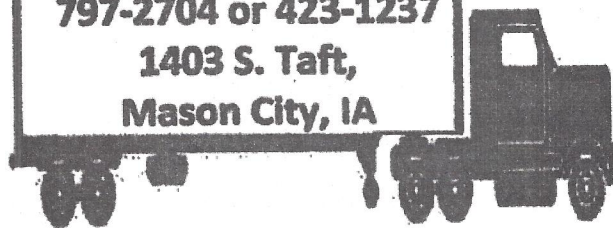
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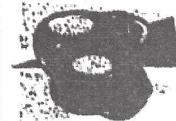
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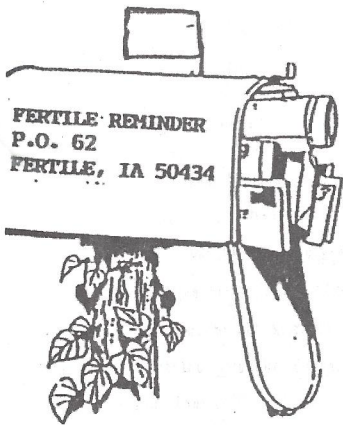
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