

JULY 2006

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

July 1	Fire Dept. Breakfast	7 a.m.
	Top of Iowa Tractor Ride	8 a.m.
	70th Wedding Anniversary for Virgil & Ruth Oувerson	2-4 p.m.
July 3	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
July	Senior Dinner	Noon
July 11	Garden Club	
July 15	Boys and Girls 4-H	
July 18	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes May 16, 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, May 16, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were: Council members Melanne Bang and Patrick Renchin.

3.) Minutes Approval

Berg moved and Miller 2nd to approve the March minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) New Electronic Voting Machines

Kay Clark, Worth County Auditor, presented the new electronic voting machines. The new machines are required as part of the Federal "Help America Vote" Act. The new machines will be utilized in the Governor's Primary Election on June 6th.

5.) 28E Agreement Disbursement from Diamond Joe Casino.

- Kim Miller, from the Worth County Development Authority, presented the City with its first disbursement on behalf of Diamond Joe Casino. The monies received through this program will be utilized at the discretion of the City Council. Suggestions from residents for various Community and/or Economic Development projects are encouraged. A formal request application will be required for consideration by the Council.
- Scholarships for students in 11th and 12th grades who live with their parents in Worth County will also be made available through the Worth County Development Authority. Applications for the scholarships will be made available through the individual school districts. The graduating class of 2007 will be the first class eligible for the scholarship.

6.) Resident's Forum

- Keith & Julie Jessen requested a street light be placed on the corner of 2nd Street and the ally. The affected residents had been contacted and approve of the addition.

Berg moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the addition of a street light on the corner of 2nd and ally. Motion Carried.

- Questions were raised by residents as follows:

Citizens: Is the bridge being professionally inspected?

Council: Yes, it is inspected annually.

Citizens: Will the "Rhodes Park" sign be replaced?

Council: No, it was beyond repair and is no longer necessary due to the newer brick sign.

Citizens: Will the trees be trimmed in the park soon, and can we focus "park clean-up day" around that date?

Council: A tree-trimming service has been contacted. We will notify the FB&I as to the anticipated date.

Citizens: Since we cannot use the burning site for a compost pile (see below), can we burn year round?

Council: No, you may not burn year round, the City burn ordinance is still in affect. You may burn through the end of May, then again in the fall. You may purchase the proper bags from Waste Management and set them out on garbage days. You may also choose to take your yard waste to the landfill yourself. Complaints or concerns can be directed to the DNR.

Citizens: Can we have a city wide clean-up day?

Council: It is too cost prohibitive for the City to organize that event. It may be something the FB&I could organize.

Citizens: What about the properties that are currently hazardous or contain junked cars or construction materials. What can the City do about that?

Council: We have sent the residents notices giving them 30 days to clean their properties up. After that period, it will be turned over to the City Attorney.

7.) Discussion on the 150th Anniversary

- Power will be connected within the park by June 20th.
- A tentative schedule has been presented. The final version will be available soon.
- The FB&I is looking for volunteers to help with the many events taking place. You may call Kristen Anderson at 797-2615 if you would like to help out.

8.) Burning Site Ordinance

- A new burning site ordinance was presented. The ordinance was adopted in response to requirements placed by the DNR. The operating hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon. The only acceptable materials for the burn site are tree trimmings 6" in diameter or less. Any dumping of any other material or dumping outside the operational hours is punishable by civil penalty up to \$750.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. A copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall. Signs are posted at the burn site stating the above mentioned regulations.

Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the burning site ordinance. Role call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Berg moved and Shropshire 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd hearings on the ordinance. Role call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

9.) Mayor's Report

- Mayor Russell informed the public that the tile lines used for draining ground water were originally placed by individual property owners and are the responsibility of the property owners. Maps of the tile lines are available for review at City Hall.
- It has been discovered that several homes have non-functioning curb stops (water shut-off valves located in the City right-of-ways) are no longer functioning. Notices will be mailed out the last part of May to residents who are affected. It is the responsibility of the home-owner to maintain the curb stop.

10.) City Clerk's Report

- Presented a YTD profit and loss budget comparison report.
- Requested a motion to hold a public hearing in regards to the SRF loan the City is requesting. The loan will consolidated the existing water and sewer loans as well as the finances needed for the repair project slated for this fall.

Miller moved and Berg 2nd to approve the public hearing for the SRF loan to be held June 20th, 2006. Motion Carried.

- Presented a detailed breakout of next fiscal year's City budget.

11.) City Maintenance Report

- The City would like to commend Buck Russell for the superb job he does on grounds keeping. Warren will act as back-up this summer when requested by Buck.
- The flag holders for the street lights have been restored and painted to match the new street lights. The flags will be hung as soon as the holders have been mounted to the poles.

12.) Approve Expenditures

Bang moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve the expenditures. Motion Carried.

13.) Upcoming Meetings

The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 20th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

14.) Adjourn

Berg moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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Expenditures and Revenues
 As of April 30, 2006

Type	Name	Paid Amount
0001110 · General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-101.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,020.47
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC	-1,004.83
Bill Pmt -Check	Eliot, Inc.	-204.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-6,281.34
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-8.37
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-9.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Mason City Red Power	-26.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-57.44
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-17.95
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-112.47
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-1,375.00
Check	Fertile Library	-2,250.00
Check	US Post Office	-96.00
Check	Rachut, Ron & Becky	-62.75
Deposit		15,562.46
Deposit		3,392.35
Deposit		4,708.06
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	15,967.21
Deposit		32.42
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,411.05
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.19
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.41
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-470.38
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-478.00
		24,321.30
Total 0001110 · General Fund Checking		
0001111 · Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.43
		3.43
Total 0001111 · Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
0001112 · Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.32
		2.32
Total 0001112 · Water Revenue Fund Checking		
0001160 · Money Market Savings		
Deposit		-3,823.52
Deposit		31.58
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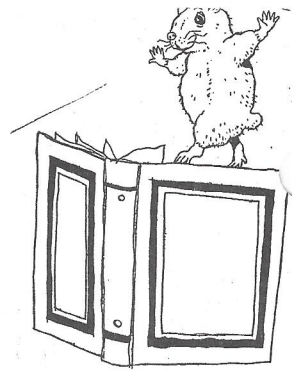
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To Darkness & to Death – Julia Spencer Fleming
The Measure of a Lady – Deeanne Gist
French Kiss – Susan Johnson
Man From Stone Creek – Linda Lael Miller
Affectionate Adversary – Catherine Palmer
Leaves of Hope – Catherine Palmer
Distant Music – B.J. Hoff
Gone – Jonathan Kellerman
Secret Supper – Javier Sierra
Shannon's Law – Charles E. Friend
Ten Thousand Charms – Allison Pittman
Slaughter Trail – William W. Johnstone
Grand Canyon Brides – Dianne Christner
Cherokee Rose – Al & Joanna Lacy
A Distant Tomorrow - Bertrice Small

Large Print

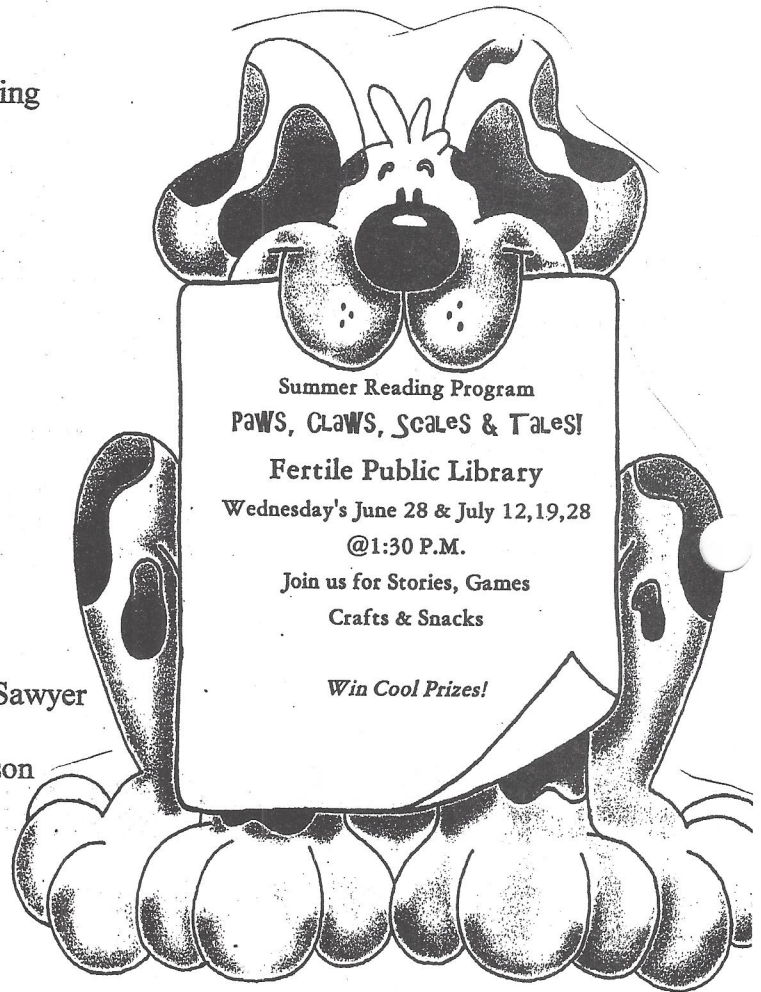
Waiting for Summer's Return – Karen Vogel Sawyer
River Rising – Athol Dickson
A Hilltop in Tuscany – Stephanie Grace Whitson

Audio Books

Thriller – James Patterson
Gone – Jonathan Kellerman
Beach Road – James Patterson
Secret Supper – Javier Sierra

DVD'S

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Friday, August 4th

- 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm Community Meal in the park with prior purchase of Celebration Button by July 15th!
- 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm Family Games - Bed Races, Fear Factor Food Eating Contest, Gold Fish Races, Scavenger Hunt, Water Balloon Toss & Face Painting
- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Music by the a cappella group InPulse
- 9:45 pm Fireworks at the ball diamond presented by Flashing Thunder!

Saturday, August 5th

- 9:00 am registration Horse Shoe Tournament in the park (Competition begins at 9:30)
- 9:00 am Flea Market in the park
- 10:30 am Parade - Featuring:
 Music by Su Fu Du - the percussionists from Sioux Falls S.D.
 Clear Lake Trolley – rides available after the parade until 5:00!
 North Iowa Vintage Auto Club
- 12:00 pm – 6:00pm Kids Entertainment in the park – Featuring: Air Filled Attractions, Games
- 12:00 noon Tractor Pull by the bins on Hwy 9
- 12:00 noon Tractor Show by the ball diamond
- 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Car Show on Main Street – Registration begins at 8:00 am on State ST
- 12:30 pm Music by Su Fu Du on stage
- 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Music by Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50's
- 6:00 pm Alumni Dinner (in Clear Lake)
- 8:00 pm – 12:00 am Music by the Copperheads (Country with R & B)

Sunday, August 6th

- 7:00 am – 10:00 am Fireman's Breakfast – Fund Raiser
- 10:00 am Joint Community Church Service / Cantata in park
- 11:30 am Jim Jakes Magician/Puppeteer on stage – Sponsored by Fertile Library Friends on the Round Stage at the East end of the park.
- 12:30 pm Fashion Show
- 1:30 pm Pedal Tractor Pull – Open Competition for all ages!
- 2:00 pm Musical Entertainment
- 3:00 pm Town vs Country Tug of War across the river

Stop by the Sesquicentennial Photo Booth in the Park – Fund Raiser for the Fertile Library, Friends!

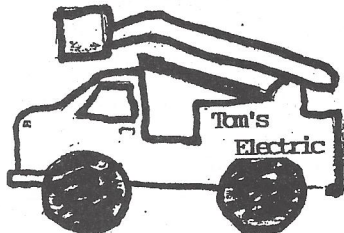
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Fertile Beautification & Improvement Sesquicentennial Committee

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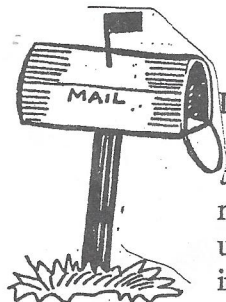
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Dear Fertile Reminder,
 Here is my check for another year of the Reminder. Also, here is a recipe that my Aunt Mable (Van Hoosen Merwin) used to make. You may want to use it in your Cook's Korner. Thank you.
 Jenny Copeland

THANK YOU!

A big "Thank you" to all my friends for the cards and prayers when I had hip surgery. Special thanks to Ruth Ouverson, Goldie Felland, Maxine Rye and Jane for my dinners. Miss you all and God Bless.

Ruth Rhodes

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, gifts and well wishes for our 65th wedding anniversary. A very special thank you to the Downtown Café where our family enjoyed an excellent noon meal.

James & Alvera Lovick

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- July 11 & 12 Senior Health Clinic at Fertile Church of Christ. Age 60+ welcome for general assessment, five lab tests and health education. Minimal lab fee. Donations encouraged. With advance appointment, any age can schedule a cholesterol panel with fasting blood sugar test for \$20.00 Call Public Health office for information & appointment. 1-800-765-1388
- July 11 & 12 Free blood pressure clinic at Downtown Cafe in Fertile 11:00 - 11:45. All ages welcome.
- July 20 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office. 1:00 - 5:00. No appt necessary.
- July 25 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church Northwood 9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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*Fertile Garden Club
 June 13, 2006*

The Fertile Garden Club met Tuesday, June 13, at City Hall. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by, "What were your wedding flowers", with fourteen members answering.

Discussion was held about the Arbor by the Foot Bridge, and about our float for the parade in August. We also set up a schedule for watering the whiskey barrels on Main Street. We decided on flowers to add color to the "Fertile" sign on highway 9.

Betty Theilen gave a very interesting lesson on a fungus that is attacking amphibians all over the world. Pat Oswald gave the Thought for the Day.

We sang Happy Birthday to members with June birthdays, and enjoyed a delicious lunch served by our hostesses, Lois Low and Mary Ann Wellik.

Diane Schulze, Reporter

JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH

Because there are so many attractive yards around the town of Fertile, the Fertile Garden Club will now be selecting two a month.

The first Yard belongs to Gail & Larry Shropshire. Congratulations.

The second Yard belongs to Dolores & Ray Sandifer. Congratulations. The sign will be put in their yard the 15th of the month.

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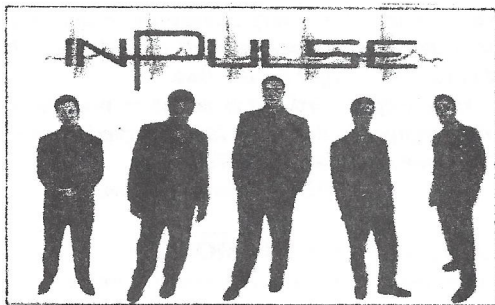


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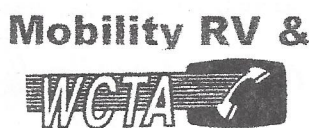
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I am in need of recipes. How about you cooks out there helping me out? Send your recipes to: Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434. Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

Aunt Mabel's Rhubarb Cobbler


from Jenny Copeland

- 2 cups diced rhubarb
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. Butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp. Salt

Put the diced rhubarb in an 8x8 pan. Mix other ingredients and pour over rhubarb. Then sprinkle the following mixture over the batter:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. Corn starch
- 1/4 tsp. Salt

Pour 1 cup boiling water over all and bake one hour at 325°.





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 Lamedh began as a picture of an ox stick or goad. The Greeks used it for lambda (Λ). The Romans turned it into L.

 Mem, the water, became the Greek mu (Μ). The Romans kept it as M.

 Nun, the fish, was originally a snake or eel. The Greeks used it for nu (Ν), and the Romans for N.


 Samekh, which also meant fish, is of uncertain origin. It may have originally represented a tent peg or some kind of support. It bears a strong resemblance to the Egyptian djed pillar seen in many sacred carvings. The Greeks used it for xi (Ξ) and a simplified variation of it for chi (Χ). The Romans kept only the variation as X.


INFORMATION


DID YOU KNOW?


The original alphabet was developed by a Semitic people living in or near Egypt. They based it on the idea developed by the Egyptians, but used their own specific symbols. It was quickly adopted by their neighbors and relatives to the east and north, the Canaanites, the Hebrews, & the Phoenicians. The Phoenicians spread their alphabet to other people of the near east & Asia Minor, as well as to the Arabs, the Greeks, & Etruscans & as far west as present day Spain.


Here is the continuation of the alphabet from last month. Hope you have enjoyed it.


 'ayin, the eye, was another "deep throat" consonant. The Greeks used it for omicron (Ο, "little O"). They developed a variation of it for omega (Ω, "big O"), and put it at the end of their alphabet. The Romans kept the original for O.


 Pe, the mouth, may have originally been a symbol for a corner. The Greeks used it for pi (Π). The Romans closed up one side and turned it into P.


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
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
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
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