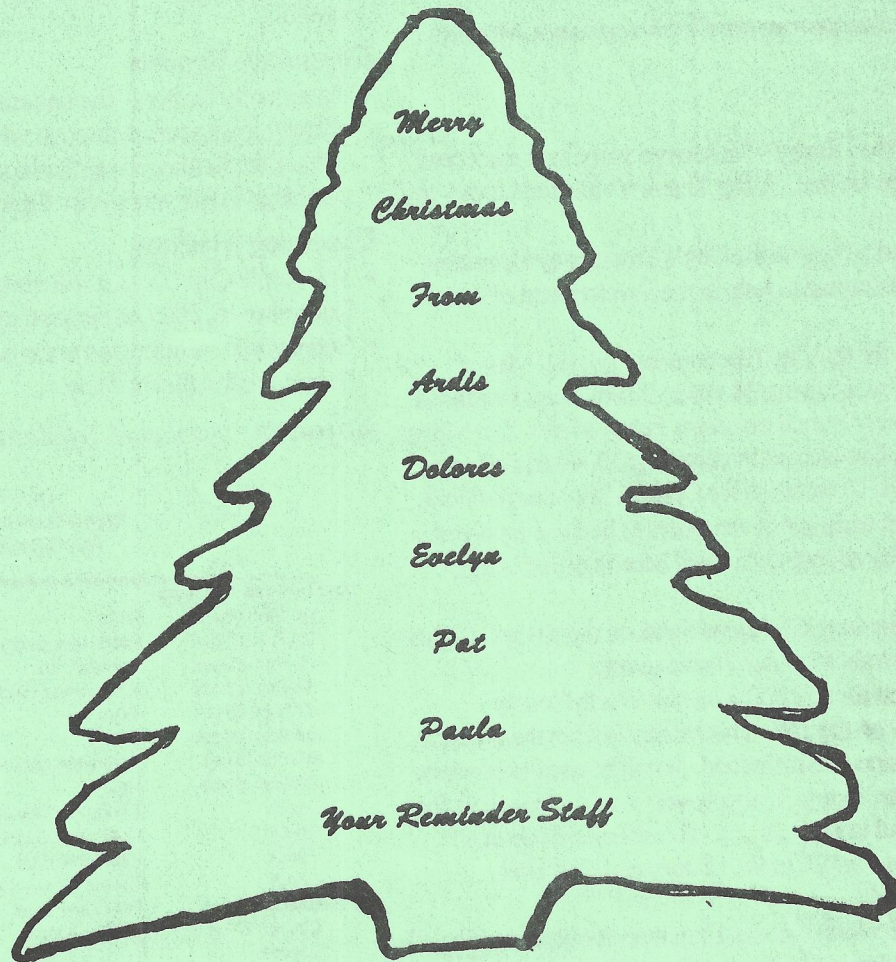


DECEMBER 2009

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Dec. 1 | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| | Fertile Girls Night Out | 5:30 |
| Dec. 3 | Re-cycle Day | |
| Dec. 7 | Fire Dept. Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 8 | Garden Club | 5:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 15 | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| | City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 17 | Re-cycle Day | |
| Dec. 21 | Library Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY | |
| Dec. 31 | Re-cycle Day | |
| Dec. 31 | New Year's Eve | |

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, and Pat Renchin; City Clerk Eddie May and Maintenance Manager Craig Koch

Minutes Approval

- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the October minutes.* Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- Alice in Horror Land, the Library's Halloween party, was a success. Approx. 95 people rode the bus. A Big Thank You to the Library and Friends for the fun!
- Mayor Russell provided a copy of the City's Emergency Operation Plan to the City of Hanlontown to help in the development of their plan.
- 42 residents turned out for the City Elections last month. Mayor Russell was re-elected by receiving 38 votes. There were 4 write-ins for the Mayor's position. Council members Penny Miller, Tad Miller and Pat Renchin were all re-elected by receiving 33, 40 and 40 votes respectfully. There were 10 write-ins for Council Member positions.
- The Council encourages community members to become involved in their local government by attending Council Meetings and letting your voices be heard.
- Mayor Russell and Craig hung Christmas lights on the bridge. Lights will be put up downtown shortly after Thanksgiving.
- The City received a grant for \$53,000 from the Worth County Development Authority on the 16th. This money is from the proceeds of the Diamond Joe Casino in Northwood. It will be used to purchase the apartments east of the library. It also covers the cost to inspect for and remove asbestos, and to level the lot. This is being done in preparation for the Community Center, Library and City Hall municipal building project.
- A Big Thank You to the Worth County Engineers for blacktopping 1st street. The shoulders and painting is scheduled to be done before winter.
- Water Tower Paint and Repair will be performing maintenance on the water tower before winter as well.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the October financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (33.33% of year)

| | General | Roads | Landfill | Sewer | Water |
|---------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| Income | 39.78% | 36.29% | 33.98% | 35.05% | 35.82% |
| Expense | 33.94% | 68.65% | 33.77% | 28.45% | 39.05% |

(The Roads Fund is currently over budget due to the City's portion of the new road surfacing done in July.)

- *Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the October Expenses.* Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- Craig has been working on replacing the old mechanical meters with digital meters. He will be working on this throughout the fall and winter.

- In the process of replacing the meters he has found a few that are leaking before the meter. Please inspect your water lines and have a plumber fix any leaks found.
- Craig will be trimming the trees along the roadside to prepare for the snow season.
- Craig and Warren have been draining the lagoons according to R procedures as part of ongoing maintenance requirements.
- The City would like to remind everyone one of the dangers of icy roads, especially with our newly blacktopped roads. Please drive carefully.

Committee Reports

- Community Center – The committee is in the process of securing primary grant sources through which we would be able to secure 25-50% of the funding for each phase. They expect to have the capital campaign in full swing after the holiday season.

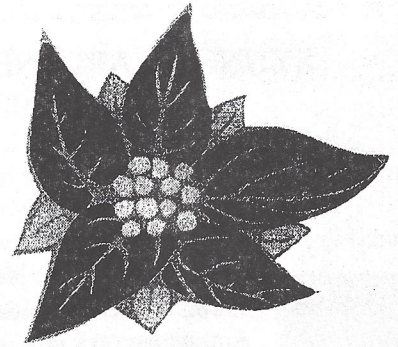
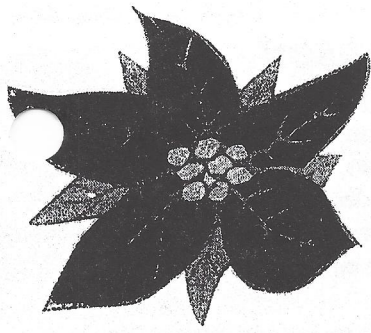
Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, December 15, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.
- Budgets will be discussed at the next meeting. All City requests must be presented at that meeting.

Adjourn - Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of October 31, 2009

| Type | Name | Paid |
|---|--|------------------|
| General Fund Accounts | | |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Alltel | -60.28 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Black Hills Energy | -91.52 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Hawkins, Inc. | 0.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Kramer Ace Hardware | 97.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Plunkett's | -192.60 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Pronto | -125.31 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Waste Management | -1,834.30 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | WCTA | -130.79 |
| Check | Fertile Fire Department V | -2,750.00 |
| Check | Fertile Public Library V | -4,620.25 |
| Check | First State Bank | -2,455.15 |
| Check | Rachut, Ron & Becky | -68.24 |
| Check | First State Bank | -1.34 |
| Check | US Post Office | -112.00 |
| Deposit | | 2,706.41 |
| Deposit | | 70.58 |
| Deposit | | 3,456.77 |
| Deposit | | 9,559.08 |
| Deposit | | 373.61 |
| Deposit | | 23,816.40 |
| Deposit | | 3,031.49 |
| Deposit | | 16.49 |
| Liability Check | IRS | -778.28 |
| Liability Check | IRS | -997.81 |
| Liability Check | IPERS | -511.60 |
| Paycheck | Bruns, Warren | -308.17 |
| Paycheck | Koch, Craig A. | -1,954.09 |
| Paycheck | May III, Edgar F. | -810.47 |
| Paycheck | Russell, Joyce | -621.96 |
| Sales Tax Payment | Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance | -966.00 |
| Total General Fund Accounts | | 23,602.70 |
| Roads Revenue Fund Savings | | |
| Deposit | | 9.84 |
| Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings | | 9.84 |
| Water Fund Accounts | | |
| Deposit | | 1.84 |
| Total Water Fund Accounts | | 1.84 |
| Sewage Fund Accounts | | |
| Deposit | | 4.10 |
| Total Sewage Fund Accounts | | 4.10 |
| TOTAL | | 23,618.48 |



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NEW BOOKS

At Home in Stone Creek – Linda Lael Miller

Ford County – John Grisham

A Christmas Star – Thomas Kinkade

Home in time for Christmas – Heather Graham

Rainwater – Sandra Brown

A Creed Country Christmas – Linda Lael Miller

Scarpetta Factor – Patricia Cornwell

End of the Road – Sue Henry

Where Grace Abides – B. J. Hoff

I, Alex Cross – James Patterson

BOOKS ON CD

I, Alex Cross – James Patterson

Church People – Garrison Keillor

DVD's

Old Fashioned Thanksgiving – Jaqueline Bissett

Love Takes Wing – Patrick Duffy

Scooby-Doo in Pirates Ahoy

Attack of the Jack-O-Lanterns – RL Stine

Headless Ghost – RL Stine

Transformers II: Revenge of the Fallen

Library News

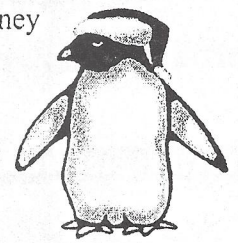
Thank you to the Fertile Library Friends for their production of *Alice in Horrorland!*

Starring: Eddie May (writer & director) as the *Mad Hatter*, Dawn Millard as *Alice*, Brenda Jones as the *White Rabbit*, Cindy Johnson as the *Cheshire Cat*, Chris, Kristen, Jeff, Anna, & Blaze Andersen, Kelsey Reich, Andrew Younger & Tyler Prescott as *The Cards*, Karen Usher & Ramona Kinseth as *The Witches*, Jaiden Holt & Brook Anderson as *Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dum*, Brittney Francis as the *Jester*, Josh May as the *Ghoul*, Craig Koch as the *Gate Keeper* & Mayor Russell as the *Ghost of the Bridge*. Buck Russell & Kenny Stroman were the set crew.

The bus depot (city hall) was staffed by Lisa May, Linda Tuttle, Bobbi Elbert, Mary Kries & Sharayah May. Hot chocolate, apple cider, popcorn & candy were served. Bingo was played & you could get your picture taken with *Frankenstein*. **Great Job Everyone!**

Christmas is almost here. Our Christmas Open House is just around the corner. If you would like to sell tickets or donate items for our raffle, please contact the library. Tickets will be available at Downtown Café, Pronto, Library & from volunteers. The money raised is used to pay for library programs, parties & materials.

We are a "TOYS FOR TOTS" drop-off location!



HERE COMES SANTA!

Fertile Public Library

Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 12, 2009

9 - Noon

Santa at 10:00

(for ages 16 & under)

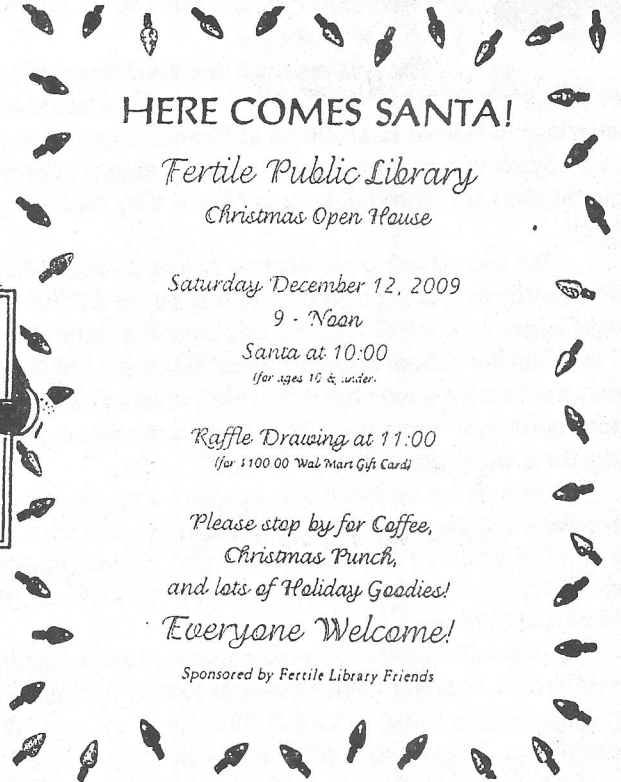
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WITH SYMPATHY

SYNNOVA ARLENE HOFFMAN

1918 - 2009

Synnova Arlene Hoffman, 91, of Lake Mills, formerly of Fertile, died October 31, 2009 at her home in Lake Mills.

Funeral services were held Nov. 5 at Fertile Lutheran Church in Fertile with Pastor Clarence Baalson officiating.



Synnova Arlene Hoffman was born March 3, 1918, to Oscar and Ida Amanda (Tweed) Amundson on a farm near Joice. She attended Valley Country School through eighth grade, attended Joice High School one year and then transferred to Fertile Consolidated High School where she graduated.

She was baptized and confirmed at Beaver Creek Lutheran, rural Joice. On March 17, 1938 she was united in marriage to Harold E. Hoffman at Beaver Creek Church.

Synnova was employed as a nurses aide at Mercy Hospital and Park Hospital, both in Mason City that were ill or elderly.

She was an active member of Beaver Creek Lutheran Church until its closing in 2000, serving on the Ladies Aid, Beaver Creek Mission circle, church council secretary/treasurer, and as a Sunday School teacher. After the closing of Beaver Creek, she became a member of Fertile Lutheran church and was a member of their mission circle. She also served as a 4-H leader for many years.

Her hobbies included baking, gardening, flowers, embroidery and playing cards and games. She and her husband also enjoyed camping and fishing. Family was very important to Synnova and she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Synnova is survived by her children, Loren (Shari) Hoffman of Fertile, Sharon (Tom) Hewitt of Flower Mound, TX and Jerry (Marilyn) Hoffman of Lake Mills; also surviving are 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Lucille Amundson of Fort Dodge; three nieces and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1988; infant daughter, Darlene; infant grandson, Timothy; her parents, two brothers, Orvis and Leon Amundson; a sister, Faye Albers and a brother-in-law, Merle Albers.

Our Deepest sympathy to the family.

LOIS ANDERSON

1922 - 2009

Lois Anderson was born on August 12, 1922; she passed away on the 24th of October, 2009 at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Guy and Ida Walker; husband, Robert Anderson; and sister, Kathryn Rogers.



She is survived by her son, David, his wife, Pati, and her three children and six grandchildren.

She lived her married life on a farm north of Hanlontown and moved to Fertile the last 30 years of her life.

She taught school for 37 years, most of which was for the North Central School District, Hanlontown center.

She was an avid outdoor person, loved to take long walks, garden and fish.

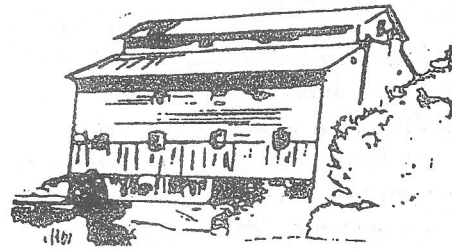
She also loved to read, be with her friends, and was an excellent cook and mother. She took many trips with her family and friends.

She helped in the Fertile Library and with the Fertile Reminder for several years.

She was a lifelong member of the Fertile Church of Christ where the service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 30, followed by a luncheon.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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WITH SYMPATHY

ARDEN L. BERGAN

1930 - 2009

Arden L. Bergan, 79, of rural Hanlontown passed away Nov. 7, 2009 near his home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 11, 2009 at Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown with Pastor Linda Johnson officiating. Burial was in Brush Point Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Otto/Chose American Legion Post 235 of Lake Mills.



Arden Leroy Bergan was born on Feb. 8, 1930 in Hancock County to Clarence and Agnes (Benson) Bergan. He attended Fertile Elementary School and went on to attend Hanlontown High School. Arden was baptized and confirmed at Ellington (Pilot Knob) Lutheran Church.

Arden served his country in the United States Army as a corporal from Nov. 28, 1951 to Nov. 6, 1953, and was granted an honorable discharge.

On April 20, 1951 Arden was united in marriage with Muriel Peterson at Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown. The couple made their home near Lake Mills, where Arden farmed, and in 1960 they moved to Hanlontown where Arden began his excavating business.

Arden was a dedicated warrior for God, fighting for a vision and purpose far greater than himself. He was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown and devoted to supporting missions around the world. He was active with POP (Preserving Our Past) with which he helped restore a log cabin for the Worth County Historical Society and Museum.

Arden and Muriel enjoyed each other's company, spending winters in Florida. He was a devoted husband, dedicated and loving father and grandfather. He was a true friend and neighbor to all. Arden loved the outdoors and all of God's creation.

He will be missed and remembered by his wife, Muriel, of Hanlontown; five children, Diane (Rick) Aguilera of Manly, Donna (Mike) Kennedy, Hanlontown, Ruth (Gene) Simon of Clear Lake, Rebecca (Larry) Ritzert of Lake Mills and Mark (Jodi) Bergan of League City, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arden is also survived by three sisters, Norma Helin of Mason City, Arlene Keeling of Mason City and JoAnn (Morris) Norem of Clear Lake; two sisters-in-law, Naomi Gesme of Clear Lake and Lynda Condurelis of Nashville, TN; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Roger and Dennis Bergan; and three nieces.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

HELEN E. HUMPHREY

1910 - 2009

Helen E. Humphrey, 99, of Garner died Nov. 13, 2009 at Concord Care Center in Garner. Funeral services were held Nov. 26, 2009 at United Methodist Church in Garner with Rev. Tim Rieckhoff-Faris officiating. Burial was in Concord Township Cemetery in Garner.



Helen Eva Humphrey, the daughter of John and Junie (Ouverson) Seglem, was born July 2, 1920 on a farm near Fertile. She graduated from Fertile High School in 1928.

On August 27, 1930, she was married to John E. Humphrey at the Humphrey home in Fertile. Helen & John farmed southeast of Garner for 30 years before retiring and moving into Garner in 1970. She was proud of her Norwegian heritage and was well known for her homemade lefse. Helen enjoyed her family, grandchildren and found great joy in family gatherings.

She was very active in the United Methodist Church in Garner. She was a charter members of the "Quilters" and was also active in UMW, church circle and funeral committees.

Helen is survived by her children, Verneil Quintus of Garner, Carol (Richard) Jass of Mason City, John W. (Linda) Humphrey of Centerville, Linda (Gary) Gilbert of Fulton, IL, and Dudley Humphrey of Mason City; a son-in-law, Eugene Schaefer of Mason City; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John in 1999; daughter, Reta Schaefer in 1974; Robert Dodd in 1990 and Gerald Quintus in 2009; a granddaughter, Roxanne Rene Dodd in 1956; a grandson, Bradley Humphrey in 1995; a granddaughter-in-law, Cindy Dodd in 2001, a brother, Enos Seglem; and two sisters, Hazel Stevens and Silence Levang.

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Fertile Garden Club held their November meeting at the Church of Christ. Hostesses were Kristin Mikes, Jenn Miller and Penny Miller.

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Roll call was to introduce our guest and also to tell what our favorite comfort food is. We said our table prayer and had our lunch before our meeting.

The officers planned a very fun time making Christmas swags or wall hangings. Pat Lohman purchased materials (every thing we needed) and helped us. It was so nice to see the completed products.

Amanda Waddington had the "thought for the day" reminding us of our "Thanksgiving Blessings".

Our December meeting will be at the Church of Christ on Dec. 8th at 6:30. This will be our Christmas gift exchange when we reveal our "Secret Pals".

Thanks to our officers for planning and serving a "special" Thanksgiving party.

Fern Midtgaard, Reporter

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, food and acts of kindness shown to me in and out of the hospital.

May God bless your efforts.

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- Dec. 30 **Maple Court and Northwood Pines nail clinic:** 9:00 a.m. Please call 324-1741 to schedule your appointment.
- Oct. to Dec. **Flu-** If you wish to receive your seasonal flu-pneumonia injection, you may stop into Worth County Public Health from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Persons with Medicare Part B will receive the shots for free. The general population can receive flu shots for \$20 and pneumonia shots for \$40. Please call 324-1741 or 800-765-1388 to ensure that vaccine is available.

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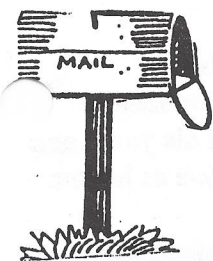
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Dear Reminder,

Sorry for being late with my renewal, but better late than never.

Larry Purcell drove my brother Dale, my sister Phyllis and myself for a tour of Fertile the third week of September. Fertile looks good, like we remember it. We could only find

Virgil Ouverson at home to talk to. Looked for Fern & Arden Midtgaard's home, if it was the right house. No one was home.

Thanks to your Fertile news in the Reminder, it keeps old timers up to date.

Lyle Lindquist

Dear Ladies,

Thanks for all you do. We enjoy the Reminder so very much.
Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard

Dear Editors,

Thank you for the Fertile Reminder. Keep the Norwegian jokes! I belong to the Daughters of Norway. At the close of every meeting we have an "Ole & Lena joke." Everyone leaves the meeting laughing!

Thanks to your Reminder
Norma Wakeley

Lyle Lindquist

Dear Ladies,

Thanks for all you do. We enjoy the Reminder so much.

Things moms would probably never say:

"I don't have a tissue with me..just wipe your nose on your sleeve."

Don't bother wearing a jacket. The wind chill is bound to improve."

"Sure, you can miss school today. I used to skip school a lot too."

"Well, if Timmy's mom says it's okay, that 's good enough for me."

"How can you see the TV sitting so far back?"

"Let me smell that shirt. Yeah, that's good for another week."

A teacher asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Jimmy's picture, which showed four people on the airplane. She asked him what story he meant.

"The flight to Egypt," Jimmy said.

"I see. Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," the teacher answered. "But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius--the pilot."

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THE STORY OF OLE OLSON

Ole Olson was the janitor in the First Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. A new minister decreed that all employees should be able to read and write English. The reasoning was that all employees should be able to handle phone calls and write down information for the minister in his absence. Poor Ole! He had left Norway in his youth and never had learned to read and write. Despite his tearful pleas to the minister, Ole was forced to leave his job as janitor because of his lack of education.

In his bitter disappointment, Ole hitch hiked to Seattle and got a job in a fish cannery. No worry about reading and writing here. He later worked on a fishing boat, and in time saved enough to buy his own boat.

As time passed, Ole acquired many more boats . . . in fact, a fishing fleet. With pyramiding profits and Ole's natural thrift, Ole eventually became owner of a small fish cannery in addition to his sizeable fleet of boats.

Then came the opportunity to buy a much larger cannery in Seattle. For the first time in his life, Ole was forced to consider going to a bank because the amount involved was much more than he could handle from his cash reserves.

As Ole rec ited his list of impressive assets, the banker smiled and assured Ole the loan would be granted. The loan papers were handed to Ole to sign. Said Ole, "I'm sorry . . . but I don't read or write."

The astounded banker looked at at Ole in disbelief. "Mr. Olson . . . it is necessary for you to sign to make this loan legal. I am astounded at your assets. Just where would you be today IF you could read and write?"

"Vell", said Ole. "I'd probably be a yanitor in the Lutheran Church in Minneapolis."

Ole received a notice in the mail from his employer that he was being laid off from his job. The boss was surprised a few days later to see Ole at the factory gate. "Ole", he said, "I thought I sent you a notice that you were laid off." "Yah, dat's right boss...but on da envelope it says, "Return to Yohnson's Pickle Factory. 'So here I am."

A Norwegian went to an eye doctor to have his eyes checked for glasses. The doctor directed him to read various letters with the left eye while covering the right eye. The Norwegian was so mixed up on which eye was which that the eye doctor in disgust took a paper sack with a hole to see through, covered up the appropriate eyes and asked the Norwegian to read the letters. As he did so, he noticed the Norwegian had tears streaming down his face. "Look," said the doctor, "there's no need to get emotional about getting glasses."

"I know," agreed the Norgwegian, "but I kind of had my heart set on vire frames."

"Vell" said Ole.

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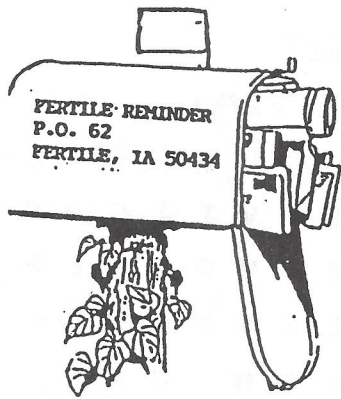
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David Halverson, Lay Minister

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

Sunday School at 10:40 am

Celebration Community Church

Has relocated to:

805 10th Ave. North

Clear Lake, Iowa

641-357-0026

9:00 — Sunday School

9:45 — fellowship

10:00 — Praise and Worship Service

6:00pm — Youth Group (Sundays)

**THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY
CHURCH SERVICE
TO BE HELD AT FERTILE LUTHERAN
CHURCH ON THANKSGIVING EVE,
NOVEMBER 25TH. SERVICE TIME IS 7:30
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**