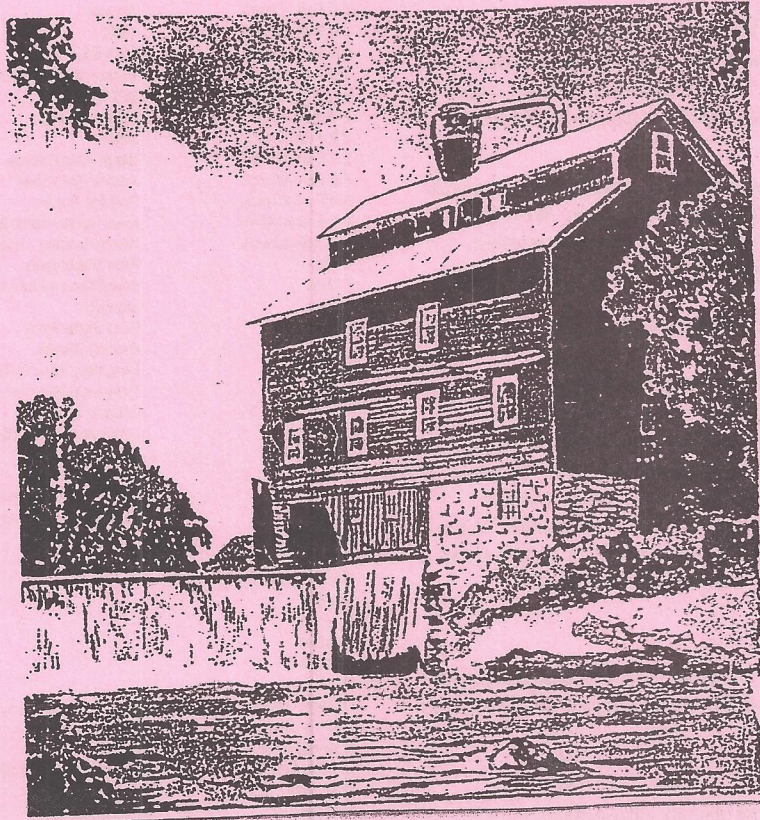


FEBRUARY 2009

FERTILE REMINDER



Feb. 2	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Senior Dinner	Noon
Feb. 12	Re-cycle Day	
Feb. 14	REMEMBER YOUR SWEETHEART	
Feb. 16	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES	
Feb. 26	Re-cycle Day	

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Minutes Approval

- **Berg motioned & Peters 2nd to approve the December minutes with a correction as follows.** Motion Carried.
- **Peters motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the Central Disposal systems/Winnebag County Sanitary Landfill Planning Area 2009 Comprehensive Plan.**

Iowa Municipal Water Association Well Head Protection Plan

- **Peters motioned & Renchin 2nd to approve the Public Water Supply Wellhead Protection Regulations Ordinance.** Role Call Vote – unanimous. Motion Carried.
- There will be a public hearing at the next Council Meeting to approve the Ordinance.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Russell received a \$4,109 quote for the purchase and installation of a door wide enough and tall enough to pull the snow plow into the old Fire Station. We will be getting a quote for the extra carpentry needed to enlarge the current door opening.
- The City will be writing a WCDA grant for a generator and two water pumps for the water plant.
- The City has turned in a Community Grant application through the Alliant Foundation for a new emergency siren.
- Mayor Russell has been participating in several area budgeting meetings.
- The City will be forwarding information to the City Attorney pertaining to three property owners who have not properly responded to Ordinance violations.
- Two meters froze during the recent cold spell. They have been replaced. Be sure to watch the water lines in your home to be sure they have proper heating available.
- Appraisers from Des Moines will be in Fertile within the next several months. They have been hired by the County to perform independent assessments of all property in Worth County. Property owners are required by law to allow them access.

City Clerk's Report

- May presented the December financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date: (we are 50% of the way through the year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	57%	42%	50%	49%	48%
Expense	72%	24%	43%	16%	51%

- Liens were placed on 4 residents for non-payment of utility bills. Addresses are as follows: 403 1st St N, 605 W Washington, 504 West Washington and 101 First Street South. If you find yourself behind on payments and receive a notice, please contact the City Clerk to make arrangements to avoid the placement of a lien.
- **Miller motioned & Renchin 2nd to approve the liens.** Motion Carried.
- **Renchin motioned & Miller 2nd to approve the Dec. Expenditures.** Motion Carried.
- The budget was approved. The proposed budget will be published in the Northwood Anchor. There will be a public hearing at the next Council Meeting to adopt the budget.
- **Berg motioned & Peters 2nd to approve the 2009-2010 Budget.** Motion Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- The power steering was repaired on the pick-up truck. The batteries and cables were replaced on the snow plow. There was a valve that broke on the skid loader. All this happened within a few day window.
- Craig has been plowing between 2:30 and 4:00 am.
- Please do not shovel or plow snow onto the streets once they have been plowed.
- Vehicles and property not properly moved from the streets are subject to damage.
- Please send all maintenance comments and suggestions to City Hall.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, February 17, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.
- Public Hearing: Budget Hearing will be held at this meeting.
- Public Hearing: Public Water Supply Wellhead Protection Regulation Ordinance will be held at this meeting.

Adjourn - Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of December 31, 2008

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-784.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-310.03
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Eliot, Inc.	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-540.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-117.57
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-88.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	-16.29
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-195.62
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-139.76
Bill Pmt -Check	PSI	-102.35
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-65.47
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-32.11
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-132.81
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-134.84
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-76.11
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-57.81
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-435.71
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Reminder	-220.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	-175.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Engineer	-454.68
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	-200.00
Check	Marriott	-221.76
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	Baxter, Daniel	-150.00
Check	Beighley, Jack & Ruth	-150.00
Check	Petersen, Matthew & Melissa	-150.00
Check	Chase, James	-150.00
Check	DeVries, David & Sandra	-150.00
Check	Russell, Joyce V	-150.00
Check	US Post Office	-79.20
Check	Rachut, Ron & Becky	-78.23
Check	Northland Distributing	-250.00
Deposit		3,202.61
Deposit		146.99
Deposit		5,402.61
Deposit		7,301.66
Deposit		0.06
Deposit		2,000.44
Deposit		2,252.59
Deposit		19.55
Liability Check	IRS	-3,644.27
Liability Check	IPERS	-444.66
Liability Check	IPERS	-987.01
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-377.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.87
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,558.72
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-765.07
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-531.32
Paycheck	Berg, Jeffrey	-332.46
Paycheck	Miller, Tad	-332.46
Paycheck	Renchin, Pat	-360.16
Paycheck	Shropshire, Gail	-332.46
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.87
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,983.93
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-765.07
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-531.32
Paycheck	Peters, Cynthia	-360.16
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-706.02
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-606.00
Total General Fund Checking		-1,158.51
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		13.96
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		13.96
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.84
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.84
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		4.08
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		4.08
TOTAL		-1,138.63

City Announcement:

Tis the season: please keep alleys, City right of ways, and streets free of vehicles and obstructions to facilitate snow removal. Thanks!

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes December 16, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Pat Renchin, Gail Shropshire, City Maintenance Manager Craig Koch, Utility Manager Warren Bruns and City Clerk Eddie May.

Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned & Peters 2nd to approve the November minutes.* Motion Carried.

Iowa Municipal Water Association Well Head Protection Plan

- Warren Bruns presented a ground water protection plan prepared with the assistance of the Iowa Municipal Water Association. The Council received copies of plan for review. The Council would need to pass a new ordinance to adopt the plan. The plan will be discussed at the next Council Meeting in January.

Central Disposal Systems/Winnebago County Sanitary Landfill Planning Area 2009 Comprehensive Plan

- Mayor Russell presented the Comprehensive Plan. The plan has no material changes from last year's plan.
- *Kilby motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the Central Disposal Systems/Winnebago County Sanitary Landfill Planning Area 2009 Comprehensive Plan.* Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- The Fire Department is continuing the transition to the new building.
- The owners of 115 West Main Street have been granted a continuance to complete building repairs until July 1st due to their efforts to date.
- Alliant replaced a street light across from the Lutheran Church.
- Mayor Russell updated the City's Emergency Operation Plan. Copies are available for review at City Hall and at the Library.
- The following projects were submitted as possibilities for the next WCDA grant:
 - Community Center / Library
 - Side Street Paving
 - Water Tower Painting
 - Dual Water Plant Pump Replacements
 - Two Manhole Replacements
 - Water Plant Generator
- The Council suggested that we focus on the last three items listed above. Quotes are being requested.

City Clerk's Report

- May presented the November financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date: (we are 42% of the way through the year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	51%	35%	42%	41%	40%
Expense	58%	11%	36%	13%	46%

- *Renchin motioned & Miller 2nd to approve the Nov. Expenditures.* Motion Carried.
- Budget discussions continued.

City Maintenance Report

- New computerized controls have been installed at the water plant at a cost of \$16,906.
- A new chlorine valve has been installed at the water plant.
- Craig is learning to use the snow plow. Please keep alleys, City right of ways, and streets free vehicles and obstructions to facilitate snow removal.

Committee Reports

- The Community Center Committee is investigating the possibility of utilizing the old Fire Station for the City Maintenance Shed, the current Library as City Hall, and the current City Maintenance Shed and City Hall as the new Library/Community Center.

Other Business

- The Fire Department presented their 2009 officers for approval. Fire Chief – Josh Miller, Assistant Chief – Mike Dahn, Secretary – Dan Lee, Treasurer – Dan Miller, Training/Safety Officers – John Jordan and Dwight Bruns.
- *Renchin motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the 2009 Fire Department Officers.* Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, January 20, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- Budget discussions will continue at the next meeting.

Adjourn – *Miller moved, Peters 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.

City Announcement:

Tis the season: please keep alleys, City right of ways, and streets free of vehicles and obstructions to facilitate snow removal. Thanks!

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of November 30, 2008

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-285.22
Bill Pmt -Check	Allied Insurance	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-54.49
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-245.33
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-334.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-32.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-34.20
Bill Pmt -Check	Plunkett's	-192.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-59.77
Bill Pmt -Check	R&S Osnes Paint	-86.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Sears	-145.78
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-37.83
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-130.51
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-1,745.67
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-30.45
Bill Pmt -Check	Haugen Lawn Service	-7,946.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Municipal Managemnet Corp.	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Finance Authority	-2,595.00
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	US Post Office	-108.00
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	Ralston, Melissa	-81.27
Check	Swanson, Rich	-265.18
Check	Hare Electric	-18,908.23
Check	Northern Tool	-50.13
Deposit		3,451.58
Deposit		6,929.67
Deposit		143.11
Deposit		7,232.03
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,385.69
Deposit		3,040.83
Deposit		22.16
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.87
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-987.42
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-765.07
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-905.33
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-531.32
Total General Fund Checking		-16,408.19
Total General Fund Accounts		-16,408.19
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		14.10
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		14.10
Water Fund Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.78
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.78
Total Water Fund Accounts		1.78
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.95
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.95
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		3.95
TOTAL		-16,388.36





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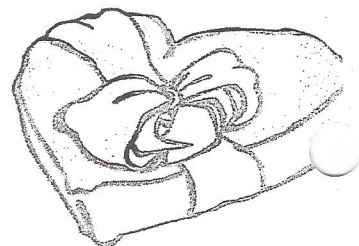
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Thursday 3 - 6 P.M.

Friday 9 - Noon & 2 - 6 P.M.

Saturday 9 - Noon



NEW BOOKS

Plum Spooky – Janet Evanovich
Pagan Stone – Nora Roberts
Dashing Through the Snow – Mary & Carol Higgins Clark
Crossroads – Belva Plain
Convict Trail – Ralph Compton
Cruel Intent – J.A. Jance
Scarpetta – Patricia Cornwell
Violence of the Mountain Man – William Johnstone
Summer by the Sea – Susan Wiggs
Captain America: The Chosen – David Morrell
Running Hot – Jayne Ann Krentz
Paper Roses – Amanda Cabot
This Side of Heaven – Karen Kingsbury
Fire & Ice – Julie Garwood
Large Print
The Centurions Wife – Janette Oke & T. Davis Bunn
A Killing Frost – Hannah Alexander
Diamond Duo – Marcia Gruver

AUDIOBOOKS

Plum Spooky – Janet Evanovich

DVDs

The Hulk – Edward Norton
Iron Man – Robert Downey Jr.
Snow Buddies – Disney
Little Mermaid – Ariel's Beginning (animate)
Forbidden Kingdom – Jackie Chan
Dark Knight – Christian Bale
Get Smart – Steve Carell
Hancock – Will Smith
Sex & the City – Sarah Jessica Parker

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year!! A good way to start the new year is to thank everyone for the support you gave us in the old. We would like to give special thanks to **Ray & Dolores Sandifer & Jane & Al Ramon** for all they do to help the library.

Our Christmas Open House was lots of fun with Santa & his Elf giving gifts & candy to all good girls & boys. He was able to do this with the help of these Santa Fund Sponsors: **Hare Electric & Larson Plumbing & Heating. Thank you!**

Tammy Waddington won the \$100 Walmart gift card on the Holiday Raffle. Thank you to these individuals & businesses for donating items for the raffle: Walmart, Humble Beginnings, Downtown Café, Subway, Clete & Carolyn Nedved, Tammy Waddington, Mason City YMCA, Pizza Hut, Salon Intrigue, Titonka Savings Bank, Manufacturers Bank & Trust, Dawn Millard, Barb Lovick., Josh West, & Kate Rogers. Thanks to you we raised \$726.



OUR FIRST MECHANICAL CORN PICKER

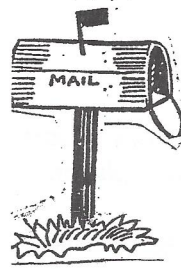
From George Kisner's Book "Childhood on the Farm"

The change from harvesting corn by hand to mechanical means was slower than the oat and wheat machines. The horse drawn machines had a huge bowl wheel that turned the machinery. Corn pickers were much more complex and more than one wheel rolling on the ground could handle. Therefore, it was not until tractors were developed with a power-takeoff shaft in the early 1930's that mechanical pickers made their appearance.

My father purchased his first corn picker in 1946. By that time he owned an Oliver-Hart Parr tractor with rubber tires. There were still no brakes on it but it was a big improvement from the old McCormick Deering.

The picker was a one-row John Deere. Horses were still part of the operation and were used to pull the loads of corn to the corner. The picker required 4 corn rows to operate on and had a spout conveyor coming off to one side. The wagons with long horse tongues were fastened to a sturdy steel frame attached to the picker. The tongue went through a slot and there was a chain to pull the wagon with and it could be adjusted to fill different parts of the wagon.

Going down a steep hill, it would roll ahead so fast it would almost throw the tractor sideways. Our dog, Skippy, always accompanied us when we worked. One day, while running alongside the tractor, he scared up a rabbit. He chased the rabbit as fast as his three legs could carry him. When the rabbit ran straight into the corn picker, Skippy foolishly followed. The rabbit was never seen or heard from again. After being buffed about by chains and rollers, Skippy was deposited on the wagonload of corn. We gave Skippy a hero's reward after listening to the story that evening from our father! A neighbor told one time that he had picked eleven loads in one day. This was about 450 bushels of corn and sounded almost miraculous!



Dear Ladies,

Please renew! Love your paper!

Cindy Peters

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription for another year. You have done a very good job of keeping everyone informed, and a big "Thank you" is due. Keep up your good work!

Lyle Knudson

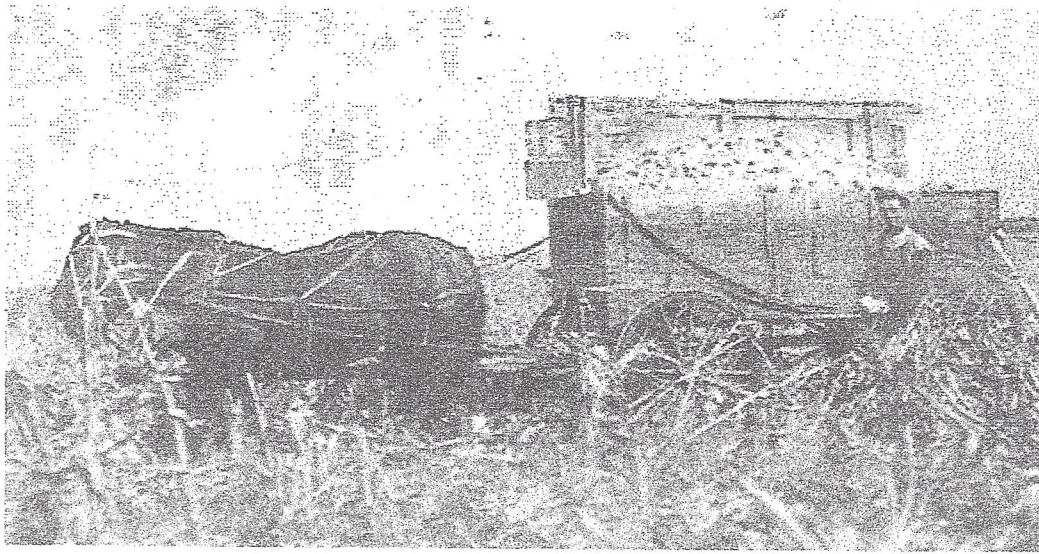
Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for the paper you send out each month. It is very informative and we enjoy it a lot.

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MORE NORVEEJUN HUMOR

A Swedish woman sent her husband downtown to buy a Lazy Boy rocker. He came back with a Norwegian guitar player.

Ole was spending some time in Dodge City during the frontier days. He stalked into a saloon yelling "All right, where is da galoot what painted my horse purple?"

"Right HERE!" answered a vicious looking cowpoke standing about seven feet tall. "What are you going to do about it?" "Nutting", answered Ole with a gulp. I jüst vantedf to let you know dat da first coat is dry."

LARS: Vaitress...bring me some vaterly scrambled eggs, den burn some toast, den bring me some veak coffee.
WAITRESS: Yes sir, right away.

LARS: Don't be too fast..and while you're at it...nag me a while...I'm homesick for my wife.

KNUTE: Caddy...how would you haff played dat last shot?

CADDY: Under an assumed name.

Ole and Lena took little Lars to church for the first time. After the services, they asked him how he liked it. "Vell," said little Lars, "Da music program was OK, but da commercial vas too long."

Bakkedahl was musing on the park bench. "Vunce I had everything...a nice apartment...the love of a tender young woman. And den my wife had to valk in and spoil it."

This Norwegian lived way, way out in the woods in Minnesota...seldom came into town. Finally when the snow went out, the Norwegian and his wife went to Duluth. They spent nearly two hours watching a microwave oven. Finally, the Norwegian got up in disgust. "Come on, Ma," he said. "If dis is vat television is like, day can have it."



At ceremonies commemorating the hundredth anniversary of Harry S. Truman's birth, the White House counsel during the Truman Administration was reminiscing. He recalled being at a White House banquet one night when one of the guests turned to the woman seated next to him.

"Did I get your name correctly?" he asked. "Is your name Post?"

"Yes, I'm Emily Post," the woman answered.

"The world-renowned authority on manners?" the man asked.

"Well, yes, I guess you could say so," Mrs. Post said.

"Why do you ask?"

"Because," the man answered, "you just ate my salad."

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember: Amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

The best things are nearest: Breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. —Robert Louis Stevenson

They're the perfect couple: He's a hypochondriac, and she's a pill.

I have a great diet. You're allowed to eat anything you want, but you must eat it in the company of naked fat people.

The second day of a diet is always easier than the first. By the second day, you're off it.

A mother watched as her daughter hopped off the school bus and scampered toward her house in a pouring rainstorm. As the little girl ran toward the house, a lightning bolt flashed and the little girl stopped, looked up toward the sky and smiled, then began running back toward the house.

Another lightning bolt flashed, and again the little girl stopped, looked toward the sky, and smiled before running once more toward the open door of her house.

When the little girl finally arrived in the house, her mother immediately asked about her strange behavior. "Why did you keep stopping and smiling at the sky?" she asked her daughter.

I had to, Mommy," the little girl explained. "God was taking my picture."

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who sent memorials, cards, brought over food, and stopped in to visit us at the time of Gary's death. You never know how much these kindnesses mean until you yourself have gone through it.

Ray and Dolores Sandifer

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met on November 11th at 7 p.m. at the home of Kristin Mikes. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered sharing the memories of the 1st president that everyone voted for. We signed Christmas cards, discussed new ideas for next year, voted in the 2009 officers and discussed new members. The thought for the day was shared by Pat Lohman. Everyone brought donations for the Forest City Food Bank. A delicious lunch was served by Pat Lohman and Kristin Mikes.

Kristin Mikes
2008 Secretary

The customer wanted to buy a chicken and the butcher had only one in stock. He weighed it and said, "A beauty. That will be \$1.25 lady."

"Oh, that's not quite large enough," said the customer. The butcher put the chicken back in the refrigerator, rolled it around on the ice several times, then back on the scales again.

"This one is \$1.85," he said, adding his thumb for good weight. "Oh, that's fine!" said the customer. "I'll take both of them."

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WITH SYMPATHY

MARIAN E. MIDTGAARD

1938 - 2008

Marian E. Midtgaard, 70, of Mason City, died at her home. Memorial services were held Dec. 19, 2008 at Fertile Lutheran Church with Lay Minister Dave Halverson officiating. Inurnment will be held at Brush Point Cemetery in rural Fertile at a later date.



Marian was born June 19, 1938 in Forest City, the daughter of Melvin and Martha Midtgaard. She attended school in Fertile and graduated from Waldorf College and received her bachelor's degree from Northern Colorado University in Greeley, CO.

She began her teaching career in Fenton, IA. She then taught in Lake Mills and Minneapolis, MN before coming to Mason City where she taught kindergarden at Harding Schools.

She enjoyed traveling and also had a love of music and books. Marian was an avid sports fan who loved cheering on her favorite teams. She was very active in Christian Women's Club in Mason City.

Marian was very social and loved the time she spent with her friends and family. She will always be remembered for her pleasant and cheerful personality and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her siblings, Arden Midgaard and wife, Fern, of Fertile, Ken Midtgaard and wife, Mary, of Mason City; and Maynard Midtgaard and wife, Madelyn of Northwood; nieces and nephews, Cindy Schubert and husband, Russ, of Britt, Arlyn Midtgaard and wife, Lila, of Fertile, Connie (Mark) Hallam of Mankato, MN, Vicky Vogl and husband, Larry, of Cedar Rapids, Debra Sjolinder and husband, John, of Mason City, Susan Pope of Mason City, Michael Midtgaard of Minnetonka, MN, John Midtgaard of Northwood, Tom Midtgaard and wife, Ann, of Fort Myers, FL, David Midtgaard of Fertile, Mary Bloomington and husband, Bob, of Northwood, Mark Midtgaard of Northwood; and many great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nephew, James Midtgaard.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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Dan Miller, Lay Minister

GARY R. SANDIFER

1956 - 2009

Gary Ray Sandifer, 52, died at his home in Thor, IA on January 4, 2009 of a heart attack. Funeral services were held at Calvary Baptist Church in Forest City January 17, 2008 with Pastors Doug Farrell and Steve Hill officiating. Burial was in Brush Point Cemetery, rural Fertile.



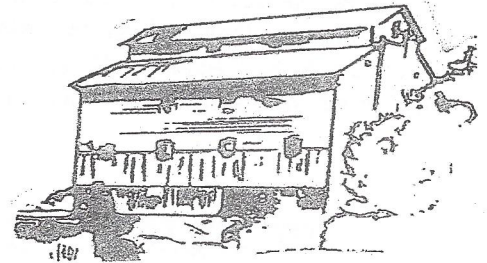
Gary was born in Jackson, Mississippi on March 10, 1956, the son of Ray and Dolores Sandifer. The family moved to Fertile in 1964. Gary received his education in Fertile schools and graduated from Forest City High School in 1974. He furthered his education at the Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College in Grand Rapids, MI. He then attended Hamilton Business College and received his degree in business.

Gary worked as office manager for ADF Manufacturing in Humboldt, IA. He enjoyed "hobby carpentry" and had been remodeling his home. He liked to read and treasured time spent with his family.

Gary is survived by his parents, Ray and Dolores Sandifer of Fertile, IA, a brother and his wife, Rick and Kathy Sandifer of Hopatcong, New Jersey and their children Kelly and Kristen. Also surviving are several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Gary was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents.

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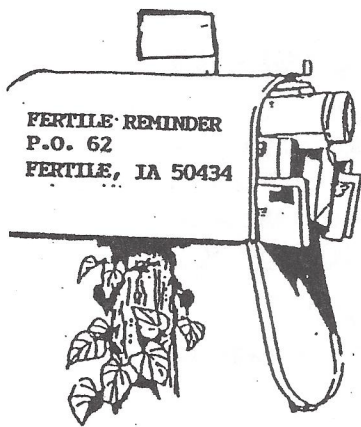
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