

# MARCH 2009

# FERTILE REMINDER



## COMING EVENTS

March 2	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
March 3	Senior Dinner	Noon
March 6	Library Soup & Sandwich Luncheon - Downtown Cafe	11 - 1
March 8	Daylight Saving Time begins	
March 12	Re-cycle Day	
March 16	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
March 17	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
March 20	<b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b>	
March 27	Re-cycle Day	



# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 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

- *Renchin motioned & Shropshire 2nd to approve the Jan. minutes.* Motion Carried.

### Tom Quinten

- Tom voiced concern about his recent meter readings. The City estimated one bill, since the actual reading showed negative usage. The estimate was less than his average usage. Tom brought in a current reading which showed an increase from last month's reading. Warren and Craig said they would go the next day and investigate.

### Worth County Sheriff's Department

- Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Fank announced that the department recently confiscated \$104,000 from a drug case. He also mentioned that they have a new canine unit provided by donations. He re-iterated the open door policy that the new Sheriff has and encourages input from citizens. He then opened the floor up for questions.
- One citizen asked about stop sign enforcement throughout the city. Sheriff Fank said they would patrol more often. He also stated that the department has a new speed trailer that records vehicle speeds and can alert a nearby officer of that speed. He said that the officer can write a ticket without alerting the driver.
- Another question was raised as to the number of available officers. He stated that there are 7 active reserve officers in the county, with 2 of them residing in Fertile.
- Another question was raised regarding the Federal Stimulus package. Sheriff Fank stated that the department was financially fine and that the department hopes the package will allow unemployed residents to return to work.

### Terry McCarthy – Yaggy Colby – Community Center/Library

- Eddie met with Yaggy Colby this morning to present the research and tentative plans drawn up by the Community Center Committee, approved by the Library Board Monday night's board meeting and by the City Council at December's council meeting. The tentative plans include a new building for the library and community center. In this plan, the current library would be renovated for use as a city hall and the previous fire station would be renovated for use as the city maintenance shed.
- Terry presented a proposal to offer Architectural services for the new Community Center/Library. The services would include a building program assessment (a study of what the city needs for space), a schematic site plan (overhead view), basic building floor plans, exterior 3D model and renderings (with the ability to rotate and "walk through" the design), and a construction cost

estimate. The services would be billed at an hourly rate not to exceed \$9,500.

- The architectural renderings need to be created before any fundraising and grant writing could commence. The Community Center Fund and the Library currently have the funding available, in non-tax money, to cover the costs for the architectural renderings.
- A question was raised regarding the financing of the project. If the city would need to receive loan monies or would need to raise taxes, the city would need to approve the actions. (Neither of these actions are being considered at this time.) The City plans to raise the necessary funds through capital campaigns and grant writing.
- A question was also raised as to the cost of maintaining the new building. This question cannot be specifically answered until the plans have been finalized. At that point, a thorough assessment can be made.
- *Renchin motioned & Miller 2nd to approve Yaggy-Colby's proposal for architectural services.* Role Call Vote – four yes, one abstain. Motion Carried.
- Once the plans have been finalized, they will be presented to the public for input. All comments are welcome.

### Penny Miller – Celebration Community Church

- Penny requested the ability to replace one week's worth of room rent with cleaning.
- *Peters motioned & Miller 2nd to approve the substitution of one week's worth of room rent with one cleaning of City Hall per month.* Motion Carried.

### Public Hearing: City Budget

- A public hearing was held to approve the City's 2009-2010 budget. The budget was published in the Northwood Anchor and is available online at: [www.fertileiowa.us](http://www.fertileiowa.us)
- No comments were presented
- *Renchin motioned & Shropshire 2nd to approve the 2009-2010 City Budget.* Role Call Vote – unanimous. Motion Carried

### Public Hearing: Water Supply Wellhead Protection Regulation Ordinance

- A public hearing was held to approve the Ordinance. The ordinance outlines regulations regarding the protection of the City's wellhead, and drinking water source, from contamination.
- *Berg motioned to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hearings.* Motion Failed.
- *Renchin motioned & Miller 2nd to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hearings.* Motion Carried.
- *Peters motioned & Miller 2nd to approve the ordinance.* Roll Call Vote – Unanimous. Motion Carried.

### Alliant Energy – Street Light Resolution

- The fire department requested that two new street lights be installed, one on the East side and one on the West side of their new building at 101 State Street.
- *Shropshire motioned & Renchin 2nd to approve the addition of two new street lights.* Roll Call Vote – Unanimous. Motion Carried



## Mayor's Report

- Mayor Russell and Craig helped Hare Electric take down the Christmas decorations on Main Street.
- The WCDA will present their spring grant awards on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The city applied for \$63,280 to replace two pumps at the well house, replace two manholes, and to equip the well house with a natural gas powered generator. The city was awarded a total of \$167,661.86 during 2008 from the WCDA!
- The Fire Department officially moved to their new building on February 8<sup>th</sup>. An open-house will be held once the weather warms up.
- Four properties have been turned over to the attorney for non-compliance with city ordinances. The attorney has given the residents till June 1<sup>st</sup> to begin remediation.
- The City has renewed their water supply permit.
- A rabid opossum was disposed of in City limits. Please report any animal that appears to be acting odd to the Worth County Sherriff's Department. (800-458-1234)

## City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the January 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 58% of the way through the year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	59%	49%	61%	57%	56%
Expense	75%	26%	50%	17%	53%

- *Renchin motioned & Shropshire 2nd to approve the Jan. Expenses.* Motion Carried.
- Liens were placed on 4 residents for non-payment of utility bills. Addresses are as follows: 302 West Main, 210 East Washington, 108 West Washington and 501 West Washington. 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.* Roll Call Vote – Unanimous. Motion Carried

## City Maintenance Report

- Craig replaced defective locks at the lagoon building.
- The County put up "bump" signs surrounding the culvert on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Please remember that the speed limit is only 25 in that area. The road is scheduled to be blacktopped this summer.
- As spring approaches, please help keep your culverts and ditches free of obstacles.

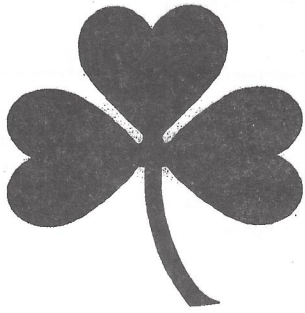
## Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in special session, March 3, 2009, at Fertile City Hall to discuss the Community Center/Library architectural renderings
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, March 17, 2009, at Fertile City Hall. The architectural renderings will be approved at this meeting.

**Adjourn - Renchin moved, Berg 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn.** Meeting adjourned.

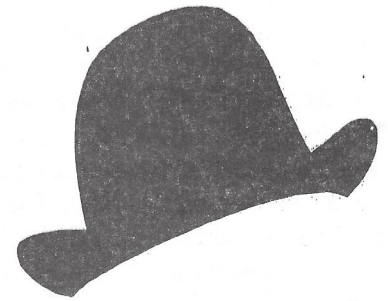
## City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of January 31, 2009

Type	Name	Paid Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>General Fund Checking</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-905.26
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-735.28
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-6,641.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-33.97
Bill Pmt -Check	Forest City Ford	-695.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hygienic Laboratory	-45.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IMFOA	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Department of Transportation	-92.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-9.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-19.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	-361.65
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-139.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-152.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-26.22
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-131.35
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-272.91
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-58.48
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-39.19
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-180.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	-40.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-86.60
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-13.38
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-4,339.50
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	USPS	-150.00
Check	Legler, Mark	-166.87
Deposit		69.61
Deposit		2,901.85
Deposit		5,064.50
Deposit		7,603.87
Deposit		97.47
Deposit		246.85
Deposit		2,157.51
Deposit		221.76
Deposit		18.92
Total General Fund Checking		<u>-4,209.28</u>
Total General Fund Accounts		<u>-4,209.28</u>
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		
Deposit		10.78
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		<u>10.78</u>
<b>Water Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		1.84
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>1.84</u>
Total Water Fund Accounts		<u>1.84</u>
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		4.09
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>4.09</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		<u>4.09</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><u>-4,192.57</u></u>



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### NEW BOOKS

Matt Jensen: Last Mountain Man – William W. Johnstone  
 Leaving Whiskey Bend – Dorothy Garlock  
 True Colors – Kristin Hannah  
 Divine Justice – David Baldacci  
 Simply Magic – Mary Balogh  
 Blood Sins – Kaye Hooper  
 Bad Penny – Sharon Sala  
 Fireside – Susan Wiggs  
 Second Opinion – Michael Palmer  
 Lords of Desire – Virginia Henley  
 Run for Your Life – James Patterson  
 L.A. Outlaws – T. Jefferson Parker  
 Blue Heaven – C. J. Box  
 Rawhide Flat – Ralph Compton  
 Simply Irresistible – Rachel Gibson

### Large Print

Sweet Caroline – Rachel Hauk  
 Looking for a Miracle – Wanda E. Bruntstetter

### AUDIOBOOKS

Cruel Intent – J.A. Jance  
 Dreams of Eagles – William W. Johnstone  
 Eyes of Eagles – “  
 Talons of Eagles – “

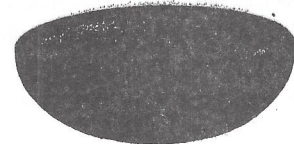
### DVDs

Foolproof – Kirk Cameron  
 Tropic Thunder – Ben Stiller  
 Tomb of the Dragon Emperor – Brendan Frasier  
 Step Brothers – Will Ferrell  
 Mamma Mia! – Meryl Streep  
 21 – Kevin Spacey  
 Journey to the Center of the Earth – Brendan Frasier  
 Wanted – Angelina Jolie  
 What Happens in Vegas – Ashton Kutcher  
 Beer for my Horses – Toby Keith  
 Wall-E – Disney  
 Horton Hears a Who – animated  
 The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything – Vegetales  
 Kit Kittredge: An American Girl – Abigail Breslin

### FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S ANNUAL SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON

March 7, 2009  
 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
 @ Downtown Cafe

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 & Cheesy Potato Bacon  
 Soups  
 Roast Beef Sandwiches  
 Dessert & Drink



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## MILK COWS

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

My father usually had about 5 or 6 milk cows on the farm. This gave us milk for the family to drink, calves to raise for sale, meat for the family, and cream to sell at the Fertile Creamery. The cows were milked by hand twice daily. It was the children's job to drive the cows up from the pasture each night and morning. Then they would be let into the cow-barn and fastened in their station.

Every cow knew her own place and would butt angrily any cow that took her spot. After the cows were in their places, my father would take a milk pail and stool and sit down on the right side of the cow to milk.

I always was anxious to help and when I was about 5 my father would let me milk one cow that was known as an "easy milker." When I had done my best, he would always check to see that there was no milk left in the bag.

We always had 4 or 5 cats sitting around and had a milk pan to give them milk from the bucket. Sometimes they grew impatient and my father would squirt milk directly into their mouths.


After milking, some milk was saved for family and the rest was separated and the cream sold. Milking cows was a very tiresome chore. It restricted the family to the farm since it always had to be done twice a day. Sometimes you had a "kicker cow" and she would usually upset the bucket if not the milker. Sometimes we put a small rope loosely around her flanks and that always stopped her from kicking.



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- March 3 Grafton Community Center Nail Clinic - 9 a.m.  
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- March 9 Maple Court Nail Clinic - 1:00 p.m. in the  
commons area. Please call to schedule your appointment.

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## MORE NORWEIGAN HUMOR

A Swede in Minnesota decided to have himself cloned, and the result was a perfect likeness of himself in every detail except one. And that was the Clone had a filthy mouth...making obscene remarks wherever he went, much to the extreme embarrassment of the Swede. Finally, it had such a damaging effect on the Swede's life with the rotten-talking Clone ruining his reputation that the Swede invited the Clone to go on an outing to the countryside.

The Swede enticed the Clone to view the magnificent scenery from the edge of a cliff, or bluff as they are called in Minnesota. As the Clone leaned forward to glimpse the panorama below, the Swede quickly bumped him from behind and the Clone fell over the 120 foot precipice to the rocks below. When the Swede surmised that death had occurred, he got in his car and went back to town. Several days went by and he figured that when the body was found, it would be presumed an accident with no blame toward him. But one day two policemen walked in and arrested the Swede.

Why?

For making an obscene Clone fall.

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Ole was out of work and in looking for a job, applied at the Dingaling Brothers Circus. The circus manager looked Ole over from head to toe, and then disclosed that they might be able to use Ole in the Human Cannonball act. "I think you'd work out fine, Ole," said the manager. "We could use a man of your caliber."

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Here are three wise Old Norwegian sayings:

1. Never eat at a place called "Mom's"
2. Never play cards with a guy named "Doc".
3. Never buy fresh fish from a truck with Oklahoma license plates.

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The Norwegian government recently purchased 1,000 used septic tanks; and as soon as they learn how to drive them, they plan to invade Sweden.

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The judge had just awarded a divorce to Lena who had charged non-support. "I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support." "Vell, dat's fine, judge," said Ole. "And vunce in a while I'll try to chip in a few bucks myself."

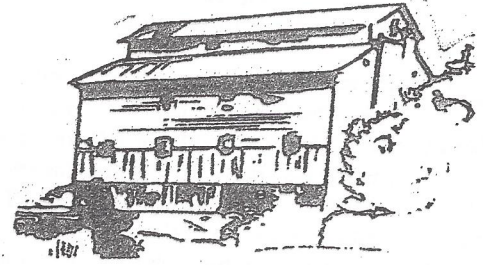
INGRID: Voud you like to see da ring dat Lars gave me?

HELGA: It looks like a nice ring. And it must be a comfort to know dat he isn't a spend-thrift.

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OLE: Call da manager . . . I can't eat dis food.  
WAITRESS: It's no use. . . he won't eat it either.

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(Call for information on meeting place)  
Daniel Miller, Lay Minister



**DENNIS LEE BONWELL**  
**1952 - 2009**

Dennis Lee Bonwell, 56, of 407 W Main, died Feb. 11, 2009 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient unit in Mason City.



Funeral services were held Feb. 16th at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel in Clear with Pastor Linda Johnson officiating. Burial was in Riverton Cemetery in Charles City.

Dennis Lee Bonwell was born Dec. 13, 1952 in Charles City, the son of Donald and Dorothy (Usher) Bonwell. He graduated in 1971 from Charles City High School. While in school, he excelled in football, wrestling, track and baseball.

Dennis was united in marriage to Cherri Bunn on Sept. 3, 1971. To this union two children were born, Camrean and Jodi. As a young man Denny worked at John Deere and White Farm. He began his career with Fareway in 1980 at the Charles City store, retiring in 2002 as the meat market manager of the Clear Lake store.

After retiring, Denny was always looking for new business adventures which included opening Lake Liquors in Clear Lake in 1999. He managed the VFW in Clear Lake and later opened the Sundown Bar and Grill in Hanlontown in 2004.

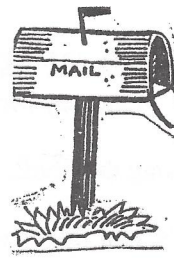
Denny loved traveling, golfing, coon hunting and fishing with his brothers and was an avid sports enthusiast who was always rooting for the "wining team"! His greatest love was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Denny greatly enjoyed being social with his friends at the VFW and Rookies in Clear Lake.

Denny was very active in the North Iowa Shrine Masonic Lodge, Mason City, where he reached worshipful master in 1998; he was a member of the Scottish Rite and the Royal Order of the Jesters. One of Denny's greatest accomplishments was sponsoring a young boy into the Shriners Hospital.

Denny is survived by his wife, Cherri Bonwell, of Fertile; Children, Camrean Bonwell and fiancée, Loretta Oelkers, of Mason City, Jodi (Mark) Bergan of League City, TX; grandchildren Hailey Bonwell and Jack and Theodore Bergan; three brothers, four sisters, three sisters-in-law, along with several nieces and nephews.

Denny is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Dorothy Bonwell; a sister, Cheri Cleveland; a brother, Jim Bonwell; nieces, Shelly and Rhonda; and one nephew, Danny.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



Dear Ladies,

I sure enjoy the Reminder. Thanks so much.

Nelda Halverson

Dear Reminder Ladies,

Keep the Reminder coming our way. It is great to hear the news from the old home town. Some is very sad to hear or read, but it does keep us informed about our friends and neighbors of the past.

Donna ( Hansen) Fuller

**THANK YOU!**

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## THE LEGEND OF HUNGRY HOLLOW

as written by Mrs. George Hall

Hungry Hollow is a deep ravine running along the South side of the Winnebago River with a high bluff on the South side of it. It is a refuge for wild game and animals, and full of wild flowers. It was a favorite hunting ground as well as a battle field for the Winnebago Indians for many years .

It derived its name from a man and his family nearly losing their lives there. A man and his family moved into this ravine along Lime Creek and lived in a dougout. They lived there thru the summer but when winter came, they found they had neither clothing, food or fuel to last thru the terrible winter they would have to face.

This man started out to find help for his family in the middle of a snow storm. His clothes were not warm enough for such cold weather, but he walked on in the storm in the direction of the nearest home. He fell unconscious before he found this house, but the Lang family saw him and carried him into their home. When he became conscious, he asked them to save his family. They brought them to the Lang's home by sleds and kept this family until spring. They then returned to the East.

To this day, this ravine is called "Hungry Hollow".

## FERTILE BUSINESSMEN AS OF MARCH 7, 1900

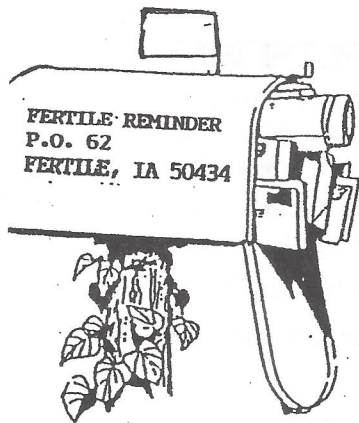
as written by Mrs. George Hall

G. J. Bolton	Dry goods and groceries
Thompson Brothers	Dry goods and groceries
O. K. Gesme	Dry goods and groceries
A. A. Elthon	Dry goods and groceries
A. A. Grove	From rubber boots to babies hoods.
Dr. Nelson	Druggist
Phillips & Co.	Druggist
E. White & Ainsworth	Furniture
J. F. Rhodes	Bank
Wm Rhodes & Son	Fertile Roller Mills
B. J. Booth	Hotel
Have Goodell	Meat Market
Cartwright	Photography
Dr. Jones	Druggist
George Barker	Restaurant
J. A. Johnson	Creamery
Roe Van Note	Blacksmith
Joe Dostal	Harness Shop
W. E. Scott	Barber Shop
Louis Stokke	Shoemaker Shop
George Humphrey	Carpenter
Anderson Brothers	Livery Barn
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