

# MARCH 2010

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

- |         |   |              |
|---------|---|--------------|
| Mar. 1  | Fire Department Meeting                                       | 7 p.m.       |
|         | Fertile Days Committee Meeting                                | 7 p.m.       |
| Mar. 2  | Senior Dinner   | Noon         |
|         | Fertile Girls Night Out                                       | 5:30         |
| Mar. 6  | Soup & Sandwich Lunch at the<br>Downtown Cafe for the Library | 11:00 - 1:00 |
| Mar. 11 | Re-cycle Day  |              |
| Mar. 15 | Library Board Meeting   | 7 p.m.       |
| Mar. 16 | Senior Dinner   | Noon         |
| Mar. 16 | City Council Meeting  | 7 p.m.       |
| Mar. 16 | <b>DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES</b>                         |              |
| Mar. 25 | Re-cycle Day  |              |

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2010 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

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

### Minutes Approval

- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the January minutes. Motion Carried.

### Fertile Days Committee

- There were nine people in attendance at the last Fertile Days meeting. A big thank you to everyone who is getting involved, we appreciate your participation.
- The committee presented a tentative schedule of events for the Council to preview.
- The committee wanted to know what their budget was for the event. Currently, the City has approved \$300 from the general fund budget. There has also been a donation of \$200. These are the only numbers which can be counted on at this point. 100% of any donations received for Fertile Days will go to the festivities.
- More details, including the tentative schedule will be posted online soon!

### Mayor's Report

- The Worth County Development Authority (WCDA), the non-profit extension of Diamond Joe Casino, had donated office furniture for the City Clerk's office. Stop by and check out the new space. ☺
- The City has applied for a grant from the WCDA in the amount of \$86,818.90 to finish blacktopping the last block of West Washington and all remaining North/South roads within City limits. The requested amount would cover the entire project. Main Street and Hill Street would be the only roads left to pave. These are town-to-market roads and are covered by our 28E agreement with the County.
- The DNR inspected our sewer system and found two infractions. One was a leaking valve which has since been temporarily fixed and will be permanently fixed this summer. The second deals with infiltration issues relating to higher levels of water flowing into the sewer system than we are pumping through the water tower. Houses will be inspected, per DNR requirements, for any suspected ground water being pumped into the sewer system via sump pumps.
- The 2010 Census will be taken soon. Please complete the survey as quickly and accurately as possible. The amount of Federal, State and Local money that the City receives each month will be adjusted according to the current population mix. If our numbers drop, we will lose funding (which could mean higher taxes and/or water bills). These numbers also help determine how much funding the school system receives, which determines how many teachers can be hired. Watch for more information coming in the mail soon.
- Mayor Russell was concerned with the amount of information that is being accumulated on the City's computers and the possibility of losing that information due to natural disasters and software or hardware malfunctions. *Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve online backups through Advantage Business Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$2.95 per month.* Motion Carried.
- Aukes submitted a quote for mosquito spraying. The rate increased from \$410 to \$450 per application. The Council approved a budget line to allow for three sprayings next fiscal year. Three are also approved for this fiscal year.
- FEMA announced a new flood mapping project which will begin in June, 2010 and will be completed by July 2011. The project will convert all of their paper records into new GEO Spatial digital records giving up-to-date and more accurate measurements.
- Warren is currently in classes near Des Moines to update his water/sewer certifications.
- Stacy Sellers has reserved the park on June 12th for her wedding. Congratulations Stacy!
- A list of homes that are currently for sale or for rent has been compiled at City Hall. Stop in if you, or someone you know, may be interested.

### 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 (58% of year).

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	57%	61%	58%	59%	60%
Expense	54%	95%	61%	54%	63%

(The Roads Fund is currently over budget due to the City's portion of the new road surfacing done in July, 2009.)

- The City currently has a \$41,043 Net Loss for the fiscal year. This deficit is the result of the road surfacing done in July, 2009 and the \$30,000 purchase of Hall's Apartments as part of the Community Center Project. The \$30,000 will be reimbursed to the City from the WCDA grant awarded last fall before the end of the fiscal year. The deficit caused by the roads project will be taken out of savings for that particular project.

- Eddie presented the following utility bills for lien approval: 403 1<sup>st</sup> St N \$337.70, 406 W Washington \$252.56, 210 W Main St \$314.66, 405 W Main St \$333.50. *Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the preceding liens/small claims.* Motion Carried.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the January Expenses. Motion Carried.
- The budget was finalized and is summarized below. The budget will be published in the Northwood Anchor. The full budget is viewable at City Hall and will be on the website within the next few weeks.

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Gross Income	\$84,919	\$30,550	\$26,050	\$73,400	\$54,460
Expense	\$84,917	\$30,530	\$26,049	\$73,397	\$54,455
Net Income	\$ 2	\$ 20	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 5

- Jeff motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the 2010-2011 budget. Motion Carried.

### Committee Reports

- The next Fertile Days Committee meeting will be held March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The property next to the library has been purchased and inspected for hazardous materials. Vermiculite and Asbestos have been found and will be removed soon. The City will host a silent auction for anyone who would be interested in any portion of the building (doors, heaters, windows, etc). All funding from the auction will go towards the new Community Center. After that, the building will be scheduled to be demolished.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at Fertile City Hall. *The regular session will be held on this alternative night due to schedule conflicts.*

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

## City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of January 31, 2010

Type	Name	Memo	Paid
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>General Fund Checking</b>			
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-1,151.04
Bill Pmt -Check	CarQuest	Snow Plow Parts	-88.81
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IMFOA	Annual Dues: April 1, 2010 - April 1, 2011	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	Utility Line Location	-10.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotiv	Battery Charger	-238.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	Gasoline	-116.99
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	Garbage & Recycling	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-17.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-81.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Ir	4" waterline into new Fire Dept	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Commercial Maintenance Ch	Degreaser	-253.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	Yard Light-water / Surge breaker-water / 4-way flas	-1,112.67
Bill Pmt -Check	Verizon Wireless	telephone	-44.12
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Engineer	Sand/Diesel fuel	-604.60
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly pmt	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly pmt	-4,620.25
Check	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan	-2,455.15
Check	Blicher, Douglas	Utility Deposit	-150.00
Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	Warren's Classes	-200.00
Deposit		Deposit	8,329.54
Deposit		PayPal Transfer	293.02
Deposit		Deposit	5,438.14
Deposit		Deposit	475.43
Deposit		Deposit	2,254.26
Deposit		Deposit	1,297.60
Deposit		Deposit	1,330.82
Deposit		Interest	31.43
Liability Check	IPERS	Payroll Liability	-367.49
Liability Check	IRS	Payroll Liability	-1,068.38
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren		-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-2,257.99
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.		-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-706.01
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-452.13
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-780.16
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-934.00
Sales Tax Paym Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance			-9,277.08
Total General Fund Checking			-9,277.08
<b>Total General Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>			
Deposit		Interest	9.86
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings			9.86
<b>Water Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>			
Deposit		Interest	3.69
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking			3.69
<b>Total Water Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>			
Deposit		Interest	8.21
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking			8.21
<b>Total Sewage Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-9,266.32</b>



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Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon

### NEW BOOKS

Winter Garden – Kristin Hannah

Midnight Sons Vol. 3 – Debbie Macomber

Trial by Fire – J.A. Jance

Worst Case – James Patterson

Cinderella Deal – Jennifer Cruisic

Flirt – Laurell K. Hamilton

Stryker's Revenge – Ralph Compton

Viking in Love – Sandra Hill

Sons of Thunder – Susan May Warren

Last Surgeon – Michael Palmer

The Warrior – Sharon Sala

Driftless – David Rhodes

Hot Rocks – Nora Roberts

Angel's Peak – Robyn Carr

Saving CeeCee Honeycutt – Beth Hoffman

Shattered – Joan Johnston

Lovely Bones – Alice Sebold

### LARGE PRINT

Fools' Rush In – Janet Thompson

Beloved Castaway – Kathleen Y'Barbo

### DVD's

Hurt Locker – Jeremy Renner

Max Payne – Mark Wahlberg

Children of the Corn – Preston Bailey

Paranormal Activity - Katie Featherston

Inglorious Basterds – Brad Pitt

The Proposal – Sandra Bullock

This Is It – Michael Jackson

The X-Files: I Want to Believe – David Duchovny

District 9 – Sharlto Copley

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual!

## Soup & Sandwich Lunch

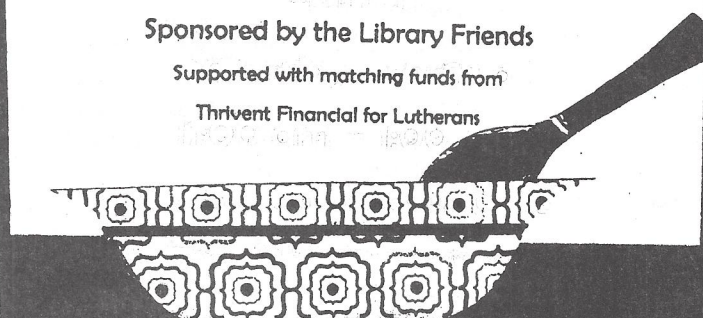
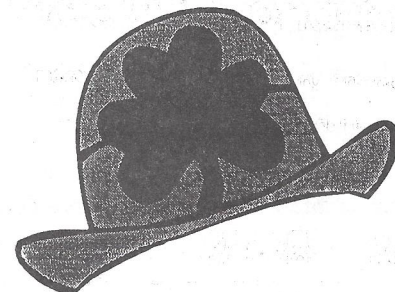
Saturday, March 6  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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## GENEVIEVE M. BRAY

1913 - 2010

Genevieve M. Bray, 96, of Osage died Thursday at Faith Lutheran Home in Osage. Funeral services were held Feb. 8 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Osage. Inurnment will be at Brush Point Cemetery at rural Fertile at a later date.



Genevieve was born March 9, 1913 near Fertile, the daughter of Roy and Mae (Humphrey) Larson. She graduated from Fertile High School in 1930.

On Feb. 22, 1931, Genevieve married Alvin Bray at her parents' home in Fertile. They farmed near Hanlontown for 30 years and then moved to the Osage area. Alvin "Doc" died August 2, 1981.

Genevieve moved in to Osage in October of 1981. She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the Esther Circle. She was also a member of Osage Senior Citizens.

Genevieve is survived by two daughters, Myrna (Melvin) Davis of Mason City and Marilyn (Mickey) Halverson of Geneseo, Ill; one son, Dennis (Susan) Bray, of Austin, MN; nine grandchildren and 24 great-grand children; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvin; and two sisters, Eunice Petersburg and Wilma Larson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

### WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Feb. 26, 2010 Manly Nail Clinic at the Whistle Stop: 9:00 am. Please call above number for appointment.

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### THANK YOU!

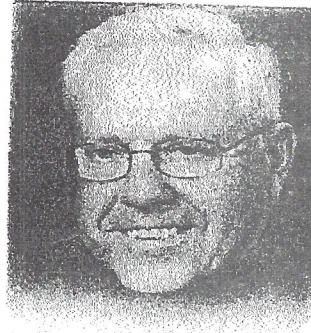
I would like to take this opportunity to give a Big Thanks to everyone who helped Mom (Mary Kreis), either with snow removal, transportation, delivering food/mail and anything else she might have needed help with. Also, to everyone who helped with the funeral service and luncheon. All your kind thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated. We couldn't have done this without you!

Thanks again.

Holly Lovik and the rest of the family.

## RONALD RAY LEE

1940 - 2010



Ronald Ray Lee was born October 12, 1940 to Bert & Arlene Lee in Madrid, IA. He attended country school at Lincoln #3 until the second grade and then attended and graduated from Fertile High School in 1960. Ron married Linda Lou Rode of Titonka and

together they raised three children: Lisa, Denise & Jeffrey.

Ron farmed the Rode family farm for many years, working side by side with Linda's father, William Rode. He also worked at Winnebago Industries in the Maintenance Department until 1996 when he retired due to his wife's illness. He loved being able to help people and was always quick with a joke and a good laugh. Ron was an accomplished fisherman who learned this lifelong passion from his father, Bert, who was his favorite fishing partner. Ron passed on his love of nature to his family and enjoyed many special camping trips with them to Minnesota and Canada. He was always on the go, whether it be gardening, fishing or hunting and was always willing to share a story or two about his day. Ron passed away on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Center in Forest City, Iowa after a struggle with cancer. He was 69.

Ron is survived by his three children: Lisa (David) Meyer of Urbandale, IA, Denise (Eric) Rossmiller of Forest City and Jeffrey (Shannon) Lee of Eagan, Minnesota. Five grandchildren: Allison and Mitch Meyer, William and Matthew Rossmiller and Brendan Lee. Four sisters: Janice (Dwayne) Asche of Clear Lake; Donna (Dennis) Olson of Joice; Gail (Larry) Shropshire of Fertile; Darwin (Marti) Lee of Joice and Dennis (Mary) Lee of Zumbrota, MN and many nieces and nephews.

Ron is preceded in death by his wife, Linda, his parents, Bert & Arlene Lee and an infant brother Raymond Lee.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

### DOWNTOWN CAFE

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY - 5:30 - 2:00

SATURDAY - 5:30 - 1:30

TUES. TACO NITE - 5:00 - 8:00

FRIDAY NIGHT - FISH & RIBS 5:00-8:00

### MORE NORVEEGUN HUMOR

A Norwegian who had a very heavy accent was trying to learn to talk like other Americans where he was living in Minnesota. Seems that everywhere he went, people spotted him as a Norwegian because of his accent. So, the Norwegian spent \$500 on diction lessons, hoping to sound like an average American.

After his final lesson, the Norwegian decided to try out his new diction by going shopping. He went into a store and approached a clerk. "I would like to buy . . . a pound of butter . . . a dozen eggs, two pounds of hamburger, and a ring of baloney." said the Norwegian.

"You're a Norwegian, aren't you?" asked the clerk. "Yes, I am," answered the surprised Norwegian. "How could you tell?"

"Because, you're in a Hardware store," responded the clerk.

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Did you hear about the Norwegian who was so simple that:

He thought Ernest Tubb was a sincere place to bathe.

He thought Johnny Cash was money for a pay toilet.

He thought Slim Whitman was a thin box of chocolates.

He called his girl friend "Hershey" because she was half nuts.

He thought Gerald Ford was a car agency.

He thought Taco Bell was a Mexican Telephone company

He thought "globlets" were small sailors.

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TEACHER: Swen, what does RFD stand for?

SWEDISH KID: Rankilin Felano Doosevelt.

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Ole and Lars were crazy about baseball. They even speculated on the possibility of baseball being played in heaven. So they made an agreement. . . whoever went first would find a way to tell the other back on earth whether or not baseball was played in heaven. Lars was the first to go, and one day as Ole was walking down the street, he felt a slight tap on his shoulder.

"Is dat you, Lars?" asked Ole.


"Yah, it's me, Ole. I've got some good news and some bad news."

"Vell," said Ole, "let's have da good news first."

"Da good news, Ole," said Lars, "is dat YES, dere is baseball in heaven."

"OK" responded Ole. "Now what is da bad news?"

Answered Lars, "You're scheduled to pitch next Tuesday."



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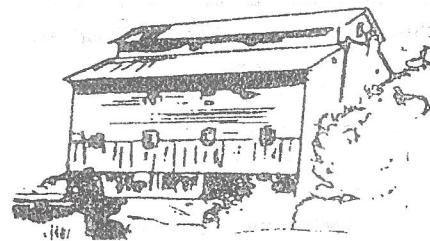
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# THE STORY OF LUCY

By George Kisner

I first met Lucy after spending the winter in Arizona. My wife, Harriet and I own a tiny Mobile Home Park in Wellman, IA. On returning home after a pleasant winter in Phoenix, our park manager, Al, informed us we had a new tenant named Jim. He said Jim is strong as a bull, works very hard and always pays his bills! Now I knew Al to be eternally optimistic and as I have often said, "He will give away the shirt off my back", so I took this news with a few misgivings. After meeting Jim and talking to him, he seemed like a pleasant fellow with no obvious faults. His one distinction was that he was always accompanied by a small red miniature Dachshund named Lucy. Lucy was the friendliest dog I had ever met and would greet any friend or complete stranger with a furiously wagging tail and friendly barks. Jim and Lucy lived in an older mobile home in our park, drove an older non-distinctive car and seemed pretty much our average tenant. We have a picnic shelter in our park and it is a gathering place for us and our tenants in the evenings. We regard our tenants as our group of friends and Jim and Lucy seemed very much compatible. A typical evening is for a half dozen people and as many dogs to spend an hour or two relaxing with the hill and the crop field as a pleasant scenic background.

This continued for several months with Jim paying his rent on time and seemingly getting along. Harriet and I had our old dog, Muffin, who always accompanied us down to the park, and she always fit in very well with the other dogs. Muffin was a small brown and white Shitzu who had lived with Harriet and I for almost 15 years.

Our first sign of trouble with Jim was when he lost his job! He worked in a local cheese factory and said frequently that the work was too hard and he could not do it any more. Finally he started missing work and that ended that job. Then came a series of short-term employment with the Good Samaritan Al loaning him money for gas and giving him odd jobs around the park. He even drove Jim to county social services where Jim got his rent paid for a couple of months. At this point, Harriet and I found out about Jim's drinking problem. He had been an alcoholic for years, alienating his family, destroying his marriage, losing his home in Iowa City and doing everything in his power to become a derelict. His Mother paid cash for the mobile home he was living in, but would not give him money to live on. Then Al helped him get a job at the local Casino as a dishwasher. He was very excited before his starting day and we all gave him encouragement and advice at our pavillion get-togethers.

The great day arrived and Jim was sent off to work in his old car with our hopes and prayers. He made it through two weeks and we eagerly listened to reports of each day with Lucy on his lap, savoring every bit of attention they received. Then one day we received the bad news! Jim had gone to pick up his first pay check and had been arrested for public in-tox and Lucy had been impounded. No one knew what to do but in a couple of days Jim and Lucy were back home with one huge distinction. Where before, Jim and Lucy always came out to join our fellowship and conversation, now they just stayed in their house. The only time we saw them was when Jim made his daily trip to the liquor store to buy a 30-pack. He never let poor Lucy out to potty or visit other dogs or people. No one knew how to help poor Jim and Lucy. I called his sister Sue, who had lived next door to Harriet and I at one time, but she said the family had helped Jim too much in the past and were done with him!

In the meantime our little dog, Muffin, had gone steadily downhill. She had spells where she vaguely remembered where she was or what she should do. It seemed like Alzheimer's had set in. Then on a trip to Fertile, IA to a school reunion of mine, she just lost control. She tried to tell us she had to go out but just could not make it anymore. I told Harriet the time had come and she reluctantly agreed. She wanted to know what we would do with her body and I said we would bury her out at the abandoned country school where all five of us Kisner children had attended. You can imagine the difficult time it was for Harriet and I to leave poor Muffin behind after all the wonderful times we had had with her and Angel!

We went back to our lives in Wellman with heavy hearts and everyone asking "Where's Muffin?" At that time Jim had gone downhill to the place where he was incoherent and seemed totally incapable of even caring for himself and Lucy. Then one night he was making a beer run in his old car and got busted by a sheriff's deputy. Fortunately, another one of our tenants witnessed and asked the deputy if they could take Lucy so she would not be impounded, and to drive Jim's car home. The deputy agreed and our friends at the park immediately called Harriet and I to come and give Lucy a home.

Lucy was so traumatized when she came to live with us that we did not know if she could accept rehabilitation. Her toilet training had been destroyed, she had not been fed properly for months, and she was infested with fleas. Wherever I went she would follow about one foot behind me and kept constant eye on me to make sure I did not desert her. We had no record of her shots, so took her to the veterinary for shots and a bath. Normally we leave the dog for an hour or two and pick her up, but Lucy cried so hard when I tried to leave that I stayed the whole time and held her and was in the room with her. Then we bought a new collar and leash before going home. You can imagine the attention and praise she got from Harriet when she came proudly walking in. Angel was not really sure that she wanted another dog in the house and she and Lucy were walking very gingerly around each other before becoming friends. Now Lucy was eating and drinking normally, but we still had to solve the problem of toilet training. I would get up frequently at night and put her outside, and while she did not mind going out, each morning there would be a neat little pile for us to clean up. This continued for about ten days and then all of a sudden she got the idea and has been perfect since. She still has the bad habit of going through the waste basket looking for food if we forget to put it up at night.

(The story of Lucy - continued)

The news from Jim was that he was still in jail and no-one was bailing him out. His house was sitting empty, although I had picked up his electric service so the refrigerator would not be ruined. Al suggested I buy the house from Jim since he had a clear title to it. After several phone calls we agreed on a price and Al and I went down to the jail. We could not see Jim face to face but with a jailor as a go-between, I paid Jim in 100 dollar bills and got the signed title from him. Also, I had him sign a paper giving him a few days to get his belongings out of the house. I went to the court house, paid the back taxes, transferred the title and the house was mine! Now came the hard part of the deal. Jim was a pack-rat who carried everything imaginable home! There was junk filling every room with Lucy's deposits everywhere on the carpet. We got a huge dumpster and what was unuseable we just tossed! After putting in all new carpet, a new roof and deck and hours and hours of cleaning, it was saleable.

JIM RETURNS

After most of this had transpired, the news came that Jim had bailed himself out and was coming back! Al wanted to kill him since he had done so much to help Jim and everyone wondered how we would handle the ownership of Lucy. The time had elapsed for Jim to claim his belongings, But Al had saved his clothing and papers and some usable items. Then one afternoon Harried called me into the living room with Lucy sitting on Jim's lap frontally licking his face! We discussed things for a bit and then of course Jim asked if he could take Lucy back. "Al and I will help you haul your belongings and move your car, but we want you out of here and not see you again". He agreed to this reluctantly and we helped him as best we could, *and Harriet and Lucy and Angel are living happily every after!*

Thank you, George, for the articles you share with us!

JIM RETURNS

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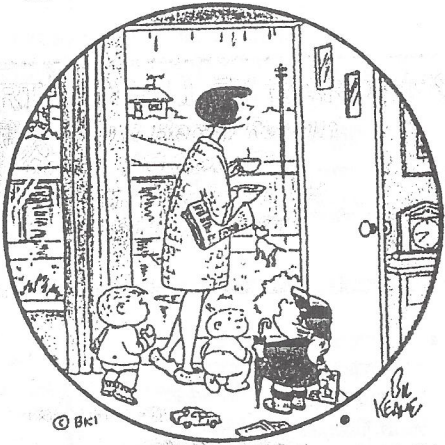



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