

# MAY 2010

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

Apr 30 & May 1	Garage Sale at 306 N. 1st St.	9 a.m - 4 p.m.
May 3	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
May 4	Senior Dinner	Noon
	Fertile Girls Night Out	5:30 p.m .
May 6	Re-cycle Day	
May 10	Fertile Days Committee Mtg	7:00 pm.
May 15	Open House Baby Shower for Laura Chase at Downtown Cafe	3 p.m.
May 17	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
May 18	Senior Dinner	Noon
May 20	Re-cycle Day	

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2010 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. Absent were City Clerk Eddie May, and Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.

### Minutes Approval

- One edit on March minutes - Under City Clerk Report it says that Tad 2<sup>nd</sup> approval of expenses but he was not at the meeting. Revise to say Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Penny motioned, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the March minutes. Motion Carried.

### Waste Management Contract

- Waste Management representatives presented a letter to the council asking for a rate increase and a new contract for five years with guaranteed cost of living increases of 3% per year plus built in fuel surcharges if fuel exceeds \$3 per gallon.
- Comparisons of other cities indicate there may be better deals available.
- WM stated that they could provide options, but it is up to the city to decide what they want to provide to the residents as far as the size of each dumpster and frequency of pick up.
- The city is required, by contract with the landfill, to dump at Lake Mills.
- The current contract with WM ends in June.
- WM will attend the May meeting with options for the city to consider.
- Jeff motioned, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to table the topic until the May meeting. Motion Carried.

### Little League

- David Bang asked the city if the little league could install dugouts and some concrete to the East ball diamond to accommodate extra teams.
- League has enough money and volunteers that it will not cost city any money.
- Roughly 132 kids will be participating this year.
- Cindy motioned, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow improvements. Motion Carried.
- The City also needs to complete the improvements to the existing fence and poles, per insurance requirements.

### Mayor's Report

- The city park flooded March 13<sup>th</sup>, due to rapid snow melt. The flood lasted through the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. No damage was done, but a lot of extra clean up is necessary. No FEMA claims were submitted.
- The city insurance through ICAP was paid in March. Total was \$10,837.61 for the year. As we have been with them long enough to be vested, we get a discount of about \$900.
- A dog at large problem was reported at 504 West Washington. Apparently the resident has now moved out and taken the dog with.
- Joyce has been trained by the National Weather Service to be a storm spotter.
- The lagoon gates were damaged, apparently from a tractor driving into them. Repairs pending, but second gate is secure.
- Seven street lights have quit working. Alliant has been notified and fixed two of them so far. The rest will be fixed soon at no cost to the city.
- There will be sheriff sales on two properties June 8<sup>th</sup>. The owners owe the city for utilities, so liens will be put against the properties prior to the sale. The properties are located at 105 N Hill Street and 504 West Washington.
- New trees will be planted by the ball fields on Earth Day April 22, at 2:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Media will be present.
- WCDA awards were granted March 15<sup>th</sup>. Fertile received a total of \$86,818.90 for completing blacktop work on the city streets. The WCDA is the non-profit arm of the Diamond Joe Casino.

### City Clerk's Report

- Eddie was absent but presented a version of the March financials with footnotes.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (75% of year).

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	64%	79%	74%	74%	76%
Expense	70%	108%	78%	70%	85%

(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 \$54,618.40 Net Loss for the fiscal year. This deficit is the result of the road surfacing done in July, 2009, the \$30,000 purchase of Hall's Apartments and \$3,500 cost to remove asbestos, as part of the Community Center Project. The \$33,500 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.

- There was a question relating to a \$1297.60 check written to the Library. This amount was automatically deposited into the City's account last month and recorded as income for the City. The amount, however, was supposed to be deposited in the Library's account. The check this month offsets the incorrect deposit from last month.
- Tad motioned, Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the March Expenses. Motion Carried.
- Pat motioned, Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> to apply a lien to 105 N Hill Street for utilities in the amount of \$276.60. Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- Penny motioned, Tad 2<sup>nd</sup> to apply a lien to 501 West Washington for utilities in the amount of \$276.60. Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- Penny motioned, Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> to apply a lien to 504 West Washington for utilities in the amount of \$212.88. Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- Jeff motioned, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to take legal action against the resident at 308 West Main for utilities in the amount of \$223.33. Roll Call Vote was Unanimous. Motion Carried.

### Maintenance Report

- Craig has been fixing pot holes on the main roads. He will begin fixing pot holes in the alley ways this week.
- Lagoon will need to have a tree removed from the berm on the west side and will need to control smaller willows coming up there that are holding water.

### Committee Reports

- Fertile Days:** The WCDA will decide on donations for city celebrations in early May. With Money from the former FB&I committee, and current donations, we have around \$800 for this year's celebration. Our next meeting is planned for May 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Garden Club:** The Garden Club purchased flowers, pots and supplies to start placing decorative items throughout the city.

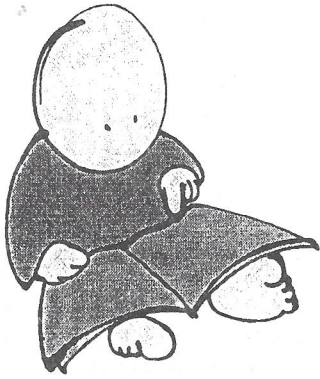
### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 6:00PM, Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, to tour the water and sewer facilities. The public is welcome to take the tour as well.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Tad Motioned, Penny 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile  
Expenditures and Revenues  
As of March 31, 2010

Type	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>			
Bill Pmt - Check	Alliant Energy	Electrical Service	-1,210.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Bergo Environmental Services	Asbestos Removal - Community Center	-3,500.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Service	-619.32
Bill Pmt - Check	CarQuest	Snow Plow Maint	-44.19
Bill Pmt - Check	Frank's Repair	Pick-up Truck Servicing	-79.54
Bill Pmt - Check	Hare Electric	Pull Sewer Pump, Remove Underwear	-435.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	Association dues	-359.34
Bill Pmt - Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	Tools, Torch & Gas	-139.90
Bill Pmt - Check	LGI	Water & Sewer Testing	-93.00
Bill Pmt - Check	NIACOG	Housing Grant administration	-300.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc	Publish Budget	-105.92
Bill Pmt - Check	Pronto	Fuel	-138.02
Bill Pmt - Check	Verizon Wireless	Craig's Cell phone	-49.97
Bill Pmt - Check	Waste Management	Garbage & Recycling	-1,792.90
Bill Pmt - Check	WCTA	phone/Internet	-134.56
Bill Pmt - Check	Worth County - Engineer	Diesel Fuel	-35.65
Bill Pmt - Check	ICAP	Insurance - hasn't been distributed	-10,837.61
Bill Pmt - Check	Alliant Energy	Electrical Service	-1,245.12
Bill Pmt - Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	Late Charges	-33.05
Bill Pmt - Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc	Annual Subscription	-36.00
Bill Pmt - Check	Staples	Letter Trays	-10.99
Bill Pmt - Check	USA Blue Book	Testing Supplies	-89.05
Check	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan	-2,455.15
Check	US Post Office	postage	-84.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	OAVL Instructur (sent to us by mistake)	-1,297.60
Check	USPS	stamps	-52.80
Deposit		Deposit	3,314.18
Deposit		Deposit	68.65
Deposit		Deposit	5,663.68
Deposit		Deposit	328.33
Deposit		Deposit	3,605.61
Deposit		Deposit	183.82
Deposit		Deposit	5,441.25
Deposit	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Deposit	1,476.25
Deposit		Deposit	2,264.27
Deposit		Deposit	2,384.01
Deposit		Deposit	1,565.14
Deposit		Interest	14.69
Liability Check	IPERS	Payroll Liabilities	-764.19
Liability Check	IPERS	Payroll Liabilities	-421.22
Liability Check	IRS	Payroll Liabilities	-2,318.04
Paycheck	Bruno, Warren		-308.17
Paycheck	May III, Edger F		-476.69
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-636.37
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-585.23
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-540.00
<b>Total General Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>			
Deposit		Interest	9.88
<b>Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>			
<b>Water Fund Accounts</b>			
Deposit		Interest	1.83
<b>Total Water Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>			
Deposit		Interest	4.06
<b>Total Sewage Fund Accounts</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			
			<b>-4,911.33</b>



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 Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon



### FICTION

While My Sister Sleeps – Barbara Delinsky  
 Lonestar Homecoming – Colleen Coble  
 Sixteen Brides – Stephanie Grace Whitson  
 Shattered – Karen Robards  
 Carnal Innocence – Nora Roberts  
 Moonshine Massacre – William W. Johnstone  
 Kindred in Death – J.D. Robb  
 When Love Comes – Leigh Greenwood  
 Social Climber of Davenport Heights – Pamela Morsi  
 The Anonymous Bride – Vickie McDonough  
 Hero at Large – Janet Evanovich  
 Dead & Gone – Charlaine Harris  
 The Scorpion Trail – Larry Sweazy  
 The Girl Who Chased the Moon – Sarah Addison Allen  
 Shameless – Karen Robards  
 The Shadow of Your Smile – Mary Higgins Clark  
 The Reader – Bernhard Schlink

### LARGE PRINT

Rachel's Garden – Marta Perry  
 A Cousin's Challenge – Wanda E. Brunstetter

### DVD's

Sherlock Holmes – Robert Downey Jr.  
 Alvin & the Chipmunks - The Squeakquel  
 The Blind Side – Sandra Bullock  
 The Boy in the Striped Pajamas – Rupert Friend  
 New Moon – Robert Pattison

### BOOKS ON CD

Deadly Deals – Fern Michaels  
 The Shadow of Your Smile – Mary Higgins Clark

### LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Spring!! It's time again for the Annual Book & Bake Sale on May 1. If anyone would like to donate books, movies or baked goods please contact the library. This will be our last fundraiser until next Christmas. All money raised goes to children's & young adult programming & the book budget. This year the Fertile Library Friends gave the library \$3000 to purchase books & DVD's. That is over half of what we had budgeted. Our lists of new materials in the Reminder would be a lot smaller without your help & commitment. Thank you!

### BOOK SALE / BAKE SALE

### DVD'S / PIES & MORE

Fertile Public Library  
 Saturday May 1, 2010

#### Books

(Non-Fiction, Fiction, Large Print, Westerns,  
 Romance, Mystery, Childrens & More

#### DVD's

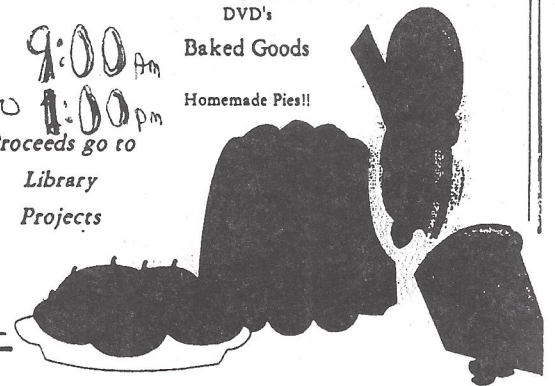
Baked Goods

Homemade Pies!!

9:00 am  
 to 1:00 pm  
 Proceeds go to

Library

Projects



## MEET ME AT BASHA'S

By George Kisner  
Continued from last month

In our previous chapter, Muffy, Angel, Harriet and George had left Iowa to vacation in the south west. Our story ended with George buying a mobile home and lot for their son and getting settled in their own mobile home.

### JUST A FEW STEPS FROM PARADISE

Our lot in Lake Pleasant Estates on the corner of 107th and Union Hills Drive is one mile from CIRCEL K and 1/2 mile from Basha's. It is also a short distance from a RV and Park Model park name Paradise. On my morning walks, I found that even though they had a guard at the gate, you could walk in with no challenge. They had a coffee club in a large hall where every morning 20 to 40 people would gather for coffee and conversation. My first time in joining in I pretended that I lived there, but the guard at the gate told me they really did not care and actually welcomed my 25 cent contribution to the coffee kitty. After that for several weeks I was a regular and also used their exercise room since no one seemed to mind. My friend Gus, whom I met on my walk daily, always inquired how it felt to have one foot in Paradise. This made me feel a bit guilty so I went into their office and asked if I could pay a fee to use their exercise room. I got a very emphatic NO and that is how I became a regular at Fitness 1. We still go to Paradise for their monthly craft show and occasionally I drop in for morning coffee. Many, many people from Iowa and Minnesota live there in winter and Canadians, Alaskans and every other state. One couple even knew my cousin Juane from Nora Springs, IA.

Fitness 1 is a very large fitness center with every piece of equipment ever made. There is a very reasonable fee of \$19 per month and they are constantly running specials for even less. I became totally addicted to morning workouts. Harriet does not get up until 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. so I usually rise at 5:30 a.m. and have my workout done by the time she is ready for breakfast. The ages of regulars of Fitness 1 range from 18 to 80. Their occupations are schoolteachers, bankers, small contractors and of course many retired people. Everyone has a story to tell and I am delighted to listen. If you ask what to get your wife for a valentine, you get a multitude of suggestions. Dinner and a movie, full body massages, flowers and jewelry. Our Honda salesman instantly asked whether it was my wife or girl friend that I was shopping for. When I mentioned to him that I had not been to a movie theatre in almost 40 years he made this comment. "You know they have talkies now and even color". I figure since no one is buying cars, he and his fellow salesmen and illegal. Then I point out that the best part of Phoenix was built with Mexican labor. There are beautiful block walls everywhere along with immaculate yards with shrubs and flowers. It is a great pleasure just to drive around sightseeing. Sheriff Joe recently rounded up 60 of them as a publicity stunt and some of them even did the landscaping on the county jail! Almost everyone out here loves Joe and his racial profiling but I tell them they simply cannot afford him. He has hundreds of lawsuits filed against him and of course Maricopa County has to pay his bills. Some of the jobless contractors almost threaten physical violence when I express my opinions. When I tell them I would rather jerk every tooth in my mouth out with a pair of rusty pliers instead of going to an American dentist, they suggest I move to Mexico and stay there. I say I do not wish to live there, I just want my teeth fixed in a reasonable time at a reasonable price. These guys have barrel size arm muscles. They regularly run up and down stairs with a 50-pound weight on either arm. They routinely lift weights for many repetitions, which I cannot even get off the floor. I soon settle into a routine of two hours exercise, then coffee and a newspaper on the way home and then breakfast and lunch later on with Harriet.

### MEETINGS AT BASHA'S.

In the afternoons I would walk the 1 1/2 miles to Basha's for casual conversation. There are easy chairs and three tables with 4 chairs each set up by the coffee counter and then several tables and chairs set up on an outdoor patio. The same people would usually wander in every afternoon for coffee and conversation. One of my favorite people was Larry, a retired tour bus driver. He had suffered a stroke but was very fluent. He loves jokes and starts laughing so hard before finishing, he cannot complete them. Surprising enough almost everyone in the group had suffered a stroke. Then there is Don who has a definite speech impediment. There are so many words that he finds it impossible to say that it is almost like charades for us to try to get the right words for him. He carries a card explaining his handicap but his courage is amazing and he constantly is teasing everyone. He says his wife calls him Maytag since he is always agitating! Again he cannot get the word "agitator" out, so it is ag-ag-ag -ag until someone comes to his rescue. He will never attempt "Swarzenegger" or "Psychotic" but must search for ways to get around them. His courage is that he joins in almost daily. I always tell him I would be hiding in my basement with a handicap like his, but he just grins and brings forth another witticism".

### BETTY

Betty is a retired schoolteacher from Oscaloosa, IA and by far the most respectable one of our group with the exception of my wife Harriet. She is always impeccably dressed in slacks and pretty tops. She and Judge John are constantly bickering, as when he finds something to annoy her, he never quits. She is a very strong Democrat so he constantly uses the "N" word to infuriate her. She says if she could get her hands around his neck that would be his demise. She is a widow with a house in Sun City, but still has strong Iowa ties even though she and her deceased husband have lived here for many years.

### JUDGE JOHN

Judge John is a retired judge with a physical handicap that makes him use one of Basha's electric carts almost exclusively. He is not a good driver and crashes into chairs daily when he joins our group. One day he hit a lady from Canada in the heel and I thought there might be a lawsuit. When he found the carts squeak or beep in reverse, he constantly moves back and forth to annoy Betty. He weighs 317 pounds and his hands shake and some days he does not look good at all. He is from Chicago and has very strong opinions about politics and everything else. Betty has grilled him repeatedly as to what kind of judge he was but always gets a different answer. One of his best stories is driving along a street in Chicago. There was a group of Afro-Americans standing on a corner with a rain puddle in front of them so he ran through it and drenched the whole group. Then his car drowned out and he was at their mercy!

## DARREL:

Darrell is the one member of our motley crew who is still working. He has a daily doughnut route that takes about 3 - 4 hours per day. He is from Knoxville, IA, growing up on a farm there. He is younger and better preserved though he, too, has had many health problems in the past. He has been married three times which fascinates everyone. He had a career as an executive in a bank and has had many other jobs in management. Our bunch never lacks for conversation when he is present and has some excellent ideas on solving our economic problems in the United States.

THIS DID NOT TAKE PACE AT Basha's but is maybe of interest. One morning I needed my billfold to pay my monthly dues at the fitness center so brought my billfold up to the desk. After paying the bill they offered to keep my billfold so I would not have to go all the way back to the locker room. Then they asked where I kept my car keys and I said, "in the car ignition, where else?" They were horrified and said, "You cannot do that, your car will be stolen!" Of course I told them that in Iowa we not only leave the keys in the car but also rarely lock the house when we leave. Of course their comment was "This is not Iowa." That triggered a group argument, with me promoting the idea that everyone should be considered trustworthy. Finally I felt I was losing the scrap so I said, "Well if Jesus was driving, he would leave the keys in his car!" This was kicked around for a time with no clear advantage. Finally an elderly Afro-American sitting there said in a dignified voice, "Jesus would be walking."

## HANK AND RENEE

Hank and Renee were frequent afternoon visitors at Basha's. They were from the midwest and had lived in Paradise for 22 years. Renee is very outgoing and knows practically everyone in Paradise. Even though Democrats are far in the minority in Arizona, Hank is not a bit afraid to express himself. They have a fine grapefruit tree on their lot and it bore profusely. Though they had little use for the surplus, Hank still put a sign saying "No Republicans need ask for grapefruit!"

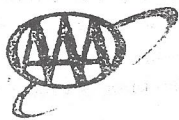
## ROSIE AND BILLY

Rosie and Billy are really not part of Basha's but worthy of honorable mention. We met them at the Salvation Army breakfast which we attend Mondays and Thursdays. Rosie has a three acre horse ranch about 2 miles from our mobile home park. She cares for Billy, who is totally blind, 27 horses and 5 dogs. She also gives riding lessons and owns a racehorse. She told us when the horse named Continental was running at the local racetrack, so of course Harriet and I made it a point to attend and cheer him on. We have never attended a horse race before so it was extremely interesting if not profitable. We put two dollars on him to win but unfortunately he finished fifth. Rosie said it was the jockey's fault, he should have increased his speed earlier. She says he is sure to do better when she runs him again in March. Rosie's horses are extremely well fed and cared for. She has several thousand bales of hay sitting there, which she saves for all year. She has owned her ranch since 1971 so she certainly knows what she is doing.

## THE UPS GUY

The UPS guy is a fitness 1 person and not Basha's. He is about 35 and does a very physical workout. He is totally dressed in brown, even down to his socks. He says his fellow UPS guys have girl friends scattered all along their routes. Apparently that works fine until they dump them and they invariably call UPS headquarters and report their ex-boyfriends sexual misconduct. He says he never goes down that road because his Sicilian wife would kill him.

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May 6, 2010

Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office – the first Thursday of the month in Northwood from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time. Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to insure your child's home is not poisoning your family. No appointment necessary.

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Hi Ladies! Thanks for such a great job. This means a lot to the City of Fertile to have this paper. Thank you!

Joyce Russell  
Mayor

Dear Reminder Staff,

Thank you again for a job well done. As the years go by we know fewer names but it does not diminish our interest.

Amos & Irene Miller

Ladies,

Please keep the Reminder coming to South Dakota.  
Thanks!

Arlyn Abrams

Dear Ladies,

Great job! Thanks for all your hard work  
Earl & Donna Miller

**WITH SYMPATHY  
LAVONE PETERSBURG  
1926 - 2010**

LaVone Petersburg, 84, of rural Hanlontown passed from this earth into eternity with her Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 14, 2010. Memorial services were held at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church with Rev. Robert Snitzer officiating, with a private burial at Brush Point Cemetery near Fertile.



Eva Lavone Petersburg, the daughter of Arthur and Clarinda (Halverson) Brenden, was born Feb. 1, 1926 at Fertile.

On Feb. 17, 1946, she was married to James (Bud) Petersburg. Together they have lived on their family farm north of Fertile for almost 63 years. In addition to helping with farm life and raising four children, LaVone was a licensed practical nurse, working in Forest City and Mason City. After her husband retired, she and James were involved in the fine arts community with woodworking and participated in fine arts shows throughout the upper Midwest.

She was an active member of Pilot Knob Lutheran Church.

LaVone is survived by her husband, James; four children, Stephen (Donna) Petersburg of Rangely, CO; Tom (Joanne) Petersburg of Bay Village, OH; Mark (Nancy) Petersburg of Falls Church, VA and Mary (Mervin) Anderson of Joice; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Francis Benson of Joice.

She was preceded in death by her parents; great-granddaughter, Marta Anderson; and great-grandson, Soren Petersburg. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

We NEED PARADE ENTRIES!  
Please contact James Lovik or the Andersons at 797.2615 to let us know if you want to be in the parade or if you know of any group that might be interested in joining our parade..

We are also thinking of doing an "American Idol" kind of competition. If you think that would be fun to either watch or better yet participate....let Jane know at the cafe....and we will look into possibly offering prizes for the winners.

We are still planning a baseball tournament (for boys entering the 8th grade) in June as a fundraiser..More info on that will be coming in the next letter.

Our next meeting will be on MAY 10th (Monday) at 7:00...Hope to see you!

Cindy Peters (797.2944) or (590.0131) or [cpeters@hollandhousemoving.cc](mailto:cpeters@hollandhousemoving.cc)

Fertile Days Committee

**Dave Haugen, Owner**



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## MORE NORVEEJUN HUMOR

Ole walked into a neighborhood bar and proclaimed in a voice everyone could hear: "Ven Ole drinks, EVERYBODY drinks!" Whereupon everyone in the crowded bar rushed up to order themselves a drink. As Ole finished his drink and wiped off his mouth and chin, he announced as he walked to the door: "And when Ole pays, EVERYBODY pays!"

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Ole had a mishap while working on a roofing job. He slid off the roof. . . and came down with the shingles.

"Fortunately," said Ole, "I was wearing my light Fall suit."

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OLE: Why do you suppose Norwegians don't wear tennis shoes?  
SWEDE: I think it's because seed corn companies don't give them away.

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Ole caught a ride from Fargo to Chicago. The truck driver let him off on North Michigan Avenue. Ole was trying to catch a cab to take him downtown. A cab came along and Ole hollered, "DO YOU GO TO DA LOOP?" "No," replied the cab driver. "I go BEEP BEEP."

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Ole was having a few drinks at his favorite bar when a temperance preacher stopped to lecture him a bit. Said the preacher, "Liquor kills slowly."

"Dat's OK," said Ole. "I'm in no hurry."

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During a recent stock market dip, a banker lost everything. So, when Ole came around to collect a bill for some plumbing he had done, the banker explained his predicament. "I have no money to pay you, Ole, but perhaps you will accept a Rembrandt in place of money?" "Vell," said Ole, "If it's got four good tires, you got a DEAL"

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### 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

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Fertile Garden Club met March 9th at the home of Penny Miller with a potluck dinner furnished by the members. President Jenn Miller opened our meeting with the pledge of allegiance and roll call was "Introduce yourself and tell a little bit about yourself." Dues were collected and our new books were handed out for the year. President Jenn read the the constitution of the club for our new members. We discussed our plan for Main Street, the Fertile sign and the bridge. Next meeting we will decide when to start our project. We would like to thank the city council for putting us in the budget for this next fiscal year. We are excited about the remodeling and hope all will enjoy. Thought for the day was given by Tiffany Groves.  
Reporter Penny Miller

April Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Ginny Lovik. President Jenn Miller led us in the pledge of allegiance and roll call was "What are your green thumb ideas?" Amanda Waddington gave an interesting lesson on how to care for your lawns. Our tour this year will be to the Botanical Gardens in Des Moines. Weeding and water rotation lists were handed out for the year. We will begin work on Main Street in May. Anyone who would like to help, please let us know. There was discussion on Fertile Days and what our plan for the parade is. Betty Waddington gave our thought for the day. We sang Happy Birthday to Ruth Topps.

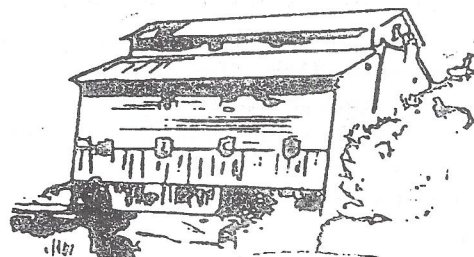
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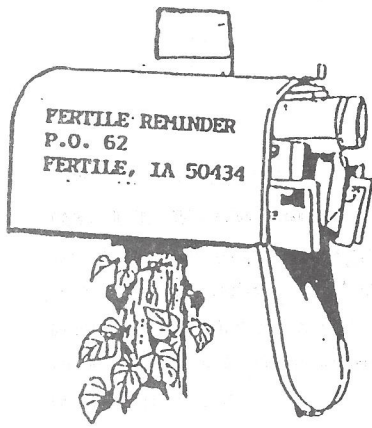
Thank you to my family and friends for the cards and warm wishes that I received for my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was very special to hear from "old friends".

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