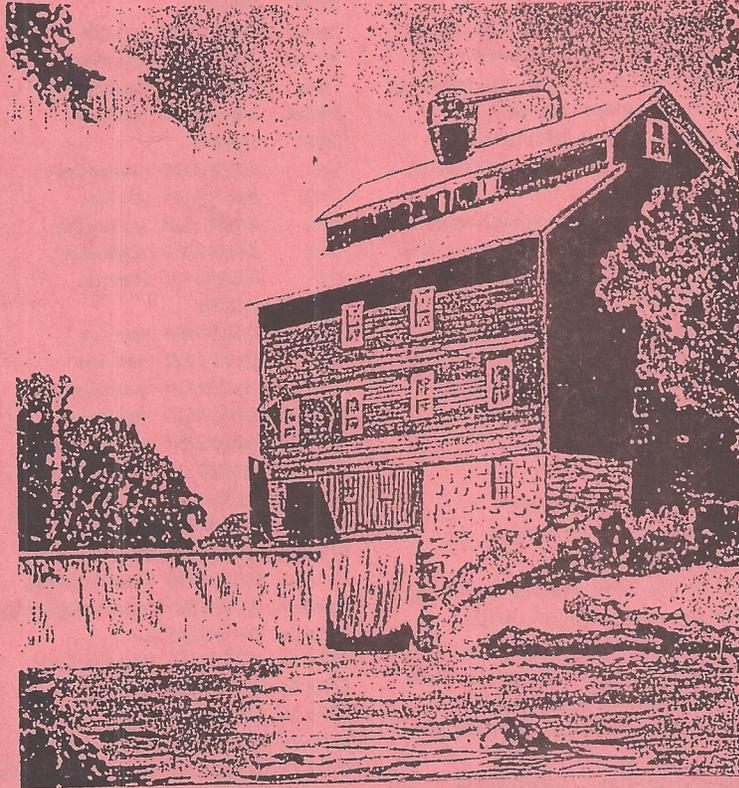


OCTOBER 2010

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| Oct. 3 | Fire Department Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Senior Dinner
Fertile Girls Night Out | Noon
5:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | Recycle Day | |
| Oct. 12 | Garden Club | |
| Oct. 14 | Flu Clinic at Church of Christ | 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 18 | Library Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 19 | Senior Dinner
City Council Meeting
DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES | Noon
7 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | Recycle Day | |

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 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; Maintenance Manager Craig Koch and City Clerk Eddie May.

Minutes Approval

- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the August minutes. Motion Carried.

Tim Tuttle – Hunting the Lagoon

- Mr. Tuttle requested permission for him, and his sons, to be able to hunt and trap at the lagoon this fall.
- Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a special permit for hunting and trapping at the lagoon for Tim Tuttle and his sons. Motion Carried.

Community Center / City Hall / Library

- The City has submitted a grant request to the Worth County Development Authority for the purchase of the former Cherry Tree Builders building on Highway 9. The City has a tentative purchase agreement to buy the building for \$125,000, contingent upon grant approval. The grant request is for \$90,000. The City would also borrow \$35,000 on a short-term loan to be paid for with the regular monthly WCDA allocation. No taxes or personal donations would be required to purchase the building.
- If the grant is approved, the City will then begin a capital campaign to raise the funds necessary to adapt the building for use as a community center and city hall. The City would apply for a WCDA grant in the spring to cover any costs not already raised during the capital campaign.
- During this time, the City will also research the exact costs, pros, and cons for building the new library either at the new location, or on Main Street at their current location. All of the facts will be presented to the residents of the City and an informal poll will be taken before the first grant will be written for the library.

Mayor's Report

- The City received \$2,735.64 to cover 7 liens against 3 properties.
- ICAP Insurance does not have grants available for security cameras, the City will continue to look for grants for a surveillance system.
- On 8/26 a man was found lying on Park Street. He was confused and trying to stay warm. Worth County Sherriff's Dept. transported him to safety.
- Last month, the City sent letters to Dan Lee and Dustin Heit regarding commercial signs on residential property. Dustin removed his sign. Dan was expected at the Council meeting but could not make it. Home based businesses need to apply for a special permit before erecting a commercial sign on their property.
- The Restricted Residence ordinance was passed on May 7, 2002 and is available for review at the Library, City Hall and online.
- The DOT also mandates that all signage, other than DOT approved street signs be moved out of the right-away.
- The City will be seeking bids for a maintenance contract for the mower.
- According to State Law 321.247, operators of golf carts must have a valid driver's license and must obey all traffic laws. The cart must have a slow moving vehicle sign as well as a bicycle flag. The number of people on the cart is determined by the number of seats the cart has. Each passenger must be seated at all times, within the confines of the cart, and cannot be in the basket or club area. For more information, Google Iowa Code 321.247.
- Vandals tore down and broke several of the new flag poles that the Garden Club put up on Main Street. They have also broken lights on the footbridge.
- If anyone is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program, please call City Hall and leave your name and phone number on the machine.
- Halloween will be observed on Saturday October 30th from 5-8 pm.

Maintenance Report

- Craig has found 2 serious water leaks between the shut off valve and meter at 2 properties. They are in the process of fixing the leaks.
- Lagoon floats are getting tangled up, requiring regular maintenance. The Fire Department will help Craig clear up the mess and get the floats working again.
- Craig, and the Fire Department, will be blowing out culverts and tile this fall.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the August financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well

as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (17% of year).

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total
Income	7%	15%	14%	14%	14%	15%
Expense	19%	3%	18%	18%	15%	19%
Net Income	\$-10,666.40	\$3765.44	\$-2046.28	\$-2852.69	\$-177.82	\$-11,977.75

- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the August Expenses. Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, October 19th, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

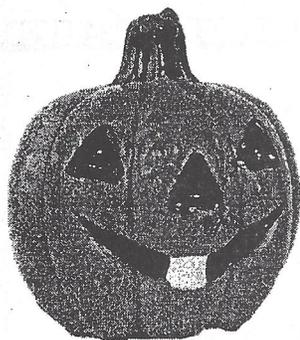
Adjourn - Pat Motioned, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile

Account QuickReport

As of August 31, 2010

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Paid
Checking					
Check	08/01/2010	Auto	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan	-2,455.15
Deposit	08/03/2010			Local Option Sales Tax	1,866.53
Deposit	08/03/2010			Casino	2,393.02
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5309	Koch, Craig A.	paycheck	-701.15
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5308	Bruns, Warren	paycheck	-308.17
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5310	May III, Edgar F.	paycheck	-488.52
Paycheck	08/04/2010	5311	Russell, Joyce	paycheck	-597.54
Deposit	08/04/2010			Deposit	7,064.06
Check	08/05/2010	5313	Downtown Cafe V	Community Meal - Fertile Days	-2,000.00
Check	08/05/2010	5314	Joley Bruns	Gold "Winner" Medals - Fertile Days	-24.07
Check	08/05/2010	5315	Jean Mane Dahn	Teen Games - Fertile Days	-76.12
Check	08/06/2010	5312	US Post Office	Postage	-112.00
Check	08/07/2010	5316	Skretta, Etc.	Fertile Days Band	-400.00
Deposit	08/09/2010			Utility Bills - PayPal	723.63
Check	08/10/2010	6091	Hakes, Tom	NSF	-110.00
Check	08/11/2010	5333	Peters, Cindy	Fertile Days Supplies	-103.81
Check	08/11/2010	5334	Knudson, Lloyd & Lori	Deposit Returned	-150.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5317	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-1,368.94
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5318	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spraying	-900.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5319	Central Lock & Key Inc.	Key Copies	-147.61
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5320	Crescent Moon	Porta-Poties	-315.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5321	Hawkins, Inc.	chlorine	
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5322	IDNR	Storm Water Discharge Permit	
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5323	Kramer Ace Hardware	Round-up	-111.95
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5324	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Repair leak on by-pass - Water System	-69.57
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5325	LGI	Testing	-11.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5326	Midwest Pipe Supply	drop-in lid for water valve box - Water	-18.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5328	Pronto	truck and mower gas	-114.23
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5329	UPS	testing	-18.77
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5330	Waste Management	landfill/recycling	-1,845.74
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5335	Krieger's Greenhouse & Garde	Garden Club	-95.18
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5331	Maguire Iron, Inc.	Service Agreement/Maintenance Contract	-1,550.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5336	Miller, Penny v	Garden Club	-344.77
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5332	WCTA	telephone/internet	-144.07
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/11/2010	5327	NIACOG	10th Monthly Installment	-300.00
Deposit	08/11/2010			Utility Bills / Fertile Days / Comm Ctr	3,227.49
Check	08/12/2010	5337	US Post Office	Postage	-44.00
Deposit	08/17/2010			Streets	1,944.84
Paycheck	08/18/2010	5338	Koch, Craig A.	Paycheck	-761.28
Deposit	08/18/2010			Utility Bills / Deposit / Garbage Bags	1,973.52
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/25/2010	5339	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-109.43
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/25/2010	5340	Crescent Moon	porta-poties	-100.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/25/2010	5341	Municipal Managemnet Corp.	find water leak	-650.00
Bill Pmt - Chk	08/25/2010	5342	Venzon Wireless	cell-phone	-42.70
Deposit	08/25/2010			Utility Bills / Road Tax	3,663.11
Deposit	08/30/2010			Utility Bills - PayPal	261.03
Deposit	08/31/2010			Interest	13.90
Total Checking					6,322.36
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	08/31/2010			Interest	9.92
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	08/31/2010			Interest	
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Checking					
Deposit	08/31/2010			interest	3.62
TOTAL					6,337.93



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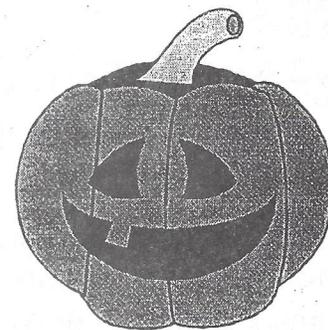
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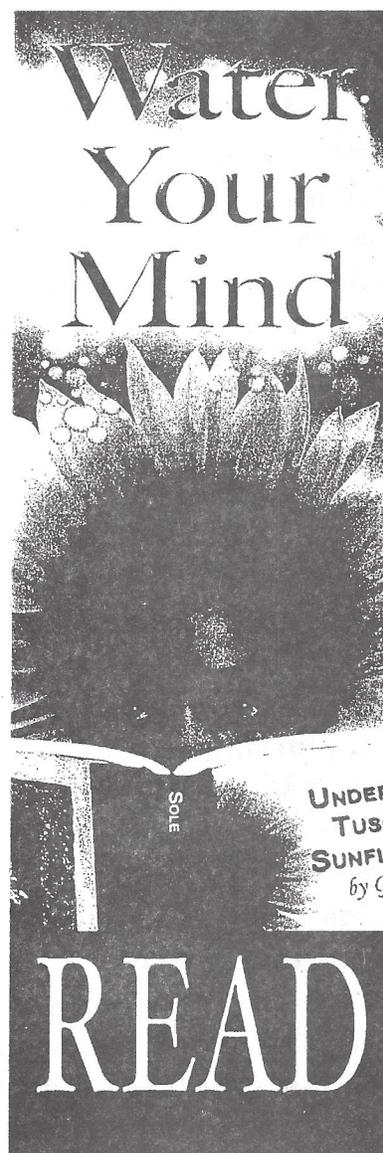
Blood Ties – Kay Hooper
Stay a Little Longer – Dorothy Garlock
Crown of Destiny – Bertrice Small
Swept Aside – Sharon Sala
Torn Apart – Sharon Sala
Blown Away – Sharon Sala
Nothing but Trouble - Rachel Gibson
Fantasy in Death – J.D. Robb
Exclusive – Fern Michaels
Bridge of Peace – Cindy Woodsmall
Bikini Carwash – Pamela Morsi
Eternal Ones – Kirsten Miller
Safe Haven – Nicholas Sparks
Desperado – Diana Palmer
Body Work – Sara Peretsky
Girl With The Dragon Tattoo – Stieg Larsson
Girl Who Played With Fire – Stieg Larsson
Wicked Appetite - Janet Evanovich

DVD's

Last Song - Miley Cyrus
Green Zone – Matt Damon
Hot Tub Time – John Cusack
Date Night – Steve Carell
Clash of the Titans – Sam Worthington
Book of Eli – Denzel Washington
State of Play – Ben Affleck

BOOKS ON CD

City of Ghosts – Stacia Kane
Unholy Magic – Stacia Kane
Wicked Appetite – Janet Evanovich
Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen
Body Work – Sara Paretsky



The Old Fertile Fire Escape By Cheryl Nelson Kapka

The Best part of Summer (early 70's for me) in Fertile was attending baseball games & sliding down the old schools fire escape. This great big brown metal tunnel was behind the school house which reached the third floor classroom. The only way to get to the top was to climb up thru the bottom opening. It was dark and scary & the metal was smooth as silk, so I would take my shoes & socks off get in & then spit on the bottom of each foot for traction. You had to hurry up the tube before your spit dried off or you would slide back down before you wanted to. If, (and I mean if) you made it to the top, (and not scared of the dark) the speed that you would reach when you came out of the "Dragon" was enough to send you 10 to 12 feet beyond the opening. And everyone in town could hear you screaming as you went down. All Fertile Mom's never reacted to that scream - they were use to that sound coming from the school house. I can just imagine the mothers of the visiting baseball teams jumping out of their seats every time a kid went down the fire escape... "I can't believe they let their kids play on such a dangerous thing".... I think the lessons I learned from that fire escape; like conquering my fears, don't give up trying to get to the top and the great feeling of accomplishment, - sliding down the tunnel at breakneck speeds and living to tell about...To us Fertile kids, it just made sense why we always won the baseball games.

Thanks Cheryl for the article.



FERTILE AREA CHURCH NEWS

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Oct. 7, 2010

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October

Influenza vaccine has arrived at Worth County Public Health. We have both the influenza mist and the shots available. The cost is \$20.00. Persons with Medicare B will be at no charge. Clinics will be set up in the surrounding communities by October 1. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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REMEMBER WHEN



Horseless carriages from 1907

"Horseless Carriage"s were the rage in 1907. Representative G. N. Haugen of the fourth district is the man wearing a derby hat in the second car from the right, during a celebration at Fertile. Others in the first motor cars are Dr. A. J. Peterson, Forest City. With him is Senator O. E. Gunderson of Winnebago county. The high wheeled car belonged to H. H. Oувerson and was named "The Black Devil." A sensation of the day was the death of a horse, owned by Col. I. R. Kirk of Mason City. The horse collapsed of fright at the sight of the procession. Photo submitted by William B. Garten.

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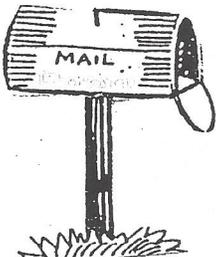
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POLICE REPORT

While taking a routine vandalism
report at an elementary school, I was
interrupted by a little girl about 6 years
old. Looking up and down at my
uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?"
Yes, I answered and continued writing
the report.

"My mother said if I ever needed
help I should ask the police. Is that
right?" "Yes, that's right" I told her.

"Well, then," she said as she
extended her foot toward me, "would
you please tie my shoe?"

IN REMEMBRANCE

Jean Purcell.

1924 - 2010

Jean Purcell, 86, of Mason City passed away Sept. 11, 2010. A funeral mass was held Sept. 16th at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Mason City with the Rev. Michael Schueller officiating. Interment was at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery.



Jean was born on July 10, 1924 in Fort Dodge. Jean and her parents, Frank and Margaret Koll, moved to Mason City when she was nine years old. Jean graduated from Holy Family High School in Mason City and St. Joseph's Mercy School of Nursing in Sioux City.

She married Francis "Pat" Purcell on June 19, 1948 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Jean worked

for Mercy Hospital in Mason City and then for rs. Houlahan, Baker, Coddington, Gordon and Hunt until she retired in 1987. After her retirement, Jean enjoyed the freedom of visiting with her children, spending time spoiling her grandchildren and playing lots of cards with her friends!

Jean is survived by her three daughters: Pam (Jim) McCoid of Lincoln, NE, Debbie (Mark) Cahill of Plymouth, MN and Becky (Mike) McMenimen of Cedarburg, WI; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pat, her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

IN REMBRANCE

DEBRA K. MC CORMICK

1955 - 2010

Debra K. McCormick, 55, of 2333 340th St., Fertile, died unexpectedly Aug. 26, 2010 at Mercy Medical Center, Mason City. A memorial service was held Aug. 30, at Hogan-Bremer-Moore-J Colonial Chapel, Mason City, with inurnment following at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery, Mason City.



Debra McCormick was born July 20, 1955 in Mason City to Larry R. and Patricia (Marsh) McCormick. She received her education and graduated from Manly High School. For over 30 yrs she worked for Cummins Filtration in Lake Mills.

In her spare time Debra enjoyed the company of her cats as well as collecting cat figurines, trinkets or nick-knacks. Debra enjoyed the solitude of living on the acreage and loved spending time in her garden tending to her flowers. She also liked to solve word puzzles, crosswords, and word searches being some of her favorites.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Robert McCormick, Fertile; a sister, Paula McCormick and her significant other Brooke Dittmar, Fertile, a brother, Kelly McCormick, and his fiancée, Stephanie Reyerson, Joice; a niece, April McCormick; and two nephews, Logan and Jordan McCormick.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Patricia; and a brother, Robert McCormick.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Fertile Garden Club

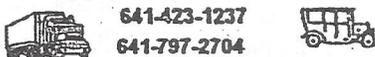
Fertile Garden club met at the home of Jenn Miller. Roll call was "Favorite thing about fall". Secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Discussion was held about what we could do differently with our barrels on main street for next year. We are planning to plant mums in the barrels and up at the Fertile sign for fall. Ginny will look into getting some gourds or pumpkins to also decorate the barrels with. October 2nd, we will meet at 8:30 to plant the mums and hostus, put up the corn stalks and clean up the Fertile sign. Discussion took place on our guest day in November. October meeting will be held at Betty Waddington's. There were no September birthdays. Great time was had by all!

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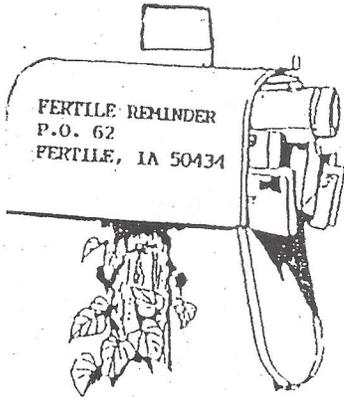
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- Tuesday - Oct. 12th Kensett City Hall 9 - 10:30
 Manly Senior Center 11:30 - 5
- Wednesday - Oct. 13th Grafton - Gobblers Roost 9 am - 11 am
- Thursday - Oct. 14th Joice Bethany Lutheran Church 9-11 am
 Fertile Church of Christ 12:30 - 2:30 pm

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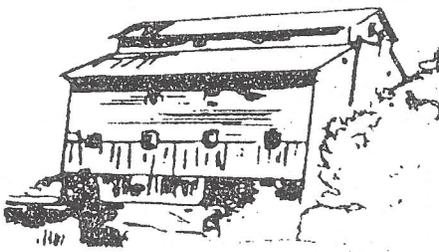
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