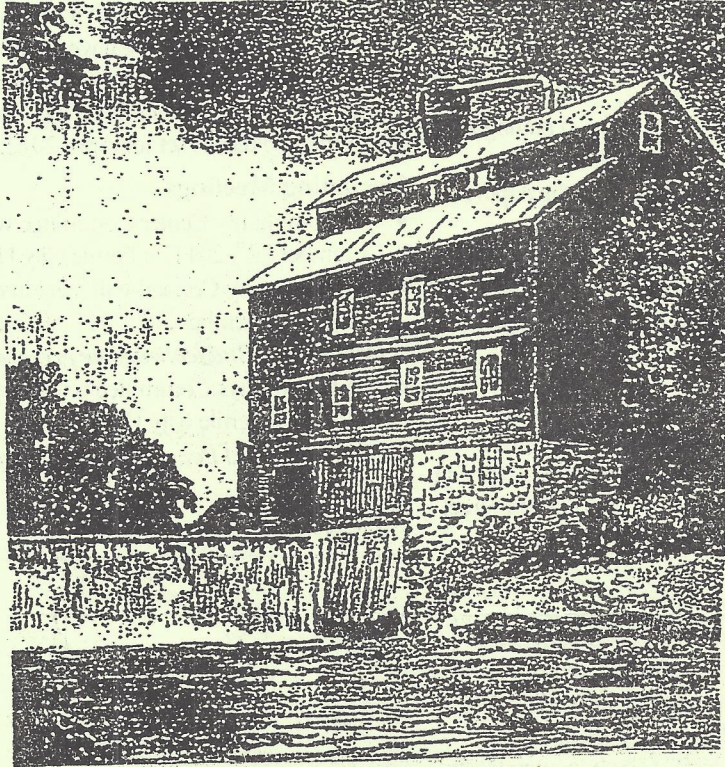


# DECEMBER 2011

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

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|---------|--|--------|
| Dec. 1  | Recycle Day  |        |
| Dec. 5  | Senior Dinner  | Noon   |
| Dec. 13 | Fertile Girls Night Out<br>Christmas Party                       |        |
| Dec. 15 | Snow Day for Fertile<br>Girls Out Christmas Party<br>Recycle Day |        |
| Dec. 19 | Library Board Meeting  | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 20 | Senior Dinner  | Noon   |
| Dec. 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS  |        |
| Dec. 29 | Recycle Day  |        |

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2011 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, and Tad Miller; Maintenance Manager: Steve Roberts & City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were Council Members: Cindy Peters & Pat Renchin.
- Penny motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the Oct. Minutes. Carried.

### City Maintenance Report

- Steve and Buck got really wet helping Larsen's put in a new water well pump meter. ☺
- Warren and Steve toured the lagoons and Steve has been putting in additional rock to shore up the erosion and muskrat holes.
- Steve has been working on a measuring tool to monitor the depth of the sewer lagoons.
- Steve has been fixing the vandalized picnic tables.
- Josh Miller has helped Steve get the snow plow all ready for winter.
- Steve will be fixing a few more pot-holes before the snow flies.

### Mayor's Report

- On 10/19, Joyce attended a meeting in Hanlontown with Senator Tom Harkin's assistant Dan Smith, area Mayors, and County Supervisors in regards to Federal and State funding for roads, housing and water/sewer project. Joyce brought up the paving of Main Street which is a Town to Market road, painting of water towers, and streamlining the CDBG process.
- On 10/25 more vandalism occurred in the park.
- Mayor Russell was misinformed in regards to the properties at 210 West Main and 501 West Washington. To correct September's minutes, Schoneman Realty is not the owner of the properties. The legitimate owners have been notified, and have cleaned up the properties as requested. A BIG THANK YOU to Schoneman Realty for helping us clear up the misunderstanding.
- The Worth County and Winnebago County Sheriff's offices have been monitoring a black stretch vehicle and white cargo van who have attempted to abduct children on the school bus routes. If you have any information, please contact the Worth County Sheriff's office at: 800-458-1234.
- On 11/8, a City election was held at City Hall. Mayor Joyce Russell and Council Member Jeff Berg were re-elected. Council Member Cindy Peters lost to Julie Jessen. Julie starts the new position in January. Cindy has been a part of several committees including Parks, Weeds & Garbage, Community Center, Housing and Fertile Days. Cindy has been a great asset to the community. We will miss her on the Council and hope she still stays involved.
- The City website has been updated with new pictures for the community center. Check it out at: [www.fertileiowa.us](http://www.fertileiowa.us)
- A potential buyer for Ruth Ouverson's acreage on the south side of town requested information on hunting in City limits. State law says that no firearms may be discharged in City limits.

### City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the Oct. Financials (33% through the year)

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	35%	39%	43%	45%	46%	
Expense	26%	13%	36%	46%	32%	
Net Income	\$7,450	\$58,047	\$5,533	\$4,663	\$3,982	-\$3,185

- Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve Oct. bills. Motion Carried.

- Penny asked if the Council Members can observe the Clerk's position to learn more about the financial system. Eddie suggested a couple of evenings of training and welcomed the Council to come in and view us at work any time.
- It is budget time again. All City Departments and/or committees should submit last fiscal year's financial reports and next fiscal year's budget request at the December meeting.

### Committee Reports

- Streets & Signs -- The flags on Main Street will be angled for the winter in order to make snow removal easier.
- Fertile Days -- There will be a fundraiser held at the new City Hall building on January 21<sup>st</sup> with a locally produced movie, and meal.
- Community Center -- We have been awarded \$115,377.90 from the Worth County Development Authority, non-profit arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, to finish the Community Center project. Completion date is set for April 2012.

### Upcoming Meetings

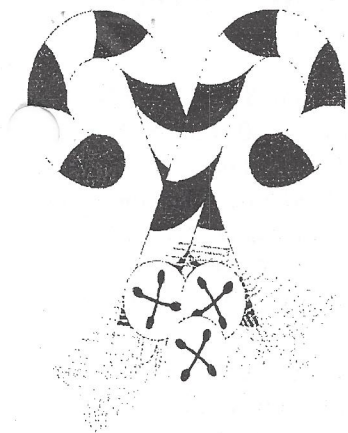
- The Community Center Committee will meet at 6:30PM, Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Fertile City Hall. (Committee and Department Budgets must be presented at this meeting)
- The Fertile Days Committee will meet at 7:00PM, Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, at Fertile City Hall.
- Tad moved and Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

### City of Fertile

#### Bills Paid

As of October 31, 2011

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Checking					
Check	10/01/2011	5755	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-3,500.00
Check	10/01/2011	5750	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-4,750.00
Deposit	10/03/2011			Deposit - Casino Funds	2,999.80
Deposit	10/03/2011			Deposit - LOST	2,003.30
Deposit	10/03/2011			Deposit - Housing Grant	6,754.00
Deposit	10/05/2011			Deposit - Utility Bills/Housing Grant	1,504.50
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5755	Bruns, Warren	Payroll	-308.31
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5758	May III, Edgar F	Payroll	-662.74
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5756	Russell, Grant	Payroll	-1,066.40
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5757	Russell, Joyce	Payroll	-730.36
Liability Check	10/05/2011	1-Gue	IPERS	Payroll Taxes	-506.79
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5761	Advantage Business Solutions Inc	Accounting help	-327.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5762	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-277.50
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5763	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-144.85
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5764	IDNR	Annual Water Use Fee	-95.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5765	Kramer Ace Hardware	repair furnace and new water meters	-333.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5766	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Tank Solvair	-10.99
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5767	Menards	Housing Grant	-11,928.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5768	Meyerhofer Construction	13 new meters	-2,254.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5769	Municipal Supply, Inc	Porta-Poies	-215.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5770	North Iowa Septic Solutions	Pest Control	-449.40
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5771	Plunkett's	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.48
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5772	UPS	Telephone/Internet	-141.34
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5773	WCTA	Payroll Taxes	-1,734.29
Liability Check	10/05/2011	eFile	United States Treasury	Deposit - PayPat	484.32
Deposit	10/11/2011			Deposit - Utility Bills	2,931.66
Deposit	10/12/2011			Natural Gas	-146.34
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5774	Black Hills Energy	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5775	Hawkens, Inc	Worker's Compensation Coverage	-94.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5776	MANCA	Publishing - Annual Report	-204.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5777	Northwood Anchor, Inc	Gas	-77.81
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5778	Priorite	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5779	Waste Management	Sewer Plant Roof	2,488.16
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5780	River City Roofing Co	Deposit - Property Taxes	26,425.20
Deposit	10/15/2011			Enrich Iowa - Goes Back to Library	771.36
Deposit	10/18/2011			Comm Ctr Loan	-2,500.00
Check	10/18/2011	5040	First Security Bank & Trust	Deposit - Streets	1,437.48
Deposit	10/18/2011			Payroll	-573.00
Paycheck	10/19/2011	5781	Roberts, Stephen J	Housing Grant	-11,979.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5782	Branneck Construction	Snow Fence & Equip	-114.32
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5783	Menards	Subscription	-36.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5784	Northwood Anchor, Inc	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.11
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5785	UPS	Cell Phone	-42.93
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5786	Verizon Wireless	Omcast - Utility Bills, RUTF, Bldg Permr	8,496.98
Deposit	10/27/2011			Electric Bill	-1,172.86
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5787	Alliant Energy	Removal of 6 trees/cleanup	-1,750.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5788	Clapper Tree Service	City Hall	-135.60
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Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5791	Meyerhofer Construction	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.48
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Liability Check	10/31/2011	eFile	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance	Sales Taxes	-1,063.00
Sales Tax Payment	10/31/2011	eFile	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance	Deposit - Interest	17.45
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit - Housing Grant	11,928.00
Deposit	10/31/2011			Treasurer - State of Iowa	2,500.72
Total Checking					
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit	1,884
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					1,884
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit	331
Total Water Revenue Accounts					881
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit	1067
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					7077
TOTAL					2,363.44



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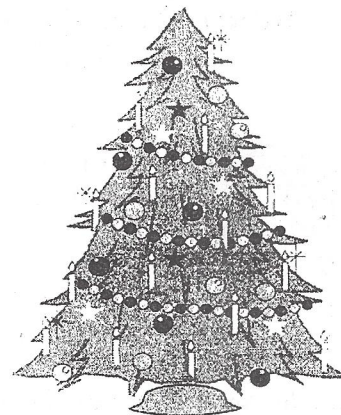
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- The Litigators – John Grisham
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- Lone Star Christmas – William W. Johnstone
- When Two Hearts Meet – Janelle Mowery
- Ghost of Apache Creek – Ralph Compton
- Next Always – Nora Roberts
- Prince of Ravenscar - Catherine Coulter
- Hotel Vendome – Danielle Steel
- V is for Vengeance – Sue Grafton
- Kill Alex Cross – James Patterson
- Maggie's Journey – Lena Nelson Dooley
- The Christmas Singing - Cindy Woodsmall
- Christmas Tree Lane – Debbie Macomber
- An Angel for Christmas – Heather Graham
- A Lawman's Christmas – Linda Lael Miller
- An O'Brien Family Christmas – Sherry Woods

#### Ebooks

- Michael Jackson – J. Randy Taraborelli
- Arkansas Traveler – Earlene Fowler
- Undead & Unemployed – MaryJanice Davidson
- Inheritance – Christopher Paolini

#### DVD'S

- The Shunning – Danielle Panabaker
- Bridesmaids – Kristen Wiig
- On Stranger Tides – Johnny Depp



## HERE COMES SANTA!

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**DOROTHY A. BROSDAHL**  
1934 -2011



Dorothy A. Brosdahl, 76, died October 29, 2011 at the Sheffield Care Center, Sheffield.

Funeral services were held Nov. 4th at Retz Funeral Home, Thornton with Mr. Robert Hetrick presiding. Interment was at Pleasant View Cemetery, Thornton.

Dorothy Ann (Pihl) Brosdahl was born on Nov. 17, 1934 in Thornton, the daughter of Jens and Elizabeth (Dall) Winter) Pihl.

On Dec. 5, 1954, she was united in marriage to Gene Brosdahl of Joice. They lived and farmed in the Joice area for many years prior to moving to Thornton.

Over the years Dorothy enjoyed bowling, golfing, softball and basketball, but most of all she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Her most memorable moment included playing bass guitar in the family band with Alan and Jody performing music for others to enjoy.

She was a member of the choir and treasurer for many years at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Left to cherish her memories are her husband, Gene, of Thornton; two children Alan ( Debra) of Lexington, S.C. and Jody (Dawn) of Gretna, Neb; three grandchildren, Morgan, Mason City, Tad (Shelby), Fort Lewis, Wash., and Trent, Gretna, Neb; one sister, Karen Duff, Thornton; along with many other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Andrew and Ivan; one son, Dwight; and brothers-in-law, James Duff, Rustle Osnes and James Brosdahl.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**LAUREN WILLIAM "BILL" NISSEN**  
1926 - 2011

Lauren William "Bill" Nissen, 85, of 1400 North Shore Drive, Clear Lake, died Nov. 6, 2011 at the Mercy West Campus Skilled Nursing Unit in Mason City.

A memorial service was held Nov. 11 at the Fertile Church of Christ with Pastor Dennis Ganz officiating. Military Honors were provided by the Clear Lake V.F.W. Inurnment was held at Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City.



Bill was born Sept. 2, 1926 to Henry and Ruby (Carr) Nissen. He attended school at Hanlontown and graduated from Fertile High School in 1944. Bill enlisted in the Army Air Corps in August of 1944 and was honorably discharged in October of 1946. In 1962 he married Joan Fuller and to this union two daughters were born: Cynthia and Jennifer. Joan passed away in 1988.

He spent seven years farming with his family and later spent most of his life working in the seed, fertilizer and Agriculture commercial industry. In 1975, at the request of friends, he began the Nissen Crop Advisory Service, advising individual farmers about crop production programs. In 1985, Bill was elected to the Crop Professionals Hall of Fame by his peers in agriculture all over the United States. After his retirement in 1989, he kept his hands in the dirt growing a green lawn and beautiful flowers not only for his own enjoyment, but for others as well.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Cindy Nissen and her fiancé Bob Hochstein, Machesney Park, IL and Jennifer Sillman, Ames; four granddaughters, Lauren, Delaney, Emma and Julia Sillman, Ames.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, wife Joan son-in-law Chri Sillman; four sisters Dorothy Aspland, Nelda Behl, Ruth E. Ouverson and Margaret Matheson

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- Dec., 5, 2011 Manly Nail Clinic - 9:00 a.m. at the Whistle Senior Center.
- Dec. 7, 2011 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office - the first Wednesday of the month in Northwood from 1 - 4 pm.

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## OLE & LENA

Ole was seeing his doctor for a physical. The doctor tried to give Ole a tactful message about his health.

DOCTOR: I'm afraid I can't do much in the way of treatment right now due to overindulgence in alcohol. . . in other words, drinking.

OLE: Vell, ven you sober up let me know and I'll come back and see you.

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A Norwegian landed a job in a lumber yard. The first day they loaded 2 x 4's from a truck into a storage building. The foreman noticed that while the other men were carrying 4 timbers at a time, the Norwegian only carried one. When he politely asked the Norwegian why, the Norwegian snorted, "I sure can't help it if those odder guys are too lazy to make more trips."

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Who was the dumbest Norwegian?

The one who thought Einstein was "one beer".

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A German, an Italian and a Norwegian were trying to get into the stadium at the World Olympics at Montreal, but the seats were all sold out. The Enterprising German stripped down to his shorts and undershirt, picked up a cane fishing pole in a nearby alley and marched right in, stating boldly, "Heinrich Schneider, Germany, Pole Vault."

Noting the successful ploy, the Italian took off his outer garments, grabbed a large round stone, then just as boldly strode into the gate, announcing, "Pasquale Galento, Italy, Shot Put."

Not to be outdone, the Norwegian took off all but his VD's, went into a nearby hardware store where he purchased some barbed wire. As he approached the gate the Norwegian spoke out confidently, "Hjalmar Olson, Norway, fencing."

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Ole called his local TV station and asked to speak to the weather reporter. "Dis is Ole," he said, "and I just scooped up about 14 inches of "party cloudy".

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Erickson the Swede was new on the police force. One day while investigating a dead horse found on the street, he commenced filling out the required report. When he came to the blank: "Location of incident," Erickson scratched his head trying to figure out how to spell "Montmorency Avenue." So, to simplify things for himself, he dragged the horse around the corner to Elm Street.

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Ole and Lars were going ice fishing. It took them three hours just to dig out enough ice to get their boat in the water.

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Ole and Lena were visiting the National Museum in Copenhagen, Denmark. Ole accidentally brushed his elbow against a vase and it crashed to the floor where it shattered. An attendant rushed over exclaiming, "That vase was 2,000 years old."

"It's good," said Ole. I'm sure glad it wasn't a NEW VUN."

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## RUSSELL "BUD" FIELD

Russell "Bud" Pershing Field, 93, Hanlontown, died Nov. 8, 2011 at his home. A funeral service was held Nov. 14, 2011 at Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown with Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt officiating. Burial was in Brush Point Cemetery, rural Hanlontown, with military graveside honors conducted by members of the Edward-Tosel American Legion Post #110 of Manly.



Russell was born on Sept. 27, 1918 in Joice, the son of Andrew and Gail (Paulson) Field. He received his education in the Joice Community School. Bud was baptized and confirmed at the Beaver Creek Lutheran Church, rural Joice.

Bud was inducted into the U. S. Army on April 24, 1941, and served his country honorably and faithfully in World War II until his discharge on May 15, 1945.

Bud was united in marriage to Gladys Olson on April 3, 1945, at the Lutheran parsonage in Joice. After their marriage they lived in Lake Mills until moving to Hanlontown in 1947. Bud worked at the Hanlontown grain elevator for 38 years until his retirement.

Bud enjoyed golfing and traveling to Sacramento, CA, where his family lived. Bud also enjoyed going to his Army reunions in Rapid City, S. D. and was privileged by going on the World War II honor flight to Washington, DC in April of this year.

Bud was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hanlontown and the Pioneer Golf and Country in Manly, Edward Tosel American Legion Post #110 in Manly, Hanlontown Volunteer Fire Department and the Hanlontown Community Club.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gladys Field of Hanlontown; his daughter, Lonna Field of Hanlontown; his sister, Beverly (Fred) Buel of Sacramento, CA; his brother, Larry (Jan) Field of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; his nieces and nephews, Pamela, Larry (Patricia), Neva (Bill) Monica, Eden and Joan (Derald); special cousins, Bonnie Kuns and Marvel (Harold) Burmester; a sister-in-law, Elvira Kloster; as well as other special relatives and friends.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Karen; brother, Hubert Field; a nephew, Ronald Olson; a sister-in-law, Kay Field and a brother-in-law, Harvey Olson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

## The Sands of Christmas

I had no Christmas spirit when I breathed a weary sigh, and looked across the table where the bills  
were piled too high. The laundry wasn't finished and the car I had to fix,  
My stocks were down another point, the Dolphins lost by six.

And so with only minutes till my son got home from school  
I gave up on the drudgery and grabbed a wooden stool.  
The burdens that I carried were about all I could take,  
and so I flipped the TV on to catch a little break.

I came upon a desert scene in shades of tan and rust, No snowflakes hung upon the wind, just clouds  
of swirling dust. And where the reindeer should have stood before a laden sleigh,  
eight hummers ran a column right behind an MIA.

A group of boys walked past the tank, not one was past his teens,  
Their eyes were hard as polished flint, their faces drawn and lean.  
They walked the street in armor with their rifles shouldered tight,  
their dearest wish for Christmas, just to have a silent night.

Other soldiers gathered, hunkered down against the wind, To share a scrap of mail and dreams of  
going home again. There wasn't much at all to put their lonely hearts at ease, They had no Christmas  
turkey, just a pack of MREs.

They didn't have a garland or a stocking I could see,  
They didn't need an ornament ~ they lacked a Christmas Tree.  
They didn't have a present even though it was tradition,  
the only boxes I could see were labeled "ammunition."

I felt a little tug and found my son now by my side, He asked me what it was I feared, and why it was  
I cried. I swept him up into my arms and held him oh so near and kissed him on the forehead as I  
whispered in his ear.

There's nothing wrong my little son, for safe we sleep tonight,  
our heroes stand on foreign land to give us all the right,  
to worry on the things in life that mean nothing at all,  
instead of wondering if we will be the next to fall.

He looked at me as children do and said its always right,  
to thank the ones who help us and perhaps that we should write.  
And so we pushed aside the bills and sat to draft a note,  
to thank the many far from home, and this is what we wrote:

God Bless You all and keep you safe, and speed your way back home.  
Remember that we love you so,

and that you're not alone. The gift you give you share with all,

a present every day, You give the gift of liberty

and that we can't repay.

## HERE IS SOME MORE FERTILE HISTORY

Hope you enjoy!

### 4-H Clubs

The Livewire Lassies 4-H Club was started when 20 girls met at the home of Mrs. Robert (Ora) Kuhn, the first leader in November 1951. Some years later the name was changed to Grant Livewire Lassies. This club now in the 25th year has 26 members from in and around Fertile. Many awards, blue ribbons and trips have been won over the years. Many mothers have been leaders or helped with promoting this club.

The local 4-H Clubs have taken part in many service projects. Each year in June the girls sponsor a childrens Costume and Pet Parade on Main Street. Pets, large and small, bicycles and costumes appear along with smiling faces. Prizes are given, pictures taken and treats are given to all participants.

Mrs. Don (Betty) Waddington, one of the first members in 1951 is now the leader along with Mrs. Duane (Marcheta) Pederson this year.

The Fertile Valley Farmers 4-H Club was organized in 1969 by leaders Arvid Holton and Stanley Zirbel. These were the charter members: Bruce Holton, Gary Calgaard, Bradley Suby, Ken Hauge, Darrell Haugen and Billy Sellers.

In addition to the usual 4-H projects members have participated in local and state wide tours.

Each year the club holds a family night with pot luck supper and awards are given to deserving members.

Bruce Holton, long time member constructed a Model T Ford from separate parts of some 20 cars plus some new parts. He was an Iowa candidate for the National Petroleum Power Award given by a large petroleum company in Chicago.

The club now has 36 members.

### Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden Club was organized in 1953 when 6 ladies who belonged to the Clear Lake Garden Club decided to have a club in Fertile. These ladies were Della Haugen, Violet Hall, Hilda Johnson, the late Gunhild Myhre, Arlene Stevens and Ruthie Ouverson. They met at the Myhre home to organize. There a constitution was made up and membership was not to exceed 25 members. The pink petunia was chosen as the club flower. Each lady asked 3 others to join at the first regular meeting at the home of Della Haugen. Violet Hall became the first president, Hilda Johnson, vice president, Arlene Stevens, secretary, Gunhild Myhre treasurer, Ruth (Clarence) Ouverson, corresponding secretary and Della Haugen, historian.

The flower show held for several years has been replaced with what is called Guest Day with displays and a demonstrator guest speaker.

The purpose of this organization is to interest people in beautifying grounds around their homes, caring for their gardens and helping to beautify the town and community.

All members benefit from helpful lessons given at each meeting the first Tuesday of each month March through December.

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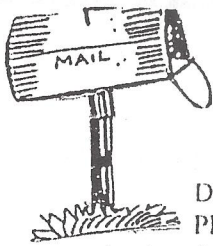
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Dear Ladies,  
Please place Sue and I on your mailing list.

I enjoyed reading about the Fertile Telephone Co in your last issue. My Grampa, Edwin Ouverson, took me to the switchboard area when I was a kid in the late fifties. I haven't forgotten all the plugs and wires. I also still remember my grandparents ring - two long and a short. Thank you.

Lowell Ouverson

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Dear Friends working on the Reminder,

I always look forward to reading the news you give of Fertile. I miss out on what is going on after I moved to Sioux Falls.

Keep up the good job of reporting things.

Alice Hedin

P.S. I am not sure who works on the Reminder, but I will share some things that have gone on in our lives in 2011.

Paul's wife died in January. She was 57 years old. She battled cancer off and on since she was 32 years old. She was cancer free about 11 years but her fight took her in January. Their daughter Deanne was married on 10/16/11 at an outdoor wedding at the Garden of the God's, near Colorado Springs. It was a beautiful setting with the mountain tops behind the wedding party.

Dale's granddaughter also got married in Springfield, MO. She also planned an outdoor wedding at her parent's farm site, again a lovely spot. However, it rained all day and we enjoyed the ceremony in the barn hayloft. My first experience of such a setting for a marriage. It will be remembered by all attending. I'm sure.

Now I could go on, but so much for now.

Hope you can read my poor writing. I'm legally blind. Have a good day!

## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ. 12 members and 8 guests said the Pledge of Allegiance and answered roll call of a self introduction.

A luncheon reception to welcome guests and potential members was served by: Pat Lohman, Penny Miller, Karen Perry, Betty Waddington, Ginny Lovik and Ruth Topp.

Penny Miller shared the activities and responsibilities of the organization for the prospective members.

Food Bank donations were collected and Christmas cards were signed.

The Cookbooks were distributed for each member to sell. Each Cookbook costs \$12.00. Fliers will be posted around the communities.

Diane Schultz presented a program about starting seeds and plant cuttings. An informal question and answer session followed the program.

Sue Ouverson provided the thought for the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Topp, Reporter

### You Know You're Getting Old When . . .

You look forward to a dull evening.

You walk with your head high trying to get used to your bifocals.

Your favorite part of the newspaper is 25 years ago today.

You turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Your knees buckle and your belt won't.

You regret all those mistakes resisting temptation.

You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, and 96 around the golf course.

After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.

Dialing long distance wears you out.

You remember today that your wedding anniversary was yesterday.

You can't stand people who are intolerant.

The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.

You burn the midnight oil until 9 P.M.

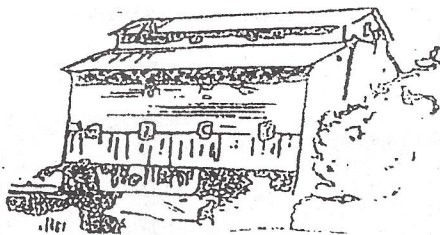
Your back goes out more often than you do.

A fortune teller offers to read your face.

Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.

The little gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.

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## OVERNIGHT SAUSAGE SOUFFLE

Something good and easy to make ahead when you have over-  
night company.

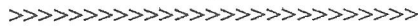
- 1 pound link sausage
- 6 slices bread cubed
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

The night before serving, fry sausage, drain and cut into thirds or  
smaller if you choose. Alternate layers of bread, links and cheese  
in a greased 1 1/2 quart casserole.

Mix together milk, eggs & salt; Pour over sausage, bread &  
cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

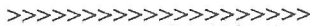
NEXT DAY—bake at 325° for 45 minutes.

Serve hot. Makes about 6 servings.



### WORDS OF WISDOM!

- >Love reduces friction to fractions
- > Speak kind words & you will hear kind echoes.
- >He who laughs - lasts!
- >A neck is something, which if you don't stick it out, you won't get  
in trouble.
- >The sweetest sounds to mortals given are heard in Mother, Home  
Heaven.
- >Rich grandmothers are the cheapest baby sitters.
- >Problems grow in the glare of neglect.
- >If you bring Coke into the house, k it better be brown, k wet, and  
served over ice.
- >Let's get this straight. We have one stoplight in town. We stop  
when it's red. We even may stop when it is yellow!!
- >In Iowa our women hunt, fish, and drive trucks - because they  
want to. So, if you're a feminist. Isn't that cute.
- >No, we don't shoot doves! They're song birds. So WHY did Iowa  
approve shooting them?



Since this is the December issue of the Fertile Reminder.

Merry Christmas - Happy New Year

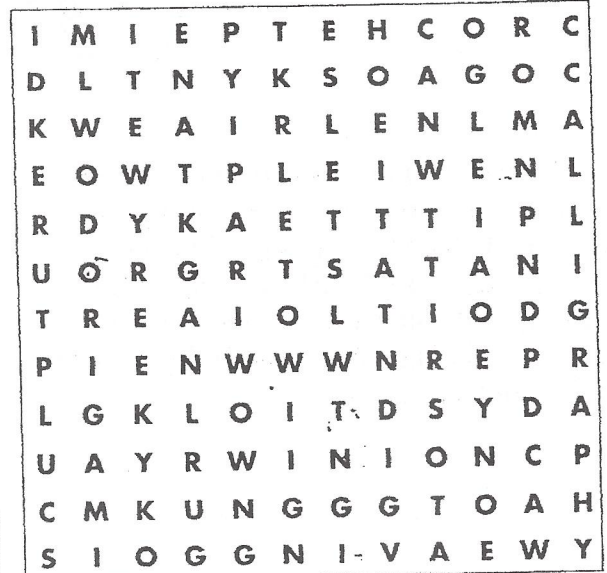
See you the last of January as we

do not do a Reminder in December for January as it is right  
around Christmas time, when we do the work to get it ready.

# FUN PAGE! "OUTER SPACES"

## Arts and crafts...

Each of the 15 words hidden here is the name of a type of art or  
craft. The puzzle on the opposite page has 15 different art tools  
and materials. The words by the pictures have their  
letters mixed up, so you must unravel them first.



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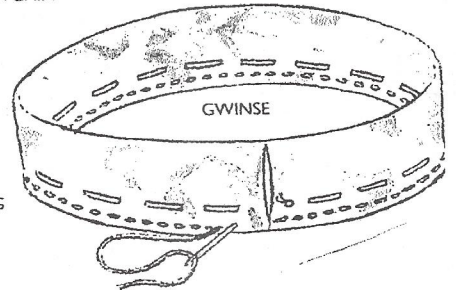
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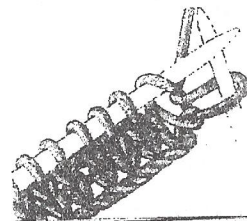
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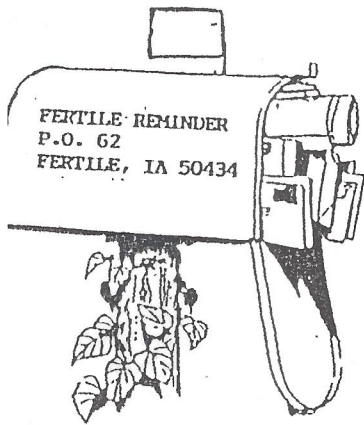
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