

FERTILE REMINDER

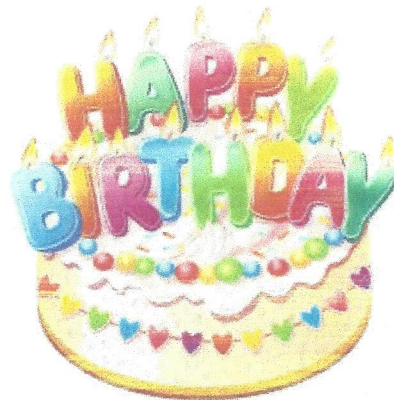
MAY 2019



TWIRLERS AT FESTIVAL—Among the special attractions of the North Iowa Band Festival are such scenes as this. These 4 twirlers represented the Fertile high school at the festival last year. From the left are: Diana Wolf, Janice Ritter, Mary Brue, Karen Oswald

MAY CALENDAR

- 6 Firemen meet
- 9 & 23 Recycle
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 Garden Club
- 15 Reminder Deadline
- 20 Library
- 21 Fertile Girls
- 21 City Council
- 28 Reminder mailed



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Viola Roberts

105 years old

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey, Ron Rachut and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- Cindy motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the minutes of the March meeting & Public Hearing meeting.** Unanimous
- Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to accept agenda.** Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Jeff & Deb Berg

- Jeff & Deb indicated that they would like to put their camper at W Main Street. This is personal property zoned as non-restricted. Therefore, council didn't have a problem with it.
- Jeff inquired about having a dock on river. A dock on personal property would need to go through the DNR. In the meantime, Steve has agreed to weed whack the river bank that is city portion at the end of Lake Street.

Resolution for Worth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve the resolution for Worth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.** Roll call vote taken: **Holly – yes; Ron – yes; Nick – yes; Cindy – yes; and Tad – yes.**

City Maintenance Report:

- Steve & Buck took down snow fence on W Washington.
- Steve cleaned up several trees/branches that were damaged due to flooding and wind in the park.
- Steve has started the draw down at the lagoon.
- Steve patched potholes and filling cracks with asphalt.
- Steve completed the ICAP safety inspection items. Including: Cut off pipe at the tennis court. Removed two light fixtures at the Community Center so overhead door doesn't hit it. Repaired slide at the ball diamonds.
- Generator at the sewer plant needed a new battery. Generator at the water plant needed the 'transfer switch' reset.
- The cable on the three flag poles north of the City Hall has frayed. Steve and Buck replaced cables and put up new flags.
- There are several water meters that are needing to be replaced. Steve will work with Larson's to get this done.
- Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Worth County Emergency Management updated plans for generator at City Hall & Community Center as it is designated as the Command Center & shelter to be legal. It will be discussed for WCDA Fall grant cycle.
- Joyce met with John Greve's attorney in regards to dangerous tree on Main Street. Certified letter was sent to home owner as it is there responsibility to remove.
- Joyce monitored river levels during flooding.
- Thank you, Matt & Warren Bruns, for flying drone over water tower to inspect and took pictures.
- Joyce purchased folding machine for utility bills.
- Big 'Thank you' to Jessie from Fire Department for typing & printing the SOG report for ICAP insurance & for putting new insurance cards in Fire Department vehicles.
- City Wide Clean Up is scheduled for May 4th, 8:00am – 12:30pm. Curbside pickup of appliances will be available at no extra cost.
- Thank you to the Fire Department for burning off the bank at the ball diamonds.
- Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Holly motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve Financial Report.** Unanimous
- Tad motioned, Ron 2nd to approve February Bills.** Unanimous

7/1/2018 to 3/31/2019	General	WCDA	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST	Utilities	Total
Income	236,746.82	64,792.98	35,853.09	1,143.92	4,718.90	27,015.91	125,678.51	495,950.13
Expense	285,588.81	61,792.98	28,093.55	0	4,712.17	0	82,306.29	462,493.80
Total	-48,841.99	3,000.00	7,759.54	1,143.92	6.73	27,015.91	43,372.22	33,456.33
Fund Balance	5,986.98	3,021.32	68,078.03	1,143.92	1,220.15	27,015.91	198,439.68	304,905.99

- Outstanding bill 103 Spring Street from previous owners. Council instructed Wendy to type personal letter to collect balance due.
- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:
108 W Washington \$502.91

Ron motioned; Tad seconded to process liens with Worth County Treasurer. Unanimous

Committee Report:

- Ron mentioned that Heritage Park is interested in trees that will be removed at the park.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session on May 21st at 7:00 pm at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

Summary:

- Worth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP, SATURDAY,
MAY 4TH 8:00 – 12:30

City of Fertile Deposits

As of March 31, 2019

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	03/04/2019	Casino Funds Deposit	1,969.87
Deposit	03/06/2019	County Deposit	8,750.00
Deposit	03/13/2019	Utility Deposit	2,695.28
Deposit	03/13/2019	Utility Deposit	492.16
Deposit	03/15/2019	Property Taxes	1,140.35
Deposit	03/16/2019	Utility Deposit	161.32
Deposit	03/19/2019	Road Use Tax	1,726.09
Deposit	03/20/2019	Utility Deposit	1,014.61
Deposit	03/20/2019	Utility Deposit	4,014.34
Deposit	03/20/2019	Library Fundraiser Deposit	2,056.00
Deposit	03/20/2019	WCDA Deposit	3,000.00
Deposit	03/27/2019	Lien Payment Deposit	246.94
Deposit	03/27/2019	Building Permit Deposit	105.00
Deposit	03/27/2019	Utility Deposit	4,719.89
Deposit	03/27/2019	Utility Deposit	383.90
Deposit	03/28/2019	Local Option Sales Tax	2,654.52
Deposit	03/31/2019	Interest	21.43
Total Checking			35,151.70
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			
Total Operating Accounts			35,151.70

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of March 31, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Check	03/01/2019	ACH	Citibusiness Card	(L) Books & CDs, Supplies, Programs, DVDs, Postage & Magazines	-523.78
Check	03/01/2019	CORR	Treasurer - Worth County	Reverse Property Taxes posted in error on 02/19/2019	-31,887.79
Paycheck	03/06/2019	8995	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-300.20
Paycheck	03/06/2019	8996	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-445.56
Paycheck	03/06/2019	8997	Russell, Joyce	Mayor (Donated 13 hours)	-1,136.16
Paycheck	03/06/2019	8998	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,035.27
Bill Pmt -Check	03/06/2019	8999	Hanna Chris	February snow removal (17.5 hours @ \$12.00 per hour)	-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/06/2019	9000	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-20.00
Check	03/09/2019	DEBIT	Intuit	Payroll	-12.72
Paycheck	03/13/2019	9019	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-74.44
Bill Pmt -Check	03/13/2019	9020	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,342.71
Bill Pmt -Check	03/13/2019	9021	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	Snow Removal	-2,480.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/13/2019	9022	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-167.90
Bill Pmt -Check	03/13/2019	9023	Menards	Supplies for Plow Truck	-74.47
Bill Pmt -Check	03/13/2019	9024	North Iowa Media Group	2020 Budget	-129.61
Bill Pmt -Check	03/13/2019	9025	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-73.05
Liability Check	03/13/2019	EFT	IPERS		-926.95
Check	03/13/2019	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-2,153.85
Liability Check	03/14/2019	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-1,548.00
Paycheck	03/16/2019	9032	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Assistant Director	-141.30
Paycheck	03/16/2019	9033	Knudson, Loni	(L) Clerk	-176.55
Paycheck	03/16/2019	9034	Thompson, Angela M	(L) Librarian	-1,153.71
Bill Pmt -Check	16/2019	ACH	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-39.13

Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2019	9035	Alliant Energy	Electric	-145.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2019	9037	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-92.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2019	9038	Frederick Blanch	(L)	-23.75
Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2019	9039	Manly Public Library	(L) Book	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2019	9040	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-344.33
Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2019	9041	WebWise Solutions Inc.	Web Hosting	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2019	9058	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,240.14
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2019	9059	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-194.92
Bill Pmt -Check	03/18/2019	9060	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-15.00
Check	03/19/2019	EFT	First Security Bank & Trust	Main Street Loan	-2,967.24
Check	03/20/2019	ACH	WCTA	(L)Telephone	-63.77
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9001	AgSource Laboratories	Sewer Testing	-71.84
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9002	Alliant Energy		-848.01
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9003	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-199.28
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9004	Black Hills Energy		-982.01
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9005	ClerkBooks	Payroll Subscription	-299.99
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9006	Demco	Labels & Due Date Slips,	-97.62
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9007	Hare Electric	Replace 4-way stop light bulb	-105.62
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9008	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-15.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9009	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities Iowa Communities Assurance	Annual Dues	-557.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9010	Pool v	Insurance	-12,495.81
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9011	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-85.99
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9012	MicroMarketing		-105.64
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9013	Staples		-61.36
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9014	Swank Movie Licensing USA	Movie License	-175.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9015	Waste Management		-2,339.78
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9016	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-202.51
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9017	Wendy Lunning - v		-56.54
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9018	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-178.08
Paycheck	03/20/2019	9026	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,095.72
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9027	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-13.50
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9028	Alliant Energy	Electric	-700.76
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9029	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-866.85
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9030	Hanna Chris	March snow removal (2.5 hours @ \$12.00 per hour) Lagoon Lift Station, pull W pump and clean out debris.	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/20/2019	9031	Quality Pump & Control		-375.00
Check	03/20/2019	9042	DeVries, David & Sandra		-42.60
Check	03/25/2019	DEBIT	USPS	Certified Letter	-8.80
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2019	9043	BMC Aggregates L.C.	Concrete Sand for sand bagging due to flooding Plugged fuel lines on drivers side tank & drain tank	-121.88
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2019	9044	Miller Ranch and Mobile Repair		-212.32
Bill Pmt -Check	03/25/2019	9045	Worth County Treasurer	Lien Payment for Chad & Laurie Holt	-246.94
Total Checking					-74,115.75
Petty Cash					
Total Petty Cash					
Total Operating Accounts					-74,115.75
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Savings					
Total Savings					
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
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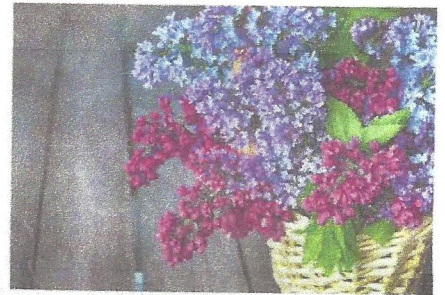
CITYWIDE CLEANUP

TURDAY, MAY 4TH 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM



FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY
 204 West Main Street/Box 198
 Fertile, IA 50434
 641-797-2787 Phone/Fax
 Monday & Wednesday: 1-6 P.M.
 Thursday: 3-6 P.M.
 Friday: 9- Noon & 2-6 P.M.
 Saturday: 9 - Noon

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Library Events

Kids Maker Space

May 8th @ 4 pm

Come to the library to create mother's day cards

Family Movie Night

May 17th @ 7 pm

Come join us for a fun time with books and crafts!

Cookbook Club

May 16th @ 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss a cookbook and sample some of it's offerings. This is a dinner and conversation group. 18+

Adult Craft Afternoon

May 25th @ 1 pm

We will be crafting, eating snacks & chatting. Join us for the fun. Ages 18+

Classic Movie Monday

May 20th @ 3:00 pm

Join us for Shop around the corner & popcorn!

featuring New Books

The A list - Judith Jance

The boy who knew too much - Cathy Byrd

The cliff house - RaeAnne Thayne

Miracle at St. Andrews - James Patterson

The delicious years- Frederick Blanch

Legacy of Mercy - Lynn Austin

featuring New DVDs

Bohemian Rhapsody

Mary Poppins Returns

Aquaman

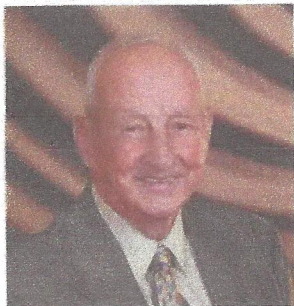
Ralph breaks the internet

A star is born

The mule

It's your library...

Did you know that the library offers more than books? Do you have old slides but no slide projector? The library has what you need to digitalize those images. Got old records? We have what you need to get those on your phone? Always wanted to learn to knit? We have a how to kit you can check out and try before you invest in the supplies. Have other ideas? Let us know what you'd like to check out.



. Roger was born January 19, 1933 to Raymond Sr. and Lena (Kruse) Jennings on a farm in Barton Township near Northwood. He was baptized and confirmed at Concordia Lutheran Church. Roger attended country school in

Worth county until he entered Hanlontown High School where he graduated in 1951.

It was in high school where Roger met the love of his life. He was united in marriage to Marian Peterson on August 25, 1951. Roger and Marian were always together. If you saw one of them, the other one was almost always there. They celebrated 67 years of marriage last August.

Roger worked for the Hanlontown Elevator until he and Marian moved to a farm west of Fertile in 1953. This became their lifelong home, where they raised their three children and continued to live together throughout their retirement.

He loved to farm and raise livestock, especially cattle. It was his passion for cattle that led him and his brother, Ralph, to purchase the Cow Palace Sale Barn in Forest City in 1971. For over 20 years, the "The Jennings Brothers" Cow Palace was a thriving business in Forest City and a main meeting place for area farmers. In addition, Roger and his brothers, Ralph and Raymond Jr., owned and operated Jennings Brothers Auctioneering. After retirement from the sale barn, Roger continued to raise cattle on the farm, but he also developed a love for gardening. He and Marian spent countless hours tending to, weeding, and maintaining beautiful flower gardens at their home that they enjoyed throughout their retirement years. Roger loved to work, however, he really got a big smile and that special twinkle in his eye when he was spending time with his grandchildren. He adored them and made it a priority to see and spend time with them. Roger is survived by his wife, Marian, of Hanlontown; children, Matthew (Kim) Jennings of Hanlontown, Tim (Stephanie) Jennings of Hanlontown, Lorelei (Matt) Olson of Fertile; grandchildren, Sarah (Jim) Masterson of Duluth, MN, Tyler Johnson of Pomona, CA, Courtney (Keaton) Schaueremann of Forest City, Paige Jennings of Rudd, Spencer, Lewis, Elijah Olson of Fertile; four great grandchildren, Briley, Adley, Emerson, and Wells; sisters-in-law, Muriel Bergan of Hanlontown, JoAnn Peterson of Kensett, and Lois Jennings of Clear Lake; many nieces and nephews.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Raymond Jennings Jr. and Ralph Jennings; mother and

father-in-law, Roy and Gail Peterson; brothers-in-law, Arden Bergan and Marvin Peterson.

Did you know??? By Ann Hendrickson

It has been said you can't sneeze with your eyes open! We hope the flu and colds are done for the season.

An article was found in the museum that gave the thought that maybe we didn't have it as bad last winter as it could have been. I'm sure some of you would disagree, but read on— Did you know??? By Ann Hendrickson

From the Worth County Eagle
Thursday, February 10, 1881.

Snow 3 feet deep in the woods. It took Lake Mills mail carrier from Saturday until Monday to reach Northwood. Then he walked six miles.

On the line of road from Mason City to Austin, drifts in some places are said to be as high as the telegraph poles.

The railroads are all blockaded. Possibly the B.C.R. +N. may get trains to Albert Lea by Saturday night if they have no bad luck.

The roads have been so blocked that no horse could travel, and the Sheriff has been traveling the county on snow shoes summoning the jury for the February term. This is a novel way of traveling in this age.

Last Friday afternoon, Joe Fleming of Kensett, came to Northwood on horseback for a coffin for the only child of Charles Christenson. It was late on his arrival and he did not think it expedient to venture out as was so near dark and he remained overnight. Our readers all know what a terrible day Saturday was and was unsafe for one to be out on the road so Joe waited until Sunday morning. Then it was impossible for him to get his horse out of the barn on account of the deep snow. He made up his mind that the trip must be made. He had the coffin fastened securely to his back and started on foot during that severe snow storm. He arrived at home in safety.

So what do you think? Did we have a bad winter? Until next time...



SPENCE AND VERA ABRAMS FAMILY



In front, Spence and Vera, back row left to right: Vonne, Spence Jr., Arlee and Jenny Abrams

Spence and Vera (Van Hoosen) were married on March 7, 1930. Their courtship had been interrupted in the summers when Spence went to Minnesota to raise flax. In the winters he sometimes worked for his father as a hired man. His wages were a dollar a day plus room and board. This was a nice arrangement as they got to spend time together until he displeased his boss and got fired.

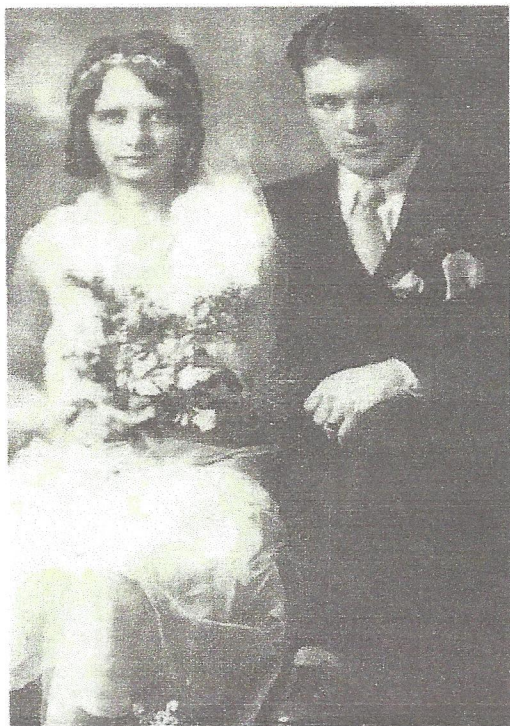
He was a farmer, she a school teacher. In the 1920's you graduated from high school, attended a summer teacher training, then began teaching. Like many farmers during the hard depression years they rented, but in 1944 purchased the Van Hoosen farm five and a half miles southwest of Fertile. At the time rural electricity and running water were promising conveniences, so their refrigerator operated on kerosene.

On the new farm, in addition to raising turkeys, hogs, sheep, cattle and chickens, Spence and Vera raised their children – Spence Jr., LaVonne (Vonnie,), Arlyn (Arlee) and Jenny. The three oldest graduated from Fertile High. After school reorganization Jenny completed high school in Ventura.

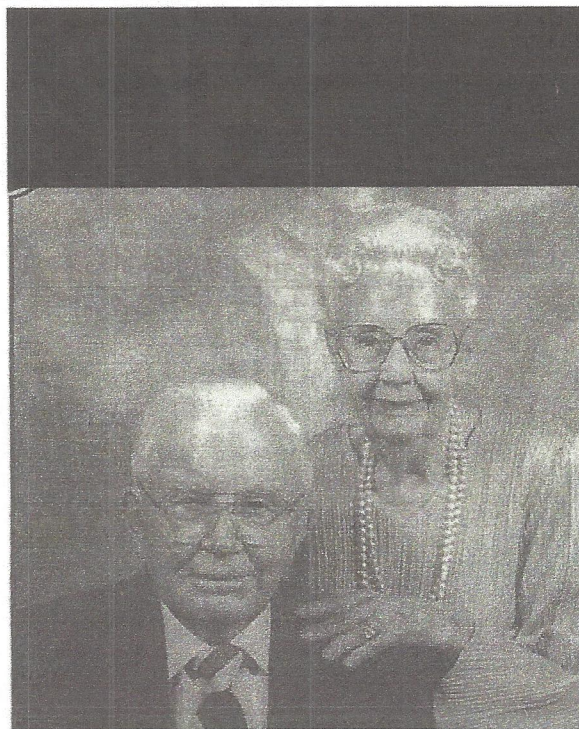
The Abrams story is a good follow-up to the April Reminder. Spence and Vera accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior at special meetings of the Fertile Gospel Mission held in the pickle factory. Regular church attendance, Bible reading and prayer became a part of the family practices.

Spence and Vera celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary before Vera died in November of 2001. Spence followed her in May of 2003. They are buried in Grant Center Cemetery south of Fertile.

SPENCE AND VERA ABRAMS FAMILY



Spence and Vera Wedding, March 7, 1930



Spence and Vera on the 70th anniversary. 3-07-00



Here is a picture of a sheet of insulation that was tangled up on the Winnebago River bank above the dam. Steve Roberts was able to get it after he took a canoe & crossed the river. This pollution was about 12 inches across ,about 3/8 inches thick and wider than the Main Street of Fertile. Think of the baby ducks or geese or turtles that would have been tangled up in it . Sara Innes



THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

Good Morning Fertile,
First of all, I would like to say
THANK YOU to everyone who
sent a card, said a prayer,
visited, or asked about me

during this ordeal. For those of you who do not know, I had knee surgery on January 22. They had to go back in on January 25 to clean out an embolism on that knee. On January 26, a blood clot left my leg, went through my heart and ended up in my lungs. This pulmonary aneurism sent me off to the I.C.U. of Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines for lots of oxygen and blood thinners. After a week, I was moved to I.O.O.F Home of Mason City for rehab for three weeks. When Medicare ran out I moved to my girlfriend's house under the care of Cerro Gordo Public Health. I am now doing out-patient physical therapy at the I.O.O.F. Home and should be done the week of April 24. I will be moving back home during Holy Week. I don't want to forget to thank Don Larsen for blowing the snow off of my driveway and Cindy Peters for being, well Cindy Peters.

After spending as much time as I did in the hospitals and nursing home, I have real appreciation for all medical workers, from the surgeons to the aides. Everyone is needed and they don't get enough people saying thank you. I want to especially thank a P.A. in Clarion who made the call for me to have a cat scan of my lung to find the blood clot. Had I gone home instead of Des Moines, I would now be a permanent resident of the cemetery. It was that close. Believe me, I value life. Maintaining my health so I can serve others is so important to me.

Thank you Holly for grabbing the reins and going ahead with the Fertile Days Celebration planning. I approve of everything that you did.

You are probably wondering if I am going to have my other knee done. The answer is yes, but not until December. I am having genetic blood testing in August. This is quite common in people, think factor five. The surgeon will then know what

precautions to take. I will be on Pradaxa until August. Thank you V.A.

I will be growing crops on about one and one half acres this year for North Iowa Fresh and the Clear Lake Farmers Market. I just can't keep my fingers out of the soil. Please Mr. Weatherman, not another 2018.

Until next time, thank a veteran for the freedoms that you enjoy, a farmer for the food on your plate, and above all, thank God for your daily blessings.



Garden Club met at the Community Center on April 9th with 14 members present. Eileen Schissel joined as a new member. Roll call was "What are your plans for Easter?"

President Penny Miller led a discussion on changes that are needed in our Constitution. We will vote on it again next month.

Discussion was held on what to plant in the town pots. We decided to wait until we got to the flower auction to see what was available and would fit in our budget.

April 23rd at 5:30 pm was set for a work night to clean off the flower beds, etc. May 22 we will be traveling to Cedar Valley Produce Auction and various greenhouses in the area to do our buying. Flowers will be planted when we return home that same day.

Our hostesses were Cindy Peters and Twylah Kragel, who served a delicious lunch. Thought for the Day was given by Ginny Lovik.



Thanks to you and your crew for all that you do,
Arlyn Abrams

Hi Gals, I see by my last "Reminder" it's time to renew. I do look forward to it each month. You all do a great job. Thank you so much. **Lynn Austin**

Thank you ladies for the Fertile Reminder with all the news and all the special memories from the years gone by. **Gladys Humphrey**

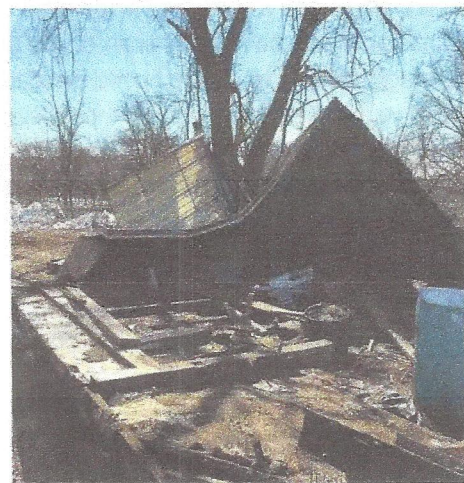
Kuns Super Service, Gone but not Forgotten

Decades of neglect finally took their toll recently when the building that held the last version of Kuns Super Service collapsed under the weight of heavy winter snow. With the debris cleared, the site returns to the way it was sometime in the 1860's. Gunder K. Dailey erected a blacksmith and wagon shop there. In 1880 a tornado leveled that building. The twenty-four by forty-two foot replacement added a wood shop and grindstone room to polish steel plows. This equipment was run by horsepower. Ernie Kuns purchased the building and moved his business to the site in 1948. I worked many hours in that building before leaving for college after High School. My parent's home is gone and now so is the business building. Not much left there for me other than memories and the tree he planted in 1964. Neil Kuns

Bonnie L Kuns So many people whose machine needs were served by Ernie. And he trained you boys in that building, too. It wasn't just cars that he serviced. He had knowledge of many different things. God Bless His Memory!!

Larry Haugen If you can't stop smile as you go by

Sandy-Lanny Jenkins That was the best logo on his station wasn't it! Good old days



Thanks to Sandy Jenkins, Neil Kuns, Joyce Russell and Deb Perreira for pictures. I do not know which one belongs to who! I asked for pictures in Facebook and these are a part of what was put in. Thanks again!



Caramel Pecan Rolls

- 1 cup pecan pieces
- Rhodes frozen dinner rolls
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 4.75 oz. box of cook and serve vanilla pudding
- Cinnamon
- Small amount of shortening

Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish with a little shortening
Sprinkle pecan on bottom of the pan.

Place frozen dinner rolls in the pan 3 across and 5 down. Total of 15

Pour the box of dry pudding mix evenly over the frozen rolls.

In a small sauce pan, melt butter and add brown sugar, bring to boil stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and pour over rolls evenly.

Sprinkle cinnamon on top.

Spray a piece of plastic wrap with cooking spray and cover rolls,

Then cover with a clean kitchen towel

Let this sit on your counter overnight.

In the morning preheat over to 350 degrees

Remove towel and plastic and bake about 20 minutes.....or until golden brown...

*A mother is a person who seeing
there are only four pieces of pie
for five people, promptly announces
she never did care for pie.*

THE RIE A JORDAN

Happy Mother's Day



May Basket day is just around the corner. Why not brighten and elderly persons day with a May Basket. In our day care we use to make baskets for the older people in Fertile and have the children deliver them. I don't know who enjoyed it more, the kids or the adults.

Here are a few ideas to put in the baskets:

A Tea Bag Variety

Hard Candy (Consider sugar-free for possible diabetics)

Baked Goods from your own kitchen (Mini loaves, muffins, cookies, cupcakes)

Pocket Tissue Packets

Prayer Cards

Small Short & Uplifting Story Books

Cross Word Puzzle Books

Flowers

HAVE A HAPPY MAY DAY

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold,
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER"
A word that means the world to me.

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**REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER
ON MOTHER'S DAY**

RULES OF RURAL IOWA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Listen up City Slickers!

1. Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.
2. Turn your cap right, your head isn't crooked.
3. Let's get this straight; it's called a 'dirt road.' I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.
4. They are cattle. They're live steaks. That's why they smell funny to you. But they smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-80 goes east and west, I-35 goes north and south. Pick one.
5. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$150,000 combines that are driven only 3 weeks a year.
6. So every person in rural Iowa waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.
7. If that cell phone rings while an 8-point buck and 3 does are coming in, we WILL shoot it out of your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.
8. Yeah, we eat taters, gravy, beans and cornbread. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at Jim's bait shop..
9. The 'Opener' refers to the first day of deer season. It's religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of November.
10. We open doors for women. That is applied to all women, regardless of age.
11. No, there's no 'vegetarian special' on the menu. Order steak. Or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of ham & turkey.
12. When we fill out a table, there are three main dishes: meats, vegetables, and breads. We use three seasonings - salt, pepper, and ketchup. Oh, yeah.... We don't care what you folks in Cincinnati call that stuff you eat ... IT AIN'T REAL CHILI!!
13. You bring 'coke' into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice.
14. You bring 'Mary Jane' into my house, she better be cute, know how to shoot, drive a truck, and have long hair.
15. College and high school football are as important here as the Cavs and the Knicks... and more fun to watch.
16. Yeah, we have golf courses. But don't hit the water hazards -- it spooks the fish.
17. Colleges? We have them all. We have State Universities, Community Colleges, and Vo-techs. They come outta there with an education plus a love for God and country, and they still wave at everybody when they come for the holidays.
18. Turn down that blasted car stereo! That thumpity-thump crap ain't music, anyway. We don't want to hear it any more than we want to see your boxers. Refer back to #1.
19. Four inches of snow isn't a blizzard - it's a flurry. Drive in it like you got some sense, and DON'T take all our bread, milk, and bleach from the grocery stores. This ain't Alaska. Worst case you may have to live a whole day without croissants. The pickups with snowplows will have you out the next day.
- 20. By the way.... if you want to talk to God in Iowa, it's a local call.**

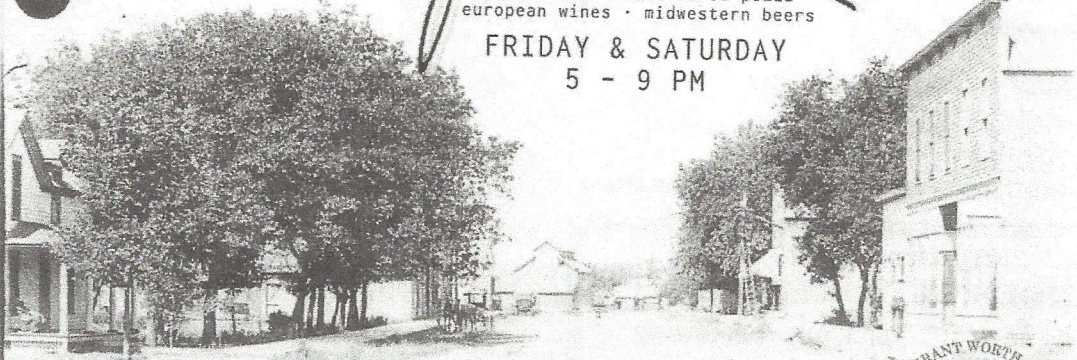


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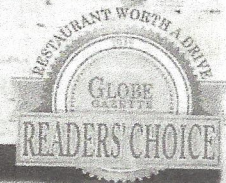
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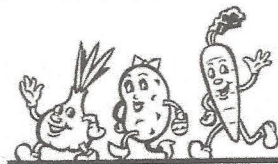
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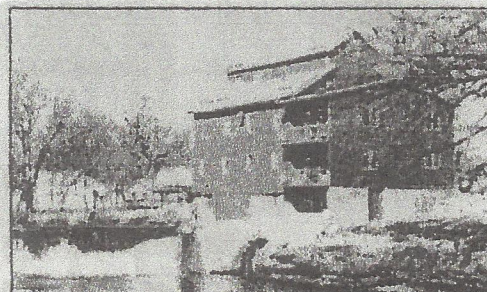
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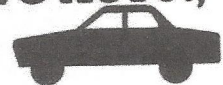
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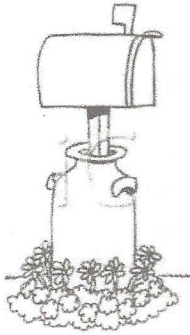
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