# **DECEMBER 2004** FERTILE REMINDER





# **COMING EVENTS**

Dec. 6	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.
Dec. 7	Senior Dinner Note: Only dinner this month	Noo
	City Council Meeting	7 p.
Dec. 14	Garden Club Christmas Party	
Dec. 18	Boys and Girls 4-H	
Dec. 20	Library Board Meeting	7 p.
Dec. 22	Re-cycle Day	

Dec. 25 HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS! .m.

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NEXT REMINDER WILL BE PRINTED **IN JANUARY 2005** 

The Fertile City Council met 7PM, Novemver 3, 2004, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Paul Youngers, Gail Shropshire, Tad Miller. Absent Melanne Bang. Youngers moved, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the October minutes. A resolution to renew to Aquila a 25 year franchise for natural gas was passed. Miller moved, Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. A building permit was granted to Steve Prescott to erect a machine storage shed. Berg moved, Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup> to appoint Paul Youngers as representative to the Win-Worth-Betco Board. Passed. Berg moved, Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup> to send the clerk to a budget training session in December. Passed. The Mayor reported three new street lights have been placed in Wm. Rhodes Island Park. Shropshire moved, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve expenditures. Passed. Monthly reports were given. Youngers moved, Berg 2nd to

### adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

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October Revenue	
Property Tax	13,297.82
*FEMA	1,541.18
Water/Sewer/Garbage	10,176.85
Street Revenue	1,331.80
Street Const. 28E	2,458.99
Little League	2,754.20
Local Option Tax	1,131.30
TOTAL REVENUE	\$32,692.14



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October Expenses					
Dave Low	301.49				
Warren Bruns	1,058.93				
Gloria Kirschbaum	343.14				
Grant Russell	312.71				
Dennis Ganz	48.77				
Sewer Acct	1,667.00				
Water Acct	1,474.00				
FICA	452.90				
IPERS	252.67				
WCTA	59.84				
Waste Systems	1,662.00				
Alliant	803.53				
MenardsLittle League	64.42				
Thompson Garage	64.30				
Farmer Coop CL	17.75				
Fertile HdweLittle League	2,689.78				
RVS program update	70.00				
Treasurer St of Iowa	818.43				
Bruns Bros. fuel	84.24				
Aquila	53.30				
Larsen Plbg.	25.80				
U of Iowa, Policy handbook	18.00				
Crescent Moon, port-pots, park	120.00				
Fertile Fire Dept	1,250.00				
Fertile Library	2,175.00				
PO	83.00				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,971.00				

Please keep alleys and streets free of obstructions to facilitate snow removal.

## NORTH IOWA COMMUNICTY ACTION ORGANIZATION P. O. Box 1627, Mason City, IA 50402

## **HEAD START PROGRAM**

## Release: November 1 - December 15

Contact: Ellen Fitzpatrick 641-494-2539

Would you like to help a child stay warm this winter? North Iowa Community Action, Head Start is once again this year offering the Adopt A Child program to help provide winter outerwear to children who need it.

How can you help? You and your family would purchase winter outerwear that a child needs and we will deliver it, or you may mail a cash donation to Adopt A Child, P O Box 1627, Mason City, IA 50401 and w will shop for needed items.

Please call Ellen Fitzpatrick at 494-2539 for more information.

Fertile Public Library Box 198 Fertile, IA 50434 Phone/Fax 641/797/2787 Winter Hours: Monday 1-8:00 P.M. Wednesday 2-6 P.M. / Friday 9-Noon & 2-5P .M. Saturday 9-Noon

NEW BOOKS

Metro Girl - Janet Evanovich Echoes - Danielle Steel The Christmas Thief - Mary Higgins Clark Northern Lights - Nora Roberts The Prodigal - Beverly Lewis Hide Yourself Away - Mary Jane Clark Therapy - Jonathan Kellerman Echoes - Danielle Steel Blue Dahlia - Nora Roberts Silver Bells - Luanne Rice Missing - Sharon Sala A Light to My Path - Lynn Austin When Christmas Comes - Debbie Macomber

# SANTA NEEDS YOU!

Anyone wishing to donate to the Santa Fund please contact the library.

## NEW DVDS

Ella Enchanted - Anne Hathaway Taking Lives - Angelina Jolie Walking Tall - The Rock Man on Fire- Denzel Washington Home on the Range - Disney Santa Claus 2 - (VHS) Tim Allen

## AUDIO BOOKS

Hide Yourself Away - Mary Jane Ckark Therapy - Jonathan Kellerman A Cold Heart - Jonathan Kellerman Echoes - Danielle Steel Metro Girl - Janet Evanovich No one to Trust - Iris Johansen The Christmas Thief - Mary Higgins Clark

## LIBRARY NEWS

A Playstation 2 has been donated to the Library for check out. It may be checked out for one week. There will be a \$4.00 per week fee. A \$150 deposit is required and will be kept if the machine is one week overdue. A checkout agreement will require a parent signature.

On October 26 a Halloween Carnival was held at the Ol' School Apartments. Games were played & lots of prizes won. Thank you Joe Elthon for donating a place to have it & thanks to all who donated their time.

Our Holiday Open House will be December 4. Santa will be here at 10 A.M. with gifts & candy for ages up to 10. At 11:00 we will hold our annual drawing. There are lots of prizes to win. Top prize is a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card. If you would like to donate a prize, sell or buy tickets call or stop by the library. Happy Holidays.



# WITH SYMPATHY

## ARDIE L. LOVICK 1927 - 2004

Funeral service for Ardie L. "Red" Lovick, 77, of Washington, IA was held Saturday October 30, 2004 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington, IA with Rev. Brian Gentz officiating. Interment with military rites was at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington.



Ardie was born July 7, 1927 in Fertile, son of Henry O. and Ida (Hanson) Lovick. He died October 26, 2004 at the United Presbyterian Home following complications of Parkinson's Disease.

After graduating from high school, Ardie graduated from Iowa State University in Ames in 1951. Ardie served in the United States Navy during World War II.

On June 7, 1952 he was united in marriage to Juanita Badger in Montezuma. He was a resident of Washington since 1967.

In his earlier years he was a Vocational Agriculture and Shop teacher at Mingo from 1951 - 1956. He was then a Feed Mill operator for ten years and later worked for Kaiser Fertilizer Company in Keota from 1966 - 1972 where he was district manager. Ardie owned the Sears catalog store in Washington for 13 years. For 14 years Ardie was employed by Washington Community School District as a school bus driver and at the same time was a self employed furniture restorer and owner of Washington Prairie Antiques.

He is survived by his wife Juanita "Nita" Lovick of Washington; son, Steven K. Lovick and wife Emily of Ft. Smith, Ark; daughter, Debra Jo Rees and husband Loren of Boone; and daughter, Robyn Marie Feik and husband Jim of Letts; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild; three brothers, James Lovick and wife Alvera of Fertile, Leo Lovick and wife Marlys of Ackley, Larry Lovick and wife Diane of Forest City, and five sisters, Murlette Hagen of Lake Mills, Pearl Hanna Clear Lake, Alice Toresdahl of Clear Lake, Elaine Ollenburg and husband Bob of Ventura and Doris Bonnstetter and husband Frank of Clear Lake.

Ardie was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Karl in 1997; one brother, Paul; and two sisters, Amy Brakke and Irene Brakke.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



#### JERRY VALLEY 1938 - 2004

Memorial service for Jerry Valley, 65, of Forest City was held Oct. 12, 2004 at Petersen Lund Funeral Home in Forest City with Rev. Lee Laaveg, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City officiating. Burial was scheduled for a later date.

Jerry Floyd Valley was born on November 13, 1938 in Des Moines, the son of Charles and Florence Clair. He died October 9, 2004 at Muse Norris Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

When Jerry was three years old, he was adopted by Floyd and Mable Valley of Forest City. He attended school in Forest City and graduated from Forest City High School in 1957.

On November 1, 1959 he married Judy Jenkins of Fertile. Jerry worked at Jenkins Trucking in Fertile and also at the Fertile Tile Plant. He worked many years for Forest City Ready Mix and most recently had been the custodian at the Forest City Police Station until his retirement in 2001.

Jerry is survived by his children: Terry (Peggy) Valley of Whitwell, Tennessee; David (Ann) Valley of Albertville, MN; and Deb (Lee) Albertson of Scarville; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his biological siblings; Alice Kinley of Des Moines, Vi Swanson of Sheffield, Frank Launsen of Morris, IL, Maribelle Olsen of Sheffield, Delbert Witt of Mason City and Sue Hansen of Humboldt, Also, very dear friends, Jeanie Thompson and JoAnn Bartleson of Forest City, as well as Dr. Clark and the wonderful folks at Hospice.

Jerry was preceded in death by his biological parents, Charles and Florence Clair, his adoptive parents, Floyd and Mable Valley, and a brother, Charles Ness of Des Moines. Our deepest sympathy to the family.



V. E. Day Neil L. Kuns May 8, 1995

Fifty years ago today President Harry S. Truman announced to the nation that the German generals had surrendered, and that the Allies had finally won the war in Europe. Victory in Europe for which so many had prayed and sacrificed was at last a reality. This news generated great rejoicing then, and gives rise to grateful recollection now. I remember less of V. E. Day than of V. J. Day that followed later that summer when Japan capitulated. What *does* stick in my mind is the deep longing for victory during the months and years that preceded the end of the war.

My parents frequently got together socially with Hank and Janet Van den Bosch and with Art and Ione Grooters. Both of these families were of Dutch extraction, and thus were in closer emotional contact with Europe than were my Dad and Mom. During those evenings the two or three families visited in each others home and enjoyed coffee and pastries. The women brewed coffee in the then popular two-part glass vacuum pot. Steam forced the water from the bottom into the upper part containing the ground coffee. When all the water was in the top the pot was removed from the heat, and the vacuum caused by the cooling of the lower part drew the water back down through the coffee and the filter. Mrs. Van Den Bosch frequently served ice-box cookies that we came to call "Dutch cookies."

One evening at the Van den Bosch home the conversation turned to the topic of German atrocities recently reported in the newspapers. There were times during the six years of war when the Allied armies were taking heavy losses and making slow progress. On such pessimistic occasions the talk turned to our chances of winning the conflict.

With a voice draped in desperate hope Janet Van den Bosch said, "We just **have** to win this war. Heh, life just wouldn't be worth living if we lose." ("Heh" was a Dutch expression that approximated, "heck" or "hey".)

Ione Grooters was no less Dutch than Janet, but was less convinced of the worthlessness of life in the event of defeat. What I remember of that conversation are the deep emotions. Perhaps it was the first time I had considered any outcome other than victory. I reasoned that if our cause was right we would win. To me the adage was "Right makes might," not the other way around. Perhaps that was merely the naiveté of a twelve-year old boy.

The tide of battle seemed to turn from the Axis and Nazis to America and her Allies soon after that evening of serious discussion. I do not remember ever hearing another conversation so heavy with the anxiety of possible defeat. Perhaps the adults did not intend for me to hear the words that so intensely etched their way into my mind. Perhaps the next time my parents and their friends discussed the war I was engrossed in my own battle at the carom board. Although I lost more than one game of caroms or cards when others cheated, I still believe that right will be the ultimate victor, don't you? V. E. Day reinforces that conviction.



#### Dear Reminder Gals,

Thanks to all of you for bringing the wonderful news to us each month. It is my favorite paper. That's why we recognized your paper at our 50th class reunion in June.

Keep up the exceptional work. Marcie (Oakland) Osmundson Class of 1954 \* \* \*

Dear Ladies.

Thanks so much. I love getting my little newsletter and appreciate your commitment to keeping it going. Elizabeth Dods

## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our supper a great success. We served 485 meals.

A big thank you for those that peeled potatoes, roasted turkeys, baked pies, made dressing & carved turkeys.

Thanks to those who did the serving, mashed the potatoes, opened all the cans of corn, did the dishes, those that helped set up and clean up afterwards.

Also, thanks to Paul Younger for donating the 200# of potatoes.

Some of the bills are not paid yet, but we made a profit of nearly \$2,000.00.

Thank you to Larry Luker for delivering the turkeys and to Joe Elthon for the use of his building.

Ruth Ouverson

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Thanks to everyone that brought pies to our Turkey Supper. They were all great. Thanks to Evelyn Elthon for cutting them and helping serve them.

I also want to thank Joe for letting us use the building. Brings back many fond memories.

Carolyn Nedved.

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Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, food, gifts, plants and concerns while I'm recuperating from my hip surgery. Thanks again!

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#### FERTILE GARDEN CLUB NOVEMBER 9, 2004 7:00 P.M. Fertile City Hall

The Fertile Garden Club met for their November meet at City Hall in Fertile, with 18 members present.

President Penny Miller started the meeting out with everyone signing Christmas Cards to send out. Roll call was "First Pre-All answers were recorded and no one diction of Snow Fall" could choose the same date. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Christmas Party was discussed and it will be held at the home Mary (Merv) Anderson's. on December 14. Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 and the meal served at 6:30 p.m. Some will bring desserts, and all will bring 2 dozen cookies. We will reveal our Secret Pals and give them a Christmas Present.

Tonight we brought food for the Food Bank in Forest City. Mary Ann W. will deliver the canned goods. New member names were presented and letters will be sent out to them. Disbursement of funds were as follows: Hospice of North Iowa \$150.; Fertile Fire Department \$150.; Fertile Public Library \$150.

Election of officers for 2005 are : Pat Lohman, President; Amanda Waddington, Vice President; Kristin Mikes, Secretary; Donna Ouverson gave The Diane Schulze, Treasurer. Thought for the Day. A delicious lunch was served by Bev Pat Oswald, Reporter pro-tem. Steffensen and Betty Theilen.



## **Bolan Schoolhouse**

## Reopening August 5 through December 31, 2004



Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (or by appointment)

"Back-To-School" Open House, Aug. 21 Bolan Fall Market, Sept. 24, 25, 26 Pumpkin Decorating & Hayrides, Oct. 16 Country Shops Holiday Tour, Nov. 6 & 7 Christmas Coffee, Dec. 11



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## WORTH JOINING GENERATIONS MENTORING PROGRAM

Worth Joining Generations is the new mentoring program o. Worth County funded through a grant from Iowa Department of Public Health. Worth County Public Health is looking for adults to be mentors. You may ask what is a mentor? A mentor is someone who is a good listener and someone who cares and wants to help young people bring out strengths that are already there. Someone who provides young people with support, counsel, friendship and a constructive example. All children can benefit from positive role models; young people are looking for someone to listen to them and support them. The program is looking for mentors for the age group of 5-17 for children of all of Worth County. The commitment of one hour a week (four hours monthly) for at least a year could make a deifference in a child's life and also benefit yours

Research has shown that children who participate in a mentoring program have higher self-esteem, are more likely to do well in school, develop positive social skills and are less likely to use drugs or alcohol.

Anyone interested in more information, wishing to be a mentor or would like a presentation for an upcoming meeting of their organization, please contact Sonya Dahle or Kelli Dorsey, RN, program coordinators of Worth Joining Generations at the Worth County Public Health Department,

thwood. Contact phone numbers are 641-324-1741 or 1-600-765-1388..

FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

602 W. Washington St., PO Box 215 FERTILE, IOWA 50434 Phone Number: 641-797-2767 Worship: 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:35 A.M. Interim Pastor: Clarence Baalson



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MENTORING

## What is a Mentor?

Someone who provides young people with support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement, and a constructive example. A good listener and someone who cares. Someone who wants to help young people bring out strengths that are already there.

## What does a Mentor do?

Helps connect children and youth with resources, safe places and structured activities. Provides a positive role model, assistance in obtaining a marketable skill through support of education, and an opportunity to give back through community service.

## Why is being a Mentor important?

Young people are looking for someone to listen and support them. Providing guidance and structure to a young person allows them an opportunity to develop self-esteem and self-confidence. Youth who met with their mentor weekly for one year were 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 52% less likely to skip school, and 33% less likely to get into fights. Students with mentors report greater confidence in their performance at school and better relationships with their families.

### Who needs Mentors?

All children can benefit from positive role models. Some young people do not have positive adults or peers in their families and need to reach outside their home. What are some things I should consider if I want to be a Mentor?

The age and number of youth you want to work with. Elementary, middle school, or high school age children. One youth or several (mentoring one child one-on-one versus coaching a group of young people) The setting that you may want to mentor in: school, community, church or business. **How much time is required to be a Mentor?** 

Time commitment can vary depending upon the program that you become involved with. It is highly recommended that a mentor and mentee have meetings on a weekly basis for one hour, lasting at least one to two years. Time commitment provides the opportunity for a positive consistent relationship to develop.



The FB & I Sesquicentennial committee met Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the turkey supper fundraiser that was held November 6<sup>th</sup>. The supper was very successful and the committee would like to say a special thank you to Ruth Ouverson and everyone that was involved in the organizing, preparations, baking and cleanup. Our next meeting will be held Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.



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## COOK'S KORNER

m in need of recipes. How about you out? helping me out there cuoks Send your recipes to: Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434.

Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

## BROWNIE MALLOW BARS

From Kit Zirbel

- 9X13 Brownie Cake Mix 1
- package 10.5 oz miniature Marshmallows 1
- cups semisweet choc-chips (12 oz.) 2
- cup Creamy Peanut Butter 1
- Tbsp. Butter or margarine 1
- 1 1/2 cups Crisp Rice cereal

Prepare brownie batter according to directions for fudge-like brownies.

350° 28-30 minutes. BAKE in a greased 9X13 pan (Do not over bake)

Remove from the oven and top with marshmallows; **Bake EXACTLY 3 MINUTES** 

(Marshmallows will not be completely melted) Cool on a wire rack.

In a heavy saucepan combine choc-chips, butter, & peanut butter, over low heat. Stir until smooth. MIX in cereal, well. Spread over cooled brownies. Refrigerate 1-2 hours or until firm before cutting. Use a sawing method to cut.

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## CHUNKY POTATO SOUP

From Roxanne This sounds like a good winter day soup! 2 cups water 3 medium red potatoes Crushed red pepper flakes 1 small onion 3 cups Milk Ground black pepper 1 teaspoon sugar 3 Tablespoons butter 3 Tablespoons flour 1 cup shredded cheddar (sharp)

1 cup cooked cubed ham.

Cut potatoes in 1 inch cubes & boil until tender. Drain but reserve the liquid. Set aside

Melt butter and cook onions until Chop onion. Add flour, pepper flakes, black peptranslucent. per to taste. Cook 3-4 minutes. Gradually add 1 cup of the reserved potato water, milk, sugar to onion mixture. Add potatoes, cheese, ham. Simmer on low for 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Making a double batch makes about 3 1/2 quarts of soup. You can add 1/2 Tbsp. Red pepper for a double batch and it has an after bite!



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9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES. 10:00 - Fellowship Time. 10:15 - Worship Service.

FAMILY NIGHT - Wednesday Evenings 7 - 8 COME AND BE OUR GUEST. 3493 EAGLE AVENUE - FERTILE, IOWA

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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