# JULY 2008 FERTILE REMINDER



# COMING EVENTS

July 1	Senior Dinner	Noon
July 3	Recycle Day	
July 7	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
July 15	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m
July 17	Recycle Day.	
July 23	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
July 31	Recycle Day	

#### **City of Fertile**

#### City Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

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- Call to Order The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 17, 2008, at Fertile City Hall. The council is more defined of the former of the second definition of the second definition.
- 2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Pat Renchin, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was City Manager Warren Bruns.

#### 3.) Minutes Approval

 Peters motioned and Berg 2nd to approve the May minutes. Motion Carried.

#### 4.) Iowa Housing Fund Grant

- Steve Wendt and Myrtle Nelson from NIACOG presented information on a program that could gain up to \$24,999 per owneroccupied home – up to 6 homes per grant period.
- The City will need to target approximately 90 homes in Fertile and receive an 80% survey response from those 90 homes.
- Awards are granted according to income levels & project need.
- Council will form a housing committee at the next meeting.

#### 5.) Fertile Lutheran Church

- Bill Price asked if the City could install a more defined parking lot to the east of the Church. The City owns the land in between the Church and the old school. Water lines from the tower pass under this area.
- Mayor Russell and Buck Russell will meet with Bill to plot out the lot lines to verify the available space.

#### 6.) Fire Department Building

- May presented a bid for remodeling the Knapper building.
- Mayor Russell presented market value appraisals for City Hall, the Library and the Fire Department.
- Peters motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the purchase of the Knapper building – contingent on the sale of the current building Berg abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

#### 7.) Girl Scout Troup Projects

- Troup 115 has voiced interest in completing a community service project for the City of Fertile.
- The Council proposes picnic table painting and memorial planters

#### 8.) Mayor's Report

- FLOOD THANK YOUS TO: Brian Nettleton and Basic Materials for the use of equipment and materials to create our temporary dike. Everyone who helped sandbag – that was awesome! Ray Heftlin – Emergency Management - for your support.
- 17 homes reported flood damage to City Hall.
- FEMA has declared Worth County a disaster area.
- The City has purchased a 6" water pump to help avoid pump rental for any future floods. The pump will cost \$24,272.00.
- The City expects to receive FEMA funding to cover the cost of the pump, the necessary repairs to the park, the re-digging and seeding of Washington Street ditches, and repairs to a few other flood damaged areas.
- Aukes will be heavily spraying for mosquitos due to the flood.
- THANK YOU to Dick Worsley for installing the new lights on the footbridge.
- THANK YOU to Kenny Strohman for helping weed whacking and cleaning the ball diamond road.
- Mayor Russell presented two bids for blacktopping all of Washington Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

- Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve Heartland Construction's bid of \$83,068.30. Motion Carried.(Details of the bids are available at City Hall)
- The City will be writing a WCDA grant to raise the necessary funding. If awarded, the project will begin next spring. THERE WILL BE NO COST TO RESIDENTS!!! ☺

#### 9.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented May's financials.
- The City is right on budget for this year. The City expects to put \$10,000-\$15,000 into the savings for road re-surfacing and \$10,000 into the savings for painting the water tower.
- The water and sewer rates will not raise for the July 2008-June 2009 fiscal year! ©
- Miller motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the May Expenditures. Motion Carried.
- Miller motioned and Shropshire 2nd to Place a \$789.98 lien against
- 501 West Washington for unpaid utility bills. Motion Carried.
- Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to Place a \$877.56 lien against 605 West Washington for unpaid utility bills. Motion Carried.

#### 10.) City Maintenance Report

• New speed limit signs and stop signs have been installed. The speed limit on Main is now 15 mph. A new stop sign has been installed on the corner of Washington and Hill.

#### 11.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, July 15, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- The Housing Committee will be formed.
- 12.) Adjourn Renchin moved, Berg 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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	City of Fertile		
	Expenditures and Revenues As of May 31, 2008		
Distalation	As of may 51, 2000 Name	Paid Amount	
Присон Туре	Hams		
General Fund Checking	Advantage Business Solutions	-80.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-131.71	
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-1,005.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-65.00	
Bill Pmt -Check Bill Pmt -Check	Forest City Ford	-917.51	
Bill Pmt -Check	IMWCA	-2,150.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Finance Authority	-11,167.50	
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-151.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-46.55	
Bill Pmt -Check	Mills Fleet Farm	-335.72	
Bill Pmt -Check	Municipal Supply, Inc.	-1,485.00 -117.95	
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-102.33	
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-136.88	
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-11.52	
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-71.80	
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-1,821.75	
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-116.33	
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-356.93	
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila Menards	-486.64	
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.68	
Bill Pmt -Check Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-924.88	
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-179.95	
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.51	
Check	Fertile Little League	-700.00	
Check	Greve Law Office	-1,000.00	
Check	First State Bank	-1.34	
Deposit		8,030.09 5,080.00	
Deposit		2,935.74	
Deposit		62.81	
Deposit		2,311.77	
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	3,212.00	
Deposit		33.85	
Deposit		-589.53	
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-766.89	
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-864.88	
Paycheck	Russell, Grant Russell, Joyce	-561.02	
Paycheck		-4,702.54	
Total General Fund Chec	cking		
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		32	
Deposit		3	
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings			
Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.34	
Deposit		1.34	
Total Water Revenue Fu	nd Checking	-	
Sewage Revenue Fund	Checking	1.98	
Deposit		1.98	
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		-4,666.71	
TOTAL			



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#### **NEW BOOKS**

Lean Mean Fourteen - Janet Evanovich Passing Through Paradise - Susan Wiggs Blood Noir - Laurell K. Hamilton Lover Enshrined - J. R. Ward Sorceress of Belmair - Bertrice Small Last Dance at Jitterbug Lounge - Pamela Morsi Bitsy's Bait & BBQ - Pamela Morsi I Shall Not Want - Julia Spencer Fleming Sail - James Patterson Twenty Wishes - Debbie Macomber Santa Fe Dead - Stuart Woods Lost Souls - Lisa Jackson Blue-Eved Devil - Lisa Kleypas Whacked – Jules Asner Chasing Harry Winston - Lauren Weisberger An Uncertain Dream - Judith Miller Sabrina – Lori Wick P.S. I Love You - Cecelia Ahern My Heart Remembers - Kim Vogel Sawyer Thread of Deceit - Catherine Palmer Firestorm - Nevada Barr

#### **DVDs**

27 Dresses – Katherine Heigl The Bucket List – Jack Nickolson Fools' Gold – Mathew McConaughey Gridiron Gang – Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson Rio Bravo – John Wayne Jungle Book 2 Special Edition - Disney

#### Library News

If you are traveling this summer, you might consider revisiting a story from your youth. How about sharing Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder or the Hardy Boys Tower Treasure with your family? Enjoying a good story together can help travel time go by faster. Don't forget **NEIBORS**! You can download books onto your MP3 player or burn to CD. You can access it from the library website. All you need is a library card. The Library will be serving lunch in the park for the 2008 North Iowa Tractor Ride stopping by Fertile on July 11. We will be expecting 350 people. If anyone is interested in helping serve lunch or baking bars please contact the library.



#### Ficture Word Bugs Match

Draw a line from the picture word on left to the correct bug on right.

















#### WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 95 9th St. North, Northwood, IA 50459 641-324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388

July 9 Child Immunization Clinic at Manly Town Hall from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. By appointment only. Free lead test available and free home inspections. To make an appointment call one of the above numbers.

In -Office screenings at Worth County Public Health Office: Cholesterol panels are available for \$20.00 for any age with an advance appointment. Free Blood pressure checks are done Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Individuals ages 60+ can receive a general assessment, five lab tests and health education at no cost. Call above numbers for information.

Women and Diabetes Awareness program is not just for those with high blood sugars or that are diabetic. Women health education sessions led by professionals in a variety of backgrounds give the holistic approach to health prevention. All women ages teen and up my participate in this free program. Sessions are held in Worth County with meetings twice a month. Baby sitting is available. A free blood sugar test is done at the kick-off meeting. To participate in this program, call WCPH at 1-800-765-1388 or 324-1741.

Worth Joining Generations Mentoring Program - Mentors are always needed. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to have a positive presence in children's lives, please contact Kristie at Worth County Public Health at 324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388

The Iowa Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program - Women ages 40 - 64 who meet certain guidelines may be eligible to receive cancer screening tests at no cost. If you have no health insurance, insurance that does not cover these services, cannot pay insurance deductibles or co-payments, or no Medicare Part B coverage, you may qualify. Through this program you may be able to receive referral for breast and cervical cancer treatment coverage should you be diagnosed with cancer or a pre-cancerous condition. Call Lisa at Worth County Public Health at 324-1741 or

1-800-765-1388 for information on this program.

Senior Farmers' Market - Beginning in June, older Iowans may purchase fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs with the help of the Iowa Seniors Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). The program provides low-income older Iowans with redeemable checks to buy produce from authorized farmers' markets, local farm stands, and community suported agriculture (CSA) farms. Certified vendors display a colorful sign to indicate they accept the checks for fresh unprepared, locally To be elgible, recipients must: live in grown produce. Elderbridge's 20-county service area, must be 60 years of age or older at the time of application, and have a household income of less than \$19,240 for a single household or \$25,900 for married couples. After filling out a brief application at one of the check distribution locations, older Iowans receive 14 \$2.00 voucher checks (\$28 total). In Worth County, stop at the Manly Senior Citizens Center to fill out your form and receive your voucher checks.



News item from OSLO: "The police here have arrested a Norwegian for selling "Eternal Youth" pills. Records at the Oslo police station showed he was a repeat offender. F' is been similarly charged in 1452, 1799 and 1935.

Jens is on a new diet. He never east while his wife is talking.,

A Norwegian got on a TV quiz program. Said the Quizmaster, "and now for \$20,000 . . . can you tell me.. HOW MANY D'S in "Here Comes the Bride?" The

Norwegian scratched his head, shifted his weight from one foot to the other, gazed at the ceiling, and finally declared, "68".

"68?" exclaimed the Quizmaster. This is incorrect. But how did you arrive at 68?"

The Norwegian answered by humming, "DeDe de de.. De de de de..."

Lena was in the bathtub when the door bell rang. "Who is it?" she called out. "Blind man," came the answer from the front door. Lena got out of the tub, walked straight to the front door without so much as a stitch of clothes on, and threw open the door. There stood a man who asked, "Where do you want me to put these blinds, lady?"

An itinerant lawyer named Blaine Nels Simons was ing on a case in a rural community. When his car broke down, he ws forced to borrow a horse from a country preacher, Rev. Donald Anderson. The preacher gave Simons instructions on how to make the horse go and stop. "First, you say "Praise the Lord." And sure enough, the horse took off. In fact, on a fast gallop. This startled the lawyer to such an extent that when he began panicking because of the horse's speed, he forgot the word to make him stop. Just as the horse was careening toward a cliff, and appeared about to go over the cliff, the lawyer suddenly remembered the word, "Amen". And sure enough, the horse stopped right at the cliff's edge. With a huge sign of relief, the lawyer mopped his brow and fervently uttered, "PRAISE THE LORD!"

OLE SAYS ... You Know You're Getting Old when ...

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work. Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D. Your children begin to look middle aged.

You're still chasing women but can't remember why. You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.

: I keep seeing spots before my eyes. LARS: Have you seen a doctor? OLE: No. Yust spots.



Dear Ladies, Thank you for the great Reminder. My check is enclosed. Jerry Lee Palm Springs, CA

Dear Ladies,

We really appreciate the fine work you are doing. I have been away from Fertile for 60 years, but still a lot of familiar names come up. Carl Thompson

**Dear Ladies** 

Got our Fertile Reminder today and see our year is up. Enclosed is a check for \$10. Thank you for your good work. We enjoy the Reminder a lot.

Donna & Ed Stalker

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription to the Reminder. Really enjoy reading about Fertile activities. Thanks for the good work!

Jan Kitchen

#### **THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to those who came to my party. Thank you for the beautiful cards, gifts, and telephone calls.

God's blessing to you.

Maxine Rye

Dave Haugen, Owner



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#### THE GIRLS FROM CIRCLE K

#### By George Kisner

My name is George. I have always lived in Iowa but the last few years have come to Phoenix to escape the bitter Iowa winters. My wife Harriet, our dog Muffy and our cat Angel all travel with me in our motor home. We stop at Wal-marts, city parks and any other place that will not charge and let us stay the night. One year ago we stayed on an Indian reservation west of Yuma for a month while I got my teeth fixed in Alagones. They were supposed to charge for a fishing licence but they never came around to collect, so that was free living. We did not have electricity or water but we could fill our water tank to last one week and run our generator to watch TV or make coffee.

Our son, Jeff, has lived in Phoenix for the last 28 years. He needed a place to live so my wife and I bought a reasonably priced mobile home. It was in an over 55 park so we had to find a place to put it. After weeks of searching we found a lot to buy that we thought perfect in Peoria. It was littered with broken bricks and debris, but had a beautiful block wall and large enough for comfortable living. That was last year's project. This year we came out and parked our motor home next to his mobile home, plugged it into electricity and we were set for a comfortable winter. The pets delight in the fenced-in yard and the sand to roll about it. Angel does not stay inside but roams the entire neighborhood. She does chase the birds that come to the feeder I put up, but hopefully they get away.

My morning starts with a walk of 2 miles to Circle K for the morning paper. I lay the paper on the c ounter and carefully count out the pennies and dimes for the 50 cents. "Don't you want a cup of coffee or a doughnut this morning?" they always ask. "No," I say. "My budget will only cover the paper." "But I will take a bag to carry it home in so I can put my hand in the jacket pocket." These pleansatries continue for days and weeks and always I get the same courteous friendly greetings even though my hair is grey and my step a bit slow.

As I walk home I go into a Walter Mitty type reverie thinking of the future. Th weeks will become months, the months years and the years decades. I will not be able to return to Iowa in the summer but instead just brave the Phoenix heat. My wife will no longer be able to accompany me but be confined to a nursing home. Angel and Muffy will be in the pet cemetery and be replaced by new companions. My tottering steps will barely make it to the Circle K, and I will need a rest at the playground on the way back. But the girls at the Circle K never change, they will give me friendly service and bolster my ego with their banter. It becomes my only outside contact, the morning joints.

Finally, for several days I do not appear at the convenience store. The girls comment on it for a few days and then I am the past with new customers to serve and jest with. The final segment of my fantasy shows a well dressed stranger appearing at my favorite store. He is my son from Des Moines and he tells the girls how much they have meant to his father over the years. "In fact," he tells them "He was really moderately wealthy and left in his will that each of you girls should receive a check for \$10,000". No one who knows me will ever believe this bit because as everyone knows there are Wells-Fargo Banks all over so I would have taken my money with me!



Fertile Lutheran Church (ELCA) 602 W. Washington St.; P.O. Box 215 Fertile Iowa 50434 Phone 641-797-2767 Worship 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10 a.m..

David Halverson, Lay Minister

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110.85 Acres, 109.38 Tillable CSR Rating average 75.37 Mostly Clarion-Webster-Nicolette soil well tiled.

The land is 5 miles North of Leland, IA on Hwy #69. Will have signs. Check plat map.

Terms: 15% down day of sale, balance when deed and abstract is furnished.

Questions, call: Dick Oulman: 641-584-2446 Jim Oulman: 641-590-2473



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#### DEAR FERTILE TOWNSHIP:

#### **RE: K-9 ONYX TO RETIRE**

OUR K-9 DEPUTY, ONYX, IS GOING TO RETIRE. WE NEED TO HIRE A NEW K-9 TO REPLACE HIM. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY DONATION THAT YOU CAN GIVE TO GET A NEW K-9 DOG TO REPLACE HIM. THIS DOG WILL BE A GREAT ASSET FOR WORTH COUNTY, AND WILL BE THERE TO SERVE THE COUNTY IN MANY WAYS. HE WILL BE CAPABLE OF FINDING LOST PEOPLE OR CHILDREN, FIND DRUGS, AND MANY OTHER TASKS.

PLEASE HELP ANY WAY YOU CAN WITH A DONATION!!! ANY AND ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

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> DEPUTY DAN FANK RESERVE RICK ANDERSON RESERVE WYATT QUAM PAT JASPERS BECKY HABERMAN KRISTIE KIRSCH MARILYN STAYNER

#### THANK YOU!

LIEUTENANT DEPUTY DAN FANK AND K-9 ONYX











#### COOKS KORNER

If you would like to submit recipes for this column, send them to: Reminder, PO Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434.

A neighbor brought this cake to my house and everyone who stopped in, raved about it - so Marilyn gave me the recipe and I would like to share it with you.

German Chocolate Upside-Down Cake

#### 1 cup coconut

#### 1 cup chopped pecans

Mix and place in the bottom of a 9x13 greased cake pan. Mix German Chocolate Cake Mix according to the directions. Pour over the coconut and chopped pecans that are in the bottom of the cake pan.

In a sauce pan, put 1 stick margarine

1 (8 oz) package cream cheese. Heat until mixture is warm enough to stir in

1 [pound box (about 3 cups) confectioners' sugar. Spoon over top of the cake mix.

BAKE at 350° for 35-40 minutes. DO NOT cut until cooled.

#### 

From a book on Wisdom ----->Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle. Abraham Lincoln.

'n Poor Richard's Almanac, Ben Franklin wrote, "Light .rse, heavy heart." Old Ben understood that while money can't buy happiness, neither can poverty.

>Common sense dictates that we live comfortable within our means. No wonder, The Poor House is a poor house to call home.

>A country merchant advertised various commodities for sale and gave notice that he would take in payment of all kinds of country produce except promises. Old Farmer's Almanac. 1804.

>Money doesn't grow on trees. Old time saying.

>Take care of your pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves. Old time saying.

>Never spend your money before you have it. Thomas Jefferson.

>Money is a terrible master, but an excellent servant, P.T. Barnum.



## FUN KORNER

Down

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(9)

(6)

one. (4)

...! (4)

I. The southernmost point of

2. A low place between hills.

3. Frozen water falling from

4. A "finger" of stone hanging

7. A black fuel is brought up

10. A bright flash in a storm.

12. A dense area full of trees.

16. A hurricane is a very strong

18. You are one of the human

from one. (3,4)

down, often in a cave. (10)

the Earth. (5,4)

the sky. (4)

### Planet Earth

#### Across

- 3. Winter and spring are two of them. (7)
- 5. A high peak of land, sometimes with snow on it. (8)
- 6. The Atlantic is one. (5)
- 8. It goes with 10 down. (7)
- 9. A man-made waterway. (5)
- 11. It's thicker than mist. (3)
- 13. When the sea reaches farthest up the beach. (4,4)
- 14. What you study when you learn about the Earth. (9)
- 15. Water on grass and leaves early in the morning. (3)
- 17. The proper word for when rocks get worn away. (7)
- 19. A piece of land surrounded by water. (6)
- 20. Frozen water there's lots at the I down! (3)
- 21. The gas we need to breathe - it's in the
  - air. (6)









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