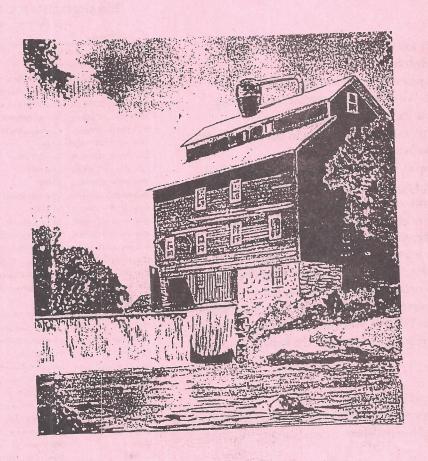
FEBRUARY 2010

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Feb. 1	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	Senior Dinner Fertile Girls Night Out	Noon 5:30
Feb. 9	Fertile Days Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	Re-cycle Day	
Feb. 15	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 16 Feb. 16	City Council Meeting DEADLINE FOR REMINDER A	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	Re-cycle Day	National Control of the Control of t

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, and Pat Renchin; and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.

Minutes Approval

 Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the November minutes. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- A big thank you to Hare Electric for helping the City put up the Christmas lights down Main Street!
- Water Tower Paint & Repair was unable to clean the water tower prior to the cold weather. We are on their schedule for the spring.
- The snow has finally hit @ Please drive carefully.
- Craig asks that residents try to keep driveway snow out of the streets, especially if the plow has already gone through.
- The City sold an old pump to Three Fingers Campground for \$350
- A Street light was replaced near the County Shed. Please let City Hall know if you witness a burnt out light at anytime.
- The City is in the process of closing on the purchase of the Hall
 Apartments next to the library. Once the building is empty, the City
 will inspect for and remove any hazardous materials before Brian
 Nettleton Excavating will tear-down the building. All of this is being
 paid for by a Worth County Development Authority grant.
- The Worth County Development Authority (WCDA) is purchasing new office furniture for the Director. They have donated the original furniture to the City of Fertile. We will receive the furniture once their new furniture comes in.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the November financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (42% of year).

Mahara and an	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	47.47%	45.95%	41.82%	42.64%	43.70%
Expense	36.46%	75.07%	42.22%	35.09%	46.78%
(The Roads F.	und is current	ly over budget	due to the City	v's portion of i	
surfacing done	in July.)				The file is present

- The City currently has a \$2,058.38 Net Income for the fiscal year.
- Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the November Expenses. Motion Carried.
- Discussion regarding penalties for bounced utility payment checks.
 Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve raising the current penalty of \$10 to \$20 and to require a deposit of \$150 for anyone who has had 3 or more NSF checks within any 12 month period. Motion Carried.
- Eddie presented the following utility bills for lien/Small Claims Court approval: 105 Hill Street \$197.34, 504 W Washington \$612.52, 501 W Washington \$348.50, 201 S 1st \$106.12, 308 W Main \$293.42.
 Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the preceding liens/small claims. Motion Carried.
- Budget discussions began. Overall budget guidelines should reflect: frozen wages, increased IPERS rates, stable or trimmed department budgets, increased electric & gas expenses. Priorities include parks, roads and the community center.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile Days Committee will meet at 7:00PM, January 12, 2010.
 at City Hall.
- The Housing Committee will meet at 7:00PM, January 14, 2010, at City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, January 19, 2010, at Fertile City Hall. Budgets will be discussed this meeting.

Adjourn - Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjou

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of November 30, 2009

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Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-73.82
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-42.75
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check		-151.33
Bill Pmt -Check		-32.35
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
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Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-168.10
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy Fertile Reminder	-175.35
Bill Pmt -Check		-8.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	-85.00 -1,187.78
Bill Pmt -Check	Shropshire, Larry V	-75.00
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Bill Pmt -Check	Verizon Wireless	-52.08
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Bill Pmt -Check	Marilyn Bang	-91.54
Bill Pmt -Check	Ruth Rhodes	-83.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County Auditor	-42.43
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Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino PayPal	2,340.80
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	Bruns, Warren	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,013.17
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TOTAL		11,076.21

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes January 19, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell: Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters, and Pat Renchin; and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were Council Member Tad Miller and Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.

Minutes Approval

· Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the December minutes. Motion Carried.

Worth County Extension Service

- The Worth County Extension Council made a funding request of the City to help cover a salary for the Program Specialist's position currently filled by Dennis Johnson. The position is being cut by the State as part of the recent funding cuts initiated by Governor Culver.
- The Extension currently has \$30,000 for the position and is asking the cities in Worth County, as well as the County itself, to pitch in an additional \$40,000 to meet the proposed salary. The extension currently has a total of \$5,500, plus an in-kind pledge from three cities.
- The Council asked for time to consider the request as they will be finalizing the budget for next year at the February Council meeting.

Fertile Garden Club

- The Fertile Garden Club presented a beautification project for Fertile's Main Street and Highway 9 signage. The project would include all new flowers down Main and at the welcome sign, as well as the replacement of the whiskey barrels down Main, seasonal flags for the light poles on Main, fencing and lighting on the path to the footbridge, and new landscaping surrounding the Highway 9 welcome sign.
- The project is estimated at \$1,000.00. The Garden Club has prepared a grant request for the Worth County Development Authority. The Council would need to approve the project and allow the club to use the City's non-profit status and tax id in order to apply for the grant.
- Later in the meeting, the Council approved the project as part of the General Funds budget in our next fiscal year with the approval to begin the project in this fiscal year.

Fertile Fire Department

- The Fertile Fire Department presented a funding request for a new rescue/pumper fire truck. The new truck would replace the current 33 year old truck. The Fire Department had also prepared a Worth County Development Authority grant request to help cover the \$204,000 price tag.
- The Council denied the WCDA approach to financing the new truck. The Fire Department has already received \$135,142 for a new tanker/pumper truck, plus \$115,000 for their new building, through the WCDA funding.
- Eddie stated that he would research alternative grants to help cover the costs of the new rescue/pumper truck.

Mayor's Report

- The City has officially purchased Hall's Apartments next to the Library. The \$30,000 purchase was made with General Funds and will be reimbursed by a WCDA grant, awarded last fall, once the building has been leveled. This will give us the room to build the new Community Center, Library and City Hall.
- The City would like to thank everyone for their patience during the recent snow and ice istoms. The snow plow has needed several repairs already while trying to keep the streets cleared.
- Please be sure to keep all vehicles as far away from the side of the road as possible.
 Flying ice chunks can do a lot of damage. ⊗
- The City has been awarded a grant of \$2040 by Trees Forever and Alliant Energy. This
 will allow us to plant six new trees to the south of the ball diamonds and playground
 areas this spring.
- Property Assessments will be mailed out on February 16th. The new assessments were prepared for the County by Vanguard of Des Moines. Informal hearings can be scheduled to contest the new assessments. Contact information will be included with your assessment.
- The Worth County Development Authority donated \$5,000 worth of office furniture to the City. The furniture should be installed by the end of this week.
- The Christmas lights have not been removed from Main Street, or the bridge, because they are frozen in place and cannot be safely removed. They will be taken down as soon as we get some warmer weather.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the December financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (50% of year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Series	Witter
licone	5.3%	54%	50%	5100	52º o
Expense	39%	80%	52%	45%	56%

- The City currently has a \$26,155 Net Loss for the fiscal year. This deficit is the result of the \$30,000 purchase of Hall's Apartments as part of the Community Center Project. This will be reimbursed to the City from the WCDA grant awarded last fall before the end of the fiscal year.
- · Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the Dec. Expenses. Motion Carried.
- Budget discussions continued. Overall budget guidelines should reflect: frozen wages, increased IPERS rates, stable or trimmed department budgets, increased electric & gas expenses. Priorities include parks, roads and the community center.
- A survey of property tax rates revealed that Fertile's tax rate is the third lowest in Worth
 County and is in the bottom ¼ of all cities in Iowa. The Council sees no reason to raise
 the tax rate at this time.
- The next grant period for the Worth County Development Authority ends on February 15th. The Council considered the following projects: Fertile Garden Club: \$4,000, Fertile Fire Department \$204,000, Community Center Phase I, and street paving. The Council approved the Garden Club's request as part of the City's budget and will research alternative grants for the Fire Department. The Community Center Project is not quite ready to proceed.
- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the Streets Project. Motion Carried. This project
 will hopefully pave all remaining north/south roads in the City limits as well as the last
 east/west block of West Washington. Quotes will be procured in order to determine
 how much of the project can be completed with this round of grants.
- The next four to six years of WCDA grants will be reserved for the Community Center/Library/City Hall project.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session. February, 16 2010, at Fertile City Hall. Budgets will be finalized at this meeting.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, March 8th, 2010, at Fertile City Hall. The regular session will be held on this alternative night due to schedule conflicts.

Adjourn - Penny moved, Cindy 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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WITH SYMPATHY

GWEN GLADYS OTHELIA OUVERSON 1932 - 2009

Gwendolyn "Gwen" Gladys Othelia Ouverson died Nov. 20, 2009 at the Oakwood Care Center, Clear Lake.



Memorial services were held at the Fertile Christ of Christ on Nov. 24 with Pastor Dennis Ganz officiating. Inurnment was in the Grant Township Cemetery, rural Clear Lake.

Gwen was born on April 1, 1932 to Hans and Anna (Dahle) Lien in rural Fertile. She was raised on a farm near

Joice and graduated from Joice High School in 1950.

Gwen married Curtis Ouverson on July 15, 1950 at the Little Brown Church, Nashua. They were best friends and constant companions for over 59 years.

Children born to this union were a son Lowell and a daughter Linda.

years, before moving to Apple Valley Assisted Living in 2007, and then both moved to Oakwood Care Center August 2009.

Christ in Fertile. She strongly believed in salvation through Christ Jesus. She taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir for many years.

Gwen graduated from Mason City School of Cosmetology in 1964 and operated Gwen's Beauty Salon for several years. She was also a homemaker and patient, loving care giver. She cared for her mother-in-law Helen Ouverson in her home for nearly two years. She also cared for husband Curtis after a stroke in 2001; she continued that care in some capacity until she died. It was an example of enduring love for those who witnessed. She also worked at Oakwood Care Center for a few years in the 1980s.

If Gwen were writing this, she would want to thank her daughter-in-law Susan Ouverson and the special care givers at Apple Valley Assisted Living and Oakwood Care Center for the love and compassion she was shown.

During all her health struggles she never complained, she kept sight of her heavenly goal. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who will be missed and loved until we meet again in the great and wonderfull place that the Lord has prepared for those who believe in Him.

Gwen is survived by her husband Curtis, resident at Oakwood Care Center, Clear Lake; her son Lowell Ouverson and his wife Susan, Clear Lake; her son-in -law Harold Brunsvold, Kensett; five granddaughters: Alissa (Eric) Kruger, Kensett, Briana (Mike) Frank, Kensett, Callie (Jeff) Schmidt, Crystal Lake, Shaina Brunsvold, Kensett and Amanda Ouverson, Ames; two great-granddaughters: Payten Lynn Kruger and Addison Lee Frank, both of Kensett; and three sisters: Lovenea Groe, Lake Mills, Arlene (Ray) Schlade, Louisville, KY and Enid (Arlen) Wogen, Vancouver, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Linda Ouverson Brunsvold on Dec. 28, 1995 and a brother-in-law Lester Groe.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

BETTY JEAN SUBY 1929 - 2010

Betty Jean Suby, 80, of Fertile, passed away Jan 5, 2010 at the Mercy Medical Center, Mason City, IA.



Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2010 at Fertile Lutheran Church with Lay Minister Dave Halverson officiating. Burial will be at Brush Point Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Betty was born August 6, 1929, the daughter of Harold and Edna (Grein)
Johnson at Bancroft. Betty moved with her

family to Mason City and graduated from Holy Family Catholic School in Mason City in 1947.

She worked as an operator for Bell Telephone Company in Mason City.

Betty married Robert Dale Suby Scpt. 29, 1951 in Mason City. They later moved to Fertile where she continued to live. Betty worked for Clear Lake McDonalds for over eight years.

Betty enjoyed gardening, camping and dancing. She was involved with community events in Fertile and attended the Fertile Lutheran Church. She especially enjoyed being with her family.

Betty is survived by her four children: Steve (Joyce) Suby of Marion; Sheila (Mark) Enderson of Lake Mills; Brenda (Bob) Jones, of Fertile; Lisa (Mike) Lacey of Clear Lake; daughter-in-law Nancy Suby of Fertile; 11 grand-children and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Edna Johnson; husband Robert Suby; son, Brad Suby; four sisters, infant sister Lorraine, Elaine Hendricks, Rose Lee Johnson, Miriam Muhlstein and a brother Leon Johnson

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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MARY F. KRIES

1941 - 2009

Mary F. Kreis, 68, of Fertile died Jan 2, 2010 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City,



Memorial Services were held January 14, 2009 at Fertile Lutheran Church with Lay Pastor David Halverson officiating. Inurnment was at Winnebago Lutheran Cemetery.

Mary waas the daughter of Raymond and Vivian Kreis, born Jan. 19, 1941 in Minneapolis. She grew up in Minneapolis and attended Basilica of St. Mary's school from first to eighth grade, then Hosterman Junior High until 1957. In 1956 she

worked for Texas Bill Strength's record shop on Marquette Ave. in Minneapolis, which was fun for her because she got to meet many stars of country music.

In October 1958 she married Dan Uzalac. They resided in Minneapolis until 1960 and then later moved to New Hope. They had three children: Kevin Ray, Michael Dean and Darren (Patrick) Joseph Uzalac. The couple later divorced.

Mary worked at Honeywell from 1959 to 1961, then Montgomery Wards from 1971-1973. In 1979 she married Marcus Levik. The couple resided in Crystal, MN. In 1979 Mary worked at Nortronics until 1984. Together they had a child, Holly Lynn Lovik. In 1982 they decided to move to Iowa.

In Iowa, Mary worked at the Good Samaritan and Winnebago Industries. In 2006 she left Winnebago so she could be caregiver to Marcus at 1860 States of the sound sharp was the suppression sharp

In November 2009 she was diagnosed with lung cancer. he next month she underwent back surgery, radiation and chemotherapy treatments, all with a fighting attitude. On Jan 2, 2010, she developed complications and was admitted to the hospital. She later was transferred to Muse Norris Hospice Unit where she passed away surrounded by family and close friends.

Mary is survived by her children, Kevin (Lisa) Uzalac, Michael (Maryna) Uzalac, Pat Uzalac and Holly Lovik; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; close friend Earl Kilen, "special" niece Sheyanne Schultz, husband Stanley and son Ethan; several cousins and many great friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vivian and Kay Kreis and Marcus Lovik

Our deepest sympathy to the family. Albin Bernstein and Market State of the Artist Contraction of the first one of the state of the

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- Feb. 4 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office. Free lead tests available.
- Feb. 10 Maple Court and Northwood Pines nail clinic. Northwood Pines is at 9:00 a.m.. Maple Court is at 1:00 p.m. Please call for an appointment.
- Feb. 22 Manly Nail Clinic at the Whistle Stop 9:00 a.m. Please one of the above numbers for an appointment.

JOHN D. RICHARDSON 1939 - 2009

John D. Richardson, 70, of Plymouth, formerly of Fertile, died Dec. 7, 2009 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City.



A funeral mass for John was held Dec. 11 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly with Rev. David Kucera officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. John D Richardson was born

Oct. 18, 1939, the son of Donald and Mable Clair (Houston) Richardson.

He attended grade school in Shambaugh and graduated from Amity High School in 1958. John was inducted into the Army in 1964 and spent most of his military enlistment in Staten Island, NY until his honorable discharge in 1966. After his discharge he traveled to Alaska with an Army buddy and worked at Clear Air Force Base from July 1966 until 1967.

John moved to Shambaugh and worked for Hull and Hale Implement before moving back to Alaska in January 1970.

John was hired at the Air Force base in 1970 and he spent the next 23 years working as a teamster until his retirement, moving to Forsyth, MO where he had purchased an acreage a few years before. In August 1993 he sold his acreage in Forsyth and bought an acreage near Garrison, MO where he started raising miniature horses and standard size donkeys and pygmy goats. (Photostoom) Rhelbisholm

In 1997 he met and fell in love with his wife, Shirley Jean (Aguilera) and was united in marriage on Aug 30, 1997 in Eureka Springs, Ark. The contest of the confidency earliestopicate in Storage Makango NY

In 2000 they sold their acreage in Garrison and moved with their horses and donkeys to a rented place near Hanlontown and soon afterward they purchased an acreage with several outbuildings and 20 acres near Fertile, where they continued raising miniature horses and switched from standard donkeys to registered miniature donkeys and also raising pygmy goats.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Shirley Richardson of Plymouth; his children, Don (Joetta) Richardson of Oregon, MO., Teresa Hennigar of Hanlontown, Roger (Tracy) Hennigar of Hanlontown, Ramona (Sheldon) Torkelson of Kasson, MN. Sonia (Kent) Hardwick of Medford Lakes, NJ, JD (Pauline) Richardson of St. Michael, Alaska and Rhonda Richardson of Newport News, VA; 24 grandchildren; his sister, Wilda McClarnon of Clarinda; two brothers, Jerry Richardson of Clarinda and Leonard "Bub" (Sherry) Richardson of College Springs; a brother-in-law, Dave Van-Fosson of Forsyth, MO, as well as many other extended family members and friends. From the armount of the standard of an armount of the standard of the

His parents, and a sister, Elma VanFosson, preceded him in the state of to a bright of the term of the most total and for the finished points. Oto positive was appeared

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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Bride Blunder - Kelly Eileen Hake Days of Gold - Jude Deveraux Snake River Slaughter - William W. Johnstone Deeper Than the Dead - Tami Hoag Sizzle - Julie Garwood A Twisted Ladder - Rhodi Hawk Under the Cajun Moon - Mindy Starns Clark Shadows of Lancaster County - Mindy Starns Clark Frontier Stories Vol. 7 - Louis L'Amour Bed of Roses - Nora Roberts U is for Undertow - Sue Grafton 206 Bones - Kathy Reich Murder of King Tut - James Patterson Fatal Justice - Ralph Compton Light Keeper's Daughter - Colleen Coble Vanishing Act - Fern Michaels Fired Up - Jayne Ann Krentz Border Lord & the Lady - Bertice Small Fairy Tale Weddings - Debbie Macomber Divine Misdemeanors - Laurell K Hamilton Going Rogue - Sarah Palin Our Choice - A! Gore Elvis Presley Unseen Archives - Marie Clayton Fast Fixes With Mixes - Taste of Home Cooking Through the Seasons - Taste of Home LARGE PRINT Leah's Choice - Marta Perry Forgiven -- Shelley Shepard Grey Maverick's Bride - Catherine Palmer A Man of His Word - Kathleen Fuller

BOOKS ON CD

U is for Undertow – Sue Grafton
Forty Guns West – William W. Johnstone
Cheyenne Challenge – William W. Johnstone
Song of Eagles – William W. Johnstone
Cry of Eagles – William W. Johnstone
Blood of Eagles – William W. Johnstone

DVD's

GI Joe Rise of the Fallen - Marlon Wayans 17 Again - Zac Efron Ghost of Girlfriends Past - Mathew McConaughey I Love You Man - Paul Rudd Land of the Lost - Will Ferrell My Sister's Keeper - Cameron Diaz Star Trek - John Cho Mall Cop - Kevin James Baby Mama - Tina Fey Angels & Demons - Tom Hanks Beyond a Resonable Doubt - Michael Douglas Pineapple Express - James Franco Appaloosa - Ed Harris Battle of the Smithsonian - Ben Stiller Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince Terminator Slavation - Christian Bale Body of Lies - Leonardo DiCaprio The Hangover - Bradley Cooper

Library News

Congratulations to Fred Hare our \$100 Wal-Mart gift card winner! We had a great time at our Christmas Open House. Santa visited with 30 excited children. Each child received a gift & candy bar. Pat Oswald won the door prize, a red Poinsettia. Everyone enjoyed Christmas Punch, cookies, bars & candies. Thank you very much to Downtown Café, Hare Electric, Larsen Plumbing & Heating for donating to the

Santa Fund. We couldn't do it without you.

We also want to thank these businesses & individuals for donating items for our raffle: Downtown Café, Sheila Enderson, Humble Beginnings, Memories & Keepsakes, Clete & Carolyn Nedved, Pizza Hut, Pronto, MBT, Salon Intrigue, Sew Many Blessings, Shryock Racing, Subway, Emily Suby, TSB, YMCA, Wal-Mart, & a special BIG THANK YOU

to Ruth Rhodes for the beautiful crocheted afghan.

The pictures taken with Santa are ready to pick up!



Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the super staff who continue to bring the FERTILE REMINDER to all of us! You are amazing, talented, dedicated friends/colleagues who are as proud of your hometown as we are.

Also a special thankis to Betty for putting the Fertile School Book together. What a treasure!

> Thanks! Marcie Oakland Osmundson

Dear Ladies.

Keep up the great work. I really enjoy reading the paper.

> Merry Christmas! Dell Oakland Wright

Dear Fertile Reminder Gals.

This is from the 1928 or 1929 San Antonio Sunday afternoon daily paper. Will Rogers had a special place for his "Will Rogers Says".

This is the only one I remember.

WHY DO PEOPLE SPEND MONEY THEY DON'T HAVE ON THINGS THEY DON'T WANT TO IMPRESS PEOPLE THEY DON'T LIKE?

This is from a Country Magazine years ago:

A minister received a call from the Internal Revenue Service asking about a member of his church. "He stated on his tax return that he gave \$3,000 to your church last year." the official said. "Is that correct?"

"I don't have the record here, and I'll have to check." the minister replied. "But I can tell you this. If he didn't, he soon will!!"

WE LEARNED THIS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tobacco is a filthy weed. and from the devil doth proceed. It stinks your house and smells your clothes. and makes a chimney of your nose.

This is from approximately 83 years ago in Dallas. Kit Zirbel

FERTILE DAYS NEEDS YOU!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP

if we are going to have Fertile Days this year!

We ABSOLUTELY need people to volunteer! At the last meeting we had two people show up with lots ideas (and also two very interested teens). We also had one couple that called in to help but just could not attend the meeting!

We are having another meeting on Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and if we do not have any more people attend this meeting, I just don't see how we can have a Fertile DaysCelebration.

OUR GOALS:

We need funds! Our kitty is empty and we cannot have a community meal without funds! We would like to have volunteers for the following was also been more accommittees; allege in you been brone

Fundraising Committee: Food Committee is adapted to save also such injuries a new controller overcopolite

Parade Committee Kids Games Committee Entertainment Committee

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So, don't let Fertile down; let's have a great time planning a wonderful celebration!!!

THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT CITY HALL AT 7 P.M. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Call Cindy Peters at 641-797-2944 or 641-590-0131 cell

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JENS: Say, Karl.... I haven't seen you in years... you used to be skinny and now you're fat. You used to have a lot of hair and now you're bald. You used to be tall and now you're short STRANGER: My name isnt Karl... It's Robin Williams. JENS: Oh! So you changed your name too!

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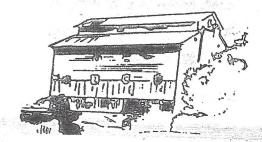
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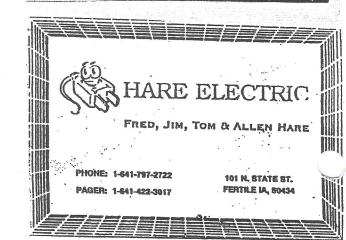
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"Frog-Salad"

16 oz. R & F. Acini Di Pepe, cooked & cooled.

1 egg

1/2 cup sugar

1 Tbsp. Flour

1/4 tsp. salt

1 (16 1/2 oz) can juice packed-crushed pineapple, drained, reserving juice

1 (16 ox) can fruit cocktail, drained

1 cup miniature marshmallows

I cup whipping cream, whipped or

Cool Whip

Cook pasta as package direct, drain. Meanwhile, in a heavy sauce pan, beat egg with wire whisk until foamy. Stir in sugar, flour, salt & reserved pineapple juice. Over low heat, cook and stir until thickened. Chill thoroughly for 1 hour.

Stir in pineapple/fruit cocktail and marshmallows. Fold in Cool Whip or whipped cream. Cover, chill thoroughly.

Stir before serving.

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FUN PAGE!

Now that Christmas is over, lets see if you know the answers about Christmas.

1. What item was used for Frosty the Snowman's nose?

a) Button b) Coal c) Coin d) Corncob

- 2. What company is credited with being the first to use Santa Claus in an ad?
 - a) Quaker Oatsb) Wheatiesc) Cracker Jackd) Coca-Cola
- What horror-movie icon provided the narration for the famous TV version of How the Grinch Stole Christmas?a) Vincent Price b) Lon Chaney Jr. c) Boris Karloff

d) Bela Lugosi

- 4. In 1979 the National Christmas Tree in Washington DC, was unlit except for one ornament. Why?
 - a) Oil embargo/energy crisis b) American hostage in Iran c) Terrorism threats d) A squirrel damaged the wiring.
- What animals are specified in the New Testament as being present at the birth? a) oxen & lambs b) cows & oxen c) Sheep & camel d) None
- 6. What "dream team" starred in the 1942 movie Holiday Inn, which gave the world the Irving Berlin classic "White Christmas"?
 - a) Bob Hope & Jerry Lewis b) Bob Hope & Bing Crosby
 - c) Bing Crosby & Fred Astaire d) Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers.
- 7. The Poinsettia, a plant long associated with Christmas, is native to what country? a) Mexico b) Portugal c) Canada d) Israel
- In what movie is Santa Claus put on trial to determine if he's insane—and the U.S. Postal Service saves the day?

a) Miracle on 34th. Street b) Scrooged

c) Babes in Toyland d) The Nightmare Before Christmas

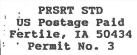
- 9. Who is credited with the idea of electric lights for Christmas
 Trees?

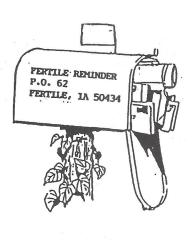
 a) Thomas Jefferson's wife
 b) Thomas
 Edison's assistant
 d) Nikola Tesla
- 10. What did Mary do to show her approval of the Little Drummer Boy's playing?
 - a) Smiled at him b) Kept time c) Nodded d) Asked him to play again

(answers on another page of the Reminder)











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