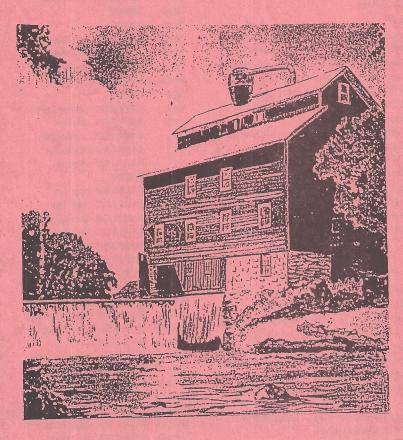
OCTOBER 2010

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

	COMMINGEVENTS			
Oct. 3	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.		
Oct. 5	Senior Dinner Fertile Girls Night Out	Noon 5:30 p.m.		
Oct. 7	Recycle Day			
Oct. 12	Garden Club			
Oct. 14	Flu Clinic at Church of Christ	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.		
Oct. 18	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.		
Oct. 19	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting DEADLINE FOR REMINDER AR	Noon 7 p.m. TICLES		
Oct 21	Recycle Day			

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes September 21, 2010 - 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; Maintenance Manager Craig Koch and City Clerk Eddie May.

Minutes Approval

· Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the August minutes. Motion Carried.

Tim Tuttle - Hunting the Lagoon

- Mr. Tuttle requested permission for him, and his sons, to be able to hunt and frap at the lagoon this fall.
- Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a special permit for hunting and trapping at the lagoon for Tim Tuttle and his sons. Motion Carried.

Community Center / City Hall / Library

- The City has submitted a grant request to the Worth County Development Authority for the purchase of the former Cherry Tree Builders building on Highway 9. The City has a tentative purchase agreement to buy the building for \$125,000, contingent upon grant approval. The grant request is for \$90,000. The City would also borrow \$35,000 on a short-term loan to be paid for with the regular monthly WCDA allocation. No taxes or personal donations would be required to purchase the building.
- If the grant is approved, the City will then begin a capital campaign to raise
 the funds necessary to adapt the building for use as a community center and
 city hall. The City would apply for a WCDA grant in the spring to cover
 any costs not already raised during the capital campaign.
- During this time, the City will also research the exact costs, pros, and cons
 for building the new library either at the new location, or on Main Street at
 their current location. All of the facts will be presented to the residents of
 the City and an informal poll will be taken before the first grant will be
 written for the Library.

Mayor's Report

- The City received \$2,735.64 to cover 7 liens against 3 properties.
- ICAP Insurance does not have grants available for security cameras, the City will continue to look for grants for a surveillance system.
- On 8/26 a man was found lying on Park Street. He was confused and trying to stay warm. Worth County Sherriff's Dept. transported him to safety.
- Last month, the City sent letters to Dan Lee and Dustin Heit regarding commercial signs on residential property. Dustin removed his sign. Dan was expected at the Council meeting but could not make it. Home based businesses need to apply for a special permit before erecting a commercial sign on their property.
- The Restricted Residence ordinance was passed on May 7, 2002 and is available for review at the Library, City Hall and online.
- The DOT also mandates that all signage, other than DOT approved street signs be moved out of the right-away.
- The City will be seeking bids for a maintenance contract for the mower.
- According to State Law 321.247, operators of golf carts must have a valid driver's license and must obey all traffic laws. The cart must have a slow moving vehicle sign as well as a bicycle flag. The number of people on the cart is determined by the number of seats the cart has. Each passenger must be seated at all times, within the confines of the cart, and cannot be in the basket or club area. For more information, Google Iowa Code 321.247.
- Vandals tore down and broke several of the new flag poles that the Garden Club put up on Main Street. They have also broken lights on the footbridge.
- If anyone is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program, please call City Hall and leave your name and phone number on the machine.
- Halloween will be observed on Saturday October 30th from 5-8 pm.

Maintenance Report

- Craig has found 2 serious water leaks between the shut off valve and meter at 2
 properties. They are in the process of fixing the leaks.
- Lagoon floats are getting tangled up, requiring regular maintenance. The Fire
 Department will help Craig clear up the mess and get the floats working again.
- · Craig, and the Fire Department, will be blowing out culverts and tile this fall.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the August financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well

as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (17% of year)

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total
Income	7%	15%	14%	14%	14%	15%
Expense	19%	3%	18%	18%	15%	19%
Net Income	\$-10,666.40	\$3765.44	\$-2046.28	\$-2852.69	\$-177.82	\$-11,977.75

Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the August Expenses. Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings

The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, October 10th 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Pat Motioned, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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Bill Pmt -Chr			LGI	Repair leak on by-pass - Water System	-69.57
Bill Pmt -Che			Midwest Pipe Supply	Testing	-11.00
Bill Pmt -Chr			Pronto	drop-in lid for water valve box - Water	-18.00
Bill Pmt -Chr			UPS	truck and mower gas	-114.23
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Date Night - Stece Carell
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Book of Eli - Denzel Washington
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BOOKS ON CD

City of Ghosts – Stacia Kane Unholy Magic – Stacia Kane Wicked Appetite – Janet Evanovich Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen Body Work – Sara Paretsky



The Old Fertile Fire Escape By Cheryl Nelson Kapka

The Best part of Summer (early 70's for me) in Fertile was attending baseball games & sliding down the old schools fire escape. This great big brown metal tunnel was behind the school house which reached the third floor classroom. The only way to get to the top was to climb up thru the bottom opening. It was dark and scary & the metal was smooth as silk, so I would take my shoes & socks off get in & then spit on the bottom of each foot for traction. You had to hurry up the tube before your spit dried off or you would slide back down before you wanted to. If, (and I mean if) you made it to the top, (and not scared of the dark) the speed that you would reach when you came out of the "Dragon" was enough to send you 10 to 12 feet beyond the opening. And everyone in town could hear you screaming as you went down. All Fertile Mom's never reacted to that scream - they were use to that sound coming from the school house. I can just imagine the mothers of the visiting baseball teams jumping out of their seats every time a kid went down the fire escape... "I can't believe they let their kids play on such a dangerous thing".... I think the lessons I learned from that fire escape; like conquering my fears, don't give up trying to get to the top and the great feeling of accomplishment, - sliding down the tunnel at breakneck speeds and living to tell about...To us Fertile kids, it just made sense why we always won the baseball games.

Thanks Cheryl for the article.

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FERTILE AREA CHURCH NEWS

Fertile Lutheran Church 602 W.. Washington 797-2767 David Halverson, Lay Minister Sunday Worship 9:00 AM Summer Hours

Fertile Church of Christ 3493 Eagle Avenue Fertile, IA

9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship Time 10:15 Worship Service

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FERTILE VILLAGE (from an old Fertile Reminder)

Upon sections 34 and 35 of Fertile Township is located one of the several prosperous villages of Worth County- - that of Fertile. The post office at Fertile was established in 1868 and William Rhodes was appointed postmaster. He kept the office at his dwelling and here received mail once each week from Mason City, by way of the Rock post office in Cerro Gordo County. After a year, the Post Office was discontinued and another year. The settlers were without mail. Then it was re-established with Ole Ouverson as postmaster. Andrew Grove was the second postmaster after the re-establishment.

Fertile was platted in 1877 and the plat filed at the county court house on August 21, 1877. Thomas Emsley, of Mason City, was the owner of the town site and sold the first lot thereon to Grove and Kirk on October 5, 1877. The town itself really dates from the first settlement of the township, when William Rhodes came in and erected his frame house on the site. Then came William K. Fankell and E.S. Winans.

The story has been told that a land speculator once owned some land near the village site in previous years and persuaded some map-drawers to locate a town on their chart, which he pretended was laid out on section 34, and called Fontanelle. The surrounding settlers gave the paper village the name of "Putsey".

The first store in the village was opened by Ole Ouverson in 1872, occupying a small frame building. In 1874 K. Paulson was admitted as a partner. The latter, though, remained but a year, then sold back his interest to Ouverson and returned to Wisconsin, whence he came. Ouverson conducted the business alone until the fall of 1875, when he sold out to the firm of Grove and Kirk, who increased the scope of the business. Grove, as postmaster, conducted the office in this store. In October, 1882, K. Paulson commenced business here and erected a store building of frame. Halver Ouverson began the blacksmithing trade in 1870. The latter's first shop was 12 x 14 feet and 10 foot high. This constituted the first business activities of Fertile Village.

Fertile was incorporated on April 17, 1908, and the following officers elected: E.M. Lang, Mayor; A.A. Elthon, P.J. Ouverson, J.A. Johnson, J. A. Ellefson, O. H. Rholl, Coucilmen; E. Eikenberry, Clerk; J.F. Rhodes, Treasureer; C.A. Rye, Assessor.

A post office called Nordland was established in Fertile Township in the spring of 1879, at the house of Simon Larson, on section 8. Mails were brought by himself and neighbors from Fertile until October, 1879, when a mail route was started from Bristol to Fertile. Larson continued in charge of the office until January, 1880, when L.W. Billstad had the office at his house, on section 7. Asle K. Rank next held the office and many others like it to be abolished.

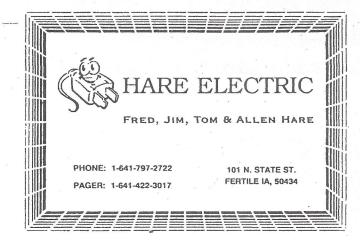
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THANK YOU EVERYONE!

I can't possibly list all of your names... I wish I could.... but we appreciated so much, all of the help... time... and donations everyone contributed to make Fertile Days so fun this year!

We are going to have a meeting on Monday, NOVEMBER 8th, at 7:00 pm to plan NEXT YEAR'S Fertile Days....so come and help us plan events for 2011!! We heard some really great ideas and comments at Fertile Days this year and want to have an even greater Fertile Days next year! Once again, it just couldn't have happened without you! THANK YOU!

Cindy Peters



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

Oct. 7, 2010

Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office - the first Thursday of the month in Northwood from 1 - 4 p.m. Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time. Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to insure your child's home is not poisoning your family. Please call ahead for an appointment, at one of the numbers listed above.

October

Influenaz vaccine has arrived at Worth County Public Health. We have both the influenza mist and the shots available. The cost is \$20.00. Persons with Medicare B will be at no charge. Clinics will be set up in the surrounding communities by October 1. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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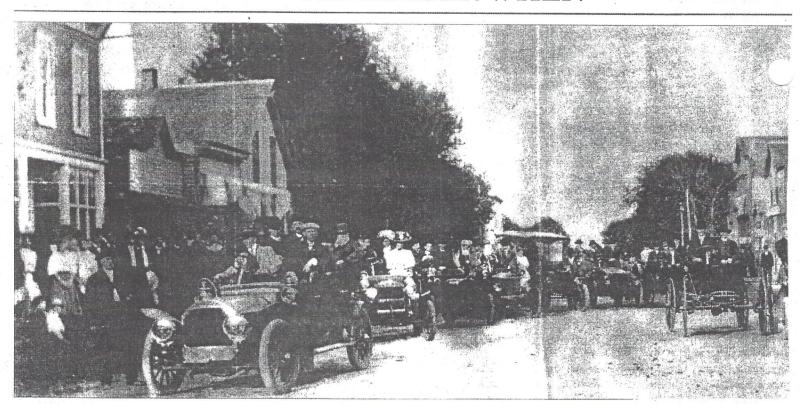
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Horseless carriages from 1907

"Horseless Carriage"s were the rage in 1907. Representtive G. N. Haugen of the fourth district is the man wearing a derby hat in the second car from the right, during a celebration at Fertile. Others in the first motor cars are Dr. A. J. Peterson, Forest City. With him is Senator O. E. Gunderson of Winnebage county. The high wheeled car belonged to H. H. Ouverson and was named "The Black Devil." A sensation of the day was the death of a horse, owned by Col. I. R. Kirk of Mason City. The horse collapsed of fright at the sight of the procession. Photo submitted by William B. Garten.

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POLICE REPORT

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" Yes, I answered and continued writing

"My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right" I told her.

"Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

IN REMEMBRANCE

Jean Purcell.

1924 - 2010

Jean Purcell, 86, of Mason City passed away Sept. 11, 2010. A funeral mass was held Sept. 16th at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Mason City with the Rev. Michael Schueller officiating. Interment was at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery.



Jean was born on July 10, 1924 in Fort Dodge. Jean and her parents, Frank and Margaret Koll, moved to Mason City when she was nine years old. Jean graduated from Holy Family High School in Mason City and St. Joseph's Mercy School of Nursing in Sioux City.

She married Francis "Pat: Purcell on June 19, 1948 at holy Family Catholic Church. Jean worked

for Mercy Hospital in Mason City and then for rs. Houlahan, Baker, Coddington, Gordon and Hunt until she retired in 1987. After her retirement, Jean enjoyed the freedom of visiting with her children, spending time spoiling her grandchildren and playing lots of cards with her friends!

Jean is survived by her three daughters: Pam (Jim) McCoid of Lincoln, NE, Debbie (Mark) Cahill of Plymouth, MN and Becky (Mike) McMenimen of Cedarburg, WI; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pat, her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

IN REMBRANCE

DEBRA K. MC CORMICK 1955 - 2010

Debra K. McCormick, 55, of 2333 340th St., Fertile, died unexpectedly Aug. 26, 2010 at Mercy Medical Center, Mason City. A memorial service was held Aug. 30, at Hogan-Bremer-Moore-] Colonial Chapel, Mason City, with inurnment following at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery, Mason City.



Debra McCormick was born July 20, 1955 in Mason City to Larry R. anhd Patricia (Marsh) McCormick. She received her education and graduated from Manly High School. For over 30 yers she worked for Cummins Filtration in Lake Mills.

In her spare time Debra enjoyed the company of her cats as well as collecting cat

figurines, trinkets or nick-knacks. Debra enjoyed the solitude of living on the acreage and loved spending time in her garden tending to her flowers. She also liked to solve word puzzles, crosswords, and word searches being some of her favorites.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Robert McCormick, Fertile; a sister, Paula McCormick and her significant other Brooke Dittmar, Fertile, a brother, Kelly McCormick, and his financee, Stephanie Reyerson, Joice; a niece, April McCormick; and two nephews, Logan and Jordan McCormick.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Patricia; and a brother, Robert McCormick.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Fertile Garden Club

Fertile Garden club met at the home of Jenn Miller. Roll call was "Favorite thing about fall". Secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Discussion was held about what we could do differently with our barrels on main street for next year. We are planning to plant mums in the barrels and up at the Fertile sign for fall. Ginny will look into getting some gourds or pumpkins to also decorate the barrels with. October 2nd, we will meet at 8:30 to plant the mums and hostus, put up the corn stalks and clean up the Fertile sign. Discussion took place on our guest day in November. October meeting will be held at Betty Waddington's. There were no September birthdays. Great time was had by all!

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1/2 cup brown sugar

2 cups flour

1 cup butter or oleo

1/2 tsp. Salt

2 (6 oz) package butterscotch chips

1/2 cup white corn syrup

2 Tbsp. Water

4 Tbsp. Oleo

2 12 oz. Pkg. Salted peanuts

Combine sugar, flour, butter 1/2 tsp. Salt and mix well. Pat into jelly roll greased pan and bake at 375° for 10 minutes.

Cover with marshmallows.

Heat chips, syrup water 1/4 tsp. Salt, & oleo over a double boiler or in the microwave until chips are melted.

Remove from heat and add peanuts. Spread over marshmallows. BAKE 375° for 8 minutes.

DON'T GO TOO FAR.....

Two men were adrift in an open boat, and it looked bad for them. Finally one of them, frightened, began to pray. "O Lord," he prayed, "I've broken most of thy commandments. I've been a hard drinker, but if my life is spared now, I'll promise never again,"

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"Wait a minute, Jack," said his friend, "Don't go too far, I think I see a sail."

A husband's Moment of Realization!

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she stayed by his bedside every single day. When he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by hime, he said, "you know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you gave me support. When my health started failing, you were still by my side... You know what?"

"What dear?" She asked gently. "I think you bring me bad luck."

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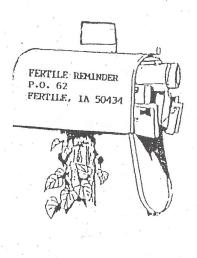
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WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH **FLUE CLINICS**

Worth County Office 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Oct. 11th

Tuesday - Oct. 123 Kensett City Hall 9 - 10:30

Manly Senior Center 11:30 - 5

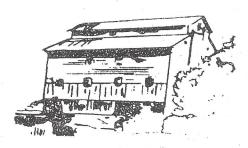
Grafton - Gobblers Roost 9 am - 11 am Wednesday - Oct. 13

Joice Bethany Lutheran Church. 9-11 am Thursday - Oct. 14

Fertile Church of Christ 12:30 - 2:30 pm







Rhodes Mill Retreat Rent for a week, a wedding Or just to get away from Everything! Very Zuiet! 918-630-9935

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