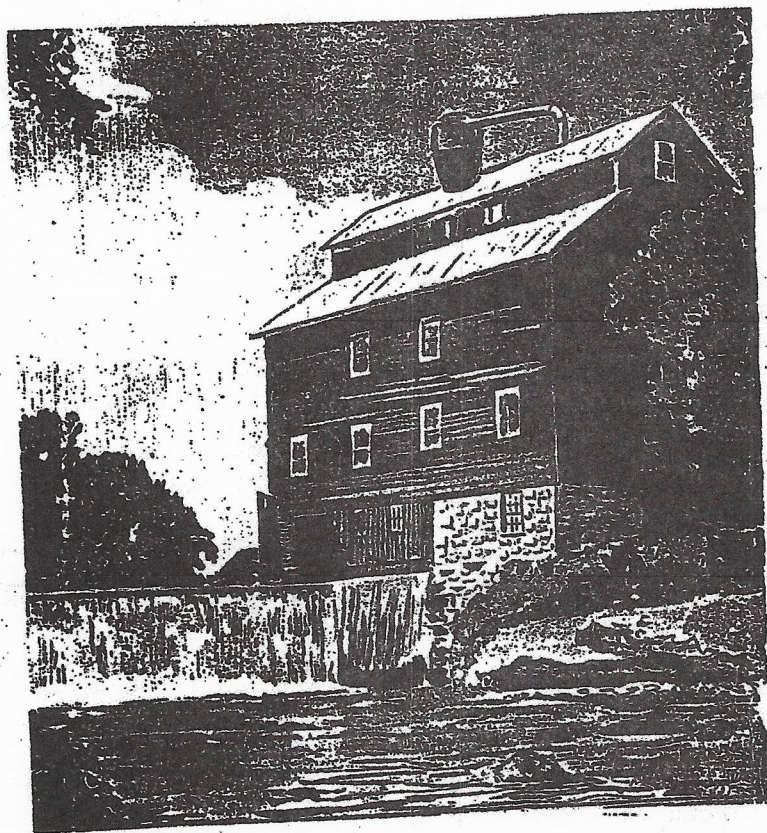


JUNE 2008

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

June 2	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
June 3	Senior Dinner Fertile Girls' Night Out	Noon 5:30 p.m.
June 7	Shower for Laura Pederson at Fertile Lutheran Church	9 - 11 a.m.
June 12	Recycle Day	
June 16	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
June 17	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
June 26	Recycle Day	

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, May 20, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

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

- *Renchin motioned and Peters 2nd to approve the March minutes. Motion Carried.*
- *Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the April minutes. Motion Carried.*

4.) Jay Langenbau – Worth County Sheriffs' Department

- Deputy Sheriff Jay Langenbau introduced himself to the Council as the Democratic candidate running for the Sheriff's office in the upcoming election. Jay stated that he would focus on increased education and training for the department. He stated that he would focus on crime prevention through awareness programs. He wants to keep an "open door" policy and states that he is available for questions and comments.

5.) Heartland Asphalt

- Travis presented a proposal for blacktopping West Washington Street. Heartland would scratch both sides of the road, lay 1" leveler, and a 2" overlay. They would also raise the manholes and shut-offs to the level of the new street. The estimate came to just over \$58,000. The Council asked Travis to also quote East Washington and 3rd Street.
- The City expects to write a grant to cover the costs. Construction would be scheduled for spring 2009.
- *Berg motioned and Renchin 2nd to postpone bid approval until next meeting, after Heartland presents the complete bid and a second bid is made for comparison. Motion Carried.*

6.) Ditch Excavating and Water Issues

- Brian Nettleton has been digging ditches on West Washington. Haugen's lawn service will be re-seeding soon. Nettleton has also placed a catch basin to catch run-off sand and gravel from the ball fields. The City is covering the cost of these projects.
- More ditch work is expected to take place later this summer.

7.) Fire Department Building

- We are waiting on bids for remodeling the Knapper building before finalizing our plans. Bids are expected soon.
- Mayor Russell is also in the process of receiving building appraisals for City Hall, the Library and the Fire Department.

8.) Mayor's Report

- A new shelter house will be built this summer at the ball fields.
- Warren & Buck have installed the new street signs and posts.
- The City has purchased 4 new white tables – they are available to City residents for special events. Please make reservations with Joyce or Eddie.
- An ink-jet copier/printer has been placed in City Hall for use by organizations utilizing City Hall for activities.

- ICAP, our liability insurance company, has denied coverage to the proposed skate park equipment. The equipment was not built by a certified manufacturer. Therefore the skate park project has been put on hold.
- Alliant has been replacing burnt out street lights throughout town. Hare Electric will be fixing the lights on Main Street.
- WCDA gave 6 Worth County students scholarships in the amount of \$6,528.36 each. Joyce presented the scholarships.
- On Friday, July 11th, the Tractor Ride will be stopping in Fertile. The Library Friends will be serving lunch for the event.
- The park will also be used for a wedding and several family reunions. Please check with City Hall to reserve the shelter.

9.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented April's financials.
- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the April Expenditures. Motion Carried.*
- The City is right on budget for this year. The City expects to put \$15,000 into the savings for road re-surfacing and \$10,000 into the savings for painting the water tower.

10.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, June 17 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- Kristen Anderson, with NIACOG, will be present to explain the Housing Repair & Renovation Grant Program.

11.) Adjourn – Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Expenditures and Revenues		
April 2008		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	ICAP	-10,888.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-879.73
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-788.96
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-19.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-269.49
Bill Pmt -Check	Mills Fleet Farm	-75.38
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-115.68
Bill Pmt -Check	Bruns, Warren V	-71.42
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-3,375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Public Library V	-1,125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-922.93
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-445.20
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-331.23
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-514.35
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-108.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-293.15
Bill Pmt -Check	NMC	-1,370.33
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-253.85
Bill Pmt -Check	Sears	-361.62
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-117.64
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.35
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-1,625.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-3,375.00
Check	US Post Office	-52.00
Deposit		155.82
Deposit		11,886.16
Deposit		46.55
Deposit		3,303.11
Deposit		3,990.15
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	17,873.21
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,334.39
Deposit		32.73
Liability Check	IRS	-1,617.34
Liability Check	IPERS	-919.36
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-92.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-397.58
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-766.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-997.09
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-561.02
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-897.00
Total General Fund Checking		4,164.80
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		31.42
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.30
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.92
TOTAL		4,199.44

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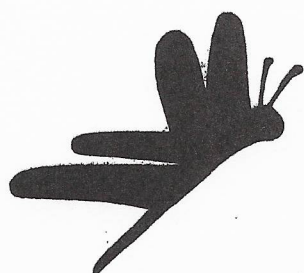
SUMMER Reading Program



Fertile Public Library

Wednesdays: June 4, 11, 18, 25

@ 1:30 p.m.



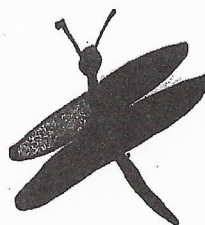
Stories

Crafts

Games

Snacks

Lot's of Fun!



Call or stop by the library to register.

NEW BOOKS

By Reason of Insanity – Randy Singer
Allison's Journey – Wanda E. Brunstetter
So Brave, Young, & Handsome – Leif Enger
Forgery of Venus – Michael Gruber
Dirty Laundry – Tori Carrington
Healer – Sharon Sala
Sundays at Tiffany – James Patterson
Third Circle – Amanda Quick
Sacrifice – Karen Traviss
Hollow – Nora Roberts
Outlaw Demon Wails – Kim Harrison
Little Heathens – Mildred Armstrong Kalish
Sixty to Life – Jaques LaMarche
2008 Quick Cooking Annual Recipes
The Host – Stephanie Meyer
The Cool Girl's Guide to Knitting – Nicki Trench
B-17 Combat Missions – Martin Bowman
Wizard's Daughter – Catherine Coulter
Texas Loving – Leigh Greenwood

DVDs

I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry – Adam Sandler
P.S. I Love You – Hilary Swank
A Mighty Heart – Angelina Jolie
Lonely Hearts – John Travolta

Library News

The book/bake sale is over! Thank you for donating & or baking. We cleared over \$600. As always, the pies were the biggest hit! We offered Granny Smith Apple, Pecan, Peach, Raspberry Cheesecake, & Strawberry Perkins would have been envious!

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Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon
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FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY
SURVEY

1. Check one:

- ☐ 0 - 10 years of age
☐ 11 - 15 years of age
☐ 16 - 21 years of age
☐ 22 - 45 years of age
☐ 46 - 60 years of age
☐ 61 - 85 years of age
☐ 86 + years of age

2. Do you have a Fertile Library Card? ☐ yes ☐ No

3. How often do you visit the library?

☐ once a week ☐ once a month ☐ once in awhile ☐ never

4. Would you be interested in a hobby class?

- ☐ Scrapbooking
☐ Knitting
☐ Stamping
☐ Others (list) _____

5. Would you be interested in attending a computer class about any of these topics?

- ☐ eBay
☐ Microsoft Money
☐ Messenger
☐ Excel
☐ Searching the Internet
☐ Setting up a Hotmail Account
☐ Microsoft Word
☐ Digital Photography
☐ Others (list) _____

6. Would you be willing to pay a fee to attend a class? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Are you satisfied with closing the library at 6 P.M. ☐ yes ☐ no If not, what hours would you prefer? _____

8. Would you be interested in being a Library Friend or serve as a Library Trustee? ☐ yes ☐ no

9. Would you be interested in coordinating or assisting with a game night at the library? ☐ yes ☐ no

10. If you are a Senior, what is the best time for programs at the Library? ☐ morning ☐ afternoon
☐ evening

This survey is to help us serve your needs better. Please fill out & return to the library. Just put it in the drop box if we aren't open. If you are interested in being a Library Friend or Trustee or helping with a game night please add your name & contact information. **Thank you for your time!**

Contact information: _____



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Thank you for your work on the
Reminder. Please keep it coming.
Arlyn Abrams

Dear Ladies,
I think I'm about due. Keep up the
good work. I am putting out a newsletter for the
Burlesque Historical Society, so I know what this is like.
Jane B.

Dear Ladies,
Keep up the good work. We enjoy keeping up with
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Lanny & Sandy (Purcell) Jenkins

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LUELLA G. LOW

1911 - 2008

Luella G. Low, 97, of Fertile, died May 15, 2008 at the
Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.



A funeral service was held May 19 at the
Church of Christ in Fertile with Dan Miller
and Rev. Dennis Ganz officiating. Interment
was at Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City.

Luella was born Jan. 24, 1911, in Glenville
county Minnesota, the daughter of William
and Minnie (Perkins) Freeman. They moved
to Northwood when Luella was 2 years old,

and to Glenville when she was 5 years old. She attended
school in Glenville and Albert Lea, MN.

On June 16, 1928, she was united in marriage to Clarence
Low of rural Glenville. Luella and her husband farmed in
Glenville, Northwood, Manly and Fertile. In 1978 they
moved to a farm at Fertile.

For the past five years she has been living at Oakwood
Care Center in Clear Lake, where she enjoyed playing cards.

Survivors include her son, Clarence Low, Jr, of Fertile;
Beverly Smith and her husband, Ralph, of McIntire; Donn
Miller and her husband, Earl, of Clear Lake and Eugene Lov
and his wife, Lois, of Fertile; 13 grandchildren, Christ
Bredeson and her husband, Randy; Mike Ball and his wife
Sheila, Dan Miller and his wife, Penny, all of Fertile; Jeanett
Oliver and her husband, Steve, of Plano, TX; Carole Haston
of Edgewood, TX; Derrick Gagon and his wife, Lori o
Lakeville, MN; LuAnn Paulson and her husband, Dick, o
Clear Lake; Arlyn Miller and his wife, Claudia, of Ceda
Park, TX; Julie Siemonsma and her husband, Jerry, o
Ridgeway, IL; Kenneth Smith and his fiancée, Judy, o
Northwood, Joan Heinzerling and her husband, Bill of S
Charles, IL; Owen Smith and his wife, Chris of Craig, IA an
and Rita DeGroot and her husband, Dan, of Clarinda; 3
great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Luella was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence;
son, Leonard (Buddy); her parents; four brothers, Milar
Leroy, Perry and Mark; two sisters, Elsie and an infant sister
three grandsons, David Smith, Mark Smith and Mark Hastor
and three great-grandchildren. Jessica Heinzerling, Stephe
Oliver and Jacob Putney.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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MORE NORWEGIAN HUMOR

A Norwegian was recently arrested for passing bogus \$2 bills. The way he did it was to erase the zero from \$20 bills.

The Norwegians are planning to launch a space flight to the sun. When asked by a reporter how they planned to avoid burning up, a Norwegian spokesman answered "Ve figure on going at night."

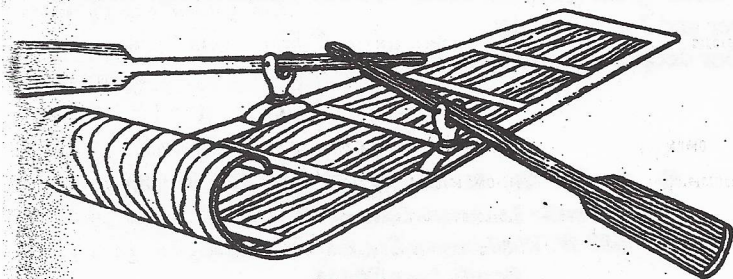
Dagmar was trying to lose weight, so she took up horseback riding. After the first week, the horse lost 10 pounds.

Lars say "No vun can say I'm a quitter...I stay on the job 'til I get fired".

Two Norwegians were building a house. One of them reached into a sack of nails and said, "Lars, you got us the wrong kind of nails. Dese nails have got the point on the wrong end." "Dat's okay," said Lars, "Ve can used them on the other side of the house."

Sven was flying on an airliner when the plane encountered extremely turbulent conditions. A nervous old lady, expecting disaster, turned around to Sven and implored, "Please do something religious." So, Sven started a Bingo game.

NORWEGIAN SNO-MOBILE



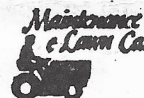
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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB "BACK TO BASICS"

The Fertile Garden Club met on April 8, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the home of Penny Miller. The meeting was opened by the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the reading of the "Club Woman's Creed". The theme this year is getting back to the basics of the club - which are socializing, learning about gardening and beautifying our community. Ginny Lovik shared a great lesson on soil preparation for spring planting. Since the plant sale will not be held this year, the club will meet on Tuesday, May 13th, at the Church of Christ, to share a salad supper and to plant the barrels. The watering/weeding schedule was passed around and everyone signed up to work. The thought for the day was shared by Lois Low. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Fern Midtgaard. A delicious lunch was served by Ronda Prescott and Penny Miller.

Submitted by Kristin Mikes
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HAY WAGON

From George Kiser's Book "Childhood on the Farm"

While just about every farmer had a hay wagon with a ladder front and a high back behind and sides to hold the loose hay, my father always had to borrow one from our generous neighbor, Irwin Owens. Therefore, in 1938 when our family car, a 1931 Studebaker, gasped its' final cough, he decided to build a hayrack on the old frame with wheels. Cars at that time were built with two heavy steel beams that went from end to end and sturdy axles with the wheels attached.

The steering and tongue for the horses were a problem, but I think a local welding shop made the necessary alterations. My father bolted the wooden beams to the steel framework and soon had a wagon heavier and stronger than anyone in the neighborhood.

On a Sunday afternoon after completing his project, he hitched up the team to the wagon and pulled it out in front of the house. "Now" he said, "we are all going for a hayrack ride."

Now my sisters and I were much too sophisticated to go riding around the neighborhood in a funny looking wagon for all the people to see. However, my father insisted and so we all reluctantly piled on.

We rode several miles with no noise except our conversation and the sights and sounds of wildlife. Oddly enough, it was one of the most pleasant experiences of my life. This is why to this day I keep a tractor and wagon especially designed for children to ride on and try to make sure that no child in my town grows up without experiencing the supreme pleasure of a hay wagon ride!

Wagon Ride

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GROUCHINESS

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table and she didn't miss them until they had been driving about twenty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses. All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up one minute. To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, her husband yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."

PARALLEL PARKING

Most people hate to parallel park. The other day, I saw this woman trying to get out of a tight parking space. She bumped the car in front, then backed up and hit the car behind her. This went on for about two minutes. I walked over to see if I could somehow help. My offer was declined. She said, "Why have bumpers if you're not going to use them once in a while?"

OFFICE HUMOR

The boss joined a group of his workers at the coffee maker and told a series of jokes he'd heard recently. Everybody laughed loudly. Everybody, that is, except Mike. When he noticed that he was getting no reaction from Mike, the boss said, "What's the matter, Mike? No sense of humor?" "My sense of humor is fine," he said. "But I don't have to laugh. I'm quitting tomorrow."

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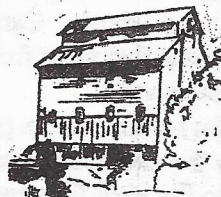
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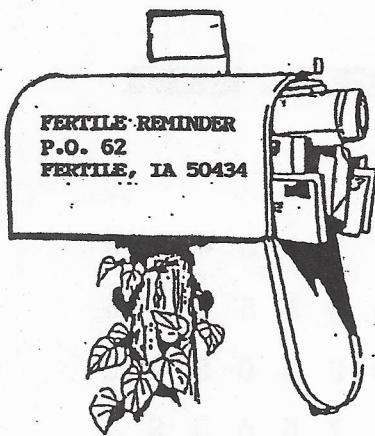
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