

FERTILE REMINDER

August 2018



July 5th was the fateful day the furnace exploded in the Nancy Suby house just north of Fertile on Eagle Ave. Nancy and Jane Briggeman (a house guest) were both in the house when the fire started but made it out along with Nancy's dogs. Everything is a total loss. 6 fire departments answered the call: Fertile, Hanlontown, Joice, Manly, Forest City and Lake Mills. Donations can be sent to MBT Banks or Church of Christ and Fertile Lutheran. Nancy was our librarian for several years so was well known.

AUGUST CALENDAR

2, 16, 30 Recycle

6 Firemen meet

14 Garden Club meets

11 – 12 FERTILE DAYS

15 DEADLINE FOR NEWS

20 Library Board meets

21 Fertile Girls meet

21 City Council

22 Reminder **emailed**

28 Reminder mailed



Garden Club met at the home of Tina Larson for the evening meal. 12 people enjoyed a delicious meal hosted by Tina and Sharon McLaughlin.

Roll call was "What gives you the most pleasure in your garden?" A short business meeting was held.

We were scheduled to tour Kristina Hand's gardens but due to a car accident and the hail it was postponed until another time.

Tina gave the **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**.

It was a great evening with great food and good conversation.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey (temporary absent due to Fire Call), Ron Rachut and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the minutes of the June meeting.** Unanimous
- Nick motioned, Holly 2nd to accept agenda with Fertile Fire Department added.** Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Embargo:

- Deano presented letter to the council indicating the additional cost of \$14.25 for traveling on Hwy 9 & First Street vs coming in on E Main Street. Joyce presented a copy of the ordinances, Farm to Market map and petition for 5-ton embargo sign on E Main Street to help with cost to repair streets. Discussion included updating E Main Street to Farm to Market. **Ron motion, Holly 2nd to remove embargo signs and to allow S bound trucks to Cerro Gordo County only on E Main Street. Roll Call Vote: Tad – yes; Cindy – yes; Nick – Absent; Ron – yes; and Holly – yes.** Unanimous
No Ordinance Amendment.

Fertile Fire Department:

- Fertile Fire Department notified council that they would like to resubmit grant to WCDA for new fire truck in the fall.

Pop Machine:

- The Pepsi machine has been moved from the Library to Hare Electric.

City Maintenance Report:

- Fertile supported Forest City with the use of sewer pump during the recent flood. Forest City serviced the pump prior to returning to Fertile.
- Steve put mulch down around the Air Conditioner at the Library.
- Steve sprayed for weeds on easement south of 115 W Main Street. Nuisance letter will be sent to property owners.
- Steve has been spraying weeds at the park. He will also be working on removing the trees/branches on the river bank.
- Holly notified Steve that the Water Shut off was broken at 209 E Washington.
- Holly also inquired about painting the fire hydrants and replacing flags as needed.
- Dylan Knopf inquired about increasing the water limit at the water tower. Steve will be working on that.
- Ron motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Joyce reported hail damage at Library, City Hall, Community Center and Water Plant. She is currently working with ICAP Insurance to get estimates to repair.
- There was vandalism on Main Street with some flower pots in front of the Maintenance Garage and Barricades down at the Community Center.
- Blacktopping at Community Center should be completed by July 27.
- Joyce received 2nd bid for walking path at park.
- John Greve's will be typing letter for 10' easement at 609 W Main Street. John answer is no.
- Joyce has contacted Yes Way gas & convenience store for purchase of Pronto building.
- There will be a silent auction for Nancy Suby on Fertile Days to raise support for her loss during recent house fire.
- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve the mayor's report.** Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Reports for Fertile Days are current through 05/31/2018. Fire Department are current through 03/31/2018. Garden Club current through 04/30/2018.
- Fiscal Year End reports do not include the year-end adjustments to convert to Cash Basis. A full set of reports will be submitted to the City Council when completed. Wendy has scheduled a meeting with Clerkbooks to have this completed.

7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	337,968.18	56,975.00	117,668.46	8,012.47	135,908.49	656,532.60
Expense	364,962.21	49,153.68	103,991.97	3,334.12	105,591.83	627,033.81
Total	-26,994.03	7,821.32	13,676.49	4,678.35	30,316.66	29,498.79
Fund Balance	42,638.53	21.32	60,319.89	5,546.86	158,955.90	267,482.50

- Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to approve Financial Report.** Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve June Bills.** Unanimous
- Liens presented to the council were as follows:

409 W Main Street	\$240.66
605 W Washington Street	\$240.66
101 E Main Street	\$311.36
502 1st Street	\$ 76.21
308 W Main Street	\$538.52

Committee Report:

- Holly asked if electronic speed sign can be put on hill south of town on Eagle Avenue. Nick will take care of this.
- A place is needed for temporary storage of cans for Fertile Days. It was suggested to use the Concession Stand during off season.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session August 21st at 7:00 pm at Fertile City Hall.
- Holly motioned, Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

Summary:

- Embargo on E Main Street.
- Increase water level at water tower.
- Easement at 609 W Main Street

City of Fertile Deposits

As of June 30,
2018

Accrual
Basis
Amount

Type	Date	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	06/01/2018	Property Taxes	1,867.50
Deposit	06/01/2018	(L) Property Taxes	47.50
Deposit	06/04/2018	Utility Deposit	79.86
Deposit	06/04/2018	Casino Funds Deposit	3,256.87
Deposit	06/06/2018	Refundable Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	06/06/2018	Utility Deposit	977.04
Deposit	06/13/2018	Little League Registration Deposit	415.00
Deposit	06/13/2018	Utility Deposit	342.71
Deposit	06/13/2018	Facility Rental Deposit	200.00
Deposit	06/13/2018	Utility Deposit	2,419.04
Deposit	06/13/2018	Volleyball Net Reimbursement Deposit	16.01
Deposit	06/19/2018	Road Use Tax	1,926.06
Deposit	06/20/2018	Dividend Deposit	120.27
Deposit	06/20/2018	Lien Payment Deposit	657.08
Deposit	06/20/2018	Utility Deposit	271.95
Deposit	06/20/2018	Farm to Market Deposit	2,090.06
Deposit	06/20/2018	Utility Deposit	64.01
Deposit	06/20/2018	Utility Deposit	4,608.35
Deposit	06/27/2018	Building Rental Deposit	200.00
Deposit	06/27/2018	Utility Deposit	3,915.26
Deposit	06/27/2018	Utility Deposit	370.88
Deposit	06/28/2018	Local Option Sales Tax	2,687.01
Deposit	06/30/2018	Interest	19.55
Total Checking			26,702.01
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			26,702.01
Total Operating Accounts			26,702.01
Roads Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	06/30/2018	Interest	0.56
Total Savings			0.56
Total Roads Revenue Accounts			0.56
Water Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	06/30/2018	Interest	2.78
Total Savings			2.78
Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.78
Sewer Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	06/30/2018	Interest	2.43
Total Savings			2.43
CD			
Total CD			2.43
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			2.43
TOTAL			26,707.78

Bills Paid

As of June 30, 2018

Accrual
Basis
Amount

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Check	06/04/2018	EFT	Kum & Go	Gas for Mower	-125.00
Paycheck	06/06/2018	8632	Russell, Joyce	City Administrator - Donated 17 hours	-1,407.92
Paycheck	06/06/2018	8633	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-417.82
Paycheck	06/06/2018	8634	Russell, Grant	City Maintenance	-330.34
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8635	AgSource Laboratories	Sewer Testing	-51.25
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8636	CarQuest	Battery for sprayer & oil	-146.89
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8637	First Gabrielson Agency	Firemen's Accident/Sickness Policy	-811.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8638	Haugen Lawn Service	Spraying for Weeds	-2,010.00

Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8639	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8640	Kramer Ace Hardware	Supplies for Ball Diamond & Nuts / Bolts for Street Signs	-41.97
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8641	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8642	Superior Lumber, Inc	Concrete for Street Sign posts	-8.78
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8643	US Post Office	Annual PO Box Renewal	-56.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8644	Waste Management	Gabage, Recycling & Container Services	-2,338.17
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8645	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-204.06
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8646	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual Renewal	-38.00
Paycheck	06/06/2018	8647	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-301.39
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2018	8648	Wendy Lunning - v	Milage (40 miles @.545 per mile)	-21.80
Check	06/07/2018	DEBIT	Decker Sports	Volleyball Net	-61.00
Check	06/08/2018	DEBIT	Kum & Go	Gas for Mower	-110.16
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8649	Alliant Energy	Electric	-963.15
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8650	BMC Aggregates L.C.	3/4 Roadstone - Repair pot holes on Park Street	-188.20
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8652	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-233.47
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8653	Iowa League of Citites	Annual Membership Dues	-390.00
			Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Concession Stand & Water Plant	-259.13
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8654	Heating		
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8655	T Severson	Baseballs	-8.52
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8656	USDA	Water Loan Payments	-17,688.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8657	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-80.97
Paycheck	06/13/2018	8658	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,046.08
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2018	8659	Decker Sports	T-Shirts	-253.00
Liability Check	06/13/2018	EFT	IPERS	(L) Payroll Liabilities	-283.32
Liability Check	06/13/2018	8619	IPERS		-958.54
Liability Check	06/13/2018	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-400.52
Paycheck	06/20/2018	8660	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Assistant Director	-167.80
Paycheck	06/20/2018	8661	Knudson, Loni	(L) Clerk	-238.82
Paycheck	06/20/2018	8662	Thompson, Angela M	(L) Librarian	-1,312.25
Check	06/20/2018	ACH	WCTA	(L) Telephone	-44.23
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8663	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-163.75
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8664	Alliant Energy	Electric	-676.02
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8665	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-448.25
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8666	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-157.80
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8667	Le Doux Signs	Welcome to Fertile Sign	-1,010.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8668	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-78.71
			North Iowa Libraries		
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8669	Collaborating	Beacon Annual Support	-805.51
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8670	Worth County Treasurer	Lien Payment for Brian Hyde	-657.08
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8671	Alliant Energy	Electric	-106.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2018	8672	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-82.00
Check	06/22/2018	TRANS	Petty Cash	Petty Cash Reimbursement	-43.49
Paycheck	06/27/2018	8673	Roberts, Stephen	City Maintenance	-1,046.07
			Eclectic 413		
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2018	8674	Photography	Little League Photos	-160.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2018	8675	Papa Everett's Pizza	Little League Pizza Party	-113.32
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2018	8676	Staples	5 Tab Folders, Binder, Counterfeit Detector	-45.78
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2018	8677	Mark Moran	(L) Library Program	-469.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/28/2018	8678	T Severson	Batting Tees	-47.06
Check	06/28/2018	DEBIT	Kum & Go	Gas for Mower	-125.00
Liability Check	06/29/2018	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-1,392.62
Check	06/29/2018	ACH	Citibusiness Card	(L) Books, CDs, Supplies, Programs, DVDs, Tech Support, Magazines, PO Box Rent, Travel & Education	-2,242.08
Check	06/30/2018	CORR	WCTA	Correct Class for 02/07/2018 transaction s/b General vs Casino.	0.00
Check	06/30/2018	CORR		Correction to Deposit a/c duplicate processed in error.	-2,408.60
Total Checking					-45,325.69
Petty Cash					
Check	06/06/2018	TRANS	Fertile Public Library V		-55.53
Check	06/22/2018	TRANS	Petty Cash	Petty Cash Reimbursement	43.49
Check	06/27/2018	TRANS	Fertile Public Library V		-43.49
Total Petty Cash					-55.53
Total Operating Accounts					-45,381.22
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Savings					
Total Savings					
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
TOTAL					-45,381.22

NORMA JEAN HOLTAN WAKELEY

Aug. 13, 1928 – May 24, 2018

Norma Jean Holtan was born on August 13, 1928 to Arthur and Mabel Holtan in Forest City, Iowa. She grew up helping on the family farm outside Joice. She graduated from Fertile High School in 1946, attended Waldorf Junior College and then transferred to Iowa State College where she received a BS in Home Economics in 1950. At Iowa State, she met Tendon (Don) Wakeley, one of the many returning WWII GI'S who were then attending college. After graduation, she taught high school Home Economics a year and a half in Buffalo Center. Norma and Don were married February 3, 1952 following his military service in Korea and shortly thereafter moved to Texas.

Ann, Susan, David and Billy were born while the family lived in Texas. Alan joined the family a few years after their 1960 move to Bellevue. As her children grew up, Norma enjoyed sewing and cooking for the family. In 1974, she accepted a position as Nutritionist for the Head Start program at Bellevue Community College and worked there until retiring in 1991.

For most of the 53 years the family lived in Bellevue, Norma was active in the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the East Lake Washington Home Economists, and at Saint Andrews Lutheran Church. She served as Camp Fire leader for her girls and Den Mother for her Cub Scout boys. In recent years, she enjoyed being one of the daughters of Norway and a part of the Saint Andrew's OWLS group.

Norma and Don moved to the Timber Ridge Retirement Community in Issaquah in 2013 where Norma enjoyed many activities, especially visiting with the other residents and playing bridge. She and Don celebrated their 66th anniversary there earlier this year. As her health failed, she moved to the Briarwood wing and was lovingly served by the staff member's there.

Norma is survived by her loving husband Don, her sister Betty Heyerdahl, daughters Ann (Steve) King and Sue (Dick) Bowers, sons David (Debora), Bill (Judy) and Alan (Dawn) Wakeley, grandchildren Forrest King, Dan Bowers, Michael and Robert Wakeley, Selina Petschek, Alissa and Ethan Wakeley, one great grandchild, Izzabella King and numerous nieces and nephews. A grandson, Philip King, preceded her in death, also a brother, Arvid Holtan.



October 7, 1930 - July 4, 2018

Betty Ann Heyerdahl, age 87, of Reedsburg, passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2018, at Casa de Oakes, Reedsburg. She was born on October 7, 1930, in Iowa, the daughter of Arthur and Mable (Halverson) Holtan. She grew up on a farm near Fertile, IA,

where she graduated from high school in 1948.

Betty later graduated from Waldorf College where she met her husband, Lawrence Heyerdahl. They married on May 31, 1950. This marriage was blessed with six children. Lawrence preceded her in death.

Betty was a homemaker, raising and caring for her family was her greatest joy. She was a devoted wife and mother. Betty was a former member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Green Bay and currently a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Reedsburg. She enjoyed participating in Lutheran Women's activities as well as church choir in the various Lutheran Churches of which she was a member. Betty was a phenomenal embroiderer, and was a member of the Embroiderers Guild of America. She helped organized EGA regional seminars at which she was an instructor. She enjoyed baking, playing bridge, golfing and also cherished the many friendships she made while spending winters in Florida.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Mark; brother, Arvid Holtan; and sister, Norma Wakeley.

Betty is survived by her children and their spouses: Dr. Dan (Karen) Heyerdahl of Santa Barbara, CA; Nancy (Jeffrey) Bump of La Valle, WI; Douglas (Jill) Heyerdahl of Cedar Creek, TX; Timothy (Kelly) Heyerdahl of Alpharetta, GA; Steven (Darcy) Heyerdahl of Indianapolis, IN; Daughter-in-law, Debra Heyerdahl of La Valle, WI; 20 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; along with other relatives and friends.

Burial will take place at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 10, in Luther Valley Church Cemetery, Beloit. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be accepted for an educational scholarship in Betty's name.



FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY
204 West Main Street/Box 198
Fertile, IA 50434
641-797-2787 Phone/Fax
Monday & Wednesday: 1-6 P.M.
Thursday: 3-6 P.M.
Friday: 9- Noon & 2-6 P.M.
Saturday: 9 - Noon
WWW.YOUSEEMORE.COM/NILC/FERTILEPL



Library Events

Kids craft time

August 7th @ 2 pm

We will have crafts & snacks. Join us for the fun

Hallmark Movie Monday

August 13th @ 2 pm

Come join us for a hallmark movie, coffee and treats. Kick back and relax and enjoy a summer romance.

Adult Craft Afternoon

August 18th @ 1 pm

We will have crafts, snacks & great company. Join us for the fun. Ages 18+

Laser tag

August 10th & 24th @ 8:30 pm

This summer we will be offering Friday evening family laser tag a couple of Fridays each month.

The library will provide the equipment, you provide the fun! There is limited spacing so remember to come early.

featuring

New Books

Murder in paradise - James Patterson

Long summer days - Nora Roberts

More than meets the eye - Karen Witemeyer

The forgotten road - Richard Paul Evans

featuring

New DVDs

Annihilation

Campfire Kiss

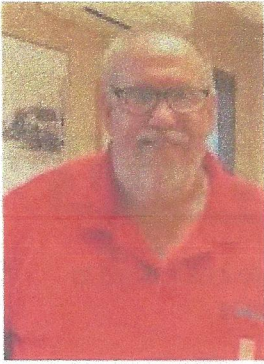
The Post

Red Sparrow

A Wrinkle in time

Book and Bake Sale

The library is holding it's annual book and bake sale during Fertile Days, August 11 from 9-12. We are looking for donations of baked goods, and appreciate anything you can bring! We hope to see you this year!



A farewell party was held for Jerry Nye on July 5th at the Community Center as he is moving to Senior Living in Longmont, Colorado. Jerry has been a citizen of Fertile for most of his life. We wish you well, Jerry.

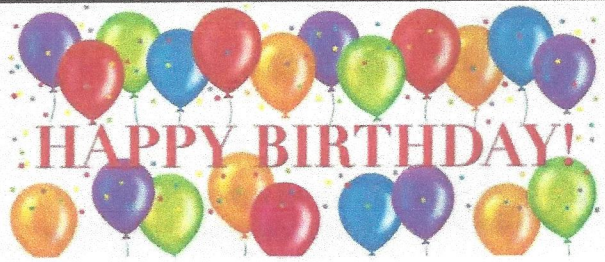
Jerry Nye wants to thank all who came to his farewell party. Thanks also for cards and gifts and to Mary and Merv Anderson for their part in it.

This thank you was for **last month's paper** and the editor apologizes that in moving articles around it got left out.

Thank you everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and at home recovering. Thank you to my family.
Pat Tuttle

WANTED: If you have a FERTILE SCHOOL BOOK, compiled by Betty Waddington that you would like to sell, please contact the Fertile Reminder. Thanks!

We're Going Back To School



Dean Haugen turns 90 this month. Wish him a Happy Birthday!

Did you know?....by Ann Hendrickson

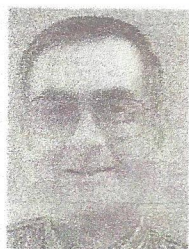
We are pleased to introduce our curator and director Amanda Girouard, The Worth County Historical Society knows she works very hard. Her duties include many things; one of importance is categorizing each item given to the museum, clothes, a gun, a typewriter, furniture, books, farm items, war medals, rugs, or even a musical instrument to strum. This is just a small list of historical acquisitions in our buildings and museum, Amanda is a secretary too, making and taking phone calls, typing, and answering requests for information as they come.

Her family, husband Fred, sons Abner, Iver, Silas, and Martin also keep her on the run. Doctor appointments, chickens to feed, programs to attend, jobs to finish, but they still find time for fun.

Each and every day the Historical Society appreciates Amanda's presence in the museum, She is there each day from 9:30 A.M to approximately 2:00P.M., or until her work is done. We invite you to visit any one of our buildings, by appointment, if you call 641-324-1180, Amanda will greet you in a pleasant voice and a cheery hello!

FERTILE DAYS

AUGUST 11 - 12



THOUGHTS OF FARMER RON

Hello Fertile:

The first thing has to be to welcome you to Fertile Days on August 11-12. We will have a few new activities and some of the old that are popular. There will be more music this year. Sadly, Jerry Meitner of Char's Band passed away but the band is still going with two new members. They will play during our evening meal. Just a side note. I went to Jerry's memorial service in Lyle, MN, at the Catholic Church. After the service at the lunch, the retired priest who conducted the service asked me, "How do Catholics get holy water?" Being a Protestant, I didn't know the answer so I said I didn't know. His answer was that they "Boil the Hell out of it." Take that as you wish, but I laughed. I then thanked him for the drawing closer between Catholics and Lutherans. He said this started with Pope John Paul when he said "open the windows and let the fresh air in." In other words, let's talk and talk what the two denominations have. We all worship the same God and the same God looks at each of us. Why the differences? In our modern world, I am just happy that a person goes to any church. Back to Fertile Days, we (The committee) are looking at some major changes in 2019 and 2020, I will tell you about them in my next letter.

I want to personally thank each guest who came to our June Council meeting and expressed their feelings. Democracy is at work. After a lot of discussion it was decided not to have a ban on animals in town. I still feel we need some guidelines for Fertile, but what was presented was too restrictive. There is a huge difference in the space needed for 2 horses or 10 laying hens. Make no mistake; a hog building is a no-no. They would fall under an ordinance that would ban it. Our next hot subject is the embargo on Main Street leading to the quarry. I have been gathering information to present at our July meeting. We will see if my compromise will be accepted by the other council members. I always try to remember, what is best for all of Fertile now and will that be the same in ten years.

Until next time, thank a farmer for the food on your plate, than a vet for the freedoms we all enjoy, and above all, thank God for the blessings he has given you.



What a great job you gals do. We so look forward to each edition. **Larry & Janet Burtness**

Tusem takk to the Fertile Reminder staff!! We are so fortunate to have dedicated people in our home town who put out an interesting paper each month. It's a touch of home for those of us who live out of state. Thanks, **LaVonne Pederson Kraft.**

WRITTEN IN 1976 IN MORE ABOUT FERTILE BOOK

Throughout the years many businesses have come and gone, changing hands or going out of business with the changing times.

Larson Plumbing and Heating opened for business in a new building in June 1957, after having been in partnership with Fertile Hardware for 4 years. To start with the business offered complete commercial and residential plumbing, heating and wiring. In later years the electrical business was sold.

Jordan's Midland Service was first opened March 6, 1958 under the name Fertile Coop Station. Previous owners were Marlin Miller and Willard Thovson. The original building was at the same corner and dated back to 1930's.

In 1962 a new modern 2 stall service station was erected. Midland Cooperatives has been the petroleum supplier the last 20 years. Services include complete tire and automobile service, light repairs, front end alignment and wheel balancing. A complete line of lubricants, chain and hydraulic supplies are sold.

More in coming editions.....

. One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

2018 FERTILE DAYS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

8:00AM - 9:00AM - BREAKFAST @ FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(FREE WILL DONATION)

7:30AM - REGISTRATION FOR THE "DO THE PUTSY" 5K WALK/RUN
(\$20.00 REGISTRATION FEE)

8:00AM - 5TH ANNUAL "DO THE PUTSY" 5K WALK/RUN BEGINS

10:00AM - PARADE(PARADE LINE-UP BEGINS @9:00AM BY THE BALL DIAMONDS)

11:00AM - KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL

12:00PM - 4:00PM - INFLATABLES, ARCHERY TAG, AND PETTING ZOO

1:00PM - 3:00PM - POWER WHEEL OBSTACLE COURSE (REGISTRATION AT THE BASKETBALL COURT
AND KID GAMES)

1:00PM - 4:00PM - FACE PAINTING

1:30PM - HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT (\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE)

3:00PM - 4:30PM - BINGO

2:00PM - 3:15PM - SHELTERED REALITY

4:00PM - 6:00PM - BALLOON ANIMALS

5:00PM - 6:30PM - COMMUNITY MEAL

PROVIDED BY WALDORF CONFERENCES AND DINING SERVICES W/MUSIC BY CHAR'S BAND

6:30PM - 9:00PM - HAYRIDES

6:30PM - 10:30PM - BORDERLINE BAND (BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH

7:00AM - 10:00AM - FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST

10:00AM - COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE IN THE PARK

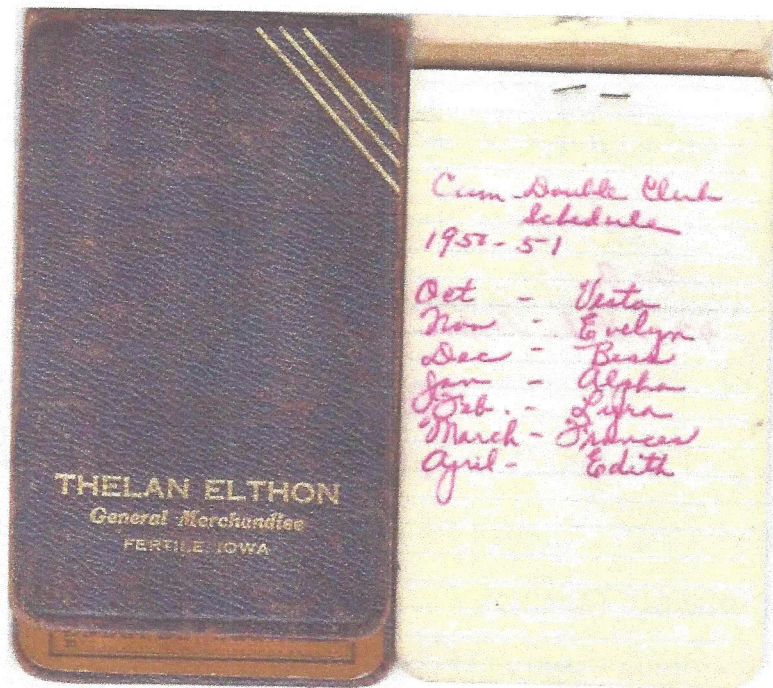
FOOD VENDORS: FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH - WALKING TACOS, RUTH'S FOOD TRUCK,
HOT DOGS PROVIDED BY WORTH CO SHERIFF, EGG ROLLS,
TREATS BY HEATHER, RELAY FOR LIFE ICE CREAM TRUCK,
AND MORE!!



Cum Double Club

By Neil Kuns

I recently came across notebook in my Mother's. The notebook seems to merchant's Christmas gift Elthon's Pioneer Store in calendar on the inside of cover was for 1946. related to gifts Vesta had various friends and family during several Christmas few pages held line made by my brother Alan was three or four years recorded the heights and three sons and addresses family friends.



this little memorabilia. be a from 1945. The the back Notes inside given to members seasons. A drawings when he old. It also sizes of her of many

Of more interest to the Fertile community were notes written in red ink on the last page - the schedule of the "Cum Double club" for 1950-51. Seven families gathered monthly in each other's homes for a social evening. The hostesses were Vesta Kuns, Evelyn Haugen, Bess Rodberg, Alpha Ritter, Lyra Deuel, Frances Purcell and Edith Ouverson. Television may have arrived in Minneapolis by that time but in the "hinterland" of north Iowa social entertainment was still home-grown. People enjoyed other's company in their homes. It was part of the warp and woof of society.

I barely remember an earlier iteration of this sort of social interaction called the "Fortnightly Club." A vague image remains of visiting in the home of Harry Cash, the butter-maker east of the creamery with my parents and others and watching them play Rummy. Those must have been less busy times as they found time to meet every two weeks. The loss of the Fertile Consolidated School's basketball games, Junior and Senior Plays, band concerts and PTA meetings and the Saturday night shopping at the three 1940's grocery store frayed the fabric of society. What holds my tiny home town together today?

Me and my posse about 1937 or 1938 in front of the old school building. I'm second from the right seated on the Ground, first row. Do you recognize Anyone?



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FERTILE DAYS

Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too.

A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.

You can tell how big a person is

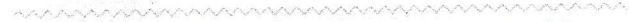
By what it takes to discourage him/her.

More about past Fertile business....1976

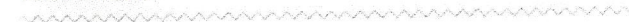
Ouverson Oil began in March 1957 when Harold purchased the Superior Co. Tank Wagon Service from Lewis Suby. The supplier was first Superior Oil and then Gulf Oil for one year. Harold is now an independent oil dealer with his own bulk plant and filling station one half mile south of Fertile on the Fertile to Clear Lake blacktop.



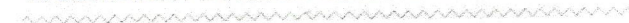
The Nelson Construction Company now of Mason City and owned by Leslie Nelson was operated from his home when the family lived in Fertile from 1950 to 1965.



International Harvester was operated by David and Alan Elthon in the old bank building on Main Street until 1965. Company franchise changes to larger firms cause the close of this much needed business.



Remember the Cozy Nook? Doors to Cozy Nook Café operated for many years by Carl Fredrickson were closed when Mr. Fredrickson's health declined.



Ray Sandifer "Tom's Sales" began operation in April 1964. This is primarily snack vending and covers the area of Forest City to Charles City, Iowa and Albert Lea, Minnesota to Hampton, Iowa and all towns in between.



Veggie Crescent Bites

Serves: 24 appetizers

Ingredients

- 1 can reduced-fat Pillsbury Crescent Rolls
- 4 oz reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sour cream (light)
- 1 tbsp fresh dill, chopped
- 1 tbsp fresh chives, chopped
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 c chopped assorted veggies (broccoli, bell peppers, carrots, green onion, cucumber)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine sour cream, cream cheese, dill, and chives. Let chill.
3. Remove crescent rolls from can and roll out just so all the pieces are sticking together. You want one large sheet so pinch together any seams that are not staying together.
4. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet.
5. Bake for 6-7 minutes. Remove and let cool.
6. Spread chilled cream cheese mixture onto cooled crescent roll sheet.
7. Top with fresh veggies and additional chives if desired.
8. Use a pizza cutter or large knife to cut down to appetizer size pieces and serve.
9. Can be refrigerated for up to an hour before serving.



THE DANGER OF ATTENDING A CLASS REUNION AT OUR AGE!

The 60th High School Reunion

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years, having been high school classmates and having attended class reunions in the past, without fail.

This 60th anniversary of their class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high; with the widower throwing admiring glances across the table . . . and the widow smiling coyly back at him.

Finally during one dance, he picked up courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"
After about 6 seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes.... yes I will!"

Needless to say, the evening ended on a happy note for the widower. However, the next morning he was troubled. Did she say Yes or did she say No? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over-and-over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question, but for the life of him could not recall her response

With fear and trepidation, he picked up the phone and called her. First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say .Yes or did you say No?"
"Why you silly man, she replied, I said Yes. Yes I will! And I meant it with all my heart!"
The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat.

Then she continued. "And I'm so glad you called, because I couldn't remember who asked me."





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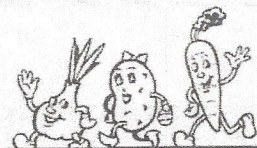
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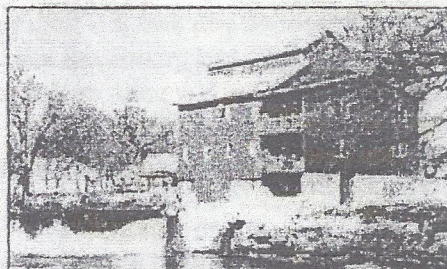
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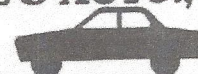
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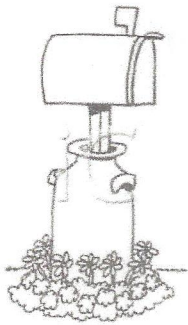
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