

FERTILE REMINDER

August 2015

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 3 Firemen meet
- 6, 20 Recycle
- 8 - 9 Fertile Days
- 11 Garden Club
- 12 Reminder Deadline
fertilermd@wctatel.net
- 17 Library Board meets
- 18 Council
- 20 Fertile Girls (Lady Bug Bistro)
- 25 Reminder mailed



FERTILE DAYS

Grand Marshall "Ruth Rhodes"

Ruth was born in South Dakota and moved to Fertile 41 years ago. Ruth's late husband's grandfather "William Rhodes" built and lived in the log cabin that is still standing in the William Rhodes Park today. Besides being a house wife and mother, Ruth served on the election board for many years, and worked at the Fertile Public library "checking in books". Ruth loves to crochet, bake pies, cross word puzzles and her flower gardens. We are honored to have Ruth at the young age of 92 be our Grand Marshall for the 2015 parade. Ruth has 6 children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club met on the 14th with 11 members present along with the Forest City Garden Club as our guests. We toured the gardens of Betty Waddington, Penny Miller, Gail and Larry Shropshire, Joyce and Buck Russell and Sandy and Bill Price. Each garden was unique in its own way making it and interesting tour. The mosquitoes were there, also, I hope they enjoyed the tour!!

We returned to the Community Center for ice cream sundaes and floats and good conversation. It was a good night with good friends!

We're Going Back To School



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Tad Miller, Jeff Berg, Nick Bailey, Julie Jessen and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk, Wendy Lunning & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts.

Tad motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Unanimous

- *Tad motioned, Nick 2nd to accept agenda.* 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.

City Maintenance Report

- DNR has recommended that the City of Fertile have a second well head in the future.
- New door and window has been installed on the chlorine room at the water plant.
- City signs have been posted that prohibit the use of engine brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust to aid in breaking.
- Weeds have been sprayed at the lagoon, park and library. Additional spraying will be done as needed.
- Power washer was purchased to maintain equipment.
- Hydraulic line broke on the snow plow and has been covered under the maintenance agreement.
- Steve repainted the benches on each end of the foot bridge.
- Steve turned in old water meters for credit.

Nick motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the maintenance report. Unanimous

Mayor's Report

- City maps for water, sewer, natural gas, Alliant and WCTA lines have been put on memory sticks for easier access. Curb stops and gate valves have been updated on memory sticks also. An estimate for laptop at the maintenance garage was presented.
- Danko storm siren has been delivered and should be installed within the next 3 weeks.
- Mosquito spraying will be done July 31, August 7 and 14th weather permitting.

- Larry Purcell donated old business match books to city for display with memorabilia. Thank you Larry.
- Joyce presented estimates for paving streets.
- The Fertile Library board has an opening if you are interested, please contact Nancy Suby for more information 797-2787.
- August 8 & 9th are Fertile Days.

Holly motioned, and Julie 2nd to approve the mayor's report. Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Wendy presented June Financials to the council subject to change due to year end. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request.

7/1 - 6/30	General	WCDA	Roads	EE Benefits	Utilities	Total
Income	185,505.98	204,000.00	39,782.74	1,654.22	114,322.08	545,265.02
Expense	444,598.78	-36,000.00	20,771.32	1,654.22	93,430.68	525,455.00
Total	-259,092.80	240,000.00	18,011.42	0	20,891.40	19,810.02
Fund Balance	-2,752.32	36,000.00	55,861.65	0	116,176.88	205,286.21

Nick motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve Financial Report. Unanimous

Jeff motioned, Nick 2nd to approve June Bills Unanimous

There is Mayor and 2 council seats that will be on the ballot for the upcoming election. Candidate filing begins August 24th. Paperwork is available at City Hall if you are interested in running.

Wendy presented the outstanding debt report to council for review.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 18st, 2015 at Fertile City Hall
- *Holly moved and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor Rob Perry
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Fellowship Time 9:55 – 10:15
Worship- 10:15 AM
(No Wed. night youth groups)

FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH
LCMC
Pastor David Halverson
641-797-2767
WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM

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**City of Fertile
Deposits**

As of June 30, 2015

	Type	Date	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
	Deposit	06/02/2015	Property Taxes	3,288.29
	Deposit	06/02/2015	Deposit	0.00
	Deposit	06/02/2015	Special Assessment Deposit	1,043.13
	Deposit	06/03/2015	Utility Deposit	1,900.14
	Deposit	06/03/2015	Farm & Market Deposit	1,250.29
	Deposit	06/03/2015	Utility Deposit	130.48
	Deposit	06/03/2015	Casino Funds Deposit	2,671.60
	Deposit	06/10/2015	Utility Deposit	2,867.99
	Deposit	06/10/2015	Traffic Fines Deposit	33.50
	Deposit	06/16/2015	Road Use Tax	2,199.09
	Deposit	06/17/2015	Utility Deposit	2,910.58
	Deposit	06/17/2015	Facility Rental Deposit	225.00
	Deposit	06/17/2015	Building Permit Deposit	105.00
	Deposit	06/17/2015	Fertile Days Deposit	50.00
	Deposit	06/17/2015	Utility Deposit	77.38
	Deposit	06/24/2015	Dividend Deposit	117.41
	Deposit	06/24/2015	Utility Deposit	2,811.23
	Deposit	06/24/2015	Utility Deposit	160.95
	Deposit	06/25/2015	Utility Deposit	70.32
	Deposit	06/26/2015	Local Option Sales Tax	2,199.09
	Deposit	06/30/2015	Interest	9.59
	Total Checking			<u>24,121.06</u>
Roads Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	06/30/2015	Interest	5.49
	Total Savings			<u>5.49</u>
	Total Roads Revenue Accounts			5.49
Water Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	06/30/2015	Interest	2.77
	Total Savings			<u>2.77</u>
	Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.77
Sewer Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	06/30/2015	Interest	2.42
	Total Savings			<u>2.42</u>
	CD			
	Total CD			
	Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			<u>2.42</u>
TOTAL				<u><u>24,131.74</u></u>

Celebration Community Church
 805 10th Ave. North, Clear Lake Iowa 50428
PASTOR DAN MILLER
 May 24th – September 6th
 Worship and Praise Service – 9:30 a.m.

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of June 30, 2015

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2015	7331	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,299.33
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2015	7332	BMC Aggregates L.C.	3/4 Roadstone	-210.61
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2015	7333	Forest City Summit	Publish National Pollutant Discharge	-28.62
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2015	7334	Menards	Bags & Gloves	-43.92
Paycheck	06/03/2015	7335	Roberts, Stephen J		-964.39
Paycheck	06/03/2015	7336	Bruns, Warren		-301.39
Paycheck	06/03/2015	7337	Lunning, Wendy S		-287.25
Paycheck	06/03/2015	7338	Russell, Joyce		-1,204.07
Bill Pmt -Check	06/03/2015	7339	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-20.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/04/2015	7340	Ray Huftalin		-417.60
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2015	7341	IMWCA	Worker's Compensation Coverage	-3,209.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2015	7342	US Post Office	Annual PO Box Renewal	-54.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2015	7343	USDA	Water & Sewer Loan Payments	-35,188.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2015	7344	Waste Management	Container Fee	-13.65
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2015	7345	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-187.86
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2015	7346	Worth County Engineer v	Fuel Skidloader and Salt & Sand mix	-496.04
Bill Pmt -Check	06/10/2015	7347	IDNR	Annual Fee for Water and Wastewater Permit	-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/10/2015	7348	Fertile Pronto	Gas for truck.	-279.46
Bill Pmt -Check	06/10/2015	7349	Haugen Lawn Service	Broadleaf Weed Control and Roundup	-1,225.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/10/2015	7350	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
			Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Repairs and new meter	-400.02
Bill Pmt -Check	06/10/2015	7352	North Iowa Media Group	Publish Storm Water Discharge	-28.62
Bill Pmt -Check	06/10/2015	7353	Waste Management		-2,117.28
Liability Check	06/10/2015	EFT	IPERS		-820.62
Liability Check	06/10/2015	100586	United States Treasury		-1,131.80
Check	06/16/2015	ACH	Home Depot	Emergency Lighting	-179.52
Paycheck	06/17/2015	7354	Roberts, Stephen J		-964.39
Bill Pmt -Check	06/17/2015	7355	AgSource Laboratories	Sewer Testing	-45.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/17/2015	7356	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-190.15
Bill Pmt -Check	06/17/2015	7357	Iowa One Call	Water locates	-92.70
Bill Pmt -Check	06/17/2015	7358	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-42.75
Bill Pmt -Check	06/17/2015	7359	Menards		-125.77
Bill Pmt -Check	06/17/2015	7360	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-63.02
Bill Pmt -Check	06/17/2015	7361	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-68.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/24/2015	7362	Iowa League of Citities	Annual Dues	-337.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/24/2015	7363	Staples	Office Supplies	-56.52
Bill Pmt -Check	06/24/2015	7364	Wendy Lunning - v		-29.57
Bill Pmt -Check	06/25/2015	7365	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual Renewal	-38.00
Check	06/30/2015			Service Charge	-0.10
				QuickBooks generated zero amount transaction for bill payment stub	
Bill Pmt -Check	06/30/2015		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust		
Total Checking					-52,291.52
TOTAL					-52,291.52

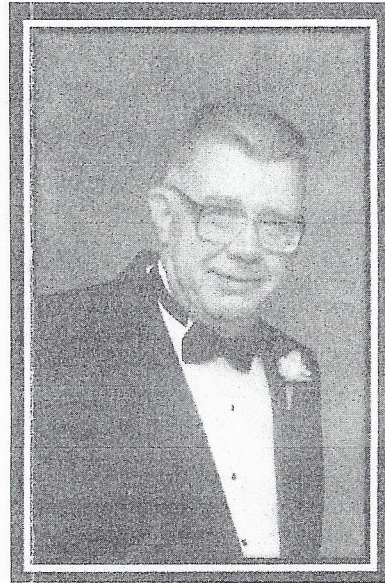


Dell Wright, age 82, died Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa. Funeral services are 10:00 am Friday, July 24, 2015 at Elim Lutheran Church in Randall. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Randall.

Iva-Dell Oakland was born April 20,

1933 in Fertile, Iowa to Nels and Ruth (Johnson) Oakland. She was baptized and confirmed there and graduated from Fertile High School in 1951. Dell graduated from Waldorf College in Forest City in 1953. On December 12, 1953 Dell married Bill Dean Wright in Ames. Dell worked at a Council Bluffs Hospital, McFarland Clinic, and retired as City Clerk of Radcliffe. In retirement, she remained very busy! Dell was active in Elim Lutheran Church; in the choir and Ruth Circle. She volunteered at Bethany Life in many ways, including hairdressing and helping out in the Affordables Shop. Dell also tutored reading at the school.

Dell is survived by her husband, Bill Wright of Jewell; son, Steve (Donna) Wright of rural Randall; daughter, Val (Elvis) Jacobsen of Crescent, Iowa; sons, Jeff (Tiffanie) Wright of Omaha, Gregg (Veronica) Wright of Randall, and Douglas Wright of Ames; grandchildren, Aaron, Sarah, Elisabeth, Nicholas, Tyler, Anthony, Michael, Morgan, Jed, Jenna, Amanda, Liam, Owen, and Rachel; her 13 great grandchildren; and a sister, Marcie Osmundson of Story City. She was preceded in death by her great granddaughter, Kellan Starrett; sisters, Norma Sprau and Emelia Pederson.



Boyd (Bud) Emerson Varberg

was born January 21st, 1934 to Lewis and Esther Varberg in Forest City, IA. Bud grew up on a farm near Fertile with his two older brothers Dale and Richard. Bud left the farm to the big city of Chicago to attend Moody Bible

Institute, where he met a beautiful green eyed girl from Pennsylvania, who stole his heart. Bud and Doris were married June 16th 1956.

After Moody, Bud went on to Trinity where he felt led to pastoral ministry. He became a pastor at Nevis/Akeley. He did this for two years before attending Bethel College to get his degree in social work. Bud worked in Ramsey County as a Social Worker until he retired in 1993.

When not working, Bud enjoyed camping with his wonderful family, playing the piano, "tinkering" with his cars, and going out to eat with friends. Bud's faith and walk with the Lord was an inspiration to all that knew him.

Bud is survived by his wife, Doris and his brothers Dale (Louise) and Richard (Elenor). He is also survived by his four children; Cheryl (Steve), David, Mark (Dorene), John (Natasha), grandchildren; Dayna (Eric), David (Jacquie), Erik, Charles, Kristina, Bethany, Hannah, Kayla and Joshua, and great grandchildren; Tristan, Cecealia and Roland.

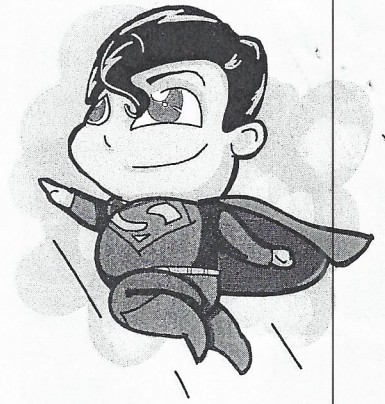
Whether you knew him as "Boyd", "Bud", "Dad", "Grandpa", or "Great Grandpa", he will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

*Death leaves a
heartache no one
can heal,
Love leaves
a memory no
one can steal.*

*Our sympathies to the
Oakland/Wright family and the Boyd
Varberg family.*



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 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



New Books

Those Girls—Chevy Stevens
 Nemesis—Catherine Coulter
 Slater’s Way—Charles G. West
 Go Set a Watchman—Harper Lee
 The Naked Eye—Iris Johansen
 The Last Letter—Kathleen Shoop
 The Seven Sisters—Lucinda Riley
 Speaking in Bones—Kathy Reichs
 Shadows in the Past—Patricia Bradley
 Second Life—S.J. Watson
 Twice in a Lifetime—Dorothy Garlock
 Grey—E L James
 The Magicians Lie—Greer Macallister
 Little Mercies—Heather Gudenkauf
 Hitler’s Last Days—Bill O’Reilly
 The Dead and Those About to Die—John
 MacManus
 Chronicles of the Unexplained—Gary Gillespie
 Trisha’s Table—Trisha Yearwood
 Taste of Home Easy, Fast Kitchen
 Paper Towns—John Green
 The Isle of the Lost—Melissa DeLaCruz

New Books on CD

Dry Bones—Craig Johnson
 Road to Character—David Brooks
 Moving Target—JA Jance
 Drunken Fireworks—Stephen King
 The Ice Limit—Preston & Child
 Little Lies — Heather Gudenkauf
 After the Storm—Linda Castillo
 Code of Conduct—Brad Thor
 Spider Woman’s Daughter—Anne Hillerman

New DVDs

Black or White—Kevin Costner
 Tinkerbell & the Legend of the Neverbeast
 Annie (2014) Jamie Fox
 American Sniper—Bradley Cooper
 Lucy—Scarlett Johanson
 Star Wars Rebels Spark of the Rebellion
 (animated)
 2nd Best Exotic Marigold Hotel- Richard Gere
 The Crimson Field

LIBRARY NEWS

There are openings on the Library Board for new members. Help advocate for the library and plan for the future. The openings are for a resident of rural Fertile Township or city resident. Call the Library or the city for more information!!

Anyone wanting to donate baked goods for the Bake Sale during Fertile Days can drop them off the day before if it is more convenient. Thank you for your support and generosity.

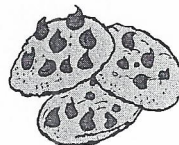
LIBRARY BOOK AND BAKE SALE!!

Fertile Days August 8

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Magician

Levey the Great @ 1:00 pm



Iowa's New Governor and First Lady

While Elthon was winning political victories in senate races back in the 1930s, he also kept working away at his debts. "I finally got them paid," he said. "I couldn't do it any other way. Any time I met somebody whom I owed money, I didn't feel good."



Here is Iowa's new governor and first lady, Gov. and Mrs. Leo Elthon. Painting at left was presented to Governor Elthon by the Iowa state senate. As lieutenant governor, he was the senate's presiding officer.—Staff Photo by Don Utanz.

Governor Elthon (the name means "landscape" in Norwegian) is prosperous personally (the family has a beautiful new ranch home) and is popular with his neighbors.

A generation ago, however, he was anything but prosperous. This all too-familiar story for many middle-aged Iowans begins back in 1920.

"That was the year I began farming," the governor recalls. "That was just about the worst time to go into farming that I know of."

Prices were high then, too high. The World War I boom collapsed that year. The value of corn declined more than 60 per cent in six months.

Along with many thousands of other Iowa farmers, Leo fought a losing battle for a dozen years. The breaking point came in 1932. It was either sell out or foreclose.

After Liquidation—\$2.

The Elthon family came out of the liquidation with \$2 cash, plus maybe \$7,000 to \$8,000 in debts. Leo even chopped wood to get a little cash.

Leo rather had been operating the Elthon store here since 1894. The elder Elthon staked his son to groceries the family needed. The bill once reached \$1,000.

Meanwhile, Leo entered the 1932 race for Iowa state senator from the Mitchell-Winnebagoworth district. That was the year of the biggest Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic landslide in Iowa. Never before or since have the Democrats won such a victory in this state.

Nevertheless, Elthon was elected to the state senate on the Republican ticket. Mr. Beardsley was elected to the senate that year on the Republican ticket by the voters of Warren and Clarke counties.

The \$1,000 salary that a senator drew every two years was highly important to Elthon.

Re-elected 4 Times.

Be as that may, Elthon entered the senate and was re-elected four times to four-year terms. In 1952 he retired from the senate and was elected lieutenant governor. He was re-elected in 1954.

It is interesting to note that Elthon in running for lieutenant governor in 1952 got more votes and a much larger majority in winning than did Mr. Beardsley at the head of the state ticket.

Similarly, Elthon last Nov. 2 again got more votes and a larger majority than did Governor-elect Hoegh.

**GOV. ELTHON
DOWN TO HIS
LAST \$2 IN '32**

1954

Chopped Wood to Support Family.

By George Mills.
(Register Staff Writer.)

FERTILE, IA.—Leo Elthon was broke in 1932. At one point, he was down to his last \$2. He chopped wood to keep his family going.

But he kept plugging away and today he is governor of the State of Iowa.

Governor Elthon, 56-year-old Worth county businessman and farmer, took the oath of office last Monday in the statehouse in Des Moines. He succeeded Gov. William S. Beardsley, who was killed in an auto accident last Sunday night.

Governor Elthon was lieutenant governor at the time of Mr. Beardsley's death.

Until Jan. 13.

The new governor will serve until Jan. 13, when Governor-elect Leo Hoegh will be inaugurated. Then Elthon will take office as lieutenant governor again, an office to which he was re-elected Nov. 2.

Elthon is an unpretentious individual, 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing 190 pounds. He personally is a "dry" but he doesn't flaunt that quality politically.



"I am proud to be governor of Iowa but I always had hoped to be governor in my own right," the sandy-complexioned Elthon said. "At no time have I felt happy about becoming governor this way."

He may be one of the few Iowa governors of Norwegian descent, if not the first. His father was born in Norway, his mother in the United States of Norwegian parents.

Manager of Quarry.

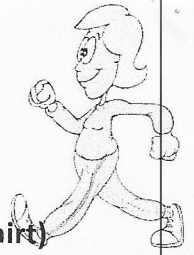
Governor Elthon also may be the first quarry operator to become governor. He is general manager and holds a majority interest in the quarry east of town which employs up to 20 men at times. The quarry serves an area 50 miles around with agricultural limestone, road rock and concrete aggregate.

He is devout. Today as usual, he will teach the Bible class in the Fertile Gospel Mission. He has taught that class of 40 for 10 years and will continue to do so during the seven weeks he is governor.

Prosperous Now.

Fertile Day's 2015

Saturday - August 8th



7:30 - registration - 2nd Annual "Do The Putsy in Fertile!" (5k, walk/run)

8:00 - walk begins! \$20.00 registration fee (includes a Fertile Days 2015 T Shirt)

10:00 - Parade - Line up at 9:00 by ball diamond (fertileparade@gmail.com)

Grand Marshall - Ruth Rhodes

11:00 - 12:00 - Fertile Days 2015 T Shirt sales

11:00 - 1:00 - Kiddie Pedal Pull

11:00 - 12:00 - Coloring Contest - ages 2 years - 12 years

11:00 - 1:00 - Face painting

11:00 - 4:30 - Inflatables

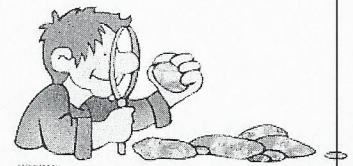
12:00 - 4:00 - BMC Aggregates Treasures and Tours

Rock and Fossil Hunt

Bus Tours every 25 minutes (Designated loading area)

Paint a Pet Rock

Nehemiah Mission food booth



1:00 - 1:30 - Magic Show

1:00 - 3:00 - kick ball

2:00 - 3:30 - Bingo

4:30 - Bean Bag Tournament (\$5.00 registration fee)

5:00 - 6:00 - Fertile Days 2015 T Shirt sales

5:00 - 6:30 - Community Meal (Entertainment by Kim Bloom)

6:30 - 10:00 - Hayrides

6:30 - 10:30 - Borderline Band (Bring your own lawn chairs)



Vendors:

Munchie Wagon, Nehemiah Mission Stand, Church of Christ Root beer floats and Fertile Lutheran Church

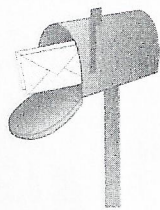
Sunday - August 9th

7:00 - 10:00 - Firemen's Breakfast

10:00 - 11:00 - Community Church Service - Fertile Park



Letters to the Editor:



Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. Last year it was a gift from Rosie (Adell) Suby. I look forward to reading each paper. Mrs. Ardell (Brosdahl Osnes) 515 S. 6th St. Forest City, IA,

Ladies: Please renew my subscription to the Reminder. It's a way of keeping in touch with memories. Enjoy the photos that are submitted and wish there were more! Thanks, Mary Myers

- Our family enjoys the Reminder so much. We appreciate all the work your group does. Fern Midtgaard.

Thank you ladies for your good reporting to all of us about the town of Fertile. We look forward to the Reminder. Leon & Shirley Suby, Mason City

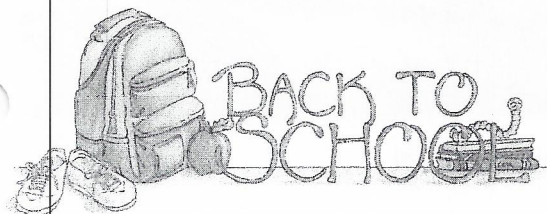
Thank you for your labor of love, publishing the Fertile Reminder! It is much appreciated! LaVonne Pederson Kraft

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

My grandmother, who died in 1968, had many scrap books where she saved news clippings from the daily papers from all over Iowa. She cut these in pieces and glued them over the top of each other in scrapbooks. She died at 96 so perhaps you can understand. When Mom died, the scrapbooks were passed to me.

I have found several articles on Fertile and this month and next month will feature Leo Elthon. I have to cut and paste all of these after ungluing them and put them together as she cut many of them in small sections. My eyes are not the best so they will be crooked, please just bear with me. The articles are too good not to share!

Betty Waddington, Editor



Thank you so much to the church and everyone else who had any part in the wonderful celebration put on for Virgil Ouverson and my 101 years of still being here. I enjoyed it more than I can put into words. The morning service was just beautiful with the many good old hymns that were sung with Bonnie at the organ. Thank you all for the many, many birthday cards, gifts, and flowers I received, and was so happy my family could be there, too. Don, who lives in California, of course, couldn't be there, but sends greetings to everyone. Thank you again to everyone who had any part in putting this celebration together. It's great to be 101! Just try it! Love you, Viola Roberts

Once a DOCTOR and an ENGINEER entered a chocolate store...

As they were busy looking around, Engineer stole 3 chocolate bars...

As they left the store, Engineer said to Doctor : "Man! I'm the best thief ever, I stole 3 chocolates and no one saw me. You can't beat that"

Doctor replied: "You wanna see something better? Let's go back to the shop and I'll show you real stealing"

So they went to the counter and Doctor said to the Shop boy: "Do you wanna see magic..?"

The Shop boy replied: "Yes..!!!"

Doctor said: "Give me one chocolate bar!"

The shop boy gave him one, and he ate it... He asked for the second, and he ate that as well.. He asked for the third, and finished that one too...

The shop boy asked: "But where's the magic..?"

Doctor replied: "Check in my friend's pocket, and you'll find them..!!!"

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Reuben Hall, formerly of Hanlontown wrote this about the 20's several years ago.

After moving into the new school building in January, 1921, Hanlontown High had basketball and baseball teams. There also was a girls' basketball team. As for baseball I can only remember playing Fertile. That was normally a hopeless task, both in baseball and in basketball. The Kirk twins and others were too good for us.

I wonder how many remember the old Fertile gym back in the early 20's! I doubt if it was half as large as the Hanlontown gym (where the lunch room is now.) The ceiling was low and the baskets were flush against the walls. The Fertile players were skilled in knowing just where to bounce the ball off the ceiling into the basket. Also they had practiced just how to carom it off the wall in passing to a player running down the court. Who could win against that? Of course in no time visiting teams complained, and soon the walls and ceiling were out of bounds. That did not help Hanlontown much!

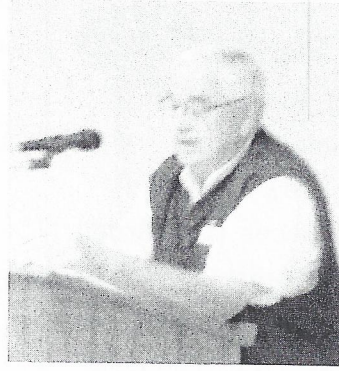
Before the walls were out of bound, the Fertile players were adept at dribbling down court, placing their foot against the wall and pivoting up for the first slam dunks in basketball.

The only basketball game that I remember in which I played was one with Ventura. I am positive my memory is not wrong when I say the final score was Ventura 42, Hanlontown 5. Wow! Were we lucky?

Watching the girls play was sort of like the proverbial watching grass grow. The court was divided into three sections. There were two forwards, two guards and in the center court, a running and a jumping center. Then with the knee length bloomers, high necked middies, the girls were really a sight to behold. You can imagine there was not much exciting action. Of course, we guys were not good enough to be exciting either.

Fertile kids never took too kindly to being told they were from "Putsey". I never did know where that name came from, but we used it to upset them. They retaliated by calling us from "Bum Town." Probably because of the "bums" on the railroad.

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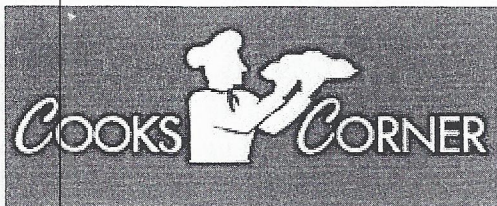
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ZUCCHINI BREAD

- 3 Eggs 1 c. oil
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 c. Peeled & grated zucchini
- 3 cups flour 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp soda 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon ½ c. raisins
- ½ c. nuts

Beat eggs until foamy. Add oil, sugar, vanilla and zucchini. Mix dry ingredients and add to egg mixture. Bake at 350, 40 - 60 minutes.

ZUCCHINI JAM

- 6 c. peeled & ground zucchini
 - ¼ c. water
- Cook until clear. Add one box Sure-Jell; cook 3 minutes.

- Add:** 6 c. sugar
 ½ tsp. salt
 ½ c. bottled lemon juice
 1 c. crushed pineapple and juice

Boil one minute.
 Add 2 boxes peach or apricot Jello.
Variation: To make strawberry jam, use 1 pkg. frozen strawberries instead of pineapple, and use strawberry Jello.

REFRIGERATOR PICKLES

- 4 c. sugar
 - 1 1/3 tsp celery seed
 - 1 1/3 tsp turmeric
 - 4 onions
 - 1/13 t. mustard seed
 - 4 c. vinegar
 - 1/3 c. pickling salt
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4. In what year did America land the first man on the moon?
5. Which country did America buy the Louisiana Purchase from?
6. What is the day that will forever "live in infamy"?
7. Richard Nixon was impeached for Watergate. True or false
8. The deadliest war in American history is?
9. Who was the first man on the moon?
10. How many amendments in the US constitution?

Answers: 1. July 4, 1776 2. John F. Kennedy 3. FD Roosevelt 4. 1969 5. France 6. Pearl Harbor Attack Day 7. False, he resigned. 8. Civil War 9. Neil Armstrong 10. 27

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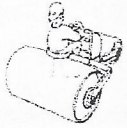
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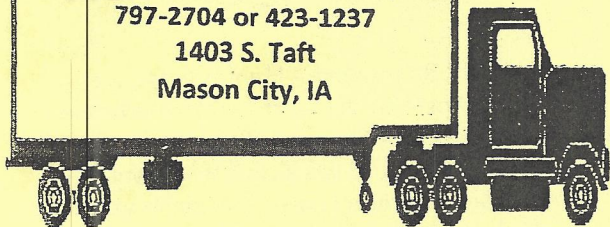
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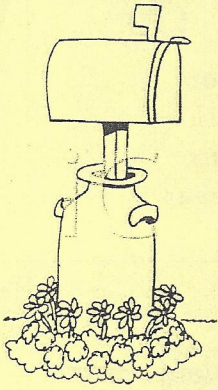
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