

FERTILE REMINDER

JUNE 2013



There was not a quorum for the city council meeting so there will be no Council notes this month.

COMING EVENTS

- 3 Firemen's Meeting
- 11 Fertile Girls Meet
- 11 Garden Club
- 13 Recycle
- 15 Deadline for paper
- 16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
- 17 Library Board
- 18 Council
- 25 Reminder mailed
- 26 Recycle

Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden club met at the City Hall on Tuesday, May 14th and immediately began weeding and planting flowers. The members divided up into groups of two and were assigned areas to plant and weed to beautify the city of Fertile. The pots located on Main Street, in the park, and near the bridge have all been planted. The community center and city hall flower containers were given attention and plants were installed all along the North and East side of the building. The garden in front of the "Welcome to the City of Fertile" sign was also brought back to life. Roll call was taken by answering the question, "Where is the place I feel most at peace in the summertime?" May baskets were exchanged and everyone enjoyed them very much! Hostesses for the evening were Twylah Kragel and Julie Ward. More flowers will be purchased for the City sign at the Mennonite auction. Everyone is looking forward to our garden tour planned for July in Forest City. Cindy Peters, Reporter



Fertile — Ardis Sheimo, 87, of Fertile, Iowa, died Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at the Good Samaritan, Forest City, Iowa. Celebration of her life will be May 18, at the Fertile Church of Christ, Fertile, with Pastor Rob Perry officiating. Inurnment will be in Brush Point Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Ardis was born May 26, 1925, to Lewis and Agnes (Tweed) Suby. She

graduated from Fertile High School, attended Waldorf College and radiology training in Minneapolis General Hospital and became a registered X-Ray technician. She worked in three different states as a technician. She worked part time at Younkers, then Park Clinic Medical for 20 years, retiring in 1993.

Ardis married Dick Sheimo June 30, 1949, at Fertile Lutheran Church and they lived in Fertile all their married life. After Dick passed away in 1995, she spent the winters in Sun City, Ariz., with Clarence and Iona Mae Alexander, her aunt.

She felt so fortunate to be privileged to travel to all the U.S. states (except Alaska) and 10 countries in Europe and all providences of Canada.

She loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She taught music and gave object lessons for years to Sunday school children. She sang in church choir, duets and small groups. She was also a Cub Scout leader. She loved her family, many friends, good music, humor and traveling.

She is survived by her son, Tom and his wife, Nance; her granddaughter, Trisca and her husband, Jameson Mayberry; sister, Judy (Jim) Gilbertson of Ackley, Iowa; brother, Dean (Katherine) of Lakewood, Colo.; sister-in-law, Zelda Suby (Richard) Petersen of Surprise, Ariz.; aunt, Iona Mae (Clarence) Alexander, Lake Villa, Ill.; aunt, June Tweed, Britt, Iowa; many nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dick, and brother, Don.

Our sympathy to the family. Ardis will be missed by the Reminder Staff as she was one of us.

**Fertile Lutheran Church
602 W. Washington Box 215
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**Pastor David Halverson
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Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am



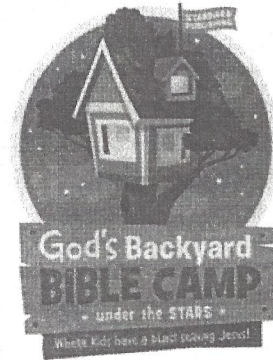
FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday- Sunday School 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time - 9:55 AM

Worship - 10:15 AM

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Camp fire supper to conclude our program for the whole family!

A gift of life: Forest City eighth-grader receives kidney from lifelong family friend



BY SAM JEFSON, FOR THE GLOBE GAZETTE & FOREST CITY SUMMIT

FERTILE — Standing 37 inches tall and weighing 40 pounds, 14-year-old Madison Kirschbaum has always had a natural affinity for steak.

After receiving a kidney in November from lifelong family friend Ann Brcka the eighth-grader at Forest City might start to order more chicken.

"After the surgery, we all joked that Madison would start eating chicken over steak because I like chicken," Brcka, 46, said. "It didn't happen."

The example is just a small glimpse into the bond Brcka and Kirschbaum will forever share.

Kirschbaum, the daughter of Eric and Brenda Kirschbaum, went into kidney failure in 2002 and two years ago doctors said she needed a kidney transplant.

After a year of searching for the right match, Brcka discovered she qualified as a donor.

"It was an easy decision (to donate the kidney)," Brcka said.

Brcka had blood work completed, a kidney scan, talked to social workers and psychologists, had appointments with nutritionists and medical tests to ensure the transplant would work.

"Sometimes I think it would be easier if you didn't know the person donating," said Madison's mother, Brenda Kirschbaum.

The Brckas and Kirschbaums both live in Fertile and have been life-long friends. Ann has known Madison since she was born.

On Nov. 7 their connection grew even deeper

when, during a four-hour surgery, Kirschbaum received Brcka's kidney.

The road back to health has been filled with ups and downs. Kirschbaum stayed in Minneapolis so she could be close to the hospital until Christmas Eve when doctors told her she could go home.

"It was a good Christmas present," she said.

She was home until New Year's Eve when she was hospitalized again because of illness.

After figuring out what was slowing Kirschbaum, doctors sent her home on Jan. 9 and she has been there ever since.

In the months following, Kirschbaum has slowly worked her way back to attending school. On April 3, she climbed on the bus and started going half days.

"The best part has been seeing all of my friends," Kirschbaum said. "I had to spend a whole class period talking with friends to see what has happened this school year."

Kirschbaum is able to go to school because overall after the surgery, she has been feeling much better. She has gained eight pounds and has grown an inch and a half. She has more energy and is returning to her spunky self.

"I used to feel icky all the time like I was sick," Kirschbaum said. "Now I feel healthy."

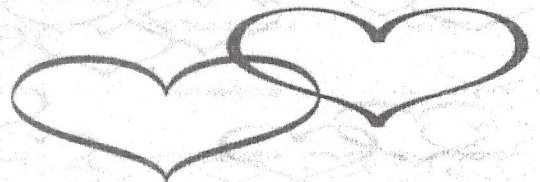
In her free time, Kirschbaum enjoys swimming, watching TV and being a normal teenager. But her upbeat attitude is what shines the brightest when you see her.

"Madison can make anyone smile," Brenda Kirschbaum said. "She is just naturally positive." Kirschbaum is practicing her famous smile for a trip to Orlando next year. The Brckas and the Kirschbaums plan on celebrating the one-year anniversary of the transplant with some fun in the sun.

Beyond that, Kirschbaum looks forward to the idea of driving, graduating and enjoying her high school years.

"The community has been fantastic," Brenda Kirschbaum said. "The number of phone calls, texts, frozen meals and words of encouragement have been overwhelming."

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TOMORROW!**





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LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for attending our Fiesta Fundraiser!
 We served lots of Tacos & Nachos! Thank you Loni &
 Lloyd Knudson for loading & hauling the books to the
 community center for the book sale. Dawn Millard was the
 winner of our Salsa tasting contest. She was the “Big
 Jalapeño” and won the crown!

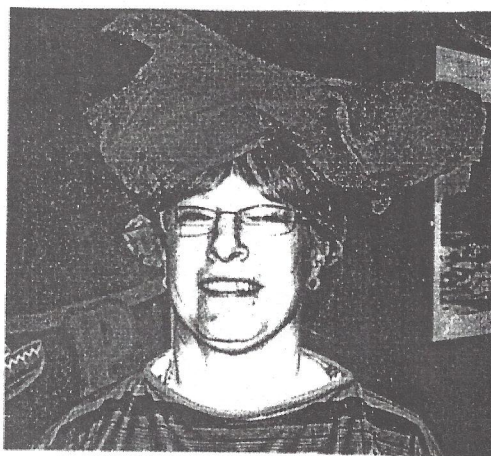
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A Poem Worth Reading

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution

To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

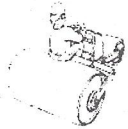
He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.
For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

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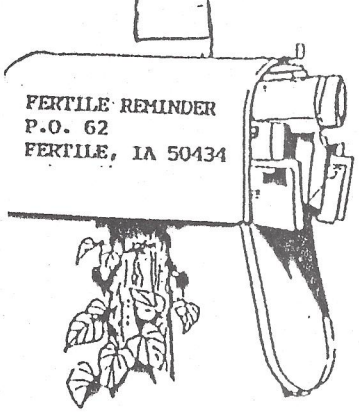
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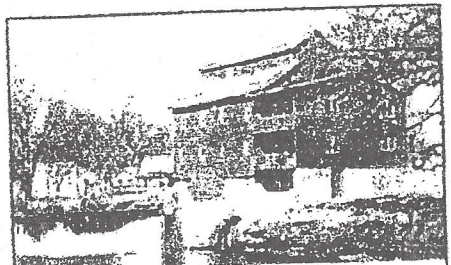
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Thanks to all of you for keeping this news reminder going! So good to read whats happening where so many of us grew up!" Janice Kitchen

"Thanks to all you gals for a good job done on the reminder. I'm wondering how many remember where this sign was? "If you can't stop smile as you go by" I think it had a smiley face and maybe a waving hand? It was Ernie Kuns- hung on side of his garage! Dwaine and Janice Asche

In answer to Lynn Austin's question last month, I can now answer it. In 1950 the population of Fertile was 397, the highest number recorded for any year by the census bureau. In 2011 it was 369, it looks like a few people left home!! As you and I never lived in town we had nothing to do with the changing population!! Betty