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THE FERTILE REMINDER

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The Fertile Reminder, a small information and communication paper, goes out to more than 200 homes once each month.

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I want to thank everyone who attended my open house birthday party, September 18. Thank you for the 126 beautiful cards I received and for the gifts. Also thanks to each one who took part in the program and to everyone who worked in any way to make my 100th birthday such a beautiful occasion. May God bless each of you. Ethel Deuel.

"THANK YOU" Fertile Fire Department for your help and concern with Jamie and to the Church of Christ for their prayers. Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hyde.

Thanks to all my friends for prayers, cards, and gifts while I was hospitalized and after returning home. Special thanks to Pastor Wilhelm for his visits. Evelyn Knudson.

CITY ELECTION: Only one person, Mark Schultze, filed for the three council seats open in Fertile city election on November 8. Incumbent mayor Larry Shropshire and council members Jean VanDenBosch, Fred Hare, and Larry Burtness, are not running for re-election.

CHICKEN BARBEQUE: The Fertile Lions Club will hold their annual Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, October 15, beginning at 5 PM, Community Center. Tickets are on sale at \$3.75 for adults and children, 12 and under, \$3.00.

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The October distribution of government surplus butter and cheese will take place Thursday, October 13, 11 AM to 4 PM at the Fertile Community Center. Bring a signed note if picking up cheese for another family.

Anyone interested in attending a Micro-Wave Cooking Class at the Fertile Community Center, call Jean VanDenBosch at 797-2785. The only cost will be the groceries, which will be divided among those attending. Instructor is Ellen Lincicum from Interstate Power Co. First class October 24th, 7 PM, and running for 4 Monday nights.

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ANNUAL FERTILE SENIOR CITIZEN FALL FAIR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, at COMMUNITY CENTER Pancakes & sausage served 7:30 AM to 1 PM 5 Hams & 5 Turkeys to be given to persons holding lucky numbers. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing at 1 PM.

OTHER INTERESTS: BAKE SALE, CRAFTS, PRODUCE, and good socializing at the lunch counter.

SENIOR CITIZENS "MEMORY QUILT" will be sold. This is the only fund raising project for the year.

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FOR SALE: Natural extracted honey, strained but not heated. Contact Hare, Ganz, or B. Hall, evenings. Quart jars and smaller quantities.

GARAGE SALE: Good clothing, including teens and ladies. New wedding dress (never worn) 9/10. Household items, miscellaneous. Friday, October 14, 9-6 PM. 101 Lake St., Fertile. 3 blocks west of Midland Station. Nelson.

WANTED: Anyone interested in selling or demonstrating their crafts at the CRAFT FAIR, Saturday, November 26th, at the Fertile Community Center. Please call and reserve a table. All money raised goes to the Community Center. Phone 797-2496. Friends of the Community.

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In today's society, mergers, take-overs, new partnerships, etc., are a common thing. As of October 1st, the Fertile Booster's Club has ceased to exist and will be functioning under the sponsorship of the Community Center Board. This was done for several reasons, but the over-riding consideration was to avoid the confusion of different organizations in town working for a common goal. There will still be major fund raising events, such as the Annual Turkey Dinner in November, Community Christmas Program in December, Sweetheart Dance in February, Variety Show in the Spring, and May Fair in May. No longer will anyone have to ask, "Now which organization is this for?" It will all be for the Community Center and/or other community projects.

Saturday, November 12th, from 5 to 8 PM will be one of the major fund-raising events of the year, the Annual Turkey Dinner, and we hope none of you will miss it. Heading the work force for that night are Larry and Janet Burtness, and Lance and Diane Burtness, with lots of other people helping.

There will be no door-to-door solicitation of donations for operation of the Community Center this year. Instead, we are asking you to support each fund-raising event. Bring your friends to them, and if you can, leave an extra donation for the Center with the ticket taker.

Menu for the dinner, November 12th, is: Roast turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, relish plate, buns, cold drink or coffee, and home-made pies. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children, 10 and under.

Mark your calendar now (Saturday, November 12th, 5-8 PM) and bring your family and friends!

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Old Mill Antiques 797-2490

At this month's Council Meeting the usual problems plus a few new ones were on the agenda. One was the monthly discussion on dogs. Living within any community should cause each member of that community to do whatever is necessary to be a good neighbor. And being a good neighbor includes keeping your dogs on your own property at all times and making sure their barking is not causing a disturbance at any time to any one. It is treating your neighbor like you want them to treat you. And the concept starts with each one of us, whether it is dogs, dust, noise, odors, junk, or whatever.

But a more serious problem is the common practice of quite a few young children, and older ones, roaming the streets late at night. Yes, we could, as the governing body within the town of Fertile, establish a curfew. But it seems to us that this is a problem that individual families should be handling. Given the environment in which our kids are growing up, we have a hard time understanding parents who seemingly don't know where their children are, nor do they seem to care. Certainly, just scanning the daily newspapers or watching the evening TV news should be incentive enough to make any parent determined to do all they can to make sure their kids are safe and will grow up to become responsible members of society. We are asking you, the parents, to check on your kids, see if they are part of the groups roaming around late at night. And if they are, exercise your authority and get some discipline in their lives. This would be a much better solution for all concerned, than for the council to have to take appropriate action. City Council.

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J and W Recovery Shop	797-2457
Upholstery - Auto Body	
Jean and Wayne Roberts	
Forest City Cow Palace	582-4646
Auction Every Wednesday Beginning at 6 PM	
First State Bank	896-2265
Serving North Central Iowa	
Main Office in Manly, Iowa	
Offices - Hanlontown, Kensett, & Plymouth	
Flowers by McCoy McCoy Nursery	582-4517
Flowers for all Occasions	

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Fertile City Council met September 6th, with Mayor Shropshire presiding and council members Hare, Hall, VanDenBosch, and Bailey present. Also present was Cletus Nedved.

Discussion on noise at Fertile Feed Service. Mayor will notify operators and home owners in west part of Fertile to attend next council meeting.

Discussion on injury at Labor Day softball tournament. Fertile Meats & Groceries will be notified, since they sponsored the tournament.

Motion to approve Road Use Report. Carried.

Letters have been sent to dog owners and property owners where dogs, weeds, or garbage are a problem.

Motion to pay all bills, except Ouverson Excavating. Carried.

Library wondered about replacing copier. Funds available and cost of machine will be checked on.

Discussion on drinking at softball tournament. Council will check on measures to stop it in the future.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare, City Clerk

The Fertile City Council met October 4th, with Mayor Shropshire presiding and council members Hare, Hall, Bailey, Burtness, and VanDenBosch present.

Others present were Betsy Thompson, Cletus Nedved, Joyce Steuer, Joseph Biretz, Herschel Wills, Virgil Ouverson, Allen Berg, Ruth B. Ouverson, Sam Kennedy, Jon Morse, and Jim Grossnickle.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Betsy Thompson of NIACOG explained proposed transportation for Senior Citizens of Worth County. Council favors the service, but didn't know how much it would be used.

Discussion on Harriet Ouverson's driveway. Culverts will be put in.

A thank you was received from Ethel Deuel for the proclamation and celebration on her 100th birthday.

Residents of west part of town and operators of Fertile Feed Service were present to discuss problems that exist there. Operators will make every effort to correct the problem.

Discussion of Fertile's Dog Ordinance. Also problem with cats on people's property. One resident expressed concern

for children, who are allowed to be on Main Street late at night.

Jon Morse asked permission to trap the sewage lagoon. Motion to grant permission. Carried.

Discussion on copier for use by library, city, and for the Fertile Reminder. Motion to use the balance of the Fertile Boosters funds for a new copier and to have the town and the library each pay half of the balance. Carried.

Council suggests groups meet at the Community Center, instead of library.

Discussion on driveway at the lagoon and street repair. Contractor will check street for holes not patched.

Motion to pay monthly bills except Eymann Implement and Rohlin Construction. Carried.

Discussion on replacing lights on water tower. Hare will take care of it.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare, City Clerk

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SEPTEMBER BALANCE SHEET

Janice Hare	\$ 217.73
Dick Sheimo	490.13
David Low	282.23
Evelyn Knudson	97.22
Waste Systems Corporation	603.00
Winnebago RTA	22.67
Peoples Natural Gas	49.63
Interstate Power Company	611.32
City of Fertile	51.00
Ipers - FOAB	182.69
Treasurer - State of Iowa	106.28
K and R Gas	15.00
Dick Sheimo	6.60
Matt Parrott and Sons	9.37
Larsen Plumbing & Heating	288.69
Jordan's Midland Service	24.88
Vesta Kuns	112.00
Church of Christ	2.00
Outdoor Life	36.00
B. Dalton	103.63
Family Bookshelf	27.43
Annals of Iowa	2.00
Mademoiselle	11.97
Outdoor Life	9.97
N. Geographic World	8.95
Max Boyd Business Machines	48.50
Janice Hare	15.60
Total Expenditures	\$3,436.49
Total Receipts	\$3,075.27

CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 9, There will be a pitch-in fellowship dinner at 5 PM prior to the concert at 6:30 PM by Heir Born, a mixed quartet from Marshalltown. Arlyn Miller, son of Earl and Donna, is one of the members of the quartet. A free-will offering will be received and all are invited to the dinner as well as to the concert.

October 16-20, Will have Dale Marshall, 18 year veteran missionary to Africa, at the church for special services. He will preach at 10:30 AM, October 16, and then again each evening through October 20. He will also show slides each evening about his work in Africa. The Sunday evening service will be at 6:30 PM and then 7:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

October 20-21, is Hi'er School days for 11th and 12th graders at Minnesota Bible College in Rochester. All details are on the bulletin board at the church.

We have 6 different Bible study groups that are meeting presently, either in homes or at the church building. They begin with high school young people and include many of our adults. Contact the church office for further details. They meet either Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

The church has over 100 cassette tapes with various Bible topics discussed that are in the racks in the foyer, and are available for your use. We also have 3 cassette players available for loan. There are also cassettes of most of the morning worship services in one of the racks. Contact the office about borrowing any of the tapes.

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PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN

Each Sunday: Worship Service at 9 AM and Christian Education at 10:15 AM.

Oct. 13 PKLCW will present program for FLCW
18 7:30 PM Ruth Circle, Joan Sunde
19 9:00 AM Esther Circle, Garner Breakfast

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Worsley Electric 797-2494
Burtness Plumbing and Heating 797-2680

FERTILE LUTHERAN

Each Sunday: Christian Education at 9:15 AM, and Worship Service at 10:30 AM.

Each Thursday: 9th grade Confirmation Class at 4:15 PM; 8th grade Confirmation Class at 5:15 PM; Prayer, Praise, and Bible Study at 7:30 PM.

Oct. 18 2:00 PM Parish Prayer Group
24 7:30 PM Ruth Circle, Diane Burtness
7:30 PM Sarah Circle, Marilyn Severson
27 9:30 AM Mary Circle, Carrie Luther at church
2:00 PM Rebekah Circle, Ruth Wolfe at church

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FOREST CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CALENDAR
(No athletic events)

Oct. 26 End 1st Quarter, Dismiss 2:30 Inservice
29 Marching Band at Wartburg
Nov. 1 Parent-Teacher School Conferences 6:00 - 9:00 PM
2 Parent-Teacher School Conferences 12:30 - 3:30 PM
2-4-5 Fall Musical, 8 PM
23 Dismiss 2:30 PM
24-25 Thanksgiving Vacation

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4H CLUB NEWS

The September meeting of the Grant Livewire Lassies 4H Club was held at 7 PM at the Fertile Library.

Presentations were given by Sandy Bruns on how to make a sewing kit, Sandy Seglem on organizing your wardrobe, Kristen Kirschbaum on how to choose a winter coat and Michelle Lee on how to hide your figure flaws.

A bake sale was set for Saturday, October 8, 9 AM at Fertile Meats and Groceries.

Alisa Pederson was hostess.

Election of officers was held. Officers are as follows: President, Lisa Suby; Vice President, Marilyn Lee; Secretary, Alisa Pederson; Treasurer, Michelle Lee; Reporter, Kristen Kirschbaum; Flag Bearer, Carrie Seglem; Photographer, Kirsten Sunde; Historian, Rene Duregger.

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

OCTOBER RECIPE OF THE MONTH
FRUIT COLESLAW

Carrie Luther and Fern Midtgaard were hostesses for the September meeting of the Garden Club at the library on September 12th.

Members brought a plant, vegetable or flower for display as a roll call answer.

Lessons were "Using Your Head (Cabbage)" by Harriet Ouverson and "Fall Work for Spring Strawberries" by Arlene Lee.

Gardening Hints from club members: October is great planting season for bulbs and winter leaf losing trees and shrubs. Good soil preparation is important and the quality of soil beneath them. For trees, make holes sufficiently deep and considerably larger than spread of roots. Improve soil in bottom of hole by forking deeply and then add generous amounts of fertilizer and some bone meal.

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LIBRARY NOTES

NEW BOOKS - EASY READERS

Garfield Sits Around the House - Jim Davis

Little Deer - Naoma Zimmerman

JUNIOR FICTION

In Real Life I'm Just Kate - Barbara Morganoth

Down a Dark Hall - Lois Duncan

ADULT FICTION

The Swap - Norma Klein

Whisper of the Heart - Jillian Frye

NON FICTION

Pilgrim on a Bicycle - Barbara Johnson

Chickens, Cookies and Cozzin George - Katherine Smith

Common Sense Christian Living - Edith Schaeffer

Bazaar Best Sellers by Woman's Day - edited by Julie Houston

Two of the Sunset Books are: Homeowner's Guide to Wood Stoves and Do It Yourself Insulation and Weatherstripping.

Donations of used paperback western books could be used at the library.

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Fertile Meats and Groceries 797-2647
Specializing in fresh meats and freezer orders

Larsen Plumbing and Heating 797-2219

- 1/2 head green cabbage shredded
- 1/2 head red cabbage shredded
- 2 carrots shredded
- 1 apple cored and diced
- 1 green pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 c chopped nuts
- 1/2 c crushed pineapple, drained

Pour over other ingredients: 1/4 c vinegar, 2 T lemon juice, 1/4 t chopped parsley. Refrigerate 1-2 hours or overnight. 6-8 servings.

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THANK YOU to everyone that assisted me in any way with the Fertile Reminder for the past five and one half years. Special thanks to Sharon Ganz, Deanna and Raymond Jordan, Laura Shropshire, Sandra Felland, Janice Hare, and Ruth B. Ouverson. I have enjoyed the contacts with people of the different age groups in putting the Reminder together. Reva Nelson.

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Fertile Lumber and Hardware 797-2437
Rent the Rug Doctor

Fertile Feed Service 797-2242
Complete Livestock Feed Needs
We have softner salt, dog food & cat food

Ray Jennings 454-2707
Complete Auction Service

Jordan's Midland Service 797-2677
Complete Automotive Service

Come Eat at Noah's Cafe 797-2410
Monday through Saturday

Petal Shoppe 357-5030
Flowers for Every Occasion 357-5026
1714 7th Ave. N, Clear Lake, IA 50428
Free delivery to hospitals each day

K and R Service 797-2440

Ray Sandifer - Tom's Sales 797-2681

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