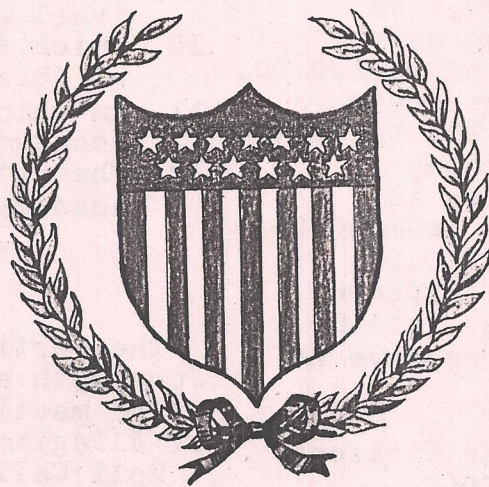


# FERTILE REMINDER

*Fertile  
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# July

# 1989



COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Thank you to those who helped clean the Community Center before the Alumni banquet. Special thanks to Merle Tuttle and Marsha Miller for their many hours of scrubbing floors and waxing them. They look great and we appreciate it - even though Marsha ended up with a handful of blisters.

Erma Brue gave a great pep talk to the Alumni in regards to helping support the Center. We received \$70 from 2 grads that evening. If anyone else would like to contribute, checks should be made payable to Fertile Community Center, and sent to the center, Box 105, Fertile, Iowa 50434.

Some of you Alumni might be interested in knowing that we reshingled the gym at a cost of \$5000.00 two years ago and installed 2 donated furnaces in the gym at a cost of \$900.00. We also installed a new heating system for the building at a cost of \$6,670.00. Our expenses for running the center average \$7,000.00 a year. The biggest expense is heat which is around \$4,000.00 a year, electricity is around \$1,000.00, Insurance is \$650.00, Sewer, water & garbage is \$350.00. Telephone is \$100.00, Misc. expenses (repair, cleaning, supplies) account for another \$1,000.00. We receive no city tax money. Our income is as follows:  
\$2,200.00 a year from Senior Citizens  
1,200.00-annual turkey supper  
1,300.00-Sweetheart dance  
1,320.00-Bus barn & shop rent  
400.00-Club donations  
600.00-more or less-Rent (building)  
1,000.00-Misc. fund raisers

In past years, we have received grants from Winnebago and Hanson foundation to help with the roof and furnace. We just completed a sidewalk around one side of the building to be used by anyone, but especially for wheel chairs and walkers. Handicap parking will be on the east side of the building. Thanks to Randy and Larry Shropshire, Buddy Low, Harold Ouverson, Dale, Pat and Mike Hyde, Don Nelson, Forrest Roberts & Yohn Ready Mix & Ken (Red) Olson for all their work.

Quiz for the month

Answers found on another page  
NAME THE STATE

1. What state has the motto "Virtue, Liberty and Independence"?
2. What state was the first to enter the union and to ratify the U.S. Constitution?
3. What state is the only state surrounded entirely by water?
4. What state name was a musical comedy which ran longer than any other musical in Broadway history?
5. Which state has this popular name "The Empire State of the South"?
6. What state name originated from the Indian word meaning "Father of the waters"?
7. Which state was ridiculed as "Seward's Folly" when its territory was purchased?
8. Which state has the Statue of Liberty in its harbor?
9. Which state name was a famous trail which was a main route in U.S?
10. Which state was the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln?
11. In which state are the Badlands located?
12. What state has the U.S. Air Force Academy?

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club met Tuesday June 13th at the Community Center.

The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Roll Call was "Your Wedding Flowers". Following the business meeting two interesting lessons were presented, "Your own Rainmaker", prepared by Lorna Petersburg, presented by Fern Midtgaard. "How to improve the Sail" by Ruth Wolfe.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Penny Miller and Marcella Mitchell. The next meeting will be July 11th. Members are asked to meet at the Community Center by 9:30 AM to leave for a tour.

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Freedon permits you to do your worst or your best. You choose!

COUNCIL NEWS

APRIL BALANCE SHEET  
EXPENDITURES

The Fertile City Council met on Tues., May 2, 1989 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Hansmeier, Strohman, Burtness, and Peterson present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Lonnie Bailey reported on leveling and seeding work being done where gas lines were dug in last fall and also explained several administrative services the gas company could provide for the town.

Peterson will order new bleachers for the ball diamond and have all four doors at the ball diamond building keyed the same.

Estimate received from Tuttle Asphalt for repair of the bumps at the west edge of Hill St.

Library Board president Evelyn Elthon reported new vinyl flooring has been installed in the library bathroom, new stool for men's restroom, and a new revolving bookrack for the paper back books has been received. The book rack was purchased with a grant from the Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation.

New assistant librarian is Cheryl Benson. Council discussed expenses and repairs on the computer.

Discussion on maintenance & repair done at the water & sewer plants.

Motion to accept bid of \$400 from Ray Bakke for spraying the sewage lagoon for thistles. Carried.

Discussion on several delinquent sewer, water, and garbage bills. They will be notified by the city.

Council discussed sewer & water rates. No decision to raise the rates at the present time.

Complaints were received on dogs running loose and unsightly materials on private property.

Discussion on mowing park.  
Motion to pay monthly bills.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

The next regular council meeting will be held Tues., June 6th, at the library at 7 pm.

Evelyn Knudson	67.48
Lonnie Knudson	184.52
David Low	501.89
Janice Hare	264.73
Dick Sheimo	385.28
Waste Systems Corp.	727.75
IPERS	69.27
Treas. State of Ia.	6.14
Treas. State of Ia.	90.70
First State Bank	535.75
MN Valley Testing Lab	20.00
Northwood Anchor	66.60
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	130.07
Interstate Power Co.	563.78
Winn. Coop Telephone	218.49
Justin Hoeft	10.00
Worsley Elec.	823.09
Feed-Rite Controls	20.00
Worsley Elec	60.00
Better Homes & Gardens	22.14
B. Dalton	218.17
Baker & Taylor	59.49
Christian Bookstore	28.62
National Geographic	18.00
U.S. St. Envelope Agency	274.40
Loren Hoffman	34.00
Dan Benson	61.04
Postmaster	50.00
K & R Gas	20.00
Ertz & Assoc.	7,059.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,441.40</b>
	<b>\$11,310.73</b>

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The way we were before 1939

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Hard work is nothing more than the accumulation of easy things you didn't do when you should have!

The wonderful thing about patience is that a little goes a long way, and yet the more we use it, the more we have.

## FERTILE ALUMNI BANQUET

The Fertile Alumni Association meeting of June 10th, 1989 was held in the Fertile gym.

An informal coffee hour was held from 4 to 6 PM in the lunch room. Punch, coffee and cookies were served. Silence and Adolph Johnson and Florence and Max Nye were host and hostesses.

A 6:30 dinner was served to 213 members and friends catered by B's Catering of Hanlontown.

Invocation was given by Neil Kuns of California, from the class of 1949.

The business meeting was called to order by President Merle Tuttle. Minutes of the 1986 meeting were read by Secretary Viola Roberts followed by the Treasurer's report for that meeting and approved by Stanley Brue.

A motion by Warren Thompson and seconded by Loren Hoffman that we invite everyone who has ever attended Fertile High School to our future alumni banquets.

Letters were read by Loren Hoffman from several classmates who were unable to attend. They were Beverly (Bell) Beck, Marjorie (Coltvet) Jamieson, Axel Gunderson, and Marvel L. Cazar for her mother Esther Shields from the class of 1910.

Erma Brue read a list of all who are deceased, since 1986, at which time respective class members stood, and finally, the entire audience stood in respect to their memory.

Neil Luker told of the different happenings during his high school days.

A trio consisting of Norma (Oakland) Sprau, Marcie (Oakland) Osmundson and Iva Dell (Oakland) Wright sang "Old Fertile School House" to the tune of "Little Red School House".

Erma Brue told of the different happenings since the time of the first alumni banquet in 1930 through 1986.

President Merle Tuttle presented carnations to the following: Mabel Elthon, oldest female graduate present, Phil Sheimo, oldest male living in present home the longest, Violet Hall, Oldest female living in present home the longest, Dick Varberg from the Phillipines came the farthest distance, Jessica (Olson) Jillette, most recently retired, Stanley Pederson for having the most children, John and Helen Humphrey who have been married the

longest. A carnation was also given to Ruth B. Ouverson in appreciation for all the work she did to get the building ready for the banquet. The Oakland girls, too, received a carnation.

The president also noted that the ground breaking for the present gymnasium was done in 1939.

A donation of \$200.00 from the Alumni plus \$70.00 in donation the night of the banquet were given to the Fertile Community Center to help with the expense of getting it ready.

Don Suby, Raymond Jordan, and Dean Haugen served as nominating committee for 1989 with the following slate of officers for the year 1992. President - Merle Tuttle Vice President - Leland Pederson Sec. Treas. - Elaine Patten Corresponding Sec. - Marilyn Severson Nominating Committee - Max Nye,

Don Severson and Keith Sheimo Officers for 1989 were: President - Merle Tuttle Vice President - Loren Hoffman Sec. Treas - Viola Roberts Corresponding Sec. - Bonnie Kuns

Sec. Treas. 1989  
Viola Roberts

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## 4-H NEWS

The Grant Livewires 4 - H Club met at the Fertile Community Center Thursday June 15th. There were 6 visitors, 8 members, and 2 leaders present. Jamie Ouverson called the meeting to order. Roll call was things that you will bring to the fair. Katie Anderson and Abbey Almellen gave a presentation on "Making A Cherry Pie". Sue Lee gave a presentation on "Safety Rules". Julie Book had games and Katie and Abbey served their pies for lunch. Our next meeting will be Achievement Day, July 15th. The North Iowa Fair will be August 9 - 13.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU

July 18 - Meatball, steamed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, lemon cake with lemon sauce, bread, butter, coffee, and milk.

Call Edna Pederson before noon on Monday. 797-2669

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6th, 1989. Mayor Hoffman presided and all Council members were present.

Peoples Natural Gas presented a proposal to read water and sewer meters and take care of collections for \$1.40 per house.

Complaints were received on Steve Kiefer's yard and the plastic scrap stored of PSR property.

Motion to allow Fire Department to buy new boots, gloves, & hoods costing \$600.00. Carried.

Work on bumps on W. Main were repaired satisfactorily.

Motion to \$250.00 to 28E Program (Sharing of officers between counties) for starting new task force. Carried.

Discussion on dogs and junk cars.

Discussion of mowing the park.

Motion to hire Dakins at \$6.00 per hour. Carried.

Council discussed lights for the tennis court.

Discussion on cable TV.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Next council meeting will be held Tues. July 11th due to the 4th of July.

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STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hanscom of Sioux Falls, South Dakota are parents of a son, Nicholas Mark, born June 5th. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Grandparents are Alan and Evelyn Elthon of Fertile, Pat Westbey of Clear Lake, and Jim Hanscom of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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The following names were erroneously omitted from the Fertile Alumni Memorial list--

- Class of 1909 - Clara Sagen
- 1913 - Florence (Rye) Hobbs
- 1914 - Hilda (Haugen) Johnson
- 1918 - Ruth (Elthon) Nyhus
- 1926 - Helen (Humphrey) Oувerson
- 1928 - Norman (Bus) Oswald
- 1945 - Cecil Olson
- My Apology,
- Mrs. Stan (Erma) Brue

Evelyn Knudson	\$219.31
Lonnie Knudson	49.25
Cheryl Benson	41.22
David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	239.73
Dick Sheimo	419.49
Waste Systems Corp.	727.75
IPERS	112.46
Treas. State of Iowa	88.66
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	57.28
Interstate Power Co.	640.75
Winn. Telephone	32.62
E. Knudson	17.50
Christian Bookstore	32.67
Baker & Taylor	65.35
True Story	9.97
Marv's	26.39
Iowa Water Users Permit	25.00
Little League Softball	250.00
Co-op Services, Inc.	9.13
Pronto	7.65
Hygienic Lab.	30.20
Burtness P&H	180.11
House of Sports	43.82
Floor to Ceiling Store	123.83
Ed Masters	45.75
Feed Rite Controls	234.41
MN Valley Testing Lab	20.00
Demco	493.95

Total 4597.14

Total Receipts 5381.64

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OPEN HOUSE

An Open House 80th Birthday Party for Lester Burtness will be held on Sunday, July 9th from 2-4 pm at the Fertile Community Center. Invitations are not being sent. No gifts please.

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FOR SALE: African Violets and craft items. Contact Violet Hall Phone 797-2621

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Responsibility

A man, looking for work, read a sign that said, "We need somebody who is responsible."

Mumbling to himself, he said, "I guess I'll apply. Everywhere I've worked, whenever something went wrong, I was responsible."

Hale and Hardy

A group of senior citizens at a retirement home were having a high time discussing their various ills and pains. One had arthritis, another indigestion, a third insomnia, and so on.

At length, a spry octogenarian spoke up. "Think of it this way, folks. It all proves that old age sure ain't for sissies!"

The following article has been taken from the NEWS LETTER which was published by the Fertile AmVet Auxiliary in 1956 and sent to each service man.

Mrs Eva Faulken and Russell have arrived home after spending a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vern Losee of Marble Rock. The ladies are sisters.

Many families are enjoying fishing "up north". Among them are: Mr. and Mrs. Delton Davis and family, Lester Burtness, Larry and Lance, Bud Jenkins and Lanny, Clyde Jenkins, Leonard Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. John Ouverson, Mr. and Mrs. Loris Scobee and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ouverson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Ouverson, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hall.

Mrs. Ferne Campbell of San Francisco, California was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Purcell. The ladies are sisters.

Marlin "Bardy" Sheimo spent three weeks recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sheimo. He is employed at the Modern Arts Museum in New York City.

Jerry Sheplee left Saturday for Vinton, School for the Blind, where he will attend the alumni.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Felland and Mrs. Dennis Jenkins drove to Buffalo Center to visit Keith Sheimo, who has recently undergone surgery for appendicitis.

The residents of Fertile look forward to a summer with less dust. The streets have been resurfaced with a finish that resembles black-top and it seems good not to have clouds of dust rolling your way.

Last Saturday the annual meeting of the five-state Portable Miller's Association was held in the Fertile Park. The mothers of the Girl Scouts and Brownies and their leaders served a baked ham dinner to 250 members. The Senior Scouts served coffee and doughnuts at 10 o'clock and hot-dogs, coffee and pop again in the afternoon. Those attending the meeting came from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, and Nebraska. This was the third consecutive year the group met in the Fertile Park.

Plans are well underway for the Centennial, August 4, 5, and 6. Whiskers are getting longer and things are getting more exciting as each day

goes by. Rule books have been given out and beginning July 10th, laws will be enforced. On Saturdays, when in public, the fairer sex, shall be attired in garb from the last century. Already we have seen several "strutt" their stuff." The men are sporting black derby hats and stove pipe hats and also black or blue Centennial ties. There is a variety of whiskers--all colors, lengths and styles. Clifford McNelly, Paul Humphrey and Frank Orcutt have let theirs grow "wild", and would scare the bravest of us. Some are satisfied with only mustaches and goatees, some with side burns, so there is a style for everyone. On Saturday, there will be a big dinner--FREE, providing you are wearing a Centennial button, otherwise there will be a charge. Saturday evening there will be an Alumni Banquet in the Fertile School. Sunday will be a day of the Churches, with a combined choir. Can you imagine a parade coming down the streets of Fertile? Well, that's what will take place on Monday, led by the Fertile Band. All clubs and organizations are busy working on floats. The AmVets plan to use their Bulletin as their theme. All in all, every person will be mighty busy, and we feel certain when the festivities are over, we'll be a tired bunch who can look back on many pleasant memories.

It's time for coffee, so I'll say Good-bye for now.

Silence Johnson

#### FERTILE LIBRARY NEWS

##### LIBRARY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM

FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON 1 PM - 4 PM

##### NEW BOOKS:

Stranger in Savannah - Eugenia Price  
Bad girls, good women - Rosie Thomas  
Shades of fortune - Stephen Birmingham  
Naked heart - Jacqueline Briskin  
A woman named Jackie - C. David Hymann  
Gates of paradise - V. C. Andrews  
Midnight blue - Dorothy Garlock  
Encyclopedia of Medicine, reference book by Charles Clayman

Don't forget our summer reading program will run through July 12TH.

## TEDDY BEAR OLYMPICS

Teddy Bear Learning Center held a Teddy Bear Little Olympics on Sat., June 10th, for the children, parents and grandparents. This was a first time event for the day care providers Penny Miller and Betty Waddington.

The program started with pre-school graduation with Ivy Calgaard, Alicia Harms and Nicki Petersburg receiving diplomas.

Next came the olympics in which every able-bodied, physically fit person regardless of age was to participate. Events where all participated were races, egg and spoon races, frisbee throw, water balloon and bean bag throw. Individual events were husband and wife calling with the grandparents as participants; all males making and flying paper airplanes and questionnaires. The last and final olympic event was a family obstacle race with six phases. The last race was so much fun that some families wanted to do it again.

A pot luck supper followed with fellowship and getting to know one another. This was followed by break-  
ing a pinata (bull) that the Brad Petersburg family had donated.

Day Care children present were Tom and Ivy Calgaard, children of Gary and Laurie Calgaard; Matthew and Tim Haugen, sons of Cindy and Allen Haugen; David Holmes, son of Dixie and Jody Holmes; Avery Jason Kinseth, son of Ramona Kinseth; Tara Millard, daughter of Dan and Dawn Millard; Heather and Joshua Miller, children of Dan and Penny Miller; Nicki and Alex Petersburg, daughters of Brad and Lauri Petersburg; and Amanda Thompson, daughter of Henry and Christie Thompson, also Adam and Alicia Harms, children of Randy and Robin Harms.

Grandparents and friends present were Mr. & Mrs. Frank (Speck) Haddy and her sister Jimmie, Clear Lake; Mr. & Mrs. Burt Kinseth, Joice; Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Petersburg, Hanlontown; Mr. & Mrs Jack Smithe, Lake Mills; Mr. & Mrs. Dean Ouverson & Sheila, Clear Lake; Mr. & Mrs Bruce Waddington, Rudd; Penny Waddington, Leland Aanonson, Rose Creek Minnesota.

## Answers to the state quiz

1. Pennsylvania
2. Delaware
3. Hawaii
4. Oklahoma
5. Georgia
6. Mississippi
7. Alaska
8. New York
9. Oregon
10. Kentucky
11. South Dakota
12. Colorado

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## The American Way

What this country really needs is for us to stop calling it "this country" - for us to begin holding it in our hearts and speaking fondly of it as "OUR COUNTRY". It is a very special country. It is not just any country -- It is our country - ours to love and to cherish; ours to seek in every way to better - ours to defend and to strengthen.

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Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder,  
It's that time again! It is hard to believe that when you receive your copy, the longest day of the year will have passed and we will be on the downhill of 1989.

Perhaps by now you are making plans to celebrate the 4th of July. For some, you might just plan a quiet day at home, doing some special projects you have been planning to do for a long time. Perhaps some of you have plans for a picnic with family and friends. Perhaps some of you are planning a family camp out at a favorite place, or perhaps some of you are looking forward to the parade in Clear Lake and the evening fireworks. Whatever you decide to do, may you have a safe holiday!

May we also not forget why we celebrate this day. Our freedom was bought and paid for us with great sacrifice by those who have gone before us. May we hold these United States with pride in our hearts and minds and hold our head high "as our flag goes marching by". May God watch over our great land and keep us safe!

Until next time,  
L. V. N.

Thank the following merchants for making it possible for us to publish the Fertile Reminder. Their ads help us to purchase the paper, ink, labels, and other supplies. We still need to hear from you to pay postage and other expenses.

LARSENS' PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2219	FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2262
		Grain Division	
		For Complete Grain Buying,	
		Selling, & Storage	
JORDAN INSURANCE AGENCY	797-2700		
AMERICAN FAMILY			
Auto-Home-Business-Life			
		BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE	797-2647
		Delicious Food	
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE	797-2437	Call For Reservations	
BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2680	K & R SERVICE	797-2440
OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	OUVERSON OIL	797-2267
			or
			797-2440
PRONTO MARKET	797-2220		
MARV'S SERVICE	797-2677		
RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES	797-2681		
FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2242		
Complete Livestock Needs			
Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food			
WORSLEY ELECTRIC	797-2494		
Katolight Generators			
Sales & Service			
FOREST CITY COW PALACE	582-4646		
FIRST STATE BANK	896-2265		