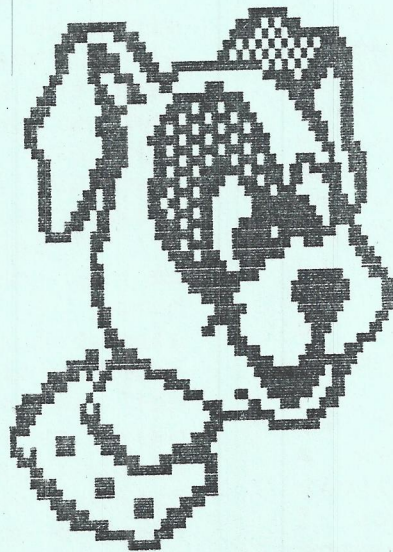


Autumn Library

The Fertile REMINDER



April

1990

Brynn

Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder,

As I am working on the next issue of our little paper, I am reminded that it is basketball tournament time and weather wise we can expect anything. We were fortunate in our area to get by as we did, as this was a bad ice storm and caused much havoc. I am reminded of many years ago when we had a bad ice storm and had a long power failure and in our mind we would automatically plan to do our usual thing. Lillian Elthon was helping Thelen in the store and as there wasn't much she could do there to help she said, "I guess I'll go home and do my ironing." Truly we are creatures of habit.

A person can feel and smell spring in the air. I am so glad I live where I can see the seasons change and we can enjoy the change of each. I am keeping my eyes opened for the sight of my first robin. What a thrill when you spot the first one, but I am usually the last to see one. For me, they truly signify the fact that spring is here. What a wonderful "built in" these creatures are born with to know that the time has come to make a change in their habitat.

I have just looked ahead at my calendar and see I soon have a dental appointment. It is certainly not my favorite place to go but I am even more afraid of not going and losing my teeth. I guess my fear stems back to when I was very young as even though our family means were limited we always got to the dentist. As I recall, I would have many decays and I saw a very old dentist who most certainly didn't understand the young. He would use no deadening to ease the pain but once he started, he kept on with a vengeance and ended up with a smoking drill! Now I realize I wasn't always the most cooperative patient but it certainly didn't help to have him tell me to "shut up". This did not set good with my dad! Now I have gone to the same dentist for many, many years and even though he is so kind and gentle and has never hurt me, I

still go with the same fear and dread in the pit of my stomach. What a wonderful feeling to walk out of his office and know my teeth are patched up again! He is a favorite person of mine and I tell him that he can't retire as long as I need his services.

When I was eight years old, I had eight bad molars and my dentist then and my mother decided they should be pulled. I knew I had toothaches as I lay at my mother's feet in the black buggy that was pulled by our trusty white horse, Cele. I know I was in no way prepared for the ordeal that was ahead of me as the dentist, my mother and myself crossed the main street in Forest City to climb the stairs to Dr. Irishes hospital which was then located above the old Jacobs store. I don't remember much except being strapped to a table and screaming all of the time. Then I can see and feel the horrible rubber mask that was slapped on my face and the horrible smelling gas I had to breathe in. Thank goodness for quick oblivion!

I can remember how sick I was as my mother and I made our way home. I am so thankful for the almost painless dentistry of today and how the youngsters of today do not need to experience the fear and pain that I knew. With the new technology, things seem to get better and better. Thank goodness for the wonderful men and women who take care of our needs.

I just heard a huge fly buzzing in my kitchen. I must get my fly swatter and take care of it. I guess even they think it is spring and need to come out of hibernation! I just seen three robins across the street so now I know spring is here! I just hope they don't freeze their tail feathers!

Oh, yes, I must tell you I have my albums in order and I feel the end results turned out quite well. I must confess that often it looked quite hopeless but I kept on and I am pleased I finished my project. Wham! One less fly to bother! With Special Thoughts of you and yours-

Until next time
L.V.N.

February Balance Sheet
Expenditures

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. March 6, 1990 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Smith, Hansmeir, and Petersen present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dates of the park grants will be held in Des Moines are March 26 - 28. Grants were applied for by 235 cities in the 3 size categories.

A letter was received by and read by the council regarding cable T.V. The letter will be sent to Vision Electronics for a reply to the questions.

Discussion on maintainer. Sealed bids will be received at the April council meeting.

Resignation of Ruth Rhodes from the Library Board was received. Motion to appoint Celeste Christianson to fill her term. Carried.

Motion to install a fence on the city property to the footbridge. Carried.

Council set the budget hearing for Wed. March 14, 1990 at the library.

Motion to pay the monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned
Janice Hare
City Clerk

April Council meeting will be held Tues. April 3, 1990.

THANK YOU

Thank You all for the cards and your concern while at Rochester and at the Mercy Hospital.
Mike Wolfe

THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, and all who sent cards and gifts while I was in the hospital at Rochester and Mason City. Thanks too, to all who brought in food and for their phone calls and visits after I returned home. It was all very much appreciated.

Marcella Mitchell

Evelyn Knutson	265.29
Cheryl Benson	40.63
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	238.97
Dick Sheimo	351.18
Waste Systems Co.	1149.40
Ipers	115.53
Treas. State of Iowa	100.12
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	309.07
Winn. Co-op Telephone	32.25
Interstate Power	602.67
City Assoc.	11.54
Justin Hoeft	15.00
Brown Supply CO.	77.14
Hygienic Lab	50.00
Feed Rite Controls	10.00
Larsen Plbg. @ Heating	129.75
Marv's Service	77.99
Book of the Month Club	43.50
Christian Bookstore	45.54
Baker and Taylor	30.38
Good Housekeeping	16.97
True Story	9.97
Iowa DOT	5,650.00
Dan Benson	25.00

Total 9750.30
Total Receipts 8,612.19

QUIZ for the MONTH - Answers are names of birds - Answers are found on back page.

1. Associated with clocks
2. Has wings, but can't fly
3. Likes to stay out at night
4. Sometimes talks
5. Donald -----
6. The ----- which laid the golden egg
7. A symbol of peace
8. It's all red
9. Likes to brag
10. This one can't bake a pie
11. Never jaywalks
12. Came from England
13. The poet's favorite for grace and beauty

An Open House Bridal Shower for Cindy Suby, bride elect of Kevin Bidne will be held Saturday, March 31st at 9:30 am at the Fertile Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Sweetheart Dance

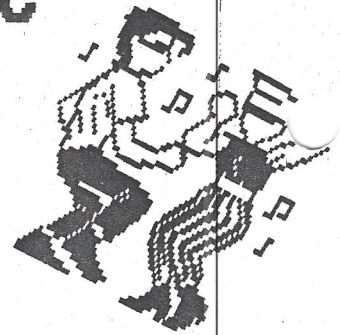
Friday March 23rd

9pm to 1am

At Forest City Super Bowl

Music by Golden Country

Featuring "Nina Hepperly" + Lonny Nelson-Drums



Sponsored by:

Friends of Fertile

All proceeds go to support
the Fertile Community Center.

Tickets \$4.00 Each

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:

Paint the wind - Cathy Spellman
Christmas Bride - Grace Livingston Hill
Little Girl Lost - Drew Barrymore
Dear Dad - Louie Anderson
St. Valentines Day - Andrew Greeley
Bittersweet - LaVyrle Spencer
Singing Stones - Phyllis Whitney
Dearly Beloved - Mary Jo Putney

The Library Board will meet on
Monday, April 2nd at 7 PM.

The Fertile Library would like to
thank Charlie Nye for remodeling
our paperback shelf so it will hold
more books. Thanks Charlie.

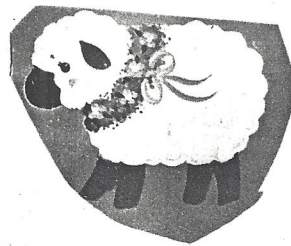
In observance of National library
Week which is April 22 - 28, the
library will hold Open House.

Open House will be Saturday
afternoon from 1:30 - 2:30 PM.
Coffee and cookies will be served.

Date is April 28, so come and
see our library.

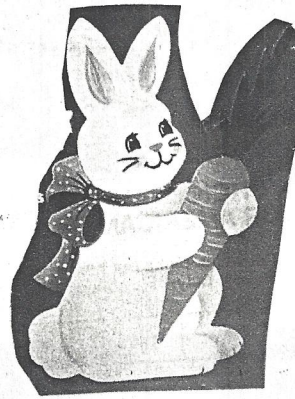
Bird Watch

The birds upon their feeding tray
Outside my window seem to say,
"We're grateful for the food you
give,
That through the winter we may
live."
They waive contentment as they eat,
Their beaks in sharp staccato beat
A rhythm, not devoid of words
Expressing thanks from all the
birds.
A bluejay scolds, the sparrows
flee,
Only to fly back instantly.
A cardinal holds respected stand
Yet snowbirds take their chances as
planned.
All kinds and colors we may see,
They entertain so lavishly.
One wanders if the deed he's done
Was selfish or for pleasure won.



Answers to Quiz

1. Cuckoo
2. Ostrich
3. Owl
4. Parrot
5. Duck
6. Goose
7. Dove
8. Cardinal
9. Crow
10. Magpie
11. Bluejay
12. Sparrow
13. Lark



Fertile Valley Farmers 4-H Club met at the Fertile Cafe for rolls and juice on Sat, Feb. 17th.

All new members received their 4-H handbooks, Aaron Anderson, Evan Almeliën, Nathan Lovik, Danny Field, Jason and Michael Petersburg.

Election of officers was held, Pres.- James Anderson, V.Pres.- Andy Anderson, Sec.- Aaron Sunde, Tres.- Isaac Almeliën and Rec. Leader- Tim Faber.

Our next meeting will be on March 20th, 6:30 p.m. at the Forest City YMCA.

Have a good month fellow 4-Hers.

Sec., Aaron Sunde

The Fertile Reminder received a note from Verna (Mrs. Emory) Duverson. She enjoys getting the Reminder. She will be 90 years old by the time you get this paper and rides her bike 1 mile in the morning before the weather gets to hot. Sounds great Verna- keep it up. Verna winters in St. James City, Florida. She also suggested having an Duverson reunion this summer in Fertile. How about it Duversons - are you interested?

We also received a note from Joe and Silence Seglem in Fergus Falls, Mn. telling us that they enjoy the Reminder. Also one from Ross Lang in Kensington, Calif. Thanks, keep the notes coming.

R.B.O.

SWEETHEART DANCE

Be sure to return your money to Ray and Lorraine Bakke for our Community Center Fund Raiser. In case you didn't get a letter the fund raiser will be held at the Forest City Bowling Alley, Friday March 23rd 9pm to 1am. If you can't attend, send a donation to help keep our center going. "GOLDEN COUNTRY" with Nina Hepperly will provide the music.

STORK NEWS

Kevin and Maureen Burtness of Clear Lake are the parents of a baby girl born March 11. She weighed 6lbs 7oz and named Sydney Rae. Grandparents are Larry and Janet Burtness and Joe and Jean Bomrich of Rockwell. Great Grandparents are Les and Doris Burtness, Alma Thompson and Jim Bomrich of Rockwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Hauge are the parents of a baby boy born March 9. He weighed 7lbs. 5oz. and has been named Bryan Micheal. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hauge of rural Fertile and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Orvich of Forest City.

NOTICE

Vision Electronics now has available weekly T.V. guides to their subscribers. They are available at Marv's Station or Riverside Cafe.

Senior Citizens will meet;
April 3 - chicken, mashed potatoes, harvard beets, pea salad, sunshine dessert, bread, butter, milk, coffee.

April 17 - ham loaf, baked potato, baked beans, tossed salad, lemon cake with lemon sauce, bread, butter, milk, coffee.

Call Edna Pederson 797-2669 before noon on Monday.



Creative cooks

Creative cooks, like you and me,
 disdain to follow a recipe.
 We cook by instinct and with
 flair,
 make substitutions here and
 there,
 use different spices, methods,
 tools;
 bend, and often break, the rules.
 So, when one of our inspired
 creations
 brings raves from guests and
 near relations,
 heart-warming praise and cries
 of "More!"
 What do we do for an encore?
 Say we've lost the recipe, or hid
 it.
 Or admit we've forgotten how
 we did it?

Top to Bottom.

Homes of

Lance and Diane Burtness

Frank and Shirley Sheimo

Also north west of main
 street on land purchased

from Ole Felland farm.

Felland home can be seen to

the right of the Sheimo

home.



To the census taker

You tripped over bicycles
 And skidded on balls,
 Sat down on rag dolls, and
 See handprints on the walls.

Jeans wave on the clothesline.
 I'm lengthening a dress.
 "Any children?" you ask.
 I will give you one guess.

New calculations

Math was once known as
 arithmetic
 And taught to the tune of a
 hickory stick;
 But now, of course, it must be
 quick
 And taught to the tune of
 computer click.

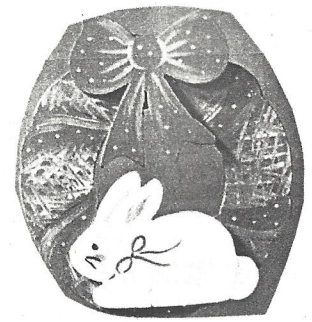
my grandma...



...is paintin' the town red this weekend.



"My husband is always bringing his work home with him."



Top to Bottom
Homes of
John and Eileen Schissel
Stanley and Erma Brue
Larry and Janet Burtness
All are built on land
purchased from Phil Sheimo
farm 1 block north and west
of main street.

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.

LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2219	FIRST STATE BANK	896-2265
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE Rent the Rug Doctor	797-2437	BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE Delicious Food Call for reservations	797-2647
BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2680	CUVERSON OIL	797-2267
OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	GAIL'S BEAUTY SHOP	797-2475
PRONTO MARKET	797-9698		
MARV'S SERVICE	797-2677		
RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES	797-2681		
WORSLEY ELECTRIC Katolight Generators Sales & Service	797-2494		
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