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April	3	10:?	Community Center Fund Raising Aution
April	5	6:007:00) Little League Sign Up, At Community Center
		7:00	Firemen's Meeting
April	6	12:00	Senior Citizens Dinner
		7:00	Council Meeting
April	7		Recyle Day
April	11		Easter Sunday
April	13	1:00	Garden Club Meet at the Community Center Then to the Lime Creek Nature Center
April	17	1:00	Girls 4-H Meeting Boys 4-H Meeting
			Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Distribute Bags Letter inside explaining
April	20	12:00	Senior Citizens Dinner
		7:00	Library Meeting
April	24		Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Pick up bags

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 1993 with Mayor Nye presiding and council members Sandifer, Felland and Scobee present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Motion was made to pay the monthly bills. Motion on lead and copper sampling in the water system. Each house must be checked.

Work was completed on the budget for FY 93-94. Budget hearing will be held Mar. 12 at the Library at 7 PM.

Report was given on work the Park Committee plans for this summer. Norman Nye will investigate the repair needed on the Memorial. Charley Nye will check on the number of stumps to be removed and the cost. Dave Low will be checking all city houses for lead contamination.

Discussion on hiring someone to do all the city work - water, sewer, mowing, snow removal, streets and general maintenance.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare City Clerk * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

A NEW LOOK ON MAIN STREET: Eleven new Sodium Light fixtures have been installed on Main Street at a cost of \$935.00. This project will be a big energy saver and in a short time will pay for themselves. Thanks to Interstate Power Co. for installing them.

CITY OF FERTILE WISHES TO HIRE SOMEONE FOR CITY MAINTENANCE. FOR DETAILS CONTACT MAYOR MAX NYE

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL—April 5th. Sign up at the Community Center, 6- Oclock untill 7- Oclock P.M.

FEB. BALANCE SHEET EXPENDITURES

David Low	\$ 301.41
Janice Hare	257.08
Tim Tuttle	159.57
Interstate Power Co.	933.14
TreasState of Iowa	116.49
IPERS	76.55
Liberty Bank & Trust	123.94
Water Systems Corp.	1221.73
Water Systems Corp.	316.00
City of Fertile	25.50
Winn. Co-op Tele.	57.02
Peoples Natural Gas	170.00
Food -n- Fuel	39.20
Larsen Plby & Htg.	14.50
Worsley Electric	23.45
Pronto Market	19.60
LGI	30.75
Miller Diesel & Auto.	127.42
BMC	271.40
Feed-Rite Controls	20.00
Yelland & Hanes	5.07
BMC	55.75
Nelson Pet. Prods.	102.00
Total	4467.65
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COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT (For Children)

April 10th, At 2 P.M. At the Church of Christ and the Lawn by Pronto.

Please bring your Baskets. SPONSORED BY: PRONTO, LARSEN'S P&H, BURTNESS P&H WORSLEY'S ELC.

These are names of Service persons who have served their Country. If you know of others from the Fertile area you'd like added let us know Park Committee. NO LATER THAN MAY 1ST 1993.

SERVICE OF FERTILE AND COMMUNITY CIVIL WAR Strommen, Martin Rhodes ,William Suby, Peter Cotterell, Andrew Jackson Sunderland, John Winans, Emery S. Tallackson, Lewis C. Paulson, K. Sagen, K.K. White, Isaac Lee. Jacob SPANISH AMERICAN WAR Private Charles E. Eikenbary Peacetime Service Between Spanish-American War and World War I. Back, Theodore WORLD WAR I Bentley, Westley Bergan, Lewis Brenden, Arthur Buhrer, Archie Caffrey, Ralph Carr, Virgil Daniels, Claus Dennis, Frank Dennis, John Dorman, Lee Faulken, Clarence W. Felland, Tollef Foster, George A. Haugen, Artie Highsmith, Roy Sr. Hill, Foster H. Hjelmeland, Andrew O. Hoveland, Herman Humphrey, Dale S. Humphrey, Paul J. Johnson, Hans Levang, Eli Long, Edward M. Methus, Thomas O. Myhre, Oscar Myhre, Philip C. O'Hara, Joe Ouverson, Nels O. Rampton, Frank Raun, Henry N. Risse, H. F. Roath, Ira O. Rodberg, Engvald S. Rodberg, Alfred M. Rodberg, Edward P. Rodberg, Alfred P. Rye, Gordan E. Rye, Harlan N. Sheimo, Edwin A. Stout, Homer S. Stout, Grover A.

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If anyone have some wagon wheels (3) they'd like to donate to the Park Committee we would certainly appreciate them.

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First Postoffice in Fertile ir 1872

Mail Service Was Begun by W. Rhodes

By MRS. C. E. EIKENBARY Globe-Gazette Correspondent

FERTILE—The history of the Fertile Postoffice has been brought to light by old newspaper clippings and from talking to old residents who can recall many of the postmasters.

William Rhodes, founder of Fertile, came here from Rosco, Ill., on Aug. 6, 1856, stopping in Mason City, which was a small town at that time. He came on to Fer-



tile and settled down by himself in the wildnerness, but soon other men began to arrive and build

log cabins, too. Rhodes and his neighbors walked to Mason City, a distance of 14 miles, for their groceries and mail.

Rock Postoffice

In 1861, Rhodes named a postoffice which was established on the old Dan Watts farm which was previously the old farm home of Gabriel Pence, who later became Rhodes' father-in-law. He christened the place the Rock Postoffice and Pence was the first postmaster.

Rhodes and Pence were not commissioned postmasters, but they were permitted to keep mail in their homes until the neighbors could call for it. The mail at this



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time was carried from Mason City to Bristol and Rock was served on this route. Pence served in this capacity during the Civil War.

People of Fertile at this time paid \$1 a week to get their mail every Saturday. Efforts were being made to get an office established here, but with no success. Was Ignored

About the year 1868, Rhodes was traveling on a train when the postal clerk on the train began to electioneer him to support his old comrade, H. O. Pratt, for re-election to Congress. Rhodes emphatically opposed the election of the candidate. He said he would do all in his power to defeat_him.

Rhodes said he had asked Pratt again and again for postal service and he had been ignored.



A week later citizens in Fertile received notice that a postoffice would be established at once with William Rhodes as postmaster, but this did not develop.

After a while the weekly distribution of mail was dropped. In 1872, a caravan of Norwegians from Mount Horeb, Wis., arrived and among them was Ole Ouverson, Fertile's first postmaster. He is an uncle of the present postmaster, Mrs. C. E. Eikenbary.

After establishing a general store in the west side of town, arrangements were made with the government to establish a postoffice in Fertile and Ouverson was appointed and commissioned from Washington, D.C. Business must have been slow, for he sold 81 cents worth of stamps. The families the postoffice served were few, but many came long distances for their mail.

Another Ouverson

Ouverson had charge of the postoffice until 1875, when he was elected clerk of the Worth County court. He sold his store to A. A. Grove and William Kirk. Grove became the second postmaster and continued in that capacity until 1892. During these years, the receipts ranged from \$96 to \$150 a year, showing a small but steady increase.

Dr. N. W. Phillips succeeded Grove and during 1892 and 1893 the receipts doubled.

During the last administration of Grover Cleveland, Halvor Ouverson received the Spointment as postmaster and the office was operated by his daughter, Olena Elthon, as acting postmaster from 1894 to 1898 with a continuous gain in postal receipts.

Next in line came Will Winter, who accepted the office in M_{AY} , 1898. He was assisted by Miss



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Jessie Brown, later Mrs. J. E. Vincent, now Mrs. Orin Winters. In 1898 the postoffice was turned over to Peter Grove, who served in that capacity one year, when he resigned to accept the first rural mail route out of Hanlontown after the Chicago Northwestern Railroad was completed through that town.

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James Kirk was appointed to fill this vacancy and served for six years when he and his family left for South Dakota with several other families to accent second ment land. Oscar Rholl succeeded him.

Stage Coach

In 1914, Charles E. Eikenbary, a former teacher accepted the postmastership and served for 30 years, the longest of any previous



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postmaster. At the time of his resignation, his wife, Anna, took the civil service examination, received the appointment on Oct. 1, 1944, and is still serving in that capacity.

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The story of the Fertile. Postoffice would not be complete without telling about the stage coach which served this community for many years. The carrier came once a week, then twice a week and finally every day.

In June, 1902 the government allowed the town two mails a day. The morning mail was brought here from Hanlontown by the rural carrier and in the evening by a mail nessenger delivering outgoing mail to the train and bringing mail way.

Star Routes

Persons living in the 20th contury can scarcely appreciate their advantages, but much tars changed since William Rhodes walked to Mason City for the mail. Now citizens walk across the street to the postoffice.

The first postoffice fixtures were made by the first postmaster, Ole Ouverson, and a desk is still being used by the

present postmaster in sorting the outgoing mail.

All fixtures were owned by the postmaster until 1950 when the government supplied the office with a steel safe, 54 new lock boxes, a sorting table, a filing cabinet, a lobby desk, a sack rack and a rural delivery desk.

There are two star routes serving the Fertile Postoffice. One originates in Mason City and arrives here at 7 a.m. each day and the other originates in Fertile and meets the Mason City star route truck at 7 a.m. The mail is changed from one truck to the other with one going north to Kiester, Minn., and the Mason City one going on to Bancroft. Both trucks return in the evening and exchange mail. That gives the town two outgoing mails each day and two incoming mailes each day.

This is a far cry from the stage coach service and the Rock Postoffice.



MRS. C. E. EIKENBARY — Present Postmistress

WINTER HAS GONE**SPRING IS HERE

Yes, winter is over and spring has arrived. The first sign is the rakeing of the yards to get rid of all the dead leaves and rubbish that has collected through the winter. The city looks like a huge smoke stack.

Paper is being taken off from around the older houses where it was used to keep the basements warmer. Although it hasn't been too bad a winter. We have had sleet rain, flurries, cold winds and one time a foot of snow. And on New Years morning it was 16 degrees below. No wonder we are glad to see spring.

I see some new birds at my feeder. Of course the Woodpecker, Chickadee and Nuthatches are here all winter, but there are some that come from a warmer climate during the winter. I look out on the yards and I see fat red breasted Robins, they are looking for their favorite diet, the angle worm, which never comes up in the ground until a warm spring rain. And the Robin knows she has to be snowed on four times after she gets here.

The tulip and the crocus are sure signs of spring. The crocus is always in bloom by April 10th. The tulip comes through the ice and snow for they, like us, breathe and melt the ice and snow from around them.

When I step out on my doorstep, I can smell the sweet spring scent of the tree buds and the new green grass. They too, are waiting for a warm spring rain to make the buds leave out and the grass to grow.

Soon the iris, snowball, bridal wreath and many more will be in bloom, and are often used to decorate the cemetaries for Decoration Day.

The storm windows are taken off and screens put on to let the fresh spring air into a house long closed up. From my east door, which I am so glad to have open, I can hear a piece of machinery running in a field, it is preparing the ground for either corn or beans. They will be planted as soon as danger of frost is over. I am glad they are working the soil for it draws the old black Starlings away from my bird feeder, and they are a pest.

I can see the children on the west road going to the school bus, and they look far different this morning than they did in January dressed so warm. This morning it was anklets, fluffy clothes, a big bow in their hair, no cap to flatten it. And they were really enjoying all the signs of spring.

Soon the lawn mowers will be running, the trees will be all leaved out and spring will really be here. I hope you all enjoy it and have a nice summer.





Violet Hall

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NOTICE

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The COMMUNITY CENTER is holding a FUND RAISING AUTION Sat, April 3rd, 10 Oclock untill everthing is sold. Ralph Jennings is the Auctioner.

Clean your Garage, Closets and Basements and bring them up to the Gym. anytime. Lets make it a sucess and get our Furnace paid for. Thanks.

The Comm, Center Board

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Lunch will be served in the Gym. \$

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Word has been received of the death of Arlene Doty Tuttle, age 88, who passed away on March 8, 1993 at the Sheffield Care Center, Sheffield, Ia. Services were held March 10th at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at Latimer, Ia. "Miss Doty" was a former grade school teacher in Fertile from 1936 to 1946. She married Gordon Tuttle while living in Fertile.

1... following poem was written by Miss Doty to the graduating class of 1946:

In "36" I came to the Fertile School gate Now "my 3rd & 4th grade" - graduate I remember "Miss James, gangsters" <u>We're now</u> my little pranksters. One day the school bell did merrily sound And not one little boy came round So quickly and with not much glee, Miss Doty sailed forth to the hilly lea. With a stick ever so nice and long In she gathered "her little throng". Romane and Norma Lou "The Gold Dust Twins" Gereene, Ardelle and Norma Jean with quiet grins

Geraldine and Dorothy with their golden hair Anna Mary and Phyllis - really quite a pair! Earl, Pat and Dean you just can't beat Kenneth and Robert were very meek. For 10 short years I've watched you progress Grades, high school, basketball, plays & rest My heart is with you in everything good you may do -

now my fondest wishes go out to you you enter "Life's Great Big Door"

Success, health and good wishes to be in store For the grand little class I'll always remember-

When I came to Fertile that first September.

Arlene Doty Tuttle

Our sympathy is extended to Curtis and Gwen Ouverson on the death of Gwens mother, Anna Lien, who passed away on February 22, 1993 at the Lutheran Retirement Home at Northwood, Iowa.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Marlin Field who passed away on February 28, 1993 at Mason City, Ia. Marlin and his wife Eileen lived in the Fertile area until, due to ill health, had been a resident of the Good Shepherd Home in Mason City, Ia. Marlin was the son of the late M. O. Fjeld. His wife Eileen now resides in Belmond, Ia.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Clarinda Brenden who passed away on March 22, 1993 at the Lutheran Retirement Home at Northwood, Ia. Clarinda lived in Fertile until due to ill health had been a resident of the Retirement Home. Her daughters, Lavone Petersburg and Francis Benson live in the Fertile area.

APRIL 17

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts will distribute bags. (Letter inside explaining)

Canned Food

Nothing perishable No Glass No Frozen Foods No home canned food

April 24

The Boy Scouts, will pick up bags.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENU'S

FOR APRIL

April 6th -- Creamed Chicken on Biscuit Peas and Salads Angel Food Cake With Strawberries.

April 20th -- Baked Steak Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Green Beans, Salads Lemon Cake. Please send The Reminder to me, I read the copy sent to Alton Sanderson, but would like one of my own. I read every word, even the Treasurer's report. Many names I don't know, but I always look for the older ones. I wonder if Hungry Hollow is still a place visited by folks from Fertile. It is the woodland on the south side of the river by the second bridge east of town. My father told me that a family camped there in a tent all winter in the 1880's. They were very desperate for food so the area was known as Hungry Hollow. I always wondered who they were.

> Marjory Mason (Sanderson-Baker) Boise, Id

"Congratulations!"

A daughter, Sydney Kay, was born on February 21, 1993 to David and Tanya Olson of Hanlontown, Ia. Grandparents are Roger and Goldie Felland of Fertile and Harlan and Rosalie Olson of Des Moines. Great-grandmother is Lovilla Felland of Fertile.

A son, Logan Taylor, was born on March 7, 1993 to Tim and Candy Tibbits of Denison, Ia. Grandparents are Larry and Fran Tibbits of Clear Lake, Ia.



FERTILE STUDY CLUB Picture taken 1946

Vesta Kuns, Ruth Ouverson, Della Carr, Amy Hagen, Mildred Jorgenson, Ruth Myhre, Rose Jenkins, Margaret Bell, Kathryn Jorgenson, Evelyn Haugen, Mayte Davis - back row, almost hidden, Noami Sheimo, two others unidenified.

APRIL ORDERS

- Said little Madam April to the mighty weatherman,
- "I'd like to have you send me as promptly as you can
- A million yards of blue sky,
- A box of gentle showers, and please omit the winter frost that bites the little flowers.
- I want a lot of sunshine I can spread all around;
- It makes the people happy and fixes up the ground
- Where I shall start a million seedsthe garden kind you know-
- And a summertime will bring them up the way they ought to go.
- I've thirty April children that I'll pay you with this year.
- They're not exactly perfect, but much admired, I hear.

Although they're tempermental, they are pleasing as a rule.

And out of thirty children, there is but one a fool."

The message of Easter is one of assurance, of joy, and of triumph.

Author Unknown



Easter, with its voice of Spring, Ushers in the morning; 'Tis time for earth's awakening, Time for earth's adorning.

Let church bells sound their chimes And ring out on the air, A call to come to worship And meet the Lord in prayer.

With heart and love ascending, Your joyful praises sing, In faith and hope and wonder— Behold your risen King!



Mrs. Inez Lemke



A means across and D means down.

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Life is 10% what you make of it and 90% how you take it.

One half of knowing what you want is knowing what you must give up before you get it.

It was an ancient belief that a delicate nerve runs from the third finger of the left hand to the heart. That is why the engagement and wedding rings are worn on that finger.

You can't beat cats for company. You don't have to knock yourself out throwing sticks for them to retrieve.

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.



The mystery photo is Norman Rye.

smooth & creamy. Sprinkle rest of flour mixture over filling. Bake at 350° about 25

minutes.



Dear Friends

I'm enclosing a check for the "Fertile Reminder" Its a nice way to keep in touch with friends , although its been many years since we lived there, its still a special time in our lives, as all our children graduated from Fertile High.

Katie "Thovson" Baartman

We enjoy your paper so very much, A*touch of home" Sincerely Violet Otis

Madison lake, Minn

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