

December 1993

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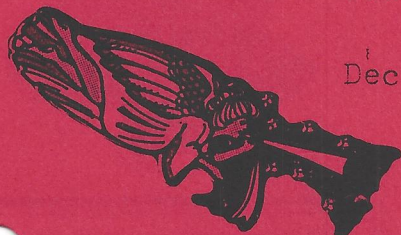
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*Artist
DeAnn Monsen*

- Dec 1 Recycle Day
- Dec 6 Community Center Meeting 7:00
(Open for Public Please Attend)
- Dec 6 Firemens Meeting 7:00
- Dec 7 Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00
- Dec 7 Council Meeting 7:00
- Dec 9 Fertile Luth, Church
Ladies Christmas Lunch. 6:30 P.M.
- Dec 18 Girls and Boys 4-H 1:00
- Dec 19 Fertile Luth, Church
S. S. Christmas Program 7:00
- Dec 19 Church of Christ
Childrens Christmas Program 6:00
Chili & Oyster Stew to Follow
- Dec 21 Library Meeting 7:00
- Dec 24 Church Of Christ
Christmas Eve Service 7:00
- Dec 24 Fertile Luthern Church
Christmas Eve Service 4:30 P.M.
- Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

All news & Calender date's
please be in by Jan 15th.



THE FOLLOWING LIGHTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO OUR MEMORY TREE FOR 1993

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

August A Luther
Ruby Zobel
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George & Josie Humphrey
Noami (Humphrey) White
Wallace & Ethel Deuel
Ivan Deuel
Evelyn Luker
Jasper & Nora Humphrey
Gaylord Mestad
Andrew & Stella Sheimo
Curtis Humphrey
Donald J Suby
Lewis & Agnes Suby
Duane Pederson
Ed Hope
Henry & Ellen Sheimo
Selmer Pederson
Duane Pederson
Bernard Orcutt
Andy Elthon
Eva Suby
Don Suby
Mervin Otis
Dorothy Holland
Rev. Max Wilhelm
Rev. Wm Ostroot
Rev. Arnold Hedin
Rev. Benjamin Coltvet
Rev. Bernard Bliss
Mary Roath
Dora Carr
Cathie Niles
Raymond Bert Lee
Will & Ella Zobel
Dorothy Aspland
Andy Elthon
Glea & Mavis Hall
Buddy Low
Ginny Purcell
Maxine Scobee
Don Suby
Floyd Willis
Marcella Purcell
Donald Christiansen
Ben & Emma Strommen
Jens & Marie Bjerkland
Matilda (Strommen) Vaage
Rev. Max Wilhelm
Ed Hope
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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

CHURCH OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Dec. 19 Christmas Program by the children of the Sunday School at 6:00 p.m. The program will be followed by the annual Oyster/Chilli supper in the fellowship hall at the church.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

FERTILE LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Dec. 9 6:30 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 19 7:00 Sunday School program
- Dec. 24 4:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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The Fertile Garden Club met Nov. 9 at the Fertile Community Center with 16 members present. Roll Call was answered by naming "The Pest You Love to Hate." Moles won the honors. A motion was made that the officers continue in their positions for another year.

Lesson I was on cacti, given by Edna Pederson. The advice was to get your Christmas cactus inside now to get it to bloom for Christmas. Lesson II on dwarf plants and conifers was given by Donna Ouverson. Her advice was to be sure to water young conifers now before the snow falls. Both were interesting and informative lessons.

Thought for the day was given by Ethel Tuttle. Because of the late corn picking in the area, some members were unable to attend. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Ruth Rovang and Marian Pitkin.

The December meeting will be a noon Christmas dinner at the community center with a party and gift exchange. There will be no January or February meeting.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Nov. 2, 1993. Mayor Smith presided and all council members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bob Jones discussed a problem with the sewer on his property. Motion to contact a plumber and have it corrected. Carried.

Marty Slattery was present. He will be the back-up snow plow operator. Red Olson offered to plow if an emergency existed. Thompson will check with the county on buying sand mixture with salt from them. Les Zearing will get truck serviced and Thompson will help him get the truck ready to go.

Randy Shropshire was present to ask for a variance to the building code. Motion to allow the variance on his addition. Carried.

Arnold Hauge has resigned from the Library Board. Library Board will provide the council with names of possible replacements.

The state is waiting for a report from the DNR on the damage at the dike.

Those with delinquent water, sewer and garbage bills will be notified.

Discussion on some of the 911 addresses.

Mayor Smith will talk to Interstate Power about the Christmas lights. City would like to have them up and turned on Sunday after Thanksgiving with the Community Christmas lighting.

Motion to use a different means of covering rafters at the shelter houses. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

BOYS 4-H NEWS

The Fertile Valley Farmers Boys 4-H Club was held November 20th with election of officers. The yearly calendar was planned. More on this meeting will be printed in the next Reminder.



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OCT. BALANCE SHEET
Expenditures

Ray Sandifer	\$ 484.03
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	282.08
Interstate PowerCo.	526.42
Treas.-State of Iowa	126.32
IFERS	127.29
Liberty Bank & Trust	206.09
Waste Systems Corp.	316.00
Waste Systems Corp.	1221.73
Winn. Telephone	130.03
Peoples Natural Gas	15.93
Worsley Electric	18.00
Fertile Lbr.& Hdwe.	17.26
LGI	28.00
Hack Chemicals	56.60
Fertile Library	1800.00
Henry Thompson	138.52

Total 5795.71

Total Receipts 13,136.13

Another November is here! Wish I was close enough to come to the annual turkey supper!!

I will think of the Christmas tree lights burning in memory of our loved ones and friends. I'm enclosing money for a light in memory of Bernard Orcutt from Barry, Bonnie & Violet. Thank you!

Violet Otis
Madison Lake, Mn.

To The People Who Put The Reminder Together: You are doing such a nice job with all the news notes and pictures. I still feel Fertile is my home town. When we had the Peterson Grocery store there I remember all our good friends. Its been 50 years since we left Fertile but I still think of Fertile as such a friendly town. And remember the good basketball players. My brothers Juner (Rob), Marvin and Red all liked the games and I have fond memories watching the games. Kenny loved Fertile also.

Gyda Hovland Peterson
Lake Mills, Ia.

I am sending money for the paper and two Memory Lights for Grace and Frank Lee. I took some of the Reminders out to California for my brother Jerry to read and he enjoyed them very much. Thanks and have a good year.

Verlyn Lee Hutchison

Thank You!

Thank you to all my friends who helped make my 80th birthday so delightful.

Stan Brue



FIFTY YEARS AGO

TRIPLE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

Amund and Martha Midtgaard, Jens and Maria Bjerkland, Andrew and Elisa Oppedahl were honored at a dinner held in Fertile Lutheran Church parlors October 24, 1943. They all came to this country from Norway, were married and settled within a $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile radius south-west of Fertile where they farmed. Hosting the dinner were their families; Otis and Tillie Nyhus, Louis and Laura Severson, Norman and Anna Storre, Melvin and Maratha Midtgaard, Mathilda Strommen, Ellen Pfaltzgraf, Minnie, Esther and Art Oppedahl, and Ralph and Selma Summers. In 1953 Midtgaards and Bjerklands celebrated their 60th anniversaries. The Midtgaards were married December 21, 1893. Their grandchildren living in the North Iowa area are Arden, Kenneth (in Kentucky), Maynard and Marian Midtgaard, Elaine (Severson) Patten, Don Severson, Harold and Norman Nyhus.

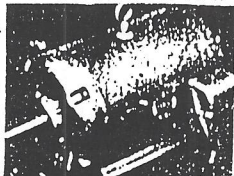
A sit down dinner was served to more than 400 guests. A program followed with a talk by Rev. Hjelmeland, a reading by Clarinda Brenden and a vocal solo by Mr. George Bauers. Waitresses for the event were Norma Lou Oswald, Geraldine Humphrey, Romane Humphrey, Shirley Nissen, Neva Hovland, Agnes Rodberg and Elaine Severson.

Berkland's date	Dec. 15, 1892
Oppedahl's date	Oct. 25, 1893
Severson's date	Dec. 21, 1893



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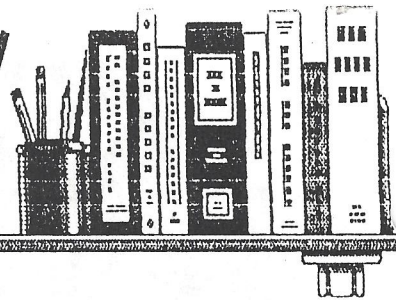
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Fertile Public Library

Monday 2 - 8 pm Wednesday 1 - 8 pm
 Friday 1 - 5 pm Saturday 9 - Noon
 Check it out!



The Kids had a lot of fun on Oct. 27 at the Libraries Annual Halloween Party. A total of 33 kids attended the program. And a total of 14 kids recieved prizes for the costume contest. The prizes were book bags, books, crayons & baskets. Here is the list of Winners:

- Jenna Rasmussen
- Adam Pederson
- Kylie Elbert
- Ivy Millard
- Kara Swingen
- Ronnie Cooper
- Kristin Cooper
- Dan Hansmeier
- Vanessa Jones
- Rachel Tuttle
- Alicia Shahan
- Audrey Benson
- Jessy Query
- Matt Haugen



"Santa Claus is Coming to Town" this Dec. 18th, Sat. morning 10 am until Noon outside in front of the library. Children ages up to 10 years old can come and sit on Santa's lap. If you wish to donate money or help wrap presents please call Cheryl at the Library 797-2787. If you remembered last year, we had 97 kids come & all recieved a gift from Santa. So please send your donations, it's to a good cause.

----NEW BOOKS----

- It Doesn't Take a Hero by General H. Schwarzkopf
- Tigers & Dragons by Jon Henderson
- Land of the Shadow by Gilbert Morris
- Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend by Robert James Waller

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LOVIK ABOARD SHIP NEAR HAITI

Navy Petty Officer 2nd class Steven M. Lovik was unexpectedly called upon aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Sterett to break off a training exercise near Guatanamo Bay, Cuba, and respond to the deteriorating situation in Haiti.

The Belknap-class guided missile cruiser had been serving in the eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea supporting the narcotics interdiction mission with five other ships. They were ordered to Haiti by President Clinton to inforce the UN-imposed sanctions against Haiti. The change came after the assassination of Haiti's finance minister and after another Navy ship was not allowed to dock with personnel and supplies to help Haiti prepare for the return of the country's elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

USS Sterett steamed to Port-Au-Prince to establish U.S. presence in the area. Lovik is one of 450 men aboard the ship which is armed with torpedoes, guns and missiles.

Steve is a 1976 graduate of Clear Lake High School and joined the Navy in January of 1981. He is the son of Mary Baca of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Marcus Lovik of Fertile and a grandson of Stanley and Erma Brue of Fertile.

Steve's wife Tarh and two daughters live at ElCajon, Ca. off the San Diego, Ca.

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The following article was published in the Grand Forks Herald following the birthday of Stanley Brue written by his grandson Mike Brue, by permission of the Grand Forks Herald.

IT WAS A FINE DAY TO EAT CAKE AND SHAKE A GOOD MAN'S HAND -

It was amusing enough.

Here were 75 or so people, almost all of them seated, in the town Community Center room of the former Fertile School building. They conversed happily over cake, coffee and punch on a recent Sunday afternoon. Some of them watched my cousin's daughter, Erika, work the crowd.

"Hi!" the 1-year-old said enthusiastically to a woman sitting at the end of one table.

"Hello, there," the woman replied, smiling back. "Aren't you a cute lit...."

"Bye!"

Waving her tiny right hand conclusively, Erika wandered over to the next table. "Hi!" she exclaimed.

Near the entrance in the far corner of the room, a small, thin edlerly man stood quietly, somewhat stooped, in his best suit. A rose was pinned to its lapel. Two large hands protruded from his suit sleeves. He lacked cake, drink and company - but not contentment.

"Grandpa," I asked, "Why are you over here by yourself?"

He smiled and then spoke in that low, soft voice of his: "I've just been greeting people as they come in."

I nodded toward the gathering of people, including my grandmother, standing and chatting with a neighbor. "Nobody's coming in at the moment," I told Grandpa. "Why don't you go and join them?"

"Well, someone might come in." I chuckled. "I'M sure of that. But believe me, they'll find you. That's why they're coming. Look at all these people. They're here to be with you."

I wrapped my arm around his shoulders. "Go on," I said. "Get some of that cake. I'll watch the door."

Grandpa glanced back to the door.

"Here comes somebody," he said, quietly pleased. Three longtime friends walked in. "Hello, there," he said, smiling.

Then he extended that large right hand to the first.

Oh, well. I'd never begrudge anyone who wanted to shake Grandpa's hand.

When I was a little boy, Grandpa's hands fascinated me. Next to my miniature pair, his were enormous paws, thick and sturdy, a bit wiry on the back and digits, in some places scarred. So much experience in those hands.

Grandpa's had been a farmer's hands for years. After that, he used them to cut meat, moving huge sides of beef and hogs.

He had a horseman's hands, too. I still recall him riding in parades, holding the reins in one hand and a flag mast in the other. Or

in the barn on the old farm, lifting and carrying huge pails to feed the hungry part-Arabians my grandparents used to show.

But Grandpa's big, sturdy hands impressed me most in serene situations. Such as before each meal.

"Stan," Grandma signals softly. She and Grandpa tip their heads slightly. I see Grandpa's hands join.

"Our heavenly father," he begins, softly, "we come to the...."

I can see Grandpa's hand gently cradling a Bible during a sermon in the Evangelical Free Church that my grandparents have attended for about 35 of their 59 married years.

I wasn't around 40-some years ago when Grandpa's hands gently assisted my grandmother, stricken with polio. But she's talked about those times, many times while holding hands with her quiet man.

"We're hanging in there, aren't we, Stan," she says.

"I should say so," he replies softly.

Nearly 10 years ago, I saw Grandpa's hands resting on the bedding of his Rochester, Mn. hospital bed. They were as pale as his face. He already was weak, tired. He faced major heart surgery the following day.

But that night, we watched a University of Iowa basketball game-my grandparent's favorite weakness. And before I left, I clasped Grandpa's left hand with my own small hands. And I held tight while making some small talk. His grasp was firm, too, and I knew we were both thinking the same thing.

So more than five years later, when I took Grandpa to his first Minnesota Twins game, I understood entirely when he took a handkerchief into one of those big paws and quietly dabbed his eyes.

And when Grandpa's voice faltered at home, just hours before neighbors held the open house for him at the Community Center, I sought no explanation. Reading aloud from the Bible, his voice faltered when he spoke, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

No one minded a bit at the restaurant that night when Grandpa wept again, while we sang "Happy Birthday." In fact, we couldn't have been happier.

And more surprised, too, when we learned earlier that, between two hours of handshakes, hugs and heartfelt greetings with 120 or so fans, an 80-year old found time to eat four generous pieces of cake.

Grandpa just chuckled. He didn't deny it.

Maybe the pieces just looked small next to his hands.



Mike
BRUE



The Community of Fertile held another successful Turkey Supper on Saturday, November 13th. We served over 550 suppers. Many people help to make this a great evening each year. We would like to thank each one that had a part in making it such a success. This includes those who advertise, make dressing, peel potatoes, bake pies, cook cranberries, bake turkeys, butter buns, pick up buns, do dishes, serve, pick up dishes, mop floors, set up tables, take down tables, carve turkeys, our cashier, cook and mash potatoes, serve as hostesses and any job I may have forgotten. I thought you might like to know the amount of food we prepare. 200 lbs. potatoes, 24 (22 to 24 lb.) turkeys, 50 lb. cranberries, 50 doz. buns, 100 loaves of bread for dressing, 90 pies (we ran out), 18 gal. corn, 15 gal. cold drink and many gallons of coffee. The cost was \$610.00 with a profit of \$2021.50 being made.

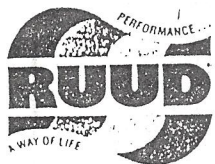
If anyone would like to serve on the Community Center board we have openings. We would also like volunteers to help at the Center weekdays. Call the Center at 797-2424 any week day from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Improvements we have made this year are two new furnaces, two air conditioners, new gas lines, new water lines at the cost of \$6489.89. We are in the process of having a gas heater installed in the gym at the cost of \$1550.00. The gym will be heated on Saturdays this winter for kids activities. Tom and Nance will be in charge of this project.

Future projects are: February, soup supper; March, barbecue pork supper; April, community auction.

Ruth B Ouverson

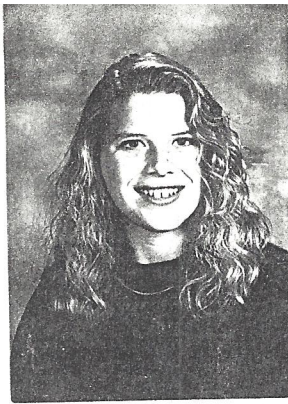
NOTICE: There will be a Community Center Board Meeting on Monday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public to discuss uses of the building, costs and many other things.



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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Esther Oppedahl who passed away on October 21, 1993 at the Lake Mills Care Center. She grew up on a farm near Fertile and graduated from Fertile High School in 1920. She was a member of the Fertile Lutheran Church. After her retirement in 1967, she returned to the family farm near Fertile. She entered the Care Center in December of 1989. She was a daughter of the late Andrew and Elise Oppedahl.



LEANN FAIRCHILD



CONGRATULATIONS TO Leann Fairchild, daughter of of James and Ann Fairchild of rural Fertile for being selected and attending The National Young Leaders Conference which was held in Washington D.C. from November 9th to the 14th.

This conference was a unique leadership development program for outstanding high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a non-profit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the council is committed to "fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential". She was among 350 students attending this conference from across America.

Leann is a junior at the Forest City High School and is on the honor roll, has been chosen to appear in the "Who's Who of American High School Students in 1993". She is a football and basketball co-captain cheerleader, a band member and member of Girl Scouts and the Fertile Lutheran Church.



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1 cup shortening
1 egg yolk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
1 cup crushed corn flakes (optional)

Filling:

6 cups apples
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or ole (melted)
2 T flour
1 tsp. cinnamon

Glaze:

1 egg white lightly beaten

Frosting:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup pwd. sugar
2 or 3 tsp. water

Mix as for pie crust, combine egg yolk & milk, add to flour mixture. Roll half of dough, put in 15 x 10 in pan. Cover with corn flakes if desired. Toss together filling and spoon over pastry. Roll remaining dough, place over filling brush with egg white. Bake 350 to 375 for 40 minutes or so. Drizzle frosting over while warm.

A fisherman was lugging a fish half his size when he met another fisherman with seven small fish on a stringer.

"Howdy," said the first fisherman, dropping the large fish and waiting for a comment. The other fisherman studied the big fish on the ground. Then he said calmly: "Just caught the one, eh"?

To make ice cubes for holiday punch - fill ice tray $\frac{1}{3}$ full of water - put a maraschino cherry in and freeze, then fill tray completely with water and freeze again.

If anyone talks bad about you - just live so that nobody will believe it.

Real prayer always does one of two things - it either frees us from the trouble we fear or else it gives us strength and courage to meet trouble when it comes.

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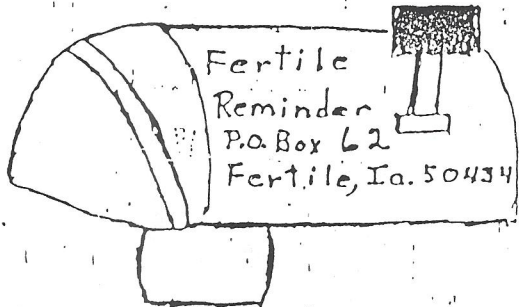


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Happy Christmas



If an X appears in your mail box your Reminder has expired. If two X's appear your Reminder will be stopped. We would like a suggested donation of \$5.00 for one year. Our address is on the mail box.

We wish you all a "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR". The Reminder staff will be on vacation the month of December so your next issue will come in February.

If for some reason you don't receive your paper or that it is torn - please call us or write to Box 62.

Thanks for your loyal support.

The Reminder Staff

"Congratulations!"

A daughter, Brooke Harlie, was born on October 20, 1993 to Marty and Christine Slattery of Fertile, Ia. Grandparents are Bev and John Schmidt of Mason City, Ia and Jim and Diana Slattery of Laurens, Ia. The Slattery family moved to Fertile in December and live in an apartment in the old post office building. Marty is employed by C & R Escavation and Concrete at Mason City. Welcome to Fertile!

Someone had taken the rope off the flag pole on the Veterans monument. We are sorry we could not have the flag flown on November 11 for Veterans Day. We will replace it in the spring.

The Fertile Beautification and Improvement Committee



Andy Oswald
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