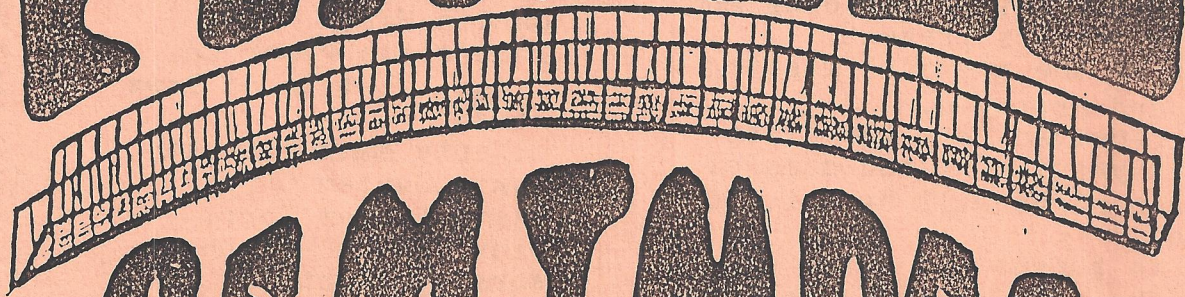


November 1993

FEARTILE



REMINDER

WEEKLY

*Artist
DeAnn Morsen*

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 30 Halloween Trick or Treat
- Nov 1 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- Nov 2 Election Day
- Nov 2 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
7:00 Council Meeting
- Nov 3 Recycle Day
1:00--3:00 Commodities
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 13 4:30-7:00 Thanksgiving Supper
- Nov 16 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
7:00 Library Meeting
- Nov 20 1:00 Girls 4-H
1:00 Boys 4-H
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day

Any coming Event
Please call 797-2572
by Nov. 19th.



IN EVERYTHING
GIVE THANKS



COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Oct. 5th, 1993 with Mayor Smith presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Letter received from the State regarding payment of flood damage.

Halloween night will be Oct. 30 in Fertile.

Motion to pursue the offer of \$1,000 if the city accepted the west part of the park. Carried.

Dan Calgaard requested he be sold the N W corner of the ball diamond or that it be gravelled. Motion to have the fence put back in the original place. Carried.

Several jobs that need to be done were discussed and will be given to Ray Sandifer.

Road Use report was approved.

Council discussed blacktopping a portion of W. Main Street on the west edge of town.

Larry Shropshire was given permission to fill in the ditch in front of his property.

Insurance inspector gave two recommendations for the park. Motion to put hardware cloth under rafters in the shelter house and paint over the graffiti. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Because of 911 emergency systems, it is very important that street signs be put up, and that everyone has their house numbers put on.

Thank You.

SEPTEMBER BALANCE SHEET
EXPENDITURES

Ray Sandifer	\$ 635.62
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power Co.	556.17
Treas. - State of Iowa	106.25
IPERS	135.51
Liberty Bank & Trust	219.40
Waste System Corp.	1221.73
Waste System Corp.	316.00
Winn. CO-Op Telephone	46.54
Worsley Electric	1523.97
Feed Rite Controls	10.00
Peoples Natural Gas	24.30
LGI	16.75
BMC	104.28
Pronto Market	18.70
Haugen's Lawn Service	210.00
Postmaster	29.00

Total \$5732.71

Total Receipts 4447.05

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If we get no interest in this we may be forced to find fire protection elsewhere.

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Fertile City Council

Happy Thanksgiving



ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Mark your calendar for Sunday November 28th at 5:15. Our Christmas tree will glow with colored lights. A permanent tree was purchased this past year and will be used this year for the lighting ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to our short lighting ceremony to be held on the Lumber Yard corner.

A list of sponsors and who the lights are from has been placed in the Community Center and Library. As new names and sponsors are received they will be added to this list. The new names will be printed in the Reminder.

If you care to recognize a friend or family with a living light - feel free to do so.

Our donation box is placed in the library or you may send it to Box 62, Fertile, Ia 50434. Be sure to include the names you want on the list with your payment of \$2.00 per light.

The Fertile Community Center will be serving their annual Turkey Supper on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1993 at the Center. Serving will be from 5 to 7.

Menu will be: Turkey
Dressing
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Corn
Cranberries
Rolls
Homemade Pies
Coffee
Cold drink

Price is \$5.50 for adults, children 5 to 10 \$3.50 and under 5 no charge. Take outs will be available. We also deliver to Senior Citizens.



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1993 MEMORY LIGHTS

The following names have been sent in for lights on the Memory Tree.

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

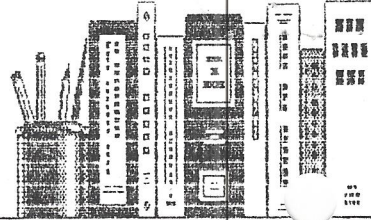
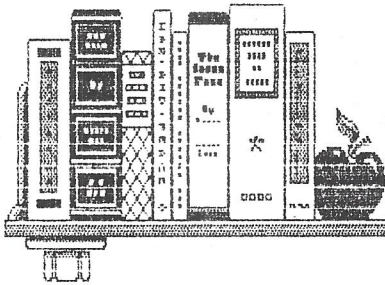
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NEW BOOKS

- Bombshell - the Life & Death of Jean Harlow
- Den of Lions by Terry Anderson
- Stop the Insanity! by Susan Powter
- Splashes of Joy by Barbara Johnson
- Normal is Just a Setting on Your Dryer
- My Beloved Son by Catherine Cookson
- Where Shadows Go by Eugenia Price
- Mrs. Pollifax & the Second Thief - Gilman
- A League of Their Own
- Comstock Lode by Louis L'Amour
- The Rush Limbaugh Story
- For the Love of a Child by Betty Mahmoody
- The Makeshift Husband by Hilda Stahl
- The Hawk & the Jewel by Lori Wick
- The Dream by Hilda Stahl
- BOOKS by Danielle Steel
 - Season of Passion
 - To Love Again
 - Now & Forever
 - Summer's End
 - A Perfect Stranger

Library Hours:

- Monday 2 - 8 pm
- Wednesday 1 - 8 pm
- Friday 1 - 5 pm
- Saturday 9 - Noon

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- WORRY never paid a bill
- WORRY never dried a tear
- WORRY never calmed a fear
- WORRY never darned a heel
- WORRY never cooked a meal
- WORRY never led a horse to water
- WORRY never done a thing you'd think it oughta.

The Library Board would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make the library fund-raiser such a success. The City Council agreed to cover the additional cost for the roof. A new rubber roof has been completed.

The fund-raiser was made possible by a large group of individuals who gave many long hours of hard work. It takes many willing hands and a lot of organization to have such a full day of activities which proved to be such a success.

Thank you for coming to the fund-raiser and supporting your public library so the whole community can enjoy the library.

Fertile Library Board

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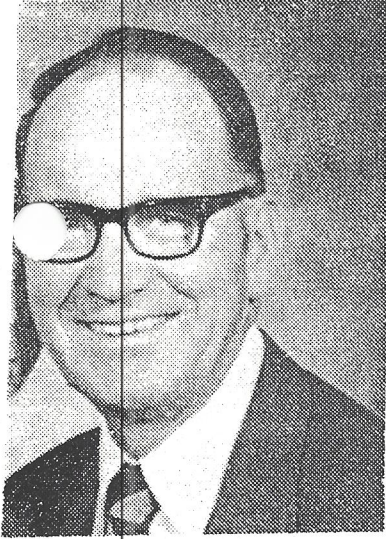
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An Open House was held on Sunday, October 24th at the Community Center to honor Stanley on his 80th birthday. We wish him many more.

Stanley Arden Brue was born October 22, 1913 to Oscar A and Nettie (Sheimo) Brue of Fertile Township. He is the oldest of four children, his oldest sister Marcella Purcell passed away in 1991, his brother Norman lives in Chilton, Wisconsin and his sister Phyllis Jones lives in Davenport.

Stanley attended the Fertile Consolidated School, graduating in the class of 1931. He participated in baseball, basketball and school plays. For three years following graduation he assisted his father on the farm. However, on November 28, 1934 he was united in marriage to Erma A Hennis and they moved to her parents farm in Grant Township Cerro Gordo County. Their wedding was in the Fertile Lutheran Church with Rev. H E Oakland officiating.

On Oct. 19, 1935 a son David Arden was born and on Sept. 2, 1938 a daughter Mary Annette completed their little family. There were many joyous occasions - in the church and Sunday School, 4-H Clubs, band and of course basketball! Stanley put forth a real effort to attend everything.

After the children both left home the Brues bought the Meat Processing Plant in Fertile. They worked long hours for several years and decided to sell the building. Stanley immediately went to work for Bowens Food Center in Forest City and remained there for 15 years.

In the meantime (1961) the couple started buying and selling grade horses. This was a new venture but more or less a "hobby". Along the way they purchased a Registered Part Arabian mare that brought more excitement into their lives than they had known in a great while! Stanley started on the show circuit immediately. When he realized what a winner he owned. With no professional training Stanley could hardly dare to think of the Big shows, but with much encouragement he went from Des Moines to Mpls. and back again, and later the same year (1964)

upon receiving an invitation to come to New Mexico, he decided to make the trip! "Zatarra", the 7 year old mare won the National Championship! She gave the Brues twelve babies and was used as a parade mare.

In 1979 the Brues built a new home and moved into Fertile where they still reside.

While working in Forest City, Stanley suffered heart problems which resulted in open heart surgery in Rochester.

So - he was now a retired man, but not for long. He did painting, followed by working with wood. He and his wife made and sold hundreds of items at their sales which were held each fall.

With such a scope of varied interests there are some that (I) his wife can write honestly from the heart.

First of Stanley knows the Lord personally and has served Him both in and out of church.

He has always been a faithful and loving husband, and a Dad and Grandpa that not only enjoyed being with his family but always has a concern as to their salvation. His own Faith was exemplified at the time of our sons sudden passing.

Lastly, Stan likes the home-town and has always promoted it. The old saying goes somewhat like this "Home Is Where The Heart Is"! And Stan's remains in Fertile.

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LETTERS

I enjoy reading my Fertile Reminder paper every month. Thanks for the news and articles.
Dorothea F. (Ordson) Hansen
Garden Grove, Ca.

Please send the "Reminder" to my sisters, Colleen Lura and Barb Klapperich. Its their birthday present! Thanks.
I enjoy the Reminder I got as a present from my mother-in-law, Alvera Lovick.
Pat Purcell Lovick
Mankato, Mn.

We enjoy the paper very much, keep it coming. Thanks all of you who put it together.
Mike & Ruth Wolfe
Fertile, Ia.

Praying in Church

Neil L. Kuns

August 27, 1993

At this stage on my life praying in church is still a privilege, but has long since ceased being a threat or raising a sweat. It was not always so, and I remember the first time I did so in public, over forty-five years ago, as if it were yesterday. I just can't remember what happened *yesterday*! My hands started sweating and my heart rate elevated, while I prayed what was surely one of the shortest prayers God ever heard. Thinking about this reminded me of the prayer God *didn't* hear one Sunday night.

As teen-agers at the Church of Christ we almost always sat in the back rows of the church, under the balcony, either on the west or the south side. The event I'm about to relate happened on the south side one Sunday night shortly after Richard Miller arrived to become the new minister of the church. Over the years the church has been filled with Oversons. Clarence, Edwin, Harley, Melvin, and Virgil were a few of the men who worshipped there during my adolescence. Mastering the names is one thing, but really learning the people is something else. My guess is that the new preacher probably was thinking, "An Overson is an Overson is an Overson", or something like that, the night he set up this scenario.

The prayer song had been sung (with Mrs. Harley Overson at the Organ and Mrs. Melvin Overson at the piano) when Dick said in his most sonorous voice, "I'll ask brother **John** Overson to lead us in prayer." I had *never* heard "Johnny" called "John", before, and I had never heard Johnny pray in public. Neither had anyone else outside his family, as far as I know. The preacher didn't know that, although he knew Johnny's given name. I witnessed the interchange which followed from the pew immediately behind the couple.

Johnny's wife, Lizzie, in a *compelling* whisper said, "He asked **you** to pray!"

"**I'm** not going to pray. *You* pray!", Johnny whispered.

"I can't pray when he asked you to do it." she replied, and a deafeningly quiet, tense few moments followed, filled with anxiety; Johnny's, Lizzie's, ours because we wanted to giggle but know we shouldn't, and the preacher's, realizing he had made a mistake in asking Johnny to pray in church. The uneasy silence was resolved when Brother Miller prayed as confidently as if he had intended to do it all along.

Not every person should be asked to pray in church, including some who do so regularly. God can surely sort out the insincere chaff and the puffery of self-promotion, from the grain of genuine concern and the humility of self-effacement. Jesus did exactly that the only time He commended anyone for his prayer, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." There is nothing inherently *good* about *long* prayers, nor anything basically bad about *short* ones. The important thing is to get to the point. After all, God has a lot of prayers to receive, including many which are never spoken.



REV. RICHARD N. VARBERG

Rev. Varberg was one of five alumni of Waldorf College to receive the Alumni Distinguished Service Award. This was presented at a special awards luncheon during the Homecoming Activities at Waldorf.

Rev. Varberg, a 1953 graduate of Waldorf College, of Masbate, The Phillipines, has served as a Baptist Missionary in the Phillipines since 1958. He has founded and directed a Bible School and radio ministry there, founded a non-profit business to provide money to build churches, and has translated portions of the Bible into the Masbatino language. Over 40 churches have been started under his leadership and direction and another 50 worshipping groups organized. These congregations serve a total of over 3500 Christians compared to only 100 when he started his mission work.

Rev. Varberg is a 1950 graduate of Fertile High School. He is the son of the late Louis and Esther Varberg and grew up in the Fertile area.



Alton and Alice Sanderson
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Alton and Alice Sanderson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 3, 1993. Alton and brother Robert owned and operated a wholesale grocery business in Boise from 1936 until 1976.

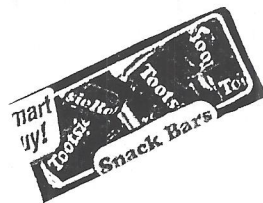
Alton graduated from Fertile High School in 1927 and Robert in 1937.

Marjorie Sanderson Mason of Boise, Idaho will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 14, 1993. For her celebration she will take a hot air balloon ride for three hours over the Boise Valley.

Marjorie is a 1922 graduate of Fertile High School.

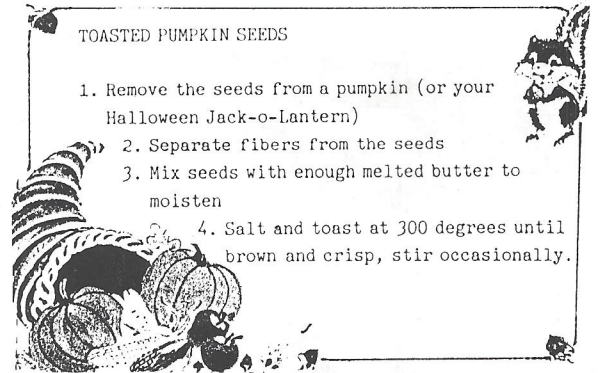
TRICKS & TREATS

Tricks & treats night in Fertile will be on Saturday Oct. 30th.



TOASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

1. Remove the seeds from a pumpkin (or your Halloween Jack-o-Lantern)
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3. Mix seeds with enough melted butter to moisten
4. Salt and toast at 300 degrees until brown and crisp, stir occasionally.



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The Garden Club held their Guest Day Tues. Oct. 12th at the Fertile Community Center with 19 members and 14 guests present.

Roll Call was to introduce their guest and to name a plant they would like to grow.

Mary Hardin from Blackmore Nursery, Mason City, gave a lesson on Horticulture with a question and answer period. It was an extra good lesson.

The thought for the day was given by Reva Anderson.

Door prizes were given to Margaret Halverson and Florence Nye.

We sang table grace and a delicious lunch was served by Ruth Wolfe, Donna Cuverson and Alice Kingland.

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Commodities will be distributed Wed. Nov 3rd, at the Fertile Community Center from 1 to 3 PM. Items to be distributed will be pork, peas, fruit cocktail and juice.

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Mystery Photo



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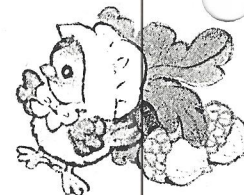


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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jim and Alvera Lovick on the death of Alvera's brother Carl Hanna of Lake Mills, Ia who passed away on October 16, 1993 at his home in Lake Mills.



Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with prayers during my long stay in the hospital. It is good to be home and I hope you continue to pray for me in my recovery.

Leo Lovick
Ackley, Ia.

Editors note: Leo grew up and graduated from Fertile High School. Leo was severely injured in a farming accident early this spring and is now just returning to his home. We all wish him a good recovery.

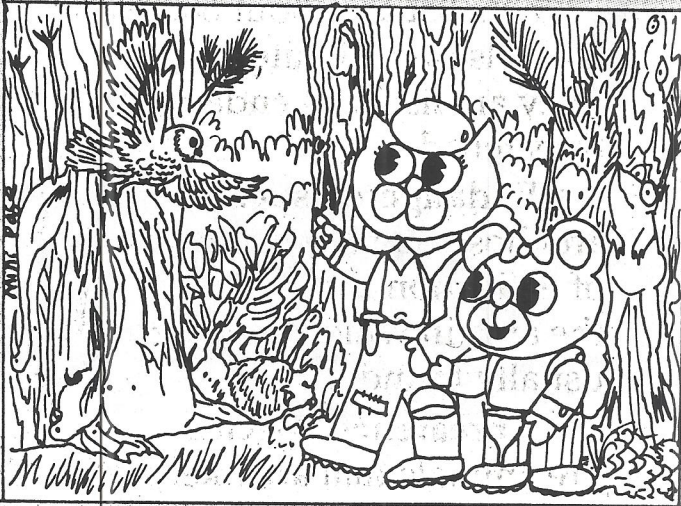
We wish to thank each and everyone who helped us in celebrating our 40th anniversary, whether in person, with a card, or a special thought that day. We appreciate your good wishes. God Bless each one of you.

Howard and Elaine Patten

Mini Spy . . .

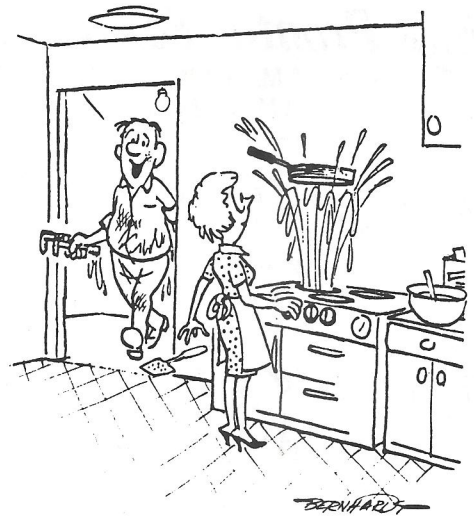


Mini Spy and Dot are looking for the spotted owl. See if you can find:



- crane
- alligator
- bucket
- funnel
- olive
- buffalo
- frog
- elephant's head
- fish
- parrot
- tooth

- knife
- bell
- word MINI



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 - 2 cup quick oatmeal
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 2 tsp chili pwd.
- Mix above and shape into balls the size of one ice cream scoop. Makes 24.

Recipe

Sauce:

- 2 cup catsup
 - 1 1/2 cup br sugar
 - 2 onions chopped
 - 2 T vinegar
 - 2 T worchesterschire sauce
- Dissolve and pour over meat balls.
Bake 1 hour at 350° covered.
Freezes well but bake before freezing.
Can be made day before and put in refrigerator until next day.

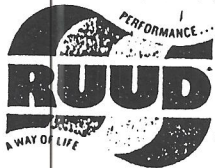
Jill Sheimo

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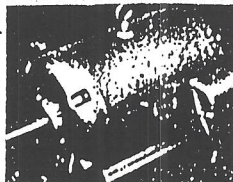
Happiness is like a kiss - In order to get any good out of it you have to give it to somebody else.

LAUGHTER is like a tranquilizer with no side affects.

There are many tears in the heart that never reach the eye.

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MYSTERY PHOTO: Ellen Sheimo, Christina Ouverson (holding kettle) and Ida Walker. Taken at Walker farm south of Fertile. They are about to go out and pick wild gooseberries.



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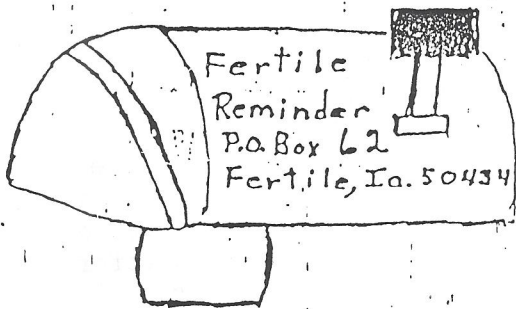
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| 2 c. sugar | 2 tsp. baking powder |
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| 2 c. melted butter | 1/2 tsp. cinnamon |

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Mix eggs, sugar, pumpkin, and butter together.
3. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon together.
4. Combine all ingredients and mix well.
5. Pour batter into greased and floured jelly roll pan.
6. Bake for 25 to 35 minutes
7. Cool and frost with a cream cheese frosting.



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REMEMBER - if you'd care to give a Memory or Living Light for someone, please send \$2.00 per light to Box 62, Fertile, Ia or also give it to Lois Anderson or Romane Lovik. The dead line is November 15th.