

October 1993

# FEARTILE



# REMINDER

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## COMING EVENTS



- Oct 4 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- Oct 5 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- Oct 5 7:00 Council Meeting
- Oct 6 Recycle Day
- Oct 16 1:00 Girls 4-H & Boys 4-H
- Oct 19 7:00 Library Meeting
- Oct 19 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- Oct 20 9-11 Flu Shots --Comm Center



The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Sept. 7, 1993 with Mayor Smith presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Les Zearing was present to ask permission to use the city truck to take his CDL license test. Motion to allow him to use the truck. Carried.

Motion to allow Les Zearing to cut down a dead walnut tree on the city property west of his property. Carried.

Craig Hansmeier presented a proposal for roof repair on the Library. Motion to accept his proposal and increase the insulation by 1 inch. Carried.

Foster Hartman with Winnebago Co-op Telephone asked for council approval to bury fiber optic line from Highway 9 south to alley and west to the office. Cable will be on the east side of First St. Work will begin approximately Oct. 1st. Motion to adopt resolution allowing the line to be laid. Carried.

Report on application for flood damage to the dike through FEMA and Corps of Engineers.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Ouverson reported on projects of the Park Committee. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

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Worth Co. Flu Clinics.  
sponsored by Public Health Nursing,  
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Open to any ages, Cost 7\$ otherwise.  
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SCHEDULE:

- Oct 18 Manly 1-4 P.M.
  - Oct 19 Joice 9-11 A.M.
  - Oct 20 Fertile 9-11 A.M. Comm Center.
  - Oct 20 Hanlontown 2-4 P.M. Comm, Center
  - Oct 21 Grafton 9-11 A.M.
  - Oct 21 Kensett 2-4 P.M.
  - Oct 22 Northwood 1-4 P.M.
- Public Health Office.

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Ray Sandifer	\$ 712.74
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power Co.	821.79
Treas.-State of IA.	113.75
IPERS	124.74
Liberty Bank & Trust	201.95
Waste Systems Corp.	1221.73
Waste Systems Corp.	316.00
Feed-Rite Controls	20.00
Farmers Co-op Elevator	40.00
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	19.90
Miller Diesel	641.51
Bergan Excavating	347.24
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Total receipts 2768.15

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*With Sympathy*

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Max and Florence Nye on the death of Florence's brother Vilas Larson of Goldfield, Ia. who passed away on August 29, 1993.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Clairence Kitner of Forest City, Ia. who passed away at his home on September 10, 1993. Clairence graduated from Fertile High School in 1939.

Word has been received of the death of a former Fertile resident, Mrs. Margaret (Bernard) Bell. She passed away on August 23, 1993 at the age of 88 years at Iowa City, Ia. where she had resided for the past years. The Bells farmed in this area for many years. They moved to Iowa City 25 years ago where Bernard died in 1985. She is survived by three daughters and the families; Katherine Soderholm of Wheeling, Ill., Beverly Beck of Joliet, Ill. and Delores (Lori) Mick of Blacksburg, Va. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

NEWS UPDATE ON FLOOD DAMAGE TO PARK - Our dam and dike have not escaped damage from the excessive rain. They have felt the stress of the high water level.

We were contacted in July by Dave Brammel, who is with the Worth County Emergency Water Shed Program, informing us of funds made available by the Federal Government. These funds were in forms of grants to help pay for any damage received by the rains. At that time a report was being sent in from the EWSP as to damage around the county. If any was received they were contacting each community. We were concerned about the dam and dike. At that time this concern was conveyed to Mr. Brammel. This would make us eligible (possibly) for a grant. More simply put, our name got on the first list being sent in. The grants would pay 80% and we would pay 20% of the cost of repairs.

Since then the representative from Fema has been here to survey the dam but the dike still had too much water to be able to see any damage. He did file on his report of the washed away part of the dam wall. The county people were here and filed their report also, the water still at that time was too high to see if any damage had been done to the dike.

We had a special council meeting to apply for the grants. Forms were brought to Fertile by Bev Kaduce that needed to be signed and sent in. One form was for the county and one form was for federal assistance. They were signed and sent in.

Since that time Richard Sallens, who is with the Corporation of Engineers, came to inspect the dam and dike. He was here the 24th and 25th of August. We also have a hole in the dike. Pictures were taken of the dike and dam area, also an aerial picture was included in his report. He made sure those pictures showed the residents and businesses along the river to the north of the dam. His feeling was that having houses and businesses along this area would possibly help us in receiving grants.

Our dike will need more than to be repaired. It will have to be dug out and filled in with rock to have a strong base. As long as it is just dirt it will eventually wash away, which it is doing now. On his findings the dike could go at any time. We will know within a week if we will receive any grants. As Mr. Sallens explained the grants are meant to repair as it exists but in this case he has reported it needs improvements. It was also documented the shelter houses, restrooms, play ground equipment, horseshoe pits, and picnic tables and grills, tennis court and basketball hoops did exist in the park. He also stated that any repairs caused by the high waters to tables, restrooms, etc., receipts were kept and sent in.

Also we will get two estimates to the cost of repairing the dam wall and the dike. If the dike happens to go, I don't think we'll have to worry about cleaning the park.

We felt that the citizens of Fertile needed to be aware of the condition of the dam and dike and what we're doing about taking care of the problem. We are doing everything we can to fix the problems and get help doing it. We have applied for the grants made available to us by the County and Federal Government.

We will keep you informed of the progress and checking on status of where we stand in possibly receiving grant money. All we can tell you at this time is that it is going through the channels and we're waiting for word. We should know in about a month or less.

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### LIBRARY FUND RAISER

T-shirts are still at the library to sell

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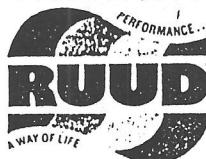
Children Sizes: Med. 10-12 (\$12 each)

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-City Council-



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# Post Office History

The Fertile Valley Farmers Boys 4-H Club did very well at the North Iowa Fair. Everyone went home with many ribbons.

James Anderson: 1) tractor restoration - purple ribbon - award of merit 2) bowl- went to State Fair received blue ribbon.

Andrew Anderson: 1) lamp- considered for State Fair 2) sheep- blue ribbons, champion purebred ewe and champion crossbred ewe.

Joshua Anderson: 1) covered wooden bowl went to state 2) calf- red ribbon received Sr. showmanship.

Aaron Anderson: 1) wooden jewelry box considered for State Fair 2) seed picture- blue 3) sheep- blue.

Isaac Almelien: 1) 2 photos - 2 blues 2) calf - red

Evan Almelien: 1) 3 photos - 2 reds and 1 blue 2) calf - blue, 2nd place in their class.

Nathan Lovik: 1) photography - blue ribbon 2) model rocket - blue 3) reserved sign - blue.

Tim Faber: 1) model airplane - blue 2) clothing selection - blue 3) corner shelf - blue.

Tom Faber: 1) model airplane - blue 2) rocket - blue 3) floor plan - red.

Jesse Faber: 1) horse - purple in 3 year old class and red in western pleasure class.

Luke Evans: 1) 2 photos - blues 2) drawing - blue.

Thad Evans: 1) photo - blue

## GIRLS 4-H

The Grant Livewirer 4-H Club met Saturday September 18th. We went to Godfathers Pizza at Mason City for a party. Godfathers awarded the Cerro Gordo County 4-H Club that received the sportmanship award at the Little Olympics during the North Iowa Fair a pizza party. The pizza was very good.

We had a short meeting at the Community Center and discussed our family night to be held in November. Election of officers were as follows: president, Stacy Suby; secretary, Katie Anderson; treasurer, Abby Almelien; and historian, Megan Levad. We had two new members join, Anna Almelien and Kathern Kingland.

Nicole Midtgaard received a blue and red ribbon on her photo and clothing selection at the Iowa State Fair. Arlene Lee and Emily Suby received a purple participation ribbon at the Clay County Fair on their working exhibit.

Saturday we cleaned the two miles on Hwy 9. Our club does for their community project. Stacy Suby gave a presentation on jewelry making.



January 30, 1989, Bonnie E. Beck became Postmaster of Fertile, Ia. She started her postal career as a night distribution clerk at Fort Dodge, Ia. in 1984. Her husband is a city letter carrier at Clear Lake. They have three children. Brandi is a junior at Clear Lake High. Christopher is in 6th grade. Shannon is married to Joel Goodell. They live at Humboldt, Ia. where Shannon is a junior at Buena Vista College. My promotion to Postmaster of Fertile brought me back home. I grew up at Clear Lake. My parents still live there. One of my best friends in high school was Kathy Tannahill Brierly. It's good to be working here at Fertile. I enjoy the interesting people who make Fertile a nice place to be.

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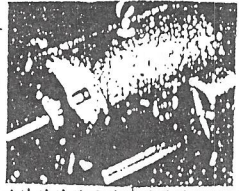


Front Row: Corrine Miller, Ruth Rhodes, Vesta Kuns, Marion Pitkin, Edna Pederson, Elsie Jewel, Opal Almelien  
 Back Row: Peggy Ouverson, Loris Scobee, Opal Coffin, Maynard Calgaard, Sherwood Pitkin, Viola Roberts, Elaine Hall, Alvera Lovick, Keith Sheimo, Forest Roberts, James Lovick

This picture was taken after a Senior Citizen dinner in August.

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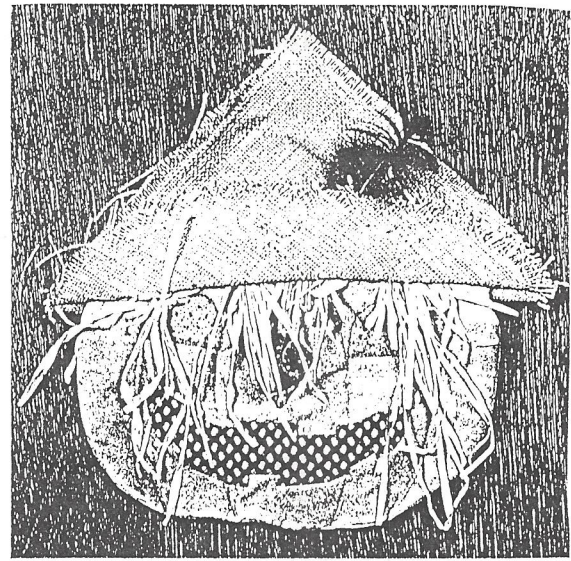
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40th ANNIVERSARY

Howard and Elaine Patten will be celebrating their 40th anniversary with an open house from 2-5 pm Sunday October 10th at Fertile Lutheran Church in Fertile. Elaine Severson and Howard Patten were married on October 11, 1943. The open house is being hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Mark and Virginia Lovik and their children Nathan and Laura. Friends and relatives are invited. The couple request no gifts.

## FERTILE LIBRARY NEWS

The library's BIG Fund raiser held last month was a huge success. The estimated amount raised that day was \$1,600. As of this writing, (Sept. 17) that number has grown to \$2,431.84. And the donations are still coming in!! The response from everyone has been very enthusiastic and the kids & parents have been asking about doing it again next year. (We'll talk about!??)

I should also mention that \$500 of the funds are from the Winnebago Industries Foundation. And I want to THANK YOU to everyone who helped that day in any way. And a thanks to all who came & participated in the activities. Without you the day would not have been such a huge success.

I want to thank you, Henry Thompson for filling the dunk tank with the fire truck. It made a big difference on that cloudy day.

A personal thank you to all the mature adults who braved the waters & took the plunge; Craig Hansmeier, Ann Fairchild, & Gary Richard, & Pastor Dennis Ganz. Also to all the many teenagers who participated, & Dawn Millard who managed the booth all day, a BIG THANK YOU!!! A total of \$282 was made at the dunk tank, well worth our time in the swing and the 10 gallons of water that we swallowed.

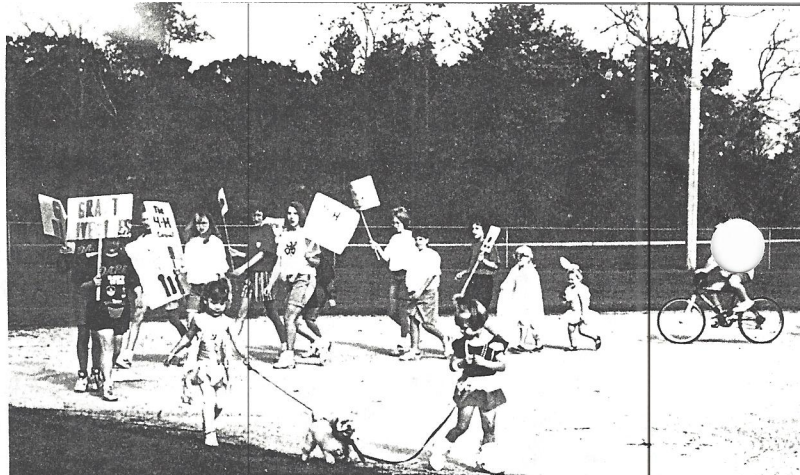
A BIG thank you to Arnie Hauge for all his work with the baseball tournament & the Pennies in the Corn, which was a BIG HIT!!!!

Thanks to Sue Lee & the 4-H girls for serving the ice cream, & Laura Shropshire, Donna Nelson, & Amanda Ray for helping with the bars. I'm grateful to all who brought in bars that day, along with the ice cream they made over \$250!!!!

THANK YOU EVERYONE, Cheryl Benson

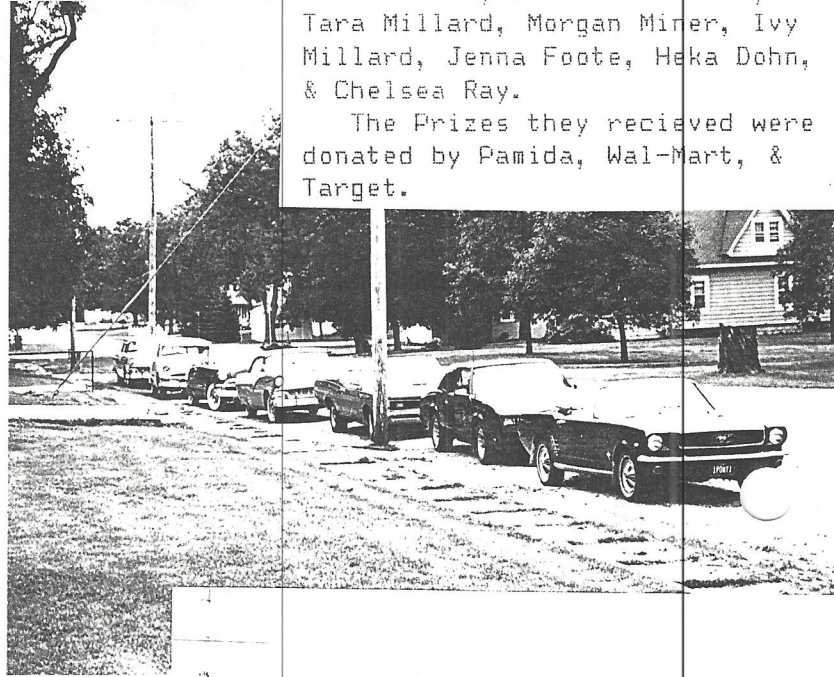
### NEW BOOKS IN OCT.

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan  
The Kitchen God's Wife by Amy Tan  
The Black Opal by Victoria Holt  
Past Promises by Jill Marie Landis  
For the Love of a Child by Betty Mahmoody  
Nightmares & Dreamscapes by Stephen King  
Decider by Dick Francis  
Den of Lions by Terry Anderson  
The Rush Limbaugh Story  
Mrs. Pollifax & the Second Thief- Dorothy Gilman  
Star Flight by Phyllis Whitney  
Cruel Doubt by Joe McGinniss  
Maybe (maybe not) by Robert Fulghum



Winners of the Kiddie Parade were Tim Haugen, Keegan Hoffman, Chi Christensen, Elizabeth Miner, Tara Millard, Morgan Miner, Ivy Millard, Jenna Foote, Heka Dohn, & Chelsea Ray.

The Prizes they recieved were donated by Pamida, Wal-Mart, & Target.



"THINK CHRISTMAS WITH A MEMORY LIGHT"

Our Memory Tree has done well over the summer in spite of the huge amount of rain fall we've had this summer.

We will be decorating it again this year and will be adding more lights so if you care to give a Memory or Living Light in honor of someone, their name and bulb will be added. Our starting date is October 1st and the cost is \$2.00 per light. The names we receive will be printed on a new board for 1993. The 1992 board of names will also be displayed beside the tree. We must receive the names by November 15th because Ellen has to have time to paint and put the names on the board.

Sunday, November 28th, at 5:00 P.M. we will light the tree and everyone is invited to come and share in the singing of Christmas Carols. We will be serving a light lunch afterwards at the Community Center. This invitation is for anyone young or old, and to all of our "Fertile Reminder" readers.

So many homes were decorated for Christmas last year it would be nice if they could be decorated and lit on the same night as our Memory Tree. People enjoy driving around town and seeing the light.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 28th. Lets celebrate "Christmas in Fertile".

F.B.&I. Committee  
Fertile Beautification & Improvements

Please send your names and money to Box 62, Lois Anderson or Romane Lovik

I would like to do something for the Memory Tree program this year in November, but I need all you Fertile Reminder Subscribers to help me.

I would like to put together a booklet called, "Why does everyone know someone who has lived in Fertile, Iowa?"

I would appreciate your thoughts in a paragraph or two on what Fertile has meant to you, someone special you remember, something special that happened here, or anything you would like to share.

These will be used the night we light our Memory Tree and maybe some will be shared in the Reminder.

Please send to: Nance Sheimo  
Box 28  
Fertile, Ia. 50434



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Our work plan for 1993 to improve the park is: (money permitting)

1. New lettering on the Wm. Rhodes Island Park sign
2. Cement a floor in the small shelter house and by the fireplace
3. Purchase some new tables and repair the broken ones

F.B.&I Committee  
Fertile Beautification & Improvements



1993 LITTLE LEAGUE  
REPORT

After having many fund raisers last year (1992) the Fertile Little League started out the 1993 year with \$2944.10. The board decided since they did not have any major projects, that they would not have any fund raisers in '93. \$143 was sent into Little League from parents and grandparents through the Fertile Reminder request.

The cost to play ball this year in Fertile was \$10.00 per child or \$20.00 per family. This is very cheap compared to towns around us.

Total operating expenses for Little League here in Fertile this year was \$5952.31.

Equipment	\$ 953.51
Coaches	1725.00
Umpire	320.00
Insurance	402.00
Repair of concession stand & 1 bleacher	222.00
League Fee	45.00
Food, pop, etc.	2239.07
Misc.	<u>45.73</u>
Total	\$5952.31

The concession stand brought in \$4911.69, that's a lot of hot dogs! The City Council gives the Little League \$700.00 to operate.

This year there were 7 teams with approximately 15 kids on each team. What a joy it was to be one of the only towns in the area that had a dry ball diamond to play on. We have the older generation in town to thank for the good planning they did when they built the first diamond. Also the many people who have taken care of it throughout the years. How proud you all must be when you see so many kids still enjoying what you worked so hard for.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped in so many ways. We ended our season with about \$2600.00. Now we want you to remember that we had no major projects this year. Next year a few projects will be; batting cage, popcorn popper and some uniforms. So, don't eat any hot dogs during the winter so you will be hungry for them next spring. Seriously, what a wonderful sight it was to go up to the ball diamond night after night and see so many youngsters enjoying themselves. Sometimes there were as many as 4 teams practising at once or 2 teams playing ball games. You always knew when there was a game because of all the traffic in town.

A very special thank you to all the coaches and their helpers.

\* Jody Smith  
Mike & Joni Waage  
\* Alvino Ramon  
\* Craig Hansmeier  
Brian Hall

\* Al Severson  
Loren Hoffman  
\* Cliff Petersen

\* Designates they were coaches

Also a Thank you to Herschel Wills for the many nights of umpiring he did.

Lots of hours were spent by many and good times were had by all.  
See you in "'94".





1st grade picture

These pictures are shared by Iva Stensrud Rinden, when she was in the 1st grade 1924 in Fertile. The teacher was Mattie Ainsworth, but she does not remember the names of all the students.



This picture was taken six years later about 1930, Im sure some of you will remember them.



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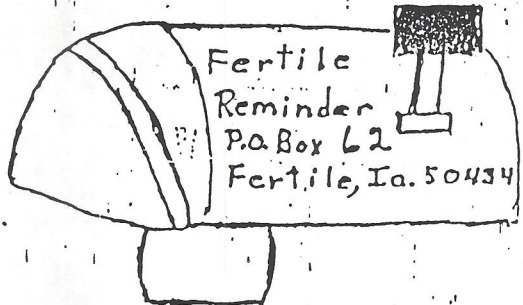
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