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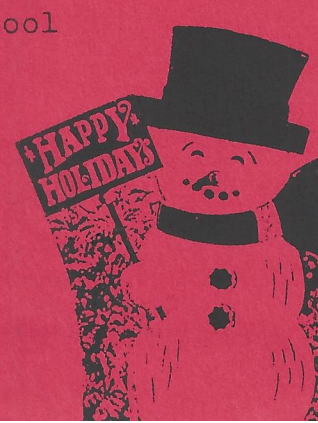
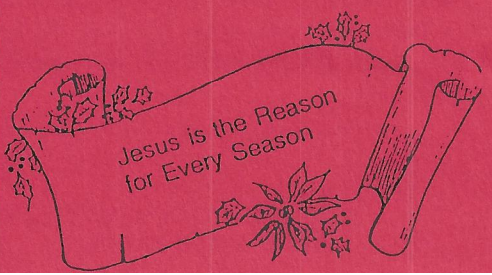
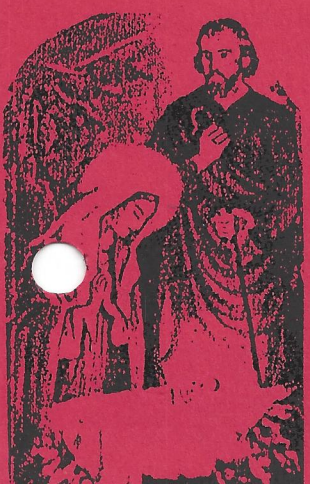
REMINDER

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COMMING EVENTS

- Nov 26 7:00 Community Holiday Service
- Dec 5 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- Dec 6 12:00 Senior Citizens Luncheon
- Dec 6 7:00 Council Meeting
- Dec 7 Recycle Day
- Dec 8 6:30 Luth,Womens Christmas Luncheon
- Dec 11 Church Of Christ
Will go Caroling(Late P.M.)
- Dec 11 5:30 Luther League
Will go Caroling.
- Dec 17 1:00 Girls 4-H Boys 4-H
- Dec 18 6:00 Church Of Christ Christmas Program
Followed by Oyster & Chili Supper
- Dec 18 7:00 Luth. Childrens Program
- Dec 20 NO SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER
- Dec 20 7:00 Library Meeting
- Dec 21 First Day of Winter
- Dec 24 4:30 Luth. Candlelight Service
- Dec 24 5:00 Church Of Christ
Christmas Eve Service.
- Dec 25 8:30 Luth. Church Service
Church Of Christ, No Sunday School
10,-- O'Clock Christmas Day Service
No Evening Service



COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Nov. 1, 1994 with Mayor Elthon presiding and council members Felland, Thompson, Smith and Brcka present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Librarian Benson submitted the policy for the Library. Council rejected it and suggested shorter terms and 5 members on the board.

Work on shelterhouse is 50% done. Motion to have 3 stamps removed in the park at \$15.00 each. Carried.

Discussion on ice skating rink.

Water tower has been cleaned and some hydrants flushed. Discussion on finding and raising the gate valves in the city. File system will be set up of curb stop locations. Motion to locate and raise the gate valves. Carried.

Dave Low discussed insulation need for the standpipe at the water tower.

Discussion on moving the rock at the lagoon. Tabled until spring.

Cheryl Benson submitted the proposed budget for FY 95-96 for the library. She reported on volunteer and bathroom work to be done.

Thompson will contact Rogness Bros. for estimate on dike work.

City will need a substitute for snow plowing.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

CRAFT FAIR - On October 22, 1994 the Community Center held a Craft Fair. With 32 tables of a variety of crafts. This was a very successful event. The Center sold lunch and fresh pies. We made around \$600.00 profit from the lunch and table rent

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OCTOBER BALANCE SHEET
Expenditures

Les Zearing	\$ 768.86
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	289.08
Interstate Power Co.	492.37
Treas. - State of Iowa	121.56
Liberty Bank & Trust	270.23
IPERS	124.29
Treas. - State of Iowa	57.68
Waste Systems Corp.	1458.75
Peoples Natl Gas	23.62
Feed Rite Controls	15.00
Fertile Library	2105.00
North Iowa Tire	16.66
Marv's Service	391.12
Food-n-Fuel	42.50
Matt Parrott & Sons	25.15
LGI	30.75
Miller Diesel	320.02
Ouverson Skidloader	35.00
Fertile Comm. Center	240.00
Larsen Plbg. & Htg.	84.19

Total 7213.24

Total Receipts 10902.61

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

The Fertile Community Center held their annual turkey supper Nov. 5th. It was another great success. We served 24-24 pound turkeys, dressing made from 80 loaves of bread, 200 pounds of potatoes, 20 gallons of corn, 40 pounds of cranberries, 50 doz. buns, 20 gallons of cold drink, lots of coffee and 100 pies. We served between 550 and 600 people. Thank you to all who helped in any way. Those who cooked, served, and those who ate. We made a profit of approximately \$2,500.00.

NOTICE The Community Center Cafe's hours will be changing for Dec. Beginning Dec. 5th, we will be open from 6:00AM to 10:00 AM Monday through Friday for two weeks and will close on Dec. 16th for the winter. The plans now are to re-open March 6th, 1995 for morning hours only until we get organized again.

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The following names have been received and will be added to our 1994 Memory Board.

CHURCH OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

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Andrew & Stella Sheimo (4)	"
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Amos & Aletta Nissen	" Nissen
Frank & Florence Orcutt	"
Dorothy Kruggel	Person Touch Beauty
Mary Gabrielson	" Shop
Cora Willis	"
Vern Smith	Fran, Jeff & Jody Smith
	Beth & Chris Rosati
Keith Sheimo	Mayvis, Marsha Smidt, Pam Hartman, Paulette Quame & Jeff Sheimo
	Violet, Berry & Bonnie
Bernard Orcutt	Curtis & Norma Amundson
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Christian & Birgitte Finsaas	"
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Wilhelm & Clara Amundson	Ray & Delores Sandifer
Ernestine Claus	Frank & Shirley Sheimo
Keith Sheimo	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Suby
Henry & Iva Suby	

Dec. 11 Christmas Caroling - late afternoon

Dec. 18 Christmas Program by the children of the Sunday School, Story of the Christmas Season, 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 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 Christmas Day worship at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or evening service

FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 8 Annual Womens Christmas Luncheon at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 Christmas Caroling by adult leaguers - be at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 18 Sunday School Christmas program at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service at 8:30 a.m.


LIVING LIGHTS

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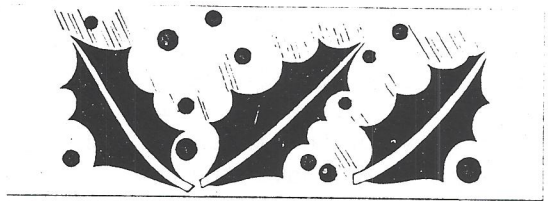
Nelda (Nissen) Behl
Silence Johnson

A friend

Thank you! - to all who have supported in giving of the Memory lights. An * means the number of lights given in memory.




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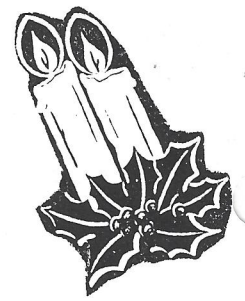
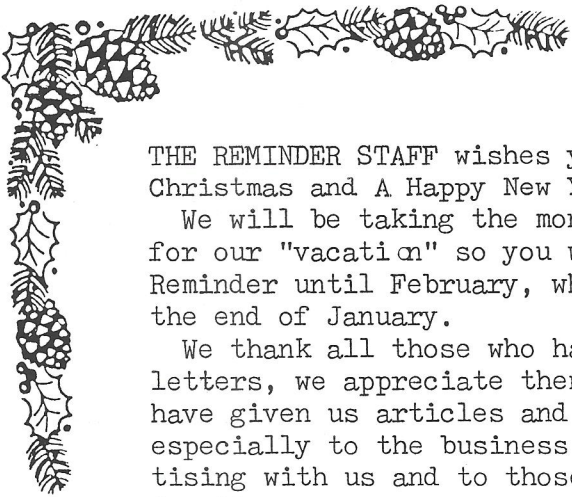
Done Christmas shopping? If not, "The Fertile Reminder" would make a nice gift. For \$5.00 it's a gift that they will receive all year long. Just send name and address plus \$5.00 to Box 62, Fertile, Ia. 50434

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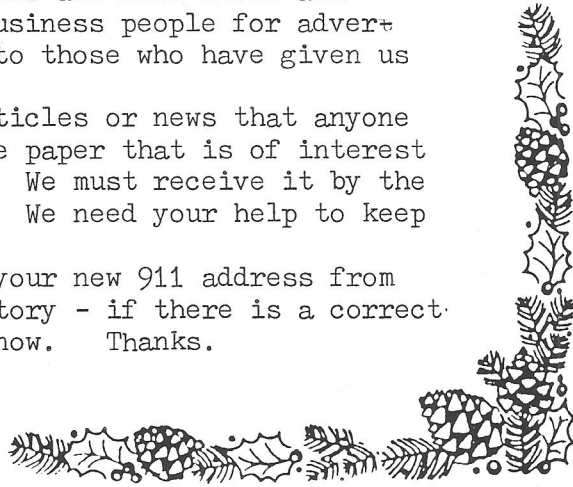
THE REMINDER STAFF wishes you a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We will be taking the month of December off for our "vacation" so you won't receive another Reminder until February, which will be sent the end of January.

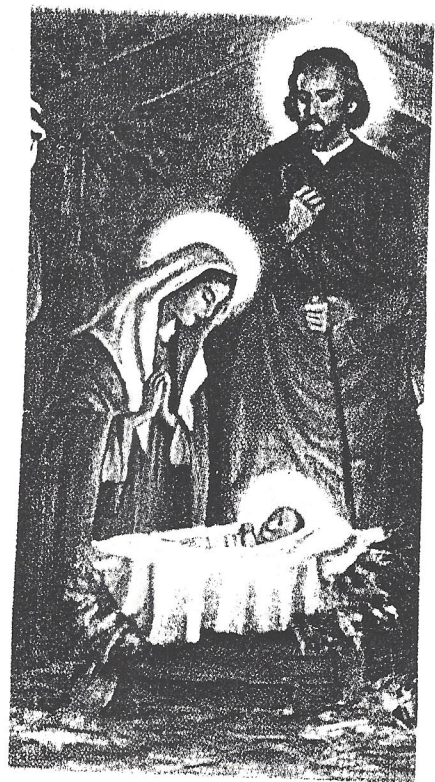
We thank all those who have written us letters, we appreciate them. To those who have given us articles and news items and especially to the business people for advertising with us and to those who have given us donations.

We welcome any articles or news that anyone wishes to put in the paper that is of interest to Fertile friends. We must receive it by the 15th of each month. We need your help to keep the paper going.

We will be using your new 911 address from the telephone directory - if there is a correction please let us know. Thanks.



*Romana
Shirley Loin
Thelma
Florence*



THE FERTILE COMMUNITY will kick off the Christmas Season by holding a Holiday Celebration at the Fertile Gym on Saturday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. The program will include the singing of traditional carols with instrumental participation by young people of the area. Speaker will be Dan Miller and there will be special musical selections by Russell and Cindy (Midtgaard) Schubert and Linda (Wolfe) Nuehring.

A project of the Fertile Beautification and Improvement Committee, the celebration signals the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree with memorial and living lights. All who desire will be able to view the tree and other lighting displays as they leave the gym on their return home. The Fertile community invites all interested persons of the neighboring communities and surrounding area to join them in this festive event.

We encourage the residents of Fertile to have their holiday lighting ready so that it may be enjoyed by those who attend the community celebration on November 27th.

The FB&I COMMITTEE

With Sympathy

"A COZY NOOK"

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Edna Bailey who passed away on October 23, 1994 at the IOOF Home in Mason City. She and her late husband Fitch were residents of Fertile before moving to Mason City because of health reasons. A son Leonard Bailey still lives in Fertile.

Word has been received of the death of Charles Steinfeldt, 62, of Buffalo Center, Ia., who passed away on November 2, 1994 at United Hospital in Blue Earth, Mn. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, three sons and two grandchildren. His mother also survives and resides in Forest City, Ia. He graduated from Fertile High School in 1949. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Word has been received of the death of Marie Donovan, 83, of Tempe, Az., who passed away on November 7, 1994 at Mesa, Az. She was the daughter of the late Hans and Kristine Engen. Her father was buttermaker in Fertile in the early 30's. Marie graduated from Fertile High School in 1930. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Word has been received of the death of Karla Hammervold of Mason City, Ia. who passed away on November 9, 1994 at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Mason City at the age of 75. She was the daughter of the late Ed and Sophie Hammervold. She attended school in Fertile and was a member of the 1937 graduating class. She is survived by a sister-in-law and one nephew and his family all of Mason City. Her parents, three brothers and a sister preceded her in death. Our deepest sympathy to the family.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Greg Nedved and Leslie Briggs of Forest City on their recent marriage. They were married on September 17, 1994 in Ga. Mr. Leslie is the daughter of Eugene Briggs and Shirley Briggs of Denver, Co. Greg is the son of Clet and Carolyn Nedved of Fertile. They will be making their home in Forest City where they have purchased a home. They both work for North Central Human Services

Do you have a "cozy nook" in your heart? A place where you hold dear those precious people; as your spouse, parents, children, grandchildren a special friend, a friend who calls to thank you for something; a neighbor who isn't "long-nosed" but shows he cares?

Do you have a "cozy nook" in your home, where you can withdraw and just be alone?

Years ago, we had a little Cozy Nook Cafe uptown. It had two booths and four stools at a counter; an ice cream and candy counter on the west and a little kitchen. It was run by Carl Fredrickson. He had such a cozy way about himself.

Yes, we had another, bigger cafe, but this one was cozy!

One day, after we were married, Norman and I went to this little cafe to have a sundae. Four older men occupied the front booth. We went to the other. I sat with my back to the them.

They were laughing so heartily when we walked in, and suddenly one of the men, Phil Sheimo, switched what they were saying in American to Norwegian, then they laughed! I turned to Phil and said, in Norwegian, "ufda, som du snakke, Phil." That meant "Oh, how you talk!" They all got so quiet! But we all had a good laugh!

Now, we have another "Cozy Nook". Tanya, I am so proud of you, that you care to revive our town.

It is so nice to have a place to go to buy a little gift for someone. May you have much enjoyment, Tanya - and we all look forward to casually "dropping in!"

Maxine Rye

"Congratulations!"

A son, Ryan David, was born on October 23, 1994 to Joely and Richard Bruns of Fertile, Ia. Grandparents are Joe and Jane Johnson and David and Lola Bruns all of Fertile. Great-grandparents are Silence Johnson, Pat Zobel, and Alvina Bruns all of Fertile.

A son, Derek Alan, was born on October 23, 1994 to John & Michelle Jordan of Fertile. Grandparents are Joe and Deanna Jordan of Fertile. Great-grandparents are Ruth and Mike Wolfe of Fertile.

A son, Dylan Louis, was born on November 9, 1994 to Marv and Julie Vavrik of Fertile, Ia. Grandparents are Marcheta Pederson of Fertile and Louis and Marge Vavrik of Ventura, Ia. Great-grandmother is Edna Pederson of Fertile.

GIRLS 4-H NEWS

The Grant Livewires 4-H Club met on October 15, 1994. New officers were elected as follows: President, Katie Anderson; Vice-President, Emily Kingland; Secretary, Nicole Midtgaard; Treasurer, Abbey Almeliem; Historian Reporter, Rachel Midtgaard. New members joining our club are: Kara Swingen, Alexandria Henning and Lindsay Faber. After our meeting we delivered bars and cookies to Senior Citizens for Halloween. Our next meeting is November 19. We will have a family night on November 21.

Reporter, Rachel Midtgaard

BOYS 4-H NEWS

Fertile Valley Farmers met in September and October at the Jesse Faber home to work on crafts. The November meeting will be held on November 19th at Jesse's home again to finish our craft projects. Seven members were present. Our 4-H Club is planning a bake and craft sale at Bills Super Fair (formerly Bills Red Owl) for Wednesday, December 7th after school at 3:30 p.m.

Nate Lovik, Reporter

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club met Tues. Nov. 8th at the home of Elaine Patton. 20 members were present.

Roll call was answered by a craft they had made.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, followed by the elections of officers.

Danette O'Toole elected President
Virginia Lovik, Vice President
Joni Waage, Secretary
Mary Anderson, Treasurer
Ethel Tuttle, Reporter

The members will take food to the Food Bank in December. A gardening book will be given to the Library and money will be sent to Hospice.

Pat Oswald gave a lesson on Pot-pourri and gave a bag of pot-pourri to each one.

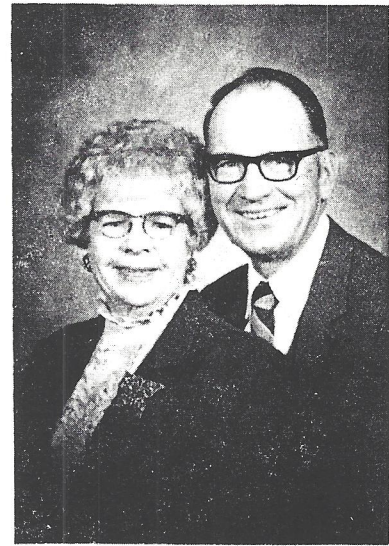
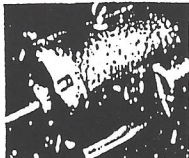
Elaine Patton was hostess. Fern Midtgaard and Mildred McGrath helped serve.

The Christmas meeting will be held at the Victorian House in Forest City on Dec. 13th, and an exchange of gifts with secret pals.

Ethel Tuttle Reporter

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STANLEY AND ERMA BRUE

CONGRATULATIONS to Stanley and Erma Brue who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on November 28, 1994. Stanley Brue and Erma Hennis were married November 28, 1934 at the Fertile Lutheran Church with Rev. H.E. Oakland officiating.

They lived on farms in Cerro Gordo County for 45 years where their family was raised.

The couple always enjoyed working together both in the locker business and raising and showing of Arabian horses. Stanley showed their half Arabian mare in Albuquerque, N.M. and she won the National Championship in 1964. For fifteen years Stanley was employed as a meat cutter at Bowen's Food Center in Forest City.

In 1979 the Brues retired to their new home in Fertile where they made wooden items and had yearly sales.

Since 1959 they have been active members of the Clear Lake Evangelical Free Church where Stanley served on various boards and Erma was organist.

Besides their only daughter, Mary Annette (Mrs. Gary Baca) of Denver, Co., they have six grandchildren and six great grand-children. Their only son David A. Brue is deceased.

There will be no formal celebration but the three grandsons and families plan to visit the Brues the week-end of Thanksgiving.

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Christmas at the Farm

Neil L. Kuns

November 29, 1993

About once or twice a month during the time I lived at home, Dad drove the family out to Grandpa and Grandma Kuns' house, twelve miles north-west of Forest City. It was a pleasant drive, something to do on a Sunday after church, and, since my cousins lived close by and they too were frequently there, it was almost always fun. There was the barn in which we could play, the grove which we could explore, the animals to watch, and many opportunities for kids who knew how to entertain themselves.

On a Sunday in late October or early November someone, usually Grandma Kuns, would say it was time to draw names for the Christmas gift exchange. The names of all family members were written on pieces of paper, folded, and put into a bowl or hat, and each one drew the name of the person to whom he would give a gift on Christmas Day. It never mattered whose name you drew, but it sometimes made a difference who got *your* name (some of the uncles and aunts were more apt and able to be generous than others). The price range was agreed upon and the names kept secret until the gift exchange on Christmas afternoon.

We always had our own gift unwrapping on Christmas morning, as early as Dale and I could arrange, and as late as Mom and Dad could manage. We planned to get out to the farm around noon. Darlene Holland was the cousin nearest my age. She and I always tried to beat the other in saying, "Merry Christmas!" to the other at the west porch door where we entered the house.

Grandma baked a turkey, candied yams, mincemeat and pumpkin pies, and cooked and prepared all the trimmings for a feast. When it was all ready we gathered around the big table in the dining room. There were twenty-six of us when everyone was present. The adults sat at the table and the kids at other tables around the house. After dinner and after the dishes were done the whole clan met in the living room for the "program". All of us who had learned a "piece" for the Christmas program at our church were encouraged to say it. It took some prodding to persuade some of us to recite, but we all understood this was a prelude to the gift exchange, and therefore we didn't resist too long. Grandpa and Grandma were dedicated Christians and relished hearing their grandchildren perform in this way.

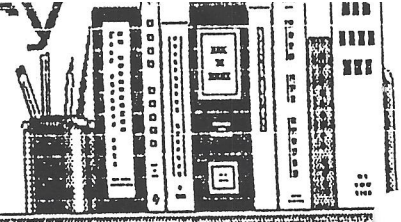
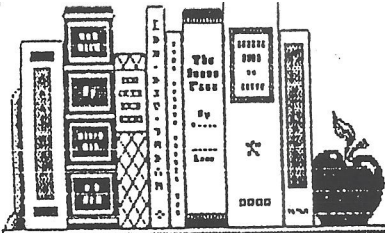
The gifts from Grandpa and Grandma were always clothes -- a sweater or shirt or blouse, and in those depression and war years, were always appreciated, at least by the parents. The exchange gifts were the surprise and these were usually games or toys, which would be promptly tried out, and hopefully not broken before the day was over. We also always got a sack of nuts in the shell, hard candy, and an apple. Our grandparents would buy in bulk and sack the goodies during the preceding days.

Grandpa's birthday was on Christmas Day, and, while he may have felt neglected, he never said so and no one ever forgot him. It was an additional reason for everyone to be present.

Grandma had a box of food prepared for each family as they left at the end of the day. It contained loaves of home-baked bread, butter, left-over turkey, perhaps a pie, and other surprises. The twenty-five mile drive home in the dark was a time to reflect on the activities of the day, and to remember the funny and good things that had come about as we spent another Christmas at the farm.

Fertile Public Library

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

Kennedy Women
In the Kitchen with Rosie
Couplehood by Paul Reiser
Don't Stand to Close to a Naked Man by Tim Allen
Dolly by Dolly Parton
Old Farmers Almanac
Twilight of Courage by Bodie Thoene
Pearl in the Mist by V.C. Andrews
Insomnia by Stephen King
Wild Horses by Dick Francis
Lottery Winner by Mary Higgins Clark
Lord of Chaos by Robert Jordan
Dolphins of Pern by Anne McCaffrey

---Videos---

Oklahoma
Snow White
Flintstones
King and I
Black Beauty
Lion and the Lamb

LETTERS

Enclosed is our check for another year. We really enjoy getting the Reminder and enjoy all the articles. Keep up the good work!

Thank You.
Lois & Floyd Zobel
Lincoln, Ne.

The Fertile Reminder:
I look forward each month for my Fertile newspaper. It's been over 50 years since we left Fertile but I still call it my Hometown. Lots of memories there. You do such a good job!

Thank You.
Gyda Peterson
Lake Mills, Ia.

I have just recently become aware that you are publishing The Fertile Reminder. I would love to receive it. Thank you.

Sylvia Elthon Lemon
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Friends: I am enclosing money for the Reminder to be sent to my son's Paul and Dennis. They enjoy reading mine so much, so I decided I would send them as a Christmas gift.

Katie Thovson Baartman
Boyden, Ia.

LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

Another successful year of ball playing was played by over 100 young people in Fertile this year.

Their wins were few but their achievements were great. It is always encouraging to see a young person catch a ball, know where to throw it and throw it to the exact spot they aimed for.

May we always remember that Little League is for the fun of the kids. It is meant as a learning time, an enjoyment time, a team time, and a self esteem building time. Sometimes we "bleacher people" want the kids to learn and win so badly we forget the real purpose of Little League.

We do want to inform you that you consumed over 1000 hot dogs, 9-gallon of nacho cheese, 36 bags of nachos and other food to numerous to mention.

Because of very few projects needing to be done in '94, the concession stand once again supported the income needed to keep the ball games running smoothly.

We have a special "thank you" to Cliff Petersen and Dennis Faber who are going off the board this year. Much work has been done by both throughout the year.

It takes work, not just thinking, to keep an organization like this going. Fertile is known for one of the best Little Leagues in the area. Let's remember to think of the kids first and always remember Fertile's slogan - WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOOSE IS NOT IMPORTANT, IT'S WHAT YOU LEARN AND HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME THAT COUNTS.

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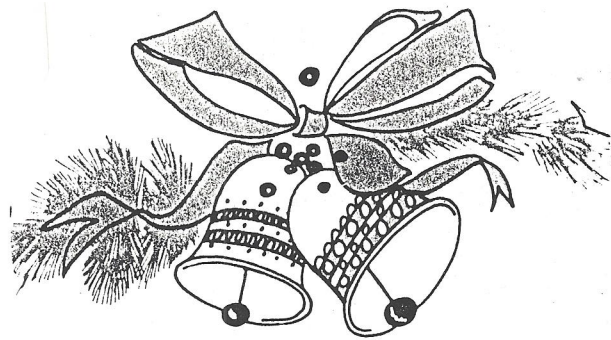
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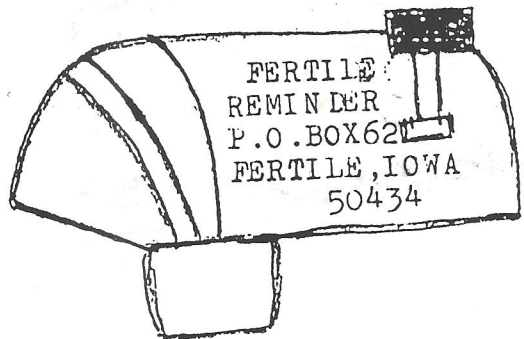
Closed Thanksgiving Day



ATTENTION: I would like to find a group of interested people who would be willing to help with a basketball camp, for both girls and boys, this winter at the Fertile gym. This would be for a few Saturday mornings during January and February. If you have played the game or just like being with kids please call this number 797-2223. We will be teaching just the basic principles of basketball.

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

The Fertile Valley Farmers 4-H Club will hold a Craft and Bake Sale on Wednesday, December 7th at 3:30 p.m. at Bills Super Fair in Forest City, Ia. Christmas goodies and craft items will be for sale.



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