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June	1	Recycle Day
June	6 7:00	Firemens Meeting
June	7 12: 00 7:00	Senior Citizens Dinner Council Meeting
June	12	Childrens Day
June	14	Flag Day Garden Club, Comm. Center
June	18 1:00	
June	19	Fathers Day
June	21 12:00 7:00	Senior Citizens Dinner Library Meeting First Day of Summer

Any Coming Events Please call 797-2572 by July 15th.





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Children,s Day



Monday 1-8 pm Wednesday 1-8 pm Saturday 9-Noon Friday 2-5 pm Phone #: 797-2787 Fax #: 797-2787

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Our 4th Annual "Night of a 1000 Stars" was a big success. A total of 23 kids / attended in their PJ's and ate all the cookies on hand. 5 door prizes were given out that night to Jacob kay, Chelsea Ray, Amanda Stucker, Anna Amelien, & Ryan Shropshare.



FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held their yearly Plant and Bake Sale Tuesday, May 3rd at Pat Oswald's. Lunch was served in the Log Cabin which was enjoyed by all.

Joyce Kampstra of Fertile won lst prize and Julie Vorland won 2nd prize.

After the sale the ladies drew names and exchanged May Baskets.

The sale was well attended and a big "thank you" to all who bought and made our day a big success.

Fertile City Council news was not made available to the Reminder Staff at the time of printing.

--NEW BOOKS----

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A Silence in Heaven by Gilbert Morris Son of a Arizona Legend by Stephen Bly Kingscote by Linda Chaikin Daybreak by Pelva Plain Mama Makes Up Her Mind by Bailey White Reba, My Story by Reba McEntire Goodbye Jumbo...Hello Cruel World by Louie Anderson Drug-Proof Your Kids by Stephen Arterburn

Thank You to Dean & Ellen Lou Anderson for the memorial glit in memory of Keith Shiemo. It will be used towards a new reference book for our collection.

----- SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM -----It'll be here before you know it! Starting July 9th through July 30 every Saturday morning at 10am-11am This years theme is "FOOTLOOSE" . Check the library or next months Reminder for more information.

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The F B & I Committee will be placing the flags on the lawns of veterans again this year on Memorial weekend. A wreath will be placed on the Veterans Monument in the park and the flag will be flown.

A tree will be planted in the park in memory of Keith Sheimo in appreciation for his work in printing the names on the posters for our Memory Tree which were displayed the the Community Center from the Fertile Beautification and Improvement Committee.



Congratulations





BEN ANDERSON

Son of Craig and Mary Anderson

Grandson of Virgil and Romane Lovik

Graduating from

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Son of Marlys Clark and Dennis Clark



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Son of Robert and Sarah Engebretson



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Son of Ed and Gloria Kirschbaum

Grandson of Jim and Alvera Lovick and Eugene and Madonna Kirschbaum

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Son of Mark and Twyla Kragel



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CHRIS MORSE

Son of Melody Morse and Scott Morse

Grandson of Ida Morse and Joann and Leonard Bailey

Graduating from

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DARCY HAUGEN

Daughter of Mike and Debbie Haugen

Granddaughter of Pat Zobel



Graduating from

FOREST CITY HIGH SCHOOL

ANDY HAUGEN

Scn of David and Debbie Haugen

Grandson of Frank and Shirley Sheimo

Graduating from

SHELDON HIGH SCHOOL Sheldon, Ia.





LISA ABENDSCHEIN

Daughter of b and Julie endschein

Granddaughter of Norman and Maxine Rye

Graduating from

HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL Hampton, Ia.

JENNIFER WASHBURN

Daughter of Sterling and Cindy Washburn

Inddaughter of Inddaughter of (Humphrey) Washburn

Graduating from

CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL Clear Lake, Ia.

NATHAN PETERSBURG

Son of Tom and JoAnn Petersburg

Grandson of James and LaVone Petersburg

Graduating from

BAY VILLAGE HIGH SCHOOL Cleveland, Ohl



"CONGRATULATIONS"

To Our College Graduates

From: WALDORF Lonnie Nelson - son of Larry and Donna Nelson

From: PURDUE UNIVERSITY Michelle De La Riva - daughter of LaVerne and Sue Lee

From: LIBERTY UNIVERSITY, Lynchburg, Va. Derin Clark - son of Marlys Clark and Dennis Clark

From: UNI Kelli Lovick - daughter of Larry and Diane Lovick

From: WINONA STATE Nancy Faber - wife of Dennis Faber and daughter of Carl and Alice Larson







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A BIG THANK YOU - to everyone who donated, worked or bought at the auction on April 30th at the Community Center. It was a big succes Almost \$2000.00 was made. A special thank you goes out to Don Waddington and wife Betty and daughter Penny for auctioneering and clerking. Our next fund raiser is scheduled for October 22, a Craft Fair. Rent your table early! Thanks again for supporting the center. Carolyn Nedved Auction Chairman

Thank you so much to the Fertile Garden Club for the planter of beautiful flowers I received as a door prize at the annual plant sale. Joyce Kampstra



"NOTE"

Lets all make plans to attend The Fertile High School Alumni reunion which will be hel <u>next year on Saturday June 10, 1995</u> - (the 2nd Saturday in June) The following officers to serve are: Pres. Harlan Rodberg V Pres. Eugene Hall Corr. Sec. Gloria Kirschbaum Sec. & Treas. Betty Waddington Paula Sheimo, Spence Abrams Jr. and David Bruns serve on the nominating committe.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - will be held from June 6th through the 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Fertile Lutheran Church. A program will be held on Sunday June 12th at the morning service. Any child is welcome. Please contact Ginny Lovik (588-3476) or Lorna Petersburg (588-3487).

CONGRATULATIONS - to Ed and Joann Richards on their recent marriage. They were married April 23, 1994 at the St. James Catholic Church in Forest City, Ia. They will make their home in Fertile in the late Jim Jenkins house.

TEDDY BEAR LEARNING CENTER CHRISTIAN DAY CARE Betty Waddington & Penny Miller Infants to school age....pre-school Phone 896-2445 or 797-2704

TEDDY BEAR LEARNING CENTER BIRTHDAY PARTY

On August 19, 1984, Penny Miller & Betty Waddington opened a Christian Day care later named Teddy Bear Learning Center in the upstairs of the Waddington house.

The first child to attend TLC was Tara Hennigar. Other children soon followed along and the regulars at that time became David Holmes, Johnny & Joanna Norgaard, Nicki Petersburg and Jason Gordon.

As the day care grew it was soon moved to its own quarters in the basement. During the past ten years over 100 children have attended as drop ins, part time or full time.

Children come from different towns with drop ins from as far away as Colondo, Des Moines, and Minneapolis with regulars from Fertile, Hanlontown, Clear Lake, Forest City, Kensett, Joice and Northwood.

At one time there were too many children so both homes held the summer kids with the boys at Penny's and the girls at Betty's.

Pre-school has at times been open to other children than those attending the day care.

Children who have attended since birth are Alex Petersburg, Amanda, Jason & Angela Thompson, Matthew Haugen, Rachel & Mitchell Tuttle & Zackery Lundgren. Nicki Petersburg has been with us all ten years as she still comes after school and during vacations.

At Christmas time the children put on a full hour program for parents and grandparents. Each year in June is a pot luck supper with preschool graduation followed by fun and games for the parents & grandparents.

This June 25th we will celebrate our 10th birthday with a FUN CARNIVAL. All children who have attended the day care will be invited. So mark your calendars, kids, and plan to come and have a night of fun. You must come with an adult.

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The Bells Neil L. Kuns

October 28, 1993

By the time I was ten the concept of death had slowly started to dawn upon me. Not that I thought about it being a reality for myself or for any member of my immediate family, but a practice of the church west of the school house caused us all to think. The third and fourth grade classes met in the west classroom on the middle floor of the building, right across from the "Norwegian" church, as it was called by the kids (I didn't learn it was a Lutheran church until much later). They held their funerals in the church building. After the eulogy, the singing and the final prayer, the concluding event was the tolling of the bell as the casket with the body of the deceased was taken to the waiting hearse. Morticians didn't think of calling them "funeral coaches" until much later.

The bell was not rung by "wheeling" it as was on Sunday mornings to awaken slumbering parishioners and summon them to worship. That ringing had a joyous sound (one might possibly call it ap*pealing*) even if it did shake a person from his dreams. The bell was rung by pulling a rope attached to the clapper. This was done slowly, solemnly, and *one time* for each year of the recently departed's life. I remember counting the rings and being really impressed when they numbered seventy or eighty or more. We always asked for whom the bell tolled. When it was some farmer or his wife we thought about all those hard years milking cows and ploughing the black Iowa soil, and we thought about not having to do it anymore. Unless the deceased was some relative of a classmate it all seemed quite remote, even though it was happening right next door.

There was *another* bell in the school house. It was brass, wall-mounted, and just down the hall outside our classroom door. Most of the time this was the "tardy bell", rung by Les Lindquist, the janitor, at the time classes were to start for the day. Anyone who entered the room after the bell rang was "late", and this would be noted on his report card at the end of the term. Whether the bell had a pleasant or unpleasant sound depended on which side of the door one happened to be when it sounded.

On rare occasions, once or twice a year, the bell would ring not just once but repeatedly, and quickly. Everyone know this was a fire drill, and that we would get to exit the building using the fire escape. This tubular chute had entrance doors on the middle and top floors. The second floor door was in our room, and it was fun to shoot the chute and to get out of class for the few minutes it took for everyone to evacuate the building.

It didn't dawn upon me until some time later that the church bell in the steeple and the tardy bell on the wall in the hall were not that different in their messages. One told us to *get ready to depart*, and the other reminded us of one who had *already gone*. One told us when *we* were too late, and the other when *it* was too late.

Whenever I return to my roots in Fertile I hear the bell of the Lutheran church and remember those funeral days when I was in the fourth grade. When I pass the school building I wonder whatever happened to the tardy bell. It would be good to hear it ring again.

A GREAT SATURDAY

Having made plans earlier in the week to take Mom (Doris Suby-Oswald) and Aunt Cora (Cora Suby-Jenkins) to the community auction in Fertile, I was right on schedule when I drove up in front of the Manor about 8:50 a.m.. We wanted to arrive early to look over the merchandise and have coffee and a roll before the big event. You know Norwegians cannot miss their morning coffee-lunch!

Well, if you've been to the auction before you remember that you hardly have time to examine what's for sale as you get so busy visiting. I have to admit that is truly the way it is for me.

There was a large array of donated items, gift certificates, and home baked goods when the auction started and we all started bidding for the "treasures" that looked appealing to us. Needless-to-say, I brought a few home myself along with some homemade bread.

It takes a concentrated effort by a lot of concerned people to organize such an event and these people are to be commended for their efforts. All the proceeds go to the operation of the Community Center (no, it is not the Senior Center, although the Senior Center is a part of the Community Center).

Every time I return to Fertile, and especially to the school and gym, it brings back lots of fun-filled memories of another time. Looking around you see the wear and tear that the years have brought to the building and there is never enough money to keep things repaired. On the positive side, you see the fellowship still going on and the pride in the community. I especially like to look at the gallery of graduates.

So after visiting, eating, and buying we were off for another trip down memory lane. I asked Mom and Aunt Cora if they'd like to return by the scenic route so we headed east out of Fertile on the river road. Even that has changed! Trying to recall who lived where is always difficult, but especially so when the farmsteads are vacant or completely gone (except for the outhouse on one place), but we did our best. We usually took that road to Mason City, but I hadn't been completely down it for years. Hungry hollow looked the same as did the Winnebago river and all the trees along it.

Where did the years go? Who ever thought that Mom and Aunt Cora would ever leave Fertile, but times change. They are both at the Manor (old Hanford Hotel) in Mason City. Destiny is what it was, as with all the apartments in that building they are right down the hall from each other up on the seventh floor.

THANK YOU to the organizers of the benefit auction, it was a great way to spend a Saturday!

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KEITH SHEIMO 1921-1994



1954-1994

Steven Ray Purcell

Erling Keith Sheimo was born in Worth County, Iowa on April 19, 1921, the son of Henry and Ellen (Hovland) Sheimo. He was confirmed at Fertile Lutheran Church and graduated from Fertile High School in 1939. He entered the US Army in 1942 and served in the European Theater until his discharge in 1945. He worked for several years at the limestone quarry in Fertile. He later moved to Buffalo Center where he worked for the Minnesota Valley Breeders. In 1962 the family returned to Fertile where Keith worked as an insurance agent for Circle Key Life. In 1968 he became Agency Director for the company and the family moved to Sioux City, Ia. In 1988 they moved back to Fertile. After his retirement, he delivered motor homes for a few years. He was very active in the Fertile Senior Citizens organization. He was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church and VFW Post 4868 in Clear Lake.

He died at North Iowa Mercy Hospital in Mason City on April 29, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Mayvis of Fertile, three daughters and their spouses: Marsha and Richard Smidt of Longmont, Co., Pam and Gene Hartman of Buffalo Center and Paulette and Greg Quame of Ventura, & son and his wife, Jeff and Cheryl Sheimo of Clear Lake; three brothers, Harold of Clear Lake and Dick and Frank of Fertile; 12 grandchildren and 7 greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

THANK YOU everyone for all the thoughtfulness and kindness shown to us during the death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather. Thank you for all the beautiful cards, gifts and food. It was all appreciated so very much.

Mayvis Sheimo and family

Word had been received of the death of Steven Ray Purcell of Clear Lake, Ia. He passed away April 24, 1994 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center East in Mason City at the age of 40 years. He was the son of Ed and Mary Purcell of Mason City. His grandparents were the late Frank and Winnie Purcell.

Steve spent his early years in the Fertile area, attended and received his elementary education in Fertile Grade School and graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1973. After graduation he helped his father on the farm and also worked at Winnebago Industries, but due to ill health he worked there only a short period of time.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers Wayne of Minneapolis and Don of Garner; two sisters, Cynthia of Forest City and Jean of Minneapolis and a half-brother, Michael of Buena Park, Ca., plus nine nieces and grand nieces. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Ernestine Jordan Claus who passed away on April 29, 1994 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center East in Mason City, Ia. She is survived by a daughter Dolores Sandifer and a son Raymond of Fertile; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE for A & B Teams

FERTILE A Coach: Alvino Ramons

FERTILE B Coack: Craig Hansmier

June	2	Fertile A at Fertile B (Pee Wees only)
June	6	Fertile B at Joice
June	9	Forest City B at Fertile B
June	13	Fertile B at Lake Mills A
June		Fertile B at Emmons
June		Fertile B at Forest City B
June		Lake Mills B at Fertile B
June	-	Fertile B at Fertile A
0 1111		(Pee Wees only)
June	30	Joice at Fertile B
July		Fertile B at Forest City A
July		Lake Mills A at Fertile B
July		Emmons at Fertile B
		Forest B at Fertile B
July		Fertile B at Lake Mills B
July	20	Fertille D at Lake MILLS D

GIRLS MIDGETS & PEEWEES Coach: Jodi Smith

June June June June June	6 8 10		Fertile at Lake Mills Fertile at Northwood Lake Mills at Fertile Plymouth at Fertile Fertile at Manly
June	_		Northwood at Fertile
June	-		Fertile at Forest City
June			Forest City at Fertile
June			Manly at Fertile
June			Lake Mills at Fertile
June			Fertile at Hanlontown
June			Fertile at Plymouth
July			Fertile at Lake Mills
July			Fertile at Emmons
July			Hanlontown at Fertile
July	8		Emmons at Fertile
U	All	girls	games start at 6:00 p.m.



CONGRATULATIONS MARIE

Marie Oleson was one of three Waldorf College staff members to receive the Holmen Faculty/ Staff Excellence Awards at the annual Waldorf Board of Regents' Staff Recognition Banquet. Marie is director of public relations at Waldorf College. She is responsible for writing and sending news releases, coordinating visiting media on campus, overseeing and coordinating all printing projects, serving as editor for the Waldorf Magazine and the Waldorf Annual Report, photography, working with all departments of the college coordinating and carrying out the assigned tasks, and much more.

Marie has been on staff at Waldorf for the past eight years. Prior to that she worked at KIOW Radio in Forest City. Marie and h husband Mike and two daughters, Marissa an Molly reside in Forest City, Ia.

Marie attended grade school in Fertile and is a graduate of Forest City High School and Iowa State University in Ames. Her parents Virgil and Romane Lovik live in Fertile.



BOYS 4-H NEWS

Fertile Valley Farmers met on April 16 at the Community Center. Roll call was taken with nine members present. Discussion was held on upcoming bake sale and carwash. Fair projects were reviewed. Meeting adjourned. The bake sale held in conjunction with the Community Center auction on April 30th was a big success Thanks to all who helped support our Boys ¹ Club. Our next meeting will be May 21st at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center. We are planning to help clean up and paint the concession stand at the ball diamond for a community project.

Nate Lovik, Reporter



Nothing improves your driving, like being followed by a Policeman.

Age is mostly a matter of mind if you don't mind it, it don't matter.

One of the most attractive things you can wear is a smile.

A small dish of water in oven while baking bread will keep it from getting a hard crust. 10. Us

Pancakes will be fluffy and golden brown if griddle is rubbed with salt before heating.

Add $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ginger to yeast mixture and it will rise twice as fast.



Recipe

KEY LIME PIE

1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk 1 8 oz. cream cheese softened 3/4 cup plus 2T lime juice 1/2 tsp. vanilla

1 9" graham crax crust

Place ingredients in blender, blend for 12 to 15 minutes. Pour in crust, chill for 8 hours.

Some diabetics use this without problems. Small piece of course.

Jean Van Den Bosch



Across:

Down:

____ or No?

1. Run after

2. Not ever

9. Not She

3. Tint

7. Tilt

4. _

- 1. Sweet treats
- 5. Blink your _____
- 6. Young Cows
- Look and __ _ _
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Answers:

Down: 1. Chase, 2. Never, 3. Dye, 4. Yes, 7. Lean, 9. He Across: 1. Candy, 5. Eye, 6. Calves, 8. See, 9. Hear, 10. We

> The other day in the kitchen I was cleaning our chairs I found I needed my glasses And of course they were upstairs.

So away up the stairs I started My glasses I hoped to find But half way up the stairway I lost the rest of my mind.

What was I going up for? I can't believe I forgot! It seems to me that lately I do that an awful lot!

I sat down determined to stay Until my brain kicked into gear. But I sat there so long that -I also went numb in the rear!

I just sat and tried to remember But I was very perplexed Now that 2 parts of me were gone I wondered what would go next?

Bob walked past me in the hallway And he asked, "Why the big frown?" I said, "Cause I can't remember Was I going up or coming down?"





LETTERS

Thanks for doing such a great job at putting the Fertile Reminder together. We really enjoy it. There is no one like your home town friends! Thanks.

> Bob & Emelia Pederson Nora Springs, Ia.

I enjoy your paper every month. Please renew my subscription.

Marjory Sanderson Mason Boise, Id.

Thank you so much for being so prompt about my new address change. I am living permanently in Naples, Fla. so I would miss my little Fertile paper more than ever. Thanking you.

Verna E Ouverson Naples, Fla.

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