

MARCH 1994

FERTILE



REMINDER



*Artist
De Ann Morrison*

COMING EVENTS

March 1	12:00	Senior Citizens Dinner
March 1	7:00	Council Meeting
March 2		Recycle Day
March 11	4--7	Barbacue Pork Supper
March 15	12:00	Senior Citizen Dinner
March 15	7:00	Library Meeting
March 17		St Patricks Day
March 19	1:00	Girls and Boys 4-H
March 20		First Day Of Spring
March 27		Palm Sunday

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The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Feb. 1, 1994 with Mayor Elthon presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed snow removal on Main Street.

Dennis Faber was appointed to the Worth - Winn Betco Committee. Council still seeking someone to serve on the Worth Co. Sesquicentennial committee.

Council discussed buying a used metal detector for the water dept.

Motion to charge a \$15 hook -up fee plus deposit for water. Carried.

Report on sewer repair north of Post Office. Suggested that the line be flushed twice yearly.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Council will meet Tues., Feb. 15 at 7 PM to work on city's budget.

Council discussed the fire dept. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
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Liberty Ins. Service	50.00
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	7.35
LGI	35.11
Fertile Library	1800.00
Jodie Smith	40.00

Total 5913.18

Total Receipts 4443.78

PORK BARBECUE SUPPER

The Fertile Community Center is sponsoring pork barbecue supper on Friday March 11th at the center. Serving will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

- Menu will be:
- Pork Barbecue
 - Baked Beans
 - Salad Bar
 - Cake
 - Coffee
 - Cold Drink

Price is \$5.00 for adults, children 5 to 10 years \$2.50 and under 5 no charge. All proceeds go to support your Community Center. Hope to see you! A raffle drawing for a VCR will be held at 7 p.m. March 11th. You need not be present to win.

NOTICE: Does someone want to donate a pig for our Pork Barbecue on March 11th? Please contact a board member - Ruth, Kay, Lee, Cliff, Arnie, Carolyn, Viola, Goldie or Arden. Thanks!



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"I love those dear hearts and gentle people that live in "our" hometown"

Yes, Sunday we couldn't go to church as the driveway was blocked as was path to house. I couldn't let Norm out to shovel in 20-30° low weather.

We had an early lunch and I looked out and here was our precious, young neighbor, Tom Mosen, snow blowing. So, I hurried and made an apple pie for him.

Monday, it was drifted in. Our precious neighbor on the north came over and snow blowed us "out" and said he'd bring in, from the farm, a big blower tomorrow - so I baked an apple pie for them. As Norm was carrying the pie to them (it was dark) here that kind young Tom was again. Guess I'll make a batch of cookies!

I think (in memories) of all the loving, kind and gentle people down our street (west) of years ago - 48 years in fact.

Lena and Tom Bakke lived where Carl Christensen lives now. Precious Lena! She worked in Max Purcell's cafe. She'd go "down in the dark and open the cafe - make pancakes and coffee for the men, and pies for the noon meal. At 9:30 she'd head home and never failed to stop for coffee. Old Nels and Mrs. Prestholt lived on the corner. Mike & Ginny Purcell lived across the street. Skinny & Irma Lou VanDenBosch lived where "Teed" live Dick & Ardis, Charlie & Florence lived on the corner. Up the driveway was Thelan & Lillian Elthon. There wasn't a house where Keith & Mayvis live. It was a little red barn where Pastor Coltvet kept his cow. The parsonage was across the street where Goldie & Roger live. Hank & Janet VanDenBosch lived next to the parsonage. Jim & Rose Jenkins next, then Glen & Marcella Purcell. We (Norm & I) enjoyed walking and stopping by (they'd be in the back yard) and chatting. Then Grooters next. I must stop at the school and have coffee (School Cafe).

Maxine Rye



"Mystery Gal"
1951
Graduate

With Sympathy

Word has been received of the death of Hattie Coltvet. Her husband was the late Pastor Benjamin Coltvet who was a pastor at Fertile Lutheran Church from 1944 to 1953. Funeral services were held February 15th at Mpls. After the tragic death of her husband and ill health she had lived the later years with her son Sherman and family in Rochester, Mn., and also with a daughter Helen and family in Arkansas. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Christine and Marty Slattery of Fertile on the death of Christines mother, Mrs. John Schmidt, of Mason City who passed away on January 27, 1994 at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to John and Eileen Schissel of Fertile on the death of John's father Neil Schissel of Davenport, Ia. who passed away on January 21, 1994.

Word has been received of the death of Ross Lang of Kensington, Ca. who passed away on January 20, 1994. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family. He attended school in Fertile. His father owned and operated a hardware store with P.J. Ouverson.

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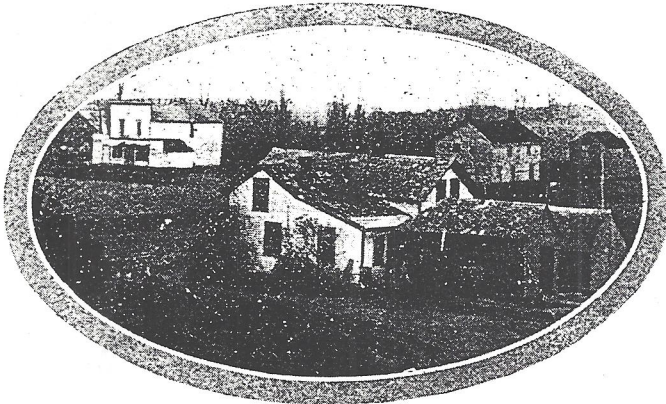
WORTH COUNTY



HISTORY tells us that prior to the advent of the white man, in 1853, the territory now designated as Worth County was a parcel of ground set aside by the U. S. government as neutral, and that the smoke curled from the wigwams of the Sacs, Foxe, Winnebagos and Iowas while the braves chased the panting deer or basked in the sunlight near babbling brooks, where daffodils glistened with the morning dew, or the honeysuckle hung its head from craggy crevices, as was his wont. Not so with the pioneer. His lot was more strenuous—his aim higher—and the marvels he has wrought proves him worthy of his steel. The first regularly laid out road in the county was one running from Bristol to Northwood, having been opened in September, 1856. Samuel Engbert was the commissioner, and James Trumbull surveyor. Gulbrand

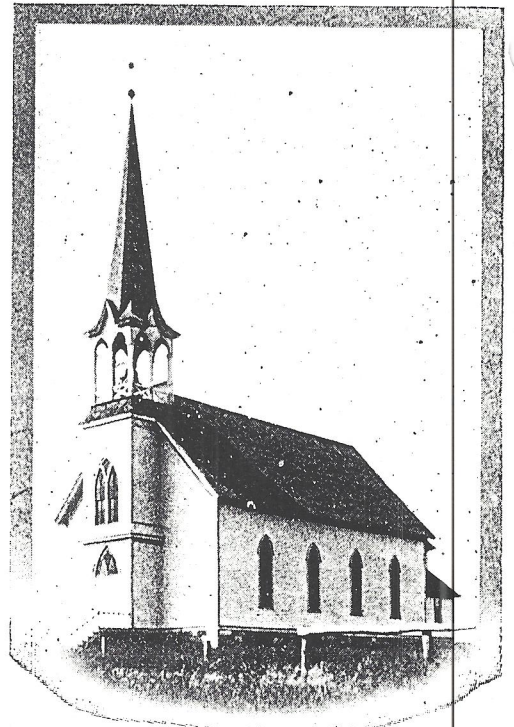
O. Mellum erected the first house in the summer of 1853. It is superfluous to say its components were log, chink and larch string, and of architecture peculiarly its own. In those days enamel or brass bedsteads were unknown quantities, and bunks predominated.

The first party who made application to become a citizen of Worth county and the United States was Knudt Brandson, June 1st, 1858. The first to be naturalized, however, were Ole Knudson, Aaron Robinson and Soren Banson, who received their papers June 1, 1860. The first sermon preached in the county was by Rev. Mr. Strowbridge, in October, 1856, in the embryo town of Bristol, which was the first town laid out in the county, being surveyed and platted in the spring of 1857. It also had the first postoffice, being established October 30, 1857, with Dr. James Keeler as postmaster, who had instructions to get mail as best he could from all accessible points until the government could establish post roads, which was not until the following year. The first deed upon record in the county books is dated November 6, 1855, and was given by B. B. Richards, of Dubuque, to D. L. Harrington, transferring forty acres in consideration of \$140. The first mortgage on record is dated November 18, 1857. The first Sheriff's sale occurred January, 11, 1862, when A. L. Towne, the then sheriff, sold a quantity of real estate, the property of J. W. Dutton and others, to satisfy a claim held by J. W. Bliss. The first probate proceedings of record in the county was the appointment of administrator of the estate of Amos Wilcox, who died in October, 1861. The first frame building erected in the county was by Johnson & Turnure, at Bristol, in the spring of 1857, and was occupied as a hotel. The first store in the county was opened by B. H. Becket in the town of Northwood, September 9, 1857. The first saw mill in the country was erected by Wm. Rhodes in the spring of 1857, at Fertile. The first celebration of the natal day of the republic was July 4, 1857, at Bristol. On the 4th of July, 1864, the Twelfth Judicial District was created, comprising the counties of Worth, Winnebago, Hancock, Mitchell, Floyd, Cerro Gordo, Butler and Bremer. The first Grand Jury impanelled in the county was during the session of the District Court, held in May, 1865.

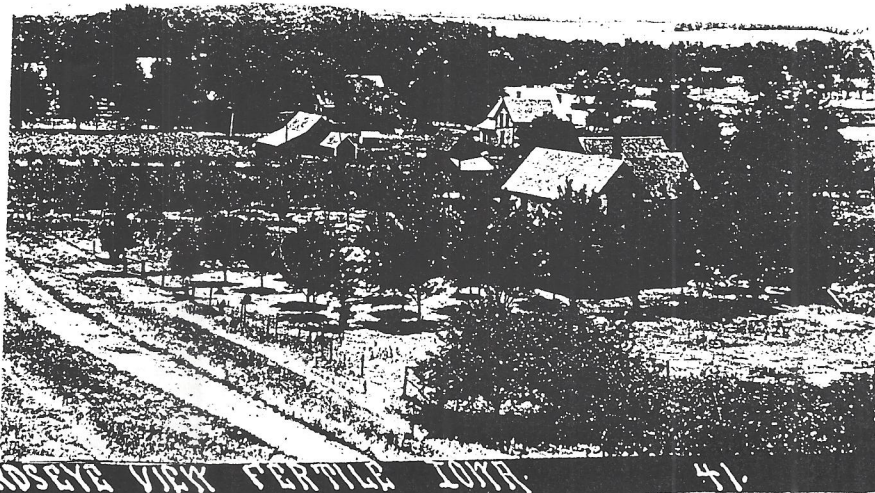


BRISTOL, FIRST COUNTY SEAT

"The light of better days are gone,
And all it's glories past."



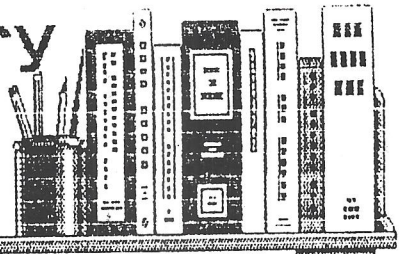
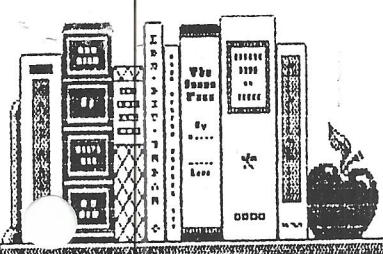
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- Pot of Gold by Judith Michael
- Behind Palace Doors by Dempster
- A Marriage Made in Heaven by Erma Bombeck
- I, Tina by Tina Turner
- Family Secrets by Nancy Thayer
- Ann-Margret: My Story
- The Cat Who Came to Breakfast by Braun
- Family Blessing by LaVyrle Spencer
- Grand Passion by Jayne Ann Krentz
- Marlene Dietrich by Maria Riva
- Ruby by V.C. Andrews
- The Ditches of Edison County by Roberts
- The Hope by Herman Wouk
- Pacific Destiny by Dana Fuller Ross
- Damia's Children by McCaffrey
- Lane Frost: 8 Seconds to Glory by McDade
- Mund's Used Car Prices
- Never Alone by Girzone
- Free Willy (video)
- Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken (video)
- Lots of New Junior & Children's Books

ATTENTION FERTILE ANTIQUE COLLECTORS!!!
 The Fertile Library has a request from Neil Kuns if anybody out there has an old copy of the Fertile Telephone Numbers, back when you had to ring into Central by cranking the telephone. If anyone has one please call the library 797-2787. Neil would like to photocopy the book.

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When the offering plate came by, he kept his two dollars in his hand. As he left the church and was greeted by the pastor he handed the two dollars to him. The pastor, realizing that the youngster possibly didn't understand how the offering thing worked told the boy he should have put his money in the offering plate.

The boy replied, "I am giving it to you because my dad said you were the poorest preacher he has ever known!"



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Saturday Night Fever

Neil L. Kuns

September 1, 1993

Saturday night fever never raged very high in Fertile, as least as I remember it during the summer of 1944. I'd say if it got up to 99.9 it was probably due to the humidity and a brisk south wind. It wasn't that there was no activity in town. It was just that from a teen-ager's point of view it wasn't that exciting.

Business was always brisk at Elthon's Pioneer Store and at Thorsheim's across Main Street, as the farmers from the surrounding area came into town to do their weekly shopping and to sell their eggs. (Some of them would drive all the way to Joice, nine miles away, to sell their "hen fruit" if they could get a penny a dozen more) Main Street was full of cars, many of them double parked on both sides of the street. It made driving through town without hitting one of them an interesting challenge. Many of the men would stand around on the street with their hands tucked into their bib overalls, just looking to see who was in town. Some of them were in the Lime Rock Cafe, playing cribbage with Max Purcell or sitting on a stool or in a booth talking, eating hamburgers, or playing the pinball machine by the front door.

In an effort to attract even more traffic into town the merchants had invited the Fertile Consolidated School Band to play a concert on Saturday nights. A wooden platform was built just west of Mort Haugen's old meat market building on the north side of the street. The band would render a variety of Sousa and King marches and other more "arty" tone poems, and an occasional arrangement of a more serious composition. I recall liking one adaptation of the "Eroica", by Beethoven, "dum dum dum daah; dum dum dum daah;" I played snare drum in the High School band for seven years (figure that one out!) The people would listen, some sitting in their cars and some on their lawn chairs, and others just standing. They were always appreciative of our efforts and let us know by applause and honking their horns. It was *culture!*

My allowance at that time was 15 cents per week, and to cool off my Saturday night fever I would frequently cross the street to the Cozy Nook Cafe and order a ten cent pineapple sundae from Karl Fredrickson, the proprietor. I thought it was the best thing they did, and it left me a nickel for riotous living the rest of the week. Having enjoyed my "night on the town" there was not much left for a thirteen year old boy to do but go home and read a book or magazine, work on a model airplane, or listen to the "Barn Dance" on WHO, Des Moines.

By the next summer I had discovered that girls held a certain attraction, and Marlowe Floy, a classmate and friend who was old enough to have a driver's license and a car, gave me a mobility to explore a slightly wider world. By the following summer I had my own driver's license and occasional access to Dad's car. The options were multiplied, but the satisfactions of Saturday night were never greater than those of the summer of '44.

**KIDS
CORNER**

Cooking for one

Living alone can stifle your appetite and leave you uninspired in the kitchen. But skipping meals or eating a limited variety of foods puts you at risk for poor nutrition.

If you find yourself losing interest in food, try these ideas:

■ *Shop wisely* — Buy small or individual servings. You may pay a little more for smaller packages, but you'll enjoy greater variety with less waste and inconvenience.

Look for single-serving cans of soup, tuna, vegetables, juice or fruit; individually wrapped slices or sticks of cheese; or single-serving frozen and shelf-stable meals that you can conveniently prepare in your microwave oven.

■ *Satisfy your senses* — Use flavoring and sweeteners such as packaged herb blends, honey, bacon bits or

imitation butter to enhance flavor and spark your appetite.

To help heighten the appeal of food, plan meals or snacks from at least three food groups. Then keep switching from one food to another while eating.

Another idea: Combine different textures to make food more appetizing. For example, try crunchy popcorn in creamy cheese soup.

■ *Use your freezer* — Your freezer is a great holding tank for those extra portions you can't use right away. Freeze extra bread or muffins. Make spaghetti sauce, soup or marinade and freeze in ice cube trays.

Store frozen cubes in freezer bags. When you're ready, cook as many cubes as you're hungry for.

■ *Your butcher can help* — If you enjoy a certain kind of meat, ask your butcher to slice it and wrap it in individual servings.

WORD LADDER

Can you change the word HENS to the word POST in 5 moves? Change only one letter at a time. Each change must still make a 4-letter word.

Answer: Hens, Pens, Pant, Past, Post

Recipes

DRIZZLE CAKE

1 box yellow cake mix - mix according to direction and bake 30-35 minutes at 350°. While cake is still warm poke holes in it with tooth pick and pour 3/4 cup Hershey Chocolate syrup over it - Let cool. Frost with 1 9oz. carton of cool whip and crush 2 Heath candy bars and sprinkle over top.

Jeri Washburn

Use Chinese noodles in place of nuts in candy if anyone is allergic to nuts.

Decorate a child's birthday cake with sweetened alphabet cereal. It's easier to handle and easier to eat than hard candy letters.

If your recipe calls for 1 square of chocolate and you haven't any, 4 tablespoons cocoa and 1/2 tablespoon of butter equals 1 square.

Think twice before you speak and then say it to yourself!

"Sir", said a woman to a cigar smoker seated next to her at a ballgame, "smoking makes me sick".

"Well then, madam," replied the cigar smoker, "if I were you, I'd give it up".

Mystery Photo: Elsie Suby

We can't help the past, but we don't have to repeat it.

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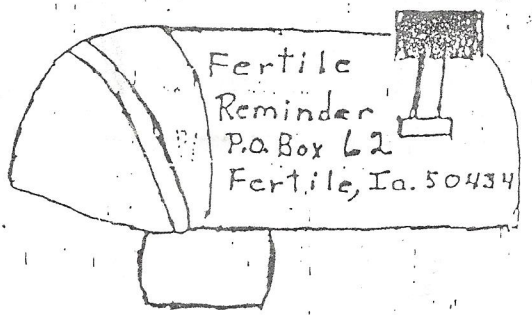
Dear "Fertile Reminder Girls",
Thanks for the good newsy paper each month -
truly enjoy it! Especially Neil Kuns articles.
Keep up the good work.

Geraldine Washburn
Clear Lake, Ia.

Dear friends,
We look forward to reading news of the
community. Thank you!

Violet Otis
Madison Lake, Wis.

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