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Ī	viay	2	7:00	Firemens Meeting
ľ	May	3		Senior Citizens Dinner Council Meeting
Ι	May	4		Recycle Day
I	May	8		Mothers Day
I	May	10		Garden Club
]	May	17		Senior Citizens Dinner Library Meeting
	May	21	1:00	Boys and Girls 4-H
	May	30		Memorial Day

Any coming Event Please call 797-2572 by June 15 th.



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Canal Canal

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dick Decklever requested a variance on the building code to bring a 16' by 76' mobile home to Fertile. It will be on a foundation and will have Motion to grant the a garage. variance. Carried.

Several Library Board members were present to discuss A D A requirements. Bathrooms will need to be handicap accessible by Jan. 1, 1995. It was suggested that another Fertile Day be held and grants be written up.

Dave Riekena with Heartland asphalt discussed cost of blacktop on streets.

City will hold the FY - 94-95 budget hearing on Mon. Mar. 15, 1994 at the Library at 7 PM.

Les Zearing has been hired to do all maintenance work for the city.

Pam Stecker was appointed to the Worth County Board for the Iowa Sesquicentennial celebration.

Ĉity will check into possible low interest loans for businesses. Discussion on the snowplow repair.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare City Clerk

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FEBRUARY BALANCE SHEET Expenditures

David Low		· 301.41
Ray Sandifer		127.65
Tim Tuttle		105.28
Janice Hare		264.08
Les Zearing		231.37
Interstate P	ower	552.03
Treas-State	of IA	117.02
IFERS		76.94
Liberty Bank	& Trust	137.90
Waste System		1537.73
Feoples Natu	ral Gas	120.19
BMC		226.74
Feed-Rite Co	ntrols	15.00
Yelland & Ha		3.80
Larsen Plby	& Htg. Inc.	31.43
Yohn Ready M		737.00
Miller Diese	l & Auto.	137.50
LGI.		165.00
Watertower P	aint & Repa	ir 579.50
Fertile Lbr.	& Hdwe.	8.78
Worsley Elec	tric	90.00

Total-5566.35

Total Receipts - \$3720.83



Happy Mother's Day!

Three Little Ladies

Three little ladies Went strolling one day. Dressed "just like Mommy" When she goes away.

With oodles of jewelry And heels, oh so high They wobbled and giggled 'Til they caught every eye.

Then nodding politely "Good morning," said they. "We thought we'd go strolling; It's a beautiful day."

So dressed in high fashion They went on their way, Three little ladies Playing "Mommy" today.

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JB & Associates, Inc.

The Total Look - Styling Salon Bookkeeping Service Wash Tub - Laundromat 515-797-2888

APRIL CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., April 5th, 1994 with Mayor Elthon presiding and council members Brcka, Scobee, Smith, and Thompson present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Smith will check with the state on funding for dike repair.

Water meters that were ordered have been received. Discussion on ordering a meter tester.

Council discussed mowing and cleaning of Main Street. Les Zearing will do all city mowing. Boys 4-H Club has offered to work on park clean-up.

Waste Systems Corp. representative was present to discuss residential trash bins and recycling. All residences will receive a E-Z bin for garbage at no charge. Bins will probably arrive early in May. He said Fertile was doing a good job of recycling.

Tanya Olson was present to present several ideas for Fertile Day. Bond will be set up to organize the event. heryl Benson and Elin Miner have

volunteered to be a part of the group. Joan Norem,(with Ertz and Associates) discussed the city's insurance policy

and discussed the costs and coverages. Foster Hartman with Winnebago Co-op Telephone discussed burying

all services within the city. Resolution adopted.

Bob Jones discussed the condition of the alley south of his property. Winnebago Co-op Telephone will return it to the condition it was in before the work done in the fall of 1993.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Janice Hare City Clerk

NOTICE

Early in May, Wastes Systems Corporation will furnish each home in Fertile with an E-Z bin for tarbage, at no charge.



MARCH BALANCE SHEET Expenditures

David Low	<pre>\$ 301.41</pre>
Tim Tuttle	132.98
Janice Hare	264.08
Les Zearing	297.87
Liberty Bank & Trust	155.10
Wastes Systems Corp	1537.73
Winn. Co-op Telephone	157.20
Peoples Natural Gas	104.15
Feed - Rite Controls	30.00
Liberty Ins.	155.00
Larsen Plby & Hty. Inc.	247.99
Marv's Service	164.81
BMC	25.90
Food - n -Fuel	77.00
DNR	90.00
Watertower Paint & Repair	664.00
American Library Assn	180.60
Worsley Electric	188.98
Total	\$ 4774.80
Total Receipts	6666.71

Commodities will be distributed Wed., May 4, 1994 at the Fertile Community Center. The following products for distribution are: Apple Juice, Cornmeal, rice and raisins.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS The Fertile Garden Club met Tue., April 12th with 18 members present. They drove to Country Garden Patch. south of Ventura, for a tour. They visited the Craft Fair first. Hostess Doris Meyer greeted them with a treat and a package of flower seed. The crafts were very beautiful and interesting. Then we went to the Greenhouse and saw thousands of tiny plants growing for us to plant later. From there we went to the Library in Ventura for our business meeting and lunch. Upcoming plant sale to be held Tues. May 3rd at 3 PM at Andy and Pat Oswald's log cabin north of Fertile was discussed. We decided to give a gift certificate at the plant sale and to make a money donation to the Fertile Auction. Danette O'Toole gave a very good"Thought for the day". Ladies took posters to other towns to advertise the plant sale. Fern Midtgaard and Reva Anderson were hostesses and served a delicious lunch. Next meeting will be May 3rd.

Fertile Public Library

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



----NEW BOOKS----

Home in the Valley - L'Amour (cassette) Death by the Light of the Moon - Hess Edmund's 94 New Car Price Guide Edmund's 94 Used Car Price Guide Garfield's Big Fat Hairy Joke Book Murder in the West Wing - Roosevelt Natural Causes - Palmer Saving Grace - Garwood A Marriage Made in Heaven - Erma Bombeck When You Can't Come Back - Dave Dravecky Rhinestone Cowboy - Glen Campbell Baseball Card Price Guide 1994 Complete Book of Menopause - Laudau Pigs in Heaven - Kingsolver Remember Me – Mary Higgins Clark Trouble Shooter - L'Amour "K" is for Killer - Grafton

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BENEFIT AUCTION

A benefit auction will be held on Saturday April 30th starting at 10:00 a.m. All money raised will go to support your Community Center. Many items are still needed. Some of the items we have are; M & M candy dispenser, electric hair curlers, wok, radios, 2 chord organs, rocker, freezer, books, baby swing, typewriter, crafts, Rawliegh products, home made pies, home made bread, many gift certificates from area merchants, humidifier, carpet pieces, T shirts, CD's, sweater (new), and many more items. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the sale. Call Carolyn Nedved at 797-2696 or 797-2424.



Bring your automotive needs to us. 797- 2704 423-1237 MILLER'S DIESEL AND AUTOMOTIVE, INC 3 Commercial Park Road, Mason City,la.(8 blocks South of Bonanza)

''Congratulations!''

CONGRATULATIONS - to Neal Luker. Neal was one of the 22 teachers who received "The Master Teachers Award" at a banquet held on April 14th in Rock Island, Ill. He received a crafted brass bell mounted on a plaque. The teachers recognition program recognizes outstanding teachers from eight counties. Neal is a 1959 graduate of Fertile High School. He is the son of Fred and the late Evelyn (Humphrey) Luker. He has taught 10th through 12th grade English, speech/drama, directed over 60 major plays in the Fulton High School, Fulton, Ill.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Jessica Petersburg on her recent week-long 4-H trip to Washington D.C the last week of March. May this experience be memorable to her in years to come. Jessica is the daughter of Doug and Lorna Petersburg.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Wayne and Connie Dirks of rural Clear Lake on their 25th wedding anniversary. Their family will host a celebration for them on April 9. Wayne Dirks and Connie Jenkins were married April 11, 1969 at Fertile Lutheran Church.

A daughter, Courtney Noelle, was born on March 17, 1994 to Christine and Ned Fagg of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Grandparents are Larry and Donna Nelson of Fertile, Ia. Greatgrandparents are Della Vaage of Forest City, Ia. and Levern Nelson of Fertile, Ia.

A son, Jeremy Ryan, was born on March 31, 1994 to Cathy and Kevin Kostelecky of Fertile, Iowa.

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KENSETT



HIRTEEN years after the organization of what is known as the civil township of Kensett, or, rather, in 1873, surveyors laid out the town of same name, and those who survive to point the finger of pride upon its rapid and healthy growth to its present prosperity and pretensions, are legion. They were, and are, of sturdy stock—brainy, brawny, religious, fearless, conscientious, conservative—the very essence of all essential components which have so very materially builded a foundation still unshaken and unscathed. One William Todd, an Englishman, was the first settler, locating on the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 19, during the year 1860. William S. Todd, the first child born, dates from June 3rd, 1867. 'Gjertine Bertine Savre, daughter of K. E. Savre, died on the 26th of February, 1872, being the first

to pass from time to eternity-everlasting bliss.

The original owners of the town plat were James Thompson, C. C. Gilman and J. L. Sherman, the former building the first house about one year before the plat was made. Things ran along in the even tenor of their way, fraught with many vicissitudes, until the year 1875, when Cleophas Bros. opened a general merchandise store and T. Oleson started the first blacksmith shop. 1876 saw Smith Bros. & Co. representing the building material line, while C. D. Mattock introduced the first hardware stock, all of whom enjoyed a liberal patronage, which they zealously guarded. The first postoffice was established in April, 1876, with C. Cleophas as postmaster, in which capacity he served about eighteen years in the most creditable manner. Martin V. Bentley was the pioneer grain merchant, establishing a warehouse in 1875. The following year saw S. Cargill actively engaged in the same line of business. In the spring of 1883 his warehouse was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of 57,000, and along with it Cleophas Bros. suffered a 51,000 loss upon their warehouse and contents. Phoenix like we soon find these two firms, and another, Mr. G. N. Miner, actively engaged in this line, and it is undeniably asserted that more grain was handled here at this time than at any distributing point in this section of the country. This coterie of loyal citizens must have looked with prophetic eye down the dim vista of the future to the present day, recognizing the fertility of the soil, its admirable location and climatic conditions, for the same blood courses through the veins of those who are now making this town a Mecca-"the survival of the fittest." Championing everything which enhances spiritually, educationally, agriculturally, and along the line of aggressive advancement, they point with pride to their acheivements, and stand with outstretched arms, supplemented by willing hands and warm hearts, inviting strangers from "over the hills and far away" to cast their lot with them, without any equivocation, separating the chaff from the wheat, as it were, and share with them the profit and pleasure of this progressive march.

Passing down the royal path of life followed by these pioneers in their struggle for supremacy, we find Kensett today



FARM VIEW, OLE LOBBEN

Towns of Worth Country



ELK CREEK CHURCH

Martin Brozik is proprietor of the City Meat Market. This industry introduces home-made smoked meats as an incen tive to an ever-increasing patronage. With able assistants he conducts, with neatness and dispatch, a clever market. C. O. Savre, one of Kensett's oldest merchants, who is now located in the new brick block on Main street, carries an

extensive stock of general merchandise, including a fine line of gent's clothing and furnishings.

Thank You

Thanks to Pastor Kampstra for his visit, the Ladies Aid for their treats, for the phone calls, cards and visits from friends and relatives, the card with all the signatures from the Church of Christ while I was in the hospital this last time.

Keith Sheimo

Thank you for remembering me with cards, food and visits and for your prayers. Thanks to Pastor Kampstr and Joyce for your visit and Church of Christ prayer group. I appreciated it very much.

Romane Lovik

Thank you to all who remembered me with prayers, cards and phone calls while in the hospital and since returning home. A special thanks to Pastor Kampstra for his visit. All was most appreciated.

Frank Sheimo

A special "thank you" to everyone that touched my life during my recent surgery and recovery, with cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls, visits, prayers and love. It sure felt good and very helpful in the healing process - God Bless.

Love, Goldie Felland

Thank you the family members who attended the Funeral of Clarice Leadley, from Cindy Lou, Steve, and Donnie Nelson.



With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Gwen Keough and her family on the death of her father, Glen Cordes, of Mason City, Ia who passed away on March 28, 1994 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Word has been received of the death of Blanch (Bakke) Helland of Thompson, Ia. who passed away on March 29, 1994 at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills, Ia. She was the daughter of the late Tom and Lena Bakke. She is survived by three daughters and one son. Also three brothers, Alvin of Arizona, Ray of Lake Mills and Truman of California. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Coming Events

The annual Mother-Daughter luncheon will be held at Fertile Lutheran Church on May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Reservations need to be with your circle chairman by Sunday May 8th.

There will be a St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels for Life Bike-A-Thon on Saturday May 7 (Raindate Saturday May 14) from 9-12 at the east end of Main Street in Fertile.

Riders are needed for this Bike-A-Thon. Lots of food, prizes and fun. Contact Stacy Suby at 797-2794 or Abbey Almelien at 797-2438 for registrations.

Confirmation Services will be held on Sunday May 15, 1994 at the Fertile Lutheran Church. Members of the class are Nicholas Hanks, Tim Faber, Abbey Almelien, Kelly Knudson, Nicole Midtgaard, Jessica Petersburg, Stephanie Swingen and Stacy Suby.

<u>REMINDER</u>: The Fertile High School graduating class of 1959 will hold its thirty-fifth reunion on July 23 at the Jack of Diamonds in Clear Lake, Ia. The classmates are asked gather at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30. All former teachers of the class are also invited to attend. Donna Vaage Nelson, Gary Ouverson and Neal Luker are committee members planning the reunion.

School's Out! Neil L. Kuns November 19,1993

A certain day in May, repeated annually in the late 30's and 40's, burned a series of images into my mind. There were different impressions over the years, but some aspects of that day were consistent in their sense of elation. I'm referring to the last day of school for the year.

By that time spring had done its number on the land, and the trees had blossomed and were fully leafed out. The fields of the farmers were planted, fishing season was open, and the rivers and ponds were becoming warm enough to welcome swimmers. Nine months of being stuck in a classroom left even the kids who liked school longing to get out. (Surely the teachers felt the same way!) As the breezes became balmy and the days on school calendar grew fewer that last day of school drew me like a magnet.

The first item of concern was going to school, turning in any books or materials, getting ones report card -- and taking a quick look for those "magic" words, "...and is promoted to the next grade." Then it was good bye. "No more pencils, no more books..."

While the mothers were preparing and setting out the food for the big all school picnic in the William Rhodes Island Park there was time enough to run around and enjoy the sheer elation of freedom and sometimes to have a quick game of "work-up". One year it was held in the vacant lot east of the Church of Christ parsonage. Work-up, in case you've forgotten, was baseball, with about four batters and everyone else in the field. When a batter was "out" he went to right field and stayed there until the next batter failed to get on base. He then "worked up" to center field. There was a continual rotation, although some of us had a very short time batting.

The picnic was a feast spread over as many tables in the park as were needed. There were few formalities, and while some ate with their friends or families most were free to eat where and as much as they pleased. Every person filled his paper plate with potato salad, fried chicken, beans, jello, breads and cakes, vegetables and pies, and fruit salads. There was something to satisfy every palate. It seemed people were less picky in their eating preferences in those days. I don't mean to imply that there were many complaints on any of the food, just that there never seemed to be much left over. When the lemon-aide ran out one could always go to the pump on the north side of the park and refill ones glass with cool pure water. If no glass were available you could still pump up the water while holding the other hand over the mouth of the pump and fill the pump to the top. The hole in the top of the spigot acted like a fountain. Everything was up to date in Fertile!

The afternoon would be filled with a sometimes exciting baseball game with a team from a neighboring town, perhaps Plymouth or Kensett or Joice. I'm sure many people stayed at their work or on their jobs, but it seemed that this was a day of celebration for more than the school children, as townspeople came to enjoy the game at the ball diamond behind the school house.

By the time the day was over everyone was ready to go home. While the parents knew very well what they were going to do all summer, the children had the luxury, at least in their younger years of trying to figure out what they could do during the long leisurely summer. There were always things to do, such as... but that's another story.

FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER

The board feels that the vandalism at the center should be made known so that parents can check with their children to see if they have any information. On the week-end of April 9th someone shot 6 holes in the windows of the Senior Citizens room. Many many windows have been broken in the other part of the building. The sheriff was called and he will check building more often. Letters on our front sign are removed often. Fires have been started in the old building. That part of the building is not safe for anyone to enter. If your child has a BB or pellet gun, please ask them not to play around the school with it. It is discouraging for us that spend so much time trying to keep the building open to have others destroy it.

The Community Center Board



GIRLS 4-H NEWS

The Grant Livewirer 4-H Club met April 16th with 13 members present. Roll call was "My Favorite Spring Flower".

Colleen Stewart was our guest speaker. She showed us how to make wicker baskets. On June 23 she is holding a workshop for our members to make a wicker basket.

We voted to buy a tree to donate to the Community Center fund raiser auction. Judy Levad showed us how to put our records together. Hostesses were Rachel and Nicole Midtgaard.

BOYS 4-H NEWS

The Fertile Valley Farmers met on March 19th t the Fertile Community Center with seven members present. President, Isaac Almelien, alled the meeting to order. Discussion held n upcoming bake sale and car wash. Tim and 'om Faber gave presentations. Tim on the roper way to break in a new baseball glove nd Tom on the cleaning and care of his rumpet. Refreshments were served by the abers. Next meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Reporter, Nate Lovik

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST will celebrate its centennial with some special activities on July 16 & 17, 1994.

Speaking during the morning worship service on Sunday, July 17 will be Dr. Neil Kuns, minister at University Christian Church, L. Ca. Dennis Ganz, present minister and Dr. Gary Hall, Professor at Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, Il.

We anticipate that some of our former ministers will be present, and will be sharing during the informal Saturday evening program at the church.

Former ministers still living are: Richard & Mary Miller, Oceanside, Ca. Jim & Betty Plunkett, Cincinnati, Oh. Charles & Pat Boatman, Redondo, Ca. Walter Blanchard, Reedsburg, Wi.

Lillian Schuler, widow of Sidney who ministered here 1937-40, Irwin, Ia.

Carolyn (Bliss) McCarty, widow of Bernie,

Minister here 1964 thru 1973, has remarried and summers in South Haven, Mn. and winters in Florida.

We anticipate some of these families and or some of their children to be with us during our weekend celebration.

Children of ministers families who have gone into full time church related ministries are:

Gail Bliss Getter, who with her husband ministers in Wayne, Oh.

Robert Blanchard, who with his wife Penny Eckman (former youth minister) serves with the church in

Janesville, Wi.

Jill Ganz Huskey, with her husband David serve as ministers at Palmyra,

IL.

Other young people who have gone from the congregation here into full time church ministries are: Dr. Neil Kuns, son of Vesta, who ministers with his wife Elaine at University Christian Church, L.A., Ca.; Dr. Gary Hall, serves on the faculty at Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, Il. His wife Cheryl, teaches art at a private school in Lincoln. Lisa Ouverson Nielsen, wife of Rodney, ministers to the Agape Christian Church in LaPorte, In.

Dennis Haugen, deceased, spent several years in youth ministry in Brownsburg, In. His widow, Alys and their 3 daughters live in and around Dallas/Granbury, Texas.





FROSTED CASHEW DROP COOKIES

1 cup shortening 2 cup brown sugar 2 gs 2 tsp vanilla 4 cup flour 1¹/₂ tsp soda 1¹/₂ tsp baking powder ¹/₂ tsp salt 1 tsp cinnamon 1 cup cashew pieces

ecipe

Drop by tsp and bake 350° ungreased pan Cool and frost

Frosting: Brown 1 stick butter (not oleo) Add 1¹/₂ cup pwd sugar 4T milk 1 tsp vanilla If frosting is thin, add pwd sugar so spreads nice.

Suzanne Schmidt

lant a few sprigs of dill near your tomato ylants to prevent tomato worms on your plants.

A ball of nylon net cleans and smooths cucumbers when making pickles.

A handful of dry laundry detergent in garbage cans will help repel flies and other insects.

A simple way to get rid of ants - sprinkle baking soda and black pepper wherever they gather.



Mystery Photo: Neil Kuns & Mona (Humphrey) Kumm, taken July 3, 1932.



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

"Too Little To Save" There's too little to save And a little to much to dump; There's nothing to do but eat it. That makes a housewife plump!

The biggest thing we find wrong with the young generation is that we don't belong to it anymore.

PERSONAL TOUCH BEAUTY SALON TOM & NANCE SHEIMO 797-2422
SUGARLESS CATSUP

1 8 oz. can tomato paste 3/4 cup watter 1/2 tsp honey 1/3 tsp onion salt Dash of salt

Combine all ingredients. Makes $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups.



LETTERS

Enclosed please find my check to renew my subscription for The Reminder. Can't get along without it. You people do a tremendour job making us who do not live in Putsy to "reminisce" How much fun. Thank you.

> Eva Purcell Hain Minneapolis, Mn.



BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2680 Larry & Lance Burtness



Just a reminder that you still have time to get information to us for our "Acknowledge the Graduate" issue. This info has to be to us by May 15th and pictures are welcome.

Address correction requested



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