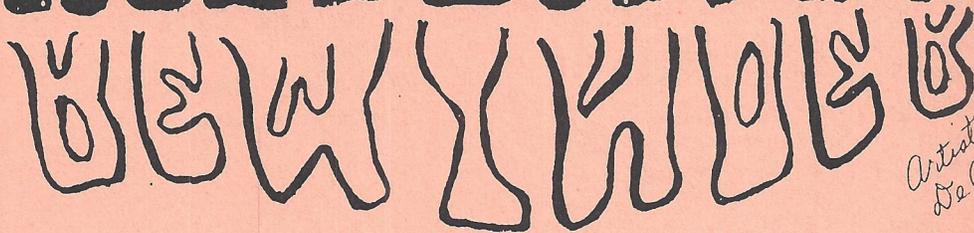


November 1994

# FEATILE



# REMINDER



*Artist  
DeAnn Morrison  
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## COMING EVENTS

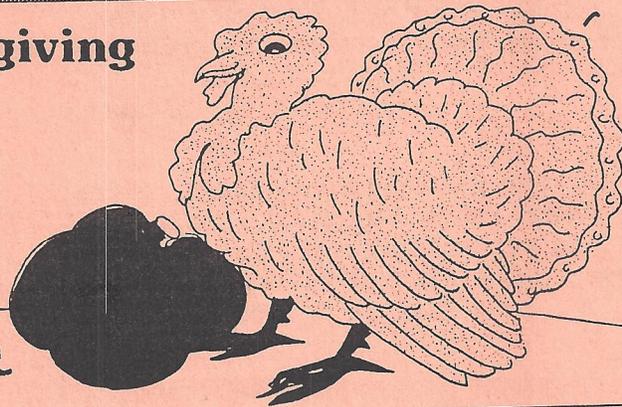
- Nov, 1 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- Nov, 1 7:00 Council Meeting
- Nov, 2 Recycle Day
- Nov, 5 4:30-7:00 Turkey Supper
- Nov, 7 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- Nov, 8 Election Day
- Nov, 11 Veterans Day
- Nov, 15 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- Nov, 15 7:00 Library Meeting
- Nov, 24 Thanksgiving Day

Any Coming Events

Please Call 797-2572

By Dec, 15th

### Happy Thanksgiving DAY



NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>



# ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

Turkey

FERTILE  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER ANNUAL  
TURKEY SUPPER will  
be held on  
Saturday, November  
5, 1994 at the Center.  
Serving from 4:30-7.

Mashed Potatoes  
&  
Gravy

Dressing

Price is \$5.50 for adults,  
children 5 to 10 \$3.50 and  
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will be available. We also  
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Coffee

Homemade  
Pies

Rolls

Cold Drink

# Fertile Public Library

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# NEWSLETTER

**---NEW BOOKS---**

- Cat Stories by James Herriot
- The Proud & the Free by Janet Dailey
- An Angel to Watch Over Me by Joan Webster Anderson
- A Memior by Barbara Bush
- Book of Guys by Garrison Keillor
- Daughter of the Stars by Phyllis Whitney
- The Delaney Sisters Book of Wisdom with Amy Heath
- Nothing Lasts Forever by Shidney Sheldon
- Oprah Winfrey The Real Story by George Mair
- Losing Jessica by Roberta Deboer
- Old Farmer's Almanac, 1995 by Judson D. Hale
- The Life of Lucille Ball by Kathleen Brady
- NFL Pocket Almanac, 1994
- The First Liar Never Has a Chance by Jim Garry
- Jubilee Bride by Jane Peart
- The Wandering Trails by Esther Loewen Vogt
- The Sword of Truth by Gilbert Morris
- 101 Great Little Gifts by Sandra Lounsbury Foose
- Homicidal Psycho Jungle Cat by Bill Waterston
- The Great Dinosaur Atlas by Richard Orr & Barbara Taylor

**Videos:**

- The Sandlot
- Mighty Ducks II
- Curly Top
- African Queen
- An Affair to Remember
- South Pacific
- Wizard of Oz
- Heidi
- Huck Finn
- Parenting Today Series Birth-15 yrs

**Library Hours**  
 Monday 1-8pm  
 Wed. 1-8pm  
 Friday 2-5pm  
 Sat. 9-Noon



**EASY**

- Maggie Has a Nightmare by Wende & Harry Devlin
- You Can Name 100 Dinisaurus by Randy Chewning
- Dance at Grandpa's by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Winter Days in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Coat of Many Colors by Dolly Parton
- The Magisc School Bus In the Time of the Dinosaurs by Cole
- The Squire Takes a Wife by Eve Feldman
- I Like It When by Benjamin Auster
- One Windy Day by Jane Caraway
- The New Kid by Chris Economos
- Super Parrot by Mirna Benitez

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THE FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH will hold their Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23 at 7:30:p.m. A cordial welcome is extended to all in the community to join them in praise and thanks to God on the eve of our National Thanksgiving Holiday.



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DAVID ELTHON  
1929-1994

David Elthon was born in Winnebago County, Iowa on June 1, 1929, the son of Leo and Synneva (Hjelmeland) Elthon. He graduated from Fertile High School in 1948. David was a gifted mechanic. He owned and operated a repair shop in Fertile and later was in partnership with his brother in an International Harvester dealership. He later worked at Winnebago Industries and at EM Dusenbergs as a heavy equipment mechanic. For several years he lived in Arizona and worked for a Redi-Mix company there. After returning to Iowa, he worked for the Quad City Paving Company until failing health forced his retirement. He died at his home on September 16, 1994 following a 4½ year battle with cancer.

He is survived by his sons, Ray and his wife Sue of Iowa City; Don and his wife Brenda Eddy of Houston, TX.; Tom of Lincoln, Ne.; and a daughter Barbara Weight of Phoenix, AZ., and three grandchildren, Jessica, Synneva and Martin. Also, a brother, Alan and his wife Evelyn of Fertile; four sisters, Dorothy Davis of San Clemente, Ca., Ruth Ivone Nelson of Clear Lake, Amy Mahoney of Mondamin, Ia., and Sylvia Lemon of St. Charles, Il.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to all his family.

HANNAH NOREM  
1900-1994

Hannah Norem was born February 10, 1900 at Ortonville, Mn., the daughter of Jorgen and Christine (Erickson) Vaage. The family moved to Kenmore, N.D. when she was three and then moved near Fertile in 1910 following the death of her mother to cancer. She attended school in Fertile through eighth grade, then made a home for her eight brothers and one sister. She attended and was confirmed at Fertile Lutheran Church.

On March 12, 1921 she was married to Roscoe Norem of Belmond. They lived in the Belmond area a few years before moving to the Fertile/Forest City area to begin farming. Roscoe died on February 19, 1964 and she continued to live on the farm a few years before moving to Forest City. She moved to an apartment in Lake Mills in 1982 and entered the Lake Mills Care Center in March 1985 where she passed away on September 17, 1994.

Survivors include three children, Margaret Sweers of Woden, Gereene Moen of Thompson and Robert Norem of Lake Mills, Ia. Also nine grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren; a sister, Dena Rollefson of Hanlontown and a brother, Helmer Vaage of Forest City.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family.

Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Gloria Kirschbaum on Tuesday, Oct. 11 for a Halloween Party. Sixteen members were present for the fun and games that followed the business meeting. Elaine Patton, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Roll Call was "Something I was afraid of when I was young." Ginny Lovik gave the Thought of the Day.

Members were given pumpkin seeds at the beginning of the club year and were to grow them for our contest in October. Some had good luck and some no luck! Fern Midtgaard won the prize for the largest pumpkin, but she cheated - she got her's from her grandson, Jeffrey, so she got a box of bugs and worms. Ethel Tuttle had the "oddest" pumpkin, but she also cheated, it was grown by Mildred McGrath, so Mildred got the prize of a pumpkin leaf bag. Joyce Larson had the brightest orange and she won a bird seed bell, it was really grown by her! Pat Oswald had the smallest, but she didn't get a prize as her's still had the bloom around it. The door prize given by Joyce Larson was a painted pumpkin and Ethel Tuttle won it and she also won the prize for the most bugs and worms thrown in a plastic pumpkin.

Costumes were judged by the club members and Ethel Tuttle won again with the Most Original; Scariest - Fern Midtgaard; Funniest - Pat Oswald and Prettiest - Carolyn Nedved. There were a number of costumes all worthy of winning.

Lunch was served by Edna Pederson and Gloria Kirshbaum. The officers planned the party and a good time was had by all.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Elaine Patton on November 8. Election of officers will be held.

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CONGRATULATIONS to David Zander and Beverly Stephens who were married on September 24, 1994. They are new residents in Fertile having recently purchased the Luther home across from the School Cafe.

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## *Farming for Pheasants*

*Neil L. Kuns*

*August 8, 1994*

During our recent trip to Iowa we drove out to the Grant Center Cemetery where my father, brother and assorted other relatives and townspeople lie buried. We studied the stones and reflected on the lives of those gone on before us. After some minutes of reverie we returned to the car parked at the gate on the gravel road. About fifty feet west of the gate were several long legged and long necked birds pacing back and forth as if looking for a gap in the fence. The birds' bodies were about the size of chickens, and I had never before seen anything like them. Decades ago I had identified over 200 different kinds of local birds for a Bird Study merit badge in scouting but these were new.

I returned to the older part of the grave yard to check on the date of death of a distant uncle. As I walked back to the car I looked at the trees and brush west of the cemetery and saw first one, then a second, a *third* and a *fourth* Wild Turkey. The seemingly lost birds outside the fence, the fledgling turkeys, were now in line following their parents. I was *impressed* but when I related the story to people in town they weren't evenly mildly amused. They said there were *many* such birds in the area since the state had planted them at Pilot Knob Park several years earlier.

With thousands of acres of farm-land in the federal "soil bank" program now reverting to prairie grasses and other native vegetation all wild life will doubtlessly flourish. In addition to this both up-river and down-stream from Fertile there are county and state nature conservancies dedicated to ducks and other wild life.

Conservation may sound like a new idea but as early as the 1940's there were Ring Neck Pheasants in the country-side and those who encouraged the birds' presence. One farmer I knew at that time talked of "farming for pheasants." Mort Haugen lived southwest of town and was a hunter at heart. He wasn't the only "Orion" in the area but he was more creative in assuring himself of good hunting when shooting season arrived in November. One day when we were together out in his fields I asked him why he didn't harvest the crop in the corners of his corn patch. With his sly smile, he answered that he was farming for pheasants in the corners. He went on to explain that the birds would be attracted to the standing corn and much more likely to remain in the area of his farm if he didn't pick it all. I thought that was a very smart idea.

Although I never liked to hunt pheasants I did enjoy eating them. Mom would tenderize them in a pressure cooker and then brown them in a frying pan. The meat was a little more dry than chicken but it was delicious, even if one ran into an occasional piece of lead bird-shot. There was no comparison in my mind between eating pheasant and other wild game such as duck, goose, rabbit or squirrel. A single bite of several of those seemed to grow larger, more sinewy and more difficult to swallow the longer I chewed it. By contrast pheasant was a delicacy. Neither the thought nor the taste was ever anything but enjoyable.

I wonder now about the flavor of these wild big birds. If pheasant was pleasant, turkey should be terrific!

SOMEONE, JUST ANYONE!

She sat alone in an old peoples' home  
Lonely, and old, and gray;  
She wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would call on her that day.  
Did you?

He lay for days on his hospital bed;  
The hours were long and hard.  
He wished someone, just anyone,  
Would send him a cheery card.  
Did you?

He was far from home on foreign soil  
Feeling homesick, lonely and blue.  
He wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would write him a letter.  
Did you?

She felt a stranger, that little bride;  
Her husband with her to church came.  
She wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would stop and call her name.  
Did you?

Her loved one died a few weeks ago;  
All sad and broken-hearted she sat.  
She wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would come to her house and chat.  
Did you?

That matter of Christian service--  
We are living it day by day,  
When we help someone, just anyone,  
As we walk along life's way.  
Do you?

*"Congratulations!"*

A boy, Isaac Clayton, was born on October 7, 1994 to Tim and Linda Tuttle. Grandparents are Pat Tuttle of Fertile, Ia., Larry Tuttle of Joice, Ia., and Gene and Donna Lackore of Hayfield, Ia.

A daughter, Koree Ann, was born on September 20, 1994 to Ranae and Randy Willer of Highland Ranch, Co.. Grandparents are Herb and Marlys Pederson of Des Moines, Ia. Grandparents are Edna Pederson of Fertile and May Oswald of Clear Lake, Ia.

A boy, Justin Isaac, was born on October 15, 1994 to Terry and Dawn Hagen of Forest City, Ia. Grandparents are Doris Anderson of Fertile, Ia. and Ray and Lavonne Hagen of Forest City, Ia.

The following names have been received and will be added to our Memory light board. Remember if you'd like to add any names you have until November 18th at which time the board will be painted and ready for our Holiday Service on November 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fertile gym. Everyone Welcome!!

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

Chris & Laura Jacobson  
Eli & Gladys Mastre

Dallas L Clapper  
Verna Orcutt  
Donavon B Hermanson

Harry & Verna Rodberg (4)

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Kevin Homerding  
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Rodberg

Anonymous

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COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SERVICE

Don't forget our Community Holiday Service!! Saturday evening, November 26, 1994 at 7:00p.m. in the Fertile Gym. Local talent will provide the program. We invite everyone to our service. We hope friends will be home for the weekend and will come to enjoy it. Our Memory Tree lights will be turned on so that everyone attending may see them as you go home and we may have lots of memories - Let's make this a community affair.

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FERTILE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
PROJECTED BUDGET 1994-95 FISCAL YEAR

EXPENSES

ANNUAL UTILITIES

Electricity (@ \$50.00/month)	600.00
City/sewer & water (@ 30.00/month)	360.00
Gas for trucks (@ \$75.00/month)	900.00
Telephone (@ \$30.00/month)	360.00
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,220.00</b>

FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE

tune-up	300.00
oil change (every 3 months)	200.00
tires (2-4 per year needed)	300.00
<b>TOTAL FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Self-contained breathing apparatus (3 @ \$350.00 each)	1,050.00
Hose, 50' section	165.00
Fire extinguishers (3 @ \$75.00 each)	225.00
Shovels (3 @ \$15.00 each)	45.00
Axes (2 @ \$30 each)	60.00
Flashlights (2 @ \$30.00 each)	60.00
Crescent wrenches (2 @ \$10.00 each)	20.00
Box of flares (contains 24 flares per box)	45.00
Reflective tape (helmet reflectors)	9.50
First-aid kit (2 @ \$50.00 each)	100.00
Response Beepers (10 @ \$350.00 each)	3,500.00
Protective Gloves (17 @ \$25.00 each pair)	425.00
CPR masks, with 1-way valve (4 @ \$20.00 each)	80.00
<b>TOTAL FIRE EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 5,784.50</b>

INSURANCE

Liability costs	\$ 2,500.00
'HEPATITIS B' SHOT (\$120.00 per member) 50/50 with Worth County \$60 X 17 members	\$ 1,020.00

FIRE PROTECTION GEAR

Coat	\$ 286.00
Pants (pair)	194.00
Boots (pair)	75.00
Suspenders (pair)	15.00
Helmet	90.00
Protective hood	15.00
<b>TOTAL COST PER UNIFORM</b>	<b>\$ 675.00</b>
<i>PRESENTLY NEED 5 UNIFORMS</i>	<b>\$ 3,375.00</b>

TRAINING EXPENSES

Fire fighter training video tapes	\$ 350.00
Response classes for fire personnel	5,000.00
Miscellaneous training expenses	100.00
<b>TOTAL TRAINING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,450.00</b>

FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT

First Responder kit (1 @ \$90.00)	90.00
Blood Pressure monitor (2 @ \$25.00)	25.00
<b>TOTAL FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 115.00</b>

**TOTAL CASH EXPENSES \$ 21,264.50**

As concerned citizens of Fertile I know that you will all be relieved to read that the Fertile Fire Department is being re-established and up-dated to meet State requirements. But - - - WE NEED HELP!!

Anyone who has a Fire Department pager, key, or fire phone and is not going to be a current member, please return to the Fire Department. It is very important that we get this equipment in the hands of the active members.

We are also in need of any old or abandoned buildings that we could burn or have a smoke-out for training.

We could use some items to make our Fire Hall a better meeting and training place. Some of these items are: refrigerator, toilet, bulletin boards, coffee pot, cabinets, dehumidifier, table and folding chairs. If you have any of these items or other items you would like to donate please contact Mike Dahn at 797-2152 or Linda Levang at 797-2481.

We are also in need of monetary donations for equipment. You may send any donations to FFD, P.O. Box 93, Fertile, Ia. 50434.

Next Fire Department meeting is November 7, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Please attend if interested in being an active member.

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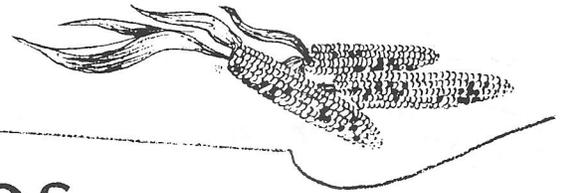
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GLAZED PORK CHOPS

- 6 pork chops
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp sage
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 T. water

*Recipe*

Place chops in shallow baking dish (do not stack). Make a paste of the remaining ingredients. Spread over chops. Bake uncovered in a 250° oven for 1 hour, then 15 minutes at 350°. Turn chops once after baking 45 minutes. Spoon so mixture from the bottom of the pan is on each chop.



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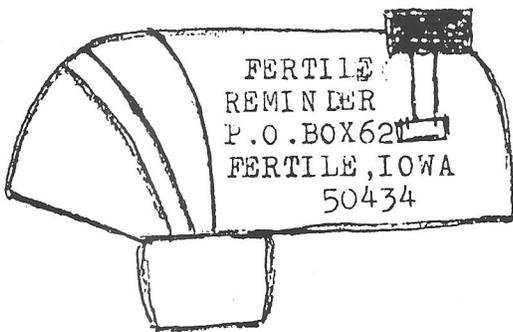
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Today, you will find in the Fertile Reminder the projected budget of the Fertile Volunteer Fire Department. Many of you may not have been aware of the seriousness of the conditions this department. There has been lack of interest, lack of equipment, equipment that is now out of date and lack of support. Today there are new requirements which we have to meet. Several meetings have been held and we now have several Fertile residents which have volunteered to be a part of the Fertile Fire Department. This is great - but they can't do it alone - they need help from each and everyone of us that depend on them to be there for us in a time of need. Look the budget over, give it thoughtful consideration, do you want fire protection? Hopefully we would all say "YES", then they need support from each of us. Maybe you want to give a donation, maybe you have some of their needed items on hand that you no more use, or you may choose to buy some items for them. Into the future - there will have to be some fund raisers to support them. Small towns struggle with budgets - our tax dollars don't stretch far enough today. But if we all pull together we can give them the support they so need - to save - maybe somebodies home, sombodies business, etc., and have peace of mind knowing we are protected because somebr cared.

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