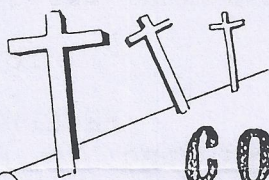
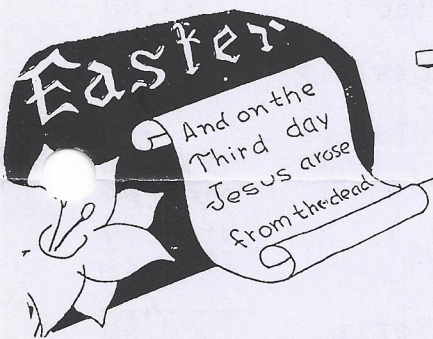
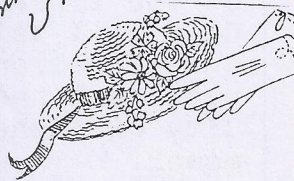


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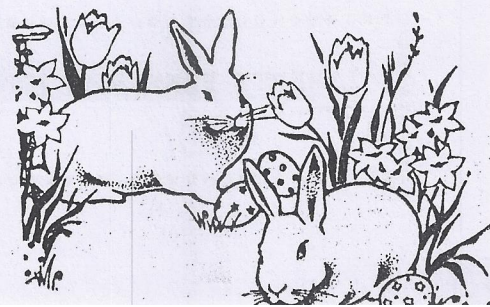
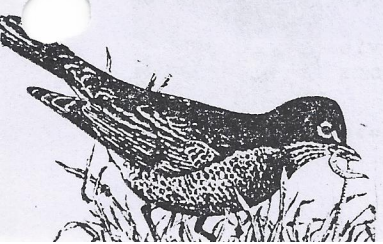
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**COMING EVENTS**

- April 3 Little League (sign up)  
5:30--7:00-at Comm, Center
- April 3 Firemens Meeting 7:00
- April 4 Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00  
Council Meeting 7:00
- April 5 Recycle Day
- April 8 Chili Supper (Fire Dept)  
At Comm, Center 5 P.M.-8 P.P.M.
- April 9 Palm Sunday
- April 11 Garden Club 12:30
- April 14 Good Friday
- April 15 Boys and Girls 4-H 1:00
- April 16 Easter Sunday
- April 18 Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00  
Library Meeting 7:00
- April 22 Community Auction

Any coming Event  
Please call 797-2572  
By May-13.



CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. March 7, 1995 with Mayor Pro Tem Smith presiding and council members Felland, Thompson and Brcka present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letter received from Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the dike. Repair needed does not qualify for funding.

Thompson is getting prices for foot bridge repair. NIACOG will help with the paperwork needed.

Peoples Natural Gas was present to discuss billing for utilities. They gave a proposal on their service and the cost. Council discussed other ways of doing the utility billing.

Hazardous Materials ordinance was adopted.

Discussion on making the bathrooms at the library handicap accessible. City will talk to the Library.

Discussion on mower repair or replacement and mowing at the lagoon. City will check on prices of used mower.

Motion to adopt the budget for FY 95-96. Carried.

Discussion on water and sewer rates and notifying several delinquent customers.

Letter of inspection on the lagoon was received by the city. David Low will respond to the letter regarding needed work at the lagoon.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

PLEASE NOTE

If you would be willing to help with the North Area Special Olympics, please contact Holly Jane Kusserow-Smidt, 125 S. Clark, Forest City, Iowa 50436. 515-582-2092

FEBRUARY BALANCE SHEET  
Expenditures

Les Zearing	\$ 619.20
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	264.80
Interstate Power Co.	579.26
Treas. - State of IA	126.80
Liberty Bank & Trust	203.52
IPERS	125.70
Waste Systems Corp.	1458.73
Peoples Natural Gas	80.18
WCTA	23.34
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe	95.79
Ouverson Skid Loader	67.50
HACH Chemical	68.35
Iowa Office Supply	10.30
Food - n - Fuel	36.00
Pronto Market	3.26
Larsen P & H Inc.	51.63
Feed - Rite Controls	15.00
Iowa One Call	20.80
LGI	129.30
Miller Diesel	284.60
Worsley Electric	227.50
U. S. Postal Service	354.80

Total \$5147.77

RECEIPTS

General Fund	1218.18
Road Use	2107.83
Water	2510.76
Sewer	2034.21

Total 7870.98

The Fertile Community Center Cafe opens March 20th. Hours are 6:30 AM until 1:00 PM Monday through Thursday, 6:30 AM until 10:00 AM on Friday. Much will depend upon the amount of business and how well the community responds.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** - to the Butcher's Steakhouse for serving breakfasts and lunches while the Community Center was closed for three months.

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club had their first meeting of the year, Tues. Mar. 14, 1995 at the home of Reva Anderson. There are 24 members in the club and 22 were present.

Reva Anderson and Fern Midtgaard were hostesses to a potluck brunch at 10 AM.

New members are Barb Snitzer, Ruth Rovang, and Lois Low.

The Club officers are:

- Dannette O'Toole-President
- Virginia Lovik-Vice President
- Mary Anderson-Treasurer
- Jodi Waage- Secretary
- Ethel Tuttle-Reporter

Roll Call was answered by "A Pet Plant I Saved This Winter". Mary Anderson gave a lesson on "New Plants and Garden Tools". Ethel Tuttle gave the thought for the day.

The next meeting will be April 11th at Garner.

*"Congratulations!"*


daughter, Andrea Michelle, was born on February 21, 1995 to Tara and Mike Dahn of Fertile. Parents are Marvin and Sharen Dahn of Fertile and Sandy (Morris) and Dave Gjerdahl of Rake. Great-grandmother is Ida Morris of Fertile.

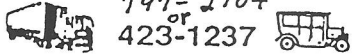
*Thank You*

Once again, thru Roger's hospitalization, our lives have been touched by many great caring friends, family, Pastor Kampstra and the FELCW. We, thank you, all, for visits, many phone calls, cards, fruit, prayers, the removal of the abundance of snow from our driveway and your support. How wonderful it is to live in a small town and feel the warmth of love and compassion. We are, gratefully blessed and may God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.

Roger Felland



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GIRLS 4-H NEWS

The Girls 4-H club met on January 21. We had a short meeting. 13 members were present. Barb Lee presented an activity about team work. Lindsey Faber gave a presentation about how to clean a horse saddle and Emily Waage on how to grow plants.

The Girls 4-H club met on February 18. 13 members were present and we had one visitor, Emily Daggett. We talked about making pies for Hospice of North Iowa and we're planning a trip to Des Moines on March 18. Barb Lee presented an activity on how to cooperate and listen to each others ideas. Our next meeting will be held on April 15.

Reporter Rachel Midtgaard

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WHOM DO YOU LOOK UP TO?

*With Sympathy*

A bride of several months was sawing away at the end of a ham.

"Why are you sawing the end off of that ham?" asked a neighbor.

"Because my mother always did", the bride replied.

A few days later the neighbor met the mother. "Your daughter tells me you always saws off the end of a ham before you bake it, and I wonder why".

"Frankly", the mother replied, "I do it because my mother did. Ask her."

The neighbor phoned the grandmother who lived in the same town. "I never owned a baking pan large enough to hold a ham, why?"

The influence of our mothers. Isn't it wonderful? I know I do many "old fashioned" things the way my mother did. She was born in Norway and came to America with two little boys, the younger was one year old and celebrated it aboard ship.

My heart is heavy today. Someone I met, casually, a year ago is having a leg amputated.

Bill McCauley was always so pleasant, with a twinkle in his eyes. He must've been in pain, walking with two canes, but never complained. I look up to him and his "quiet heart".

I had a teacher in Senior High. She left the last semester, to get married. They became missionaries. I always looked up to her. I was a "country bumpkin" and she influenced me in my choice of careers.

I have dear, dear friends who have so "stood by" me. Sometimes it just took a touch or a word of encouragement.

I have dear neighbors whom I "look up" to. When my knees were bad, they even called to influence me to have surgery. They have such quiet ways to show their love.

Why not send a note of thanks to someone you "look up" to?

Maxine Rye



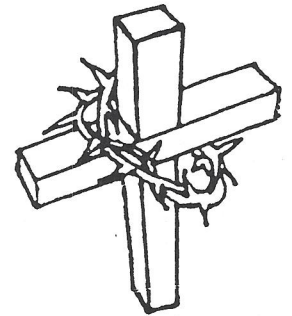
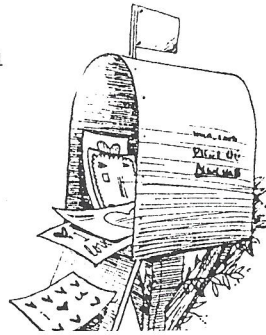
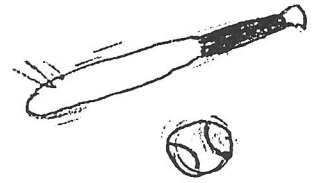
*Attention!*

Word has been received of the death of Jack Burke, 57, of Clear Lake, Ia., who passed away on February 21, 1995 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center East in Mason City. Jack attended school in Fertile and has lived on a farm south of Fertile. He was the son of the late Hollis and Violet Burke. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Clyde and Viola Buckley on the death of their son, Jerry of Forest City, who passed away on March 11, 1995.



'Little League sign up is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd at the Community Center from 5:30 to 7:00. This is for both boys and girls.



LETTERS

Please continue to send me the Fertile Reminder. Enjoy the paper very much. Keep up the good work.

Jeri Washburn  
Clear Lake, Ia.

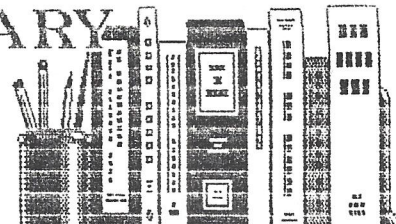
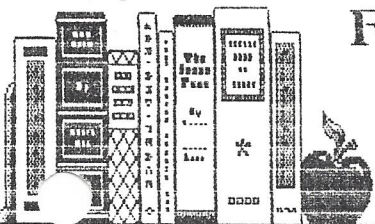
We enjoy reading about everything in our home town and surrounding communities. Thank you for bringing back memories!

Violet Otis  
Madison Lake, Mn.

The Reminder would like to once again acknowledge all graduates in our June issue. This also includes college graduates. We need the help of all our readers. If you have a son, daughter or grandchild graduating and would like them in the Reminder, please have this info to us by the 15th of May or before. Pictures are welcome.

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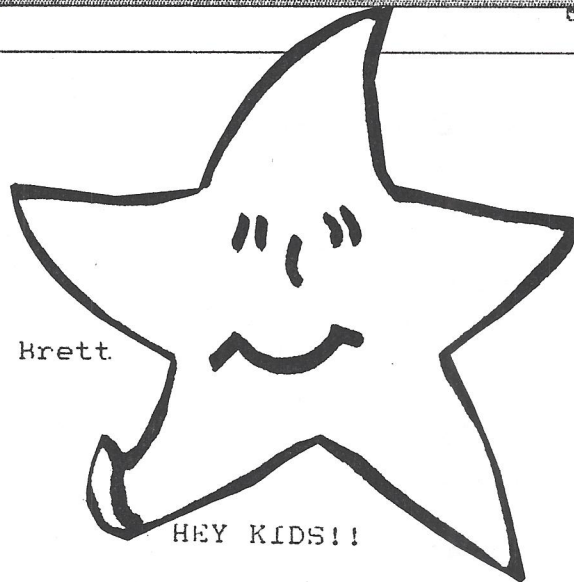
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Playing For The Ashes Elizabeth George  
Tickled To Death Joan Hess  
The Cereal Murders Diane Mott Davidson  
Tunnel Vision Sara Paretsky  
Cardinal Offense Ralf McInerny  
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Wild Horse Shorty Nelson Nye  
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NONFICTION



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The Complete Book of Menopause Carol Landau Ph.D.  
How I Survived Prostate Cancer...and So Can You James L. Lewis  
Baseball Card Price Guide 1995  
Baseball Megastars 1995



VIDEOS

The Lion King



AMONG THE VISITORS at The Summit Friday on the observance of the 90th anniversary of the first publication of The Forest City Summit were these members of the Fertile Cub Scouts and their den mother and assistant den mother. In the front row, left to right, are: Robert Davis, James Schuler, Steve Zobel, Ray Zobel, Mark Briton and Bob Van Don Bosch. In the second row are: Ronnie Suby, James Rye, Bobbie Purcell, Dannie Schuler and Allen Kuns. In the back are Mrs. Iva Schuler, Steve Pederson and Mrs. Leo Zobel.



Fertile Boy Scouts of Fertile.

## *Chicken Little*

*Neil L. Kuns*

*April 6, 1994*

During my childhood one of the thriving small businesses in Fertile was Harley Ouverson's Fertile Valley Hatchery. Harley had large incubators in which fertile eggs were hatched into fluffy yellow chicks. We used to like to visit the large room in which all the action was taking place. When the time for the eggs to hatch arrived, it was truly amazing. Where one day there were only trays of eggs warming within a large electric "nest", the next day there were hundreds of little peeping chickens.

Some of the farmers ordered layers (female chickens or pullets) because they were interested in producing eggs. Others were more interested in raising fryers (male chickens or roosters). This called for another step in the process before the chicks were placed in large corrugated boxes with air holes and shipped out. The hatchery would hire inspectors to come in and "sex" the chicks. All of these "sexperts" seemed to be Japanese, for reasons I never did figure out. They would pick up the chicks, pinch their bottoms and, under a bright light, glance at the strategic, if immature, organs and separate the boys from the girls. I could never tell the difference, with chickens, that is.

Harley had high standards for his chicks, and if they were under sized they were culled out from those which were counted and sold. The kids in town would sometimes persuade him to let them have the culls to raise in our back yards. We would then have to keep them warm and fed. At first we would buy the "mash" or chicken feed, but after awhile they could eat more commonly available food.

The Fertile Mill, the oldest enterprise in town, was in the business of shelling and selling corn, as well as grinding and mixing livestock feed to order. The cobs from which the corn had been shelled were shot out of a chute onto a pile on the ground west of the mill. There were always kernels of corn left on those cobs, and we would glean this grain to feed our "chicken littles," our struggling culls. Before the chicks had grown enough to eat the kernels whole, the corn had to be "cracked" or ground. I accomplished this by running it through an antique coffee grinder which Grandma Carr subsequently gave to me, and which I still treasure. A handful of corn went into the top of the hopper, and then I would set the grind to coarse or fine as desired, and turn the crank until the cracked corn was all in the little drawer in the bottom. Soon "chicken little" had his lunch.

It was fascinating to watch the wee creatures get their first feathers, and to listen to the fledgling roosters trying to learn how to crow. Some of the chicks never had a chance, and were always under-sized. Others grew as well as if they had been premium stock. When the inevitable day came for them to keep their date with the frying pan, it was Grandma Carr who dispatched them to the "happy pecking ground." After we had captured the chicken *du jour* she would get the axe, stretch the chicken's neck atop a stump, chop off its head, and, after it stopped flopping around, pluck it and prepare it for the kitchen.

In those days nothing came easily. Learning how much time and effort are required to bring a chicken to the dinner table is probably one of the more important lessons life has taught me. I hope I never forget it.

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For best results getting stains or set-in grease out of clothing pour liquid dish washing soap on stains and let set overnight. Wash as usual the next day.



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middle-aged men were talking about getting old. "Its finally happened," said one of the men. "This morning when I was getting dressed my knees buckled but my belt didn't".

**OATMEAL FUDGE BARS**

- 2 cups quick oatmeal
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp soda
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup melted butter or oleo
- 1 cup choc chips
- 2 T shortening
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk

*Recipe*

Mix oats, flour, sugar, soda, salt and melted butter. Pat 3/4 of oat mixture into greased cookie pan - Bake at 375° for 10 minutes. Melt choc chips & shortening. Stir in milk. Pour chocolate mixture over baked crumbs. Sprinkle remaining crumbs over top & bake an additional 15-20 minutes. I use a brownie pan!



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FLOWER DELIGHTS

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1. A prehistoric fire-breathing reptile that snatches? \_\_\_\_\_
2. An unmarried male's ornament fastener? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jill's brother preaching? \_\_\_\_\_
4. A blonde shaft or bar? \_\_\_\_\_
5. A couple of edges of the mouth? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Colored part of the eye? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The red, fleshy growth on rooster's head? \_\_\_\_\_
8. A mirthful precious metal? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Dark-sighted girls? \_\_\_\_\_
10. A star blossoming plant? \_\_\_\_\_



Answers to flower delights  
1. snapperon 2. bachelor's button 3. Jack-in-the-pulpit 4. Goldenrod 5. tulips 6. Iris 7. cockscomb 8. marigold 9. black-eyed susans 10. sunflower

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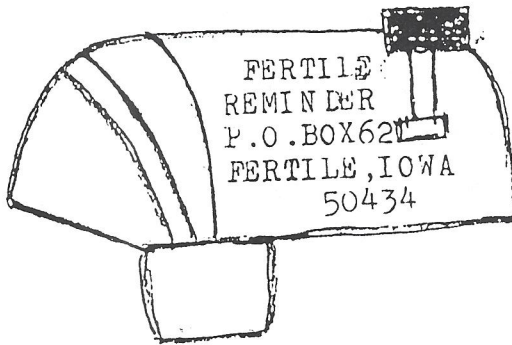
# FERTILE ALUMNI BANQUET

## SAT., JUNE 10, 1995

The officers are diligently working to plan this event. Many hands will be needed to make it an astounding success. If you feel you can help in any way, please contact one of the officers: Harlan Rodberg, Gene Hall, Gloria Kirschbaum or Betty Waddington. ALL HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED.

### COMING EVENTS

COMING EVENTS--- The 3rd Annual Auction will be held Saturday April 22, 1995 from 10:00 a.m. to ? at the Community Center. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. Please call Carolyn Nedved at 797-2696 with the name of the items you are giving or bring it to the center soon! They will be making a sale bill.



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