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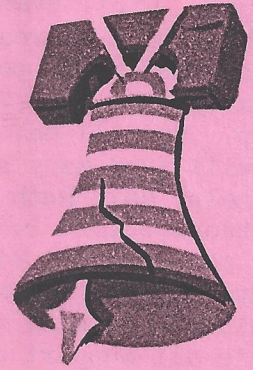
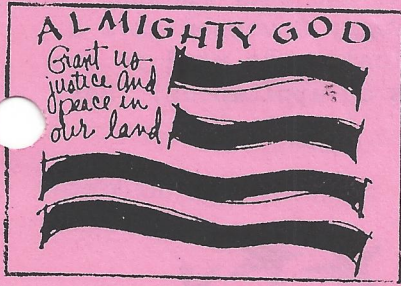
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COMING EVENTS



- JULY 3 FIREMEN MEETING 7:00 PM
- JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
NO SR. CITIZEN DINNER
- JULY 5 RECYCLE DAY
- JULY 11 GARDEN CLUB 2:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL 7:00 PM
- JULY 18 SR. CITIZEN DINNER
LIBRARY MEETING 7:00 PM

FOR COMING EVENTS
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FERTILE COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., June 6, 1995 with Mayor Elthon presiding and council members Thompson, Shropshire, Felland and Smith present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report that the ditch in front of Gary Anderson's property will be done in the fall.

Motion to add gravel and grade running west toward Prescott's. Carried.

Council discussed local option sales tax. Tabled till July meeting.

Four bids were received for the John Deere mower. One received late and will be returned. Motion to accept the high bid of \$1,252.00 by Dean Bartusek. Carried.

Motion to pay the balance of the bill for cement for small shelter house after Park group pays their part. Carried.

Dave Low discussed raising the water gate valves. Council will discuss next month. Blacktop needs to be moved from lagoon.

Footbridge will be inspected by Jack Buekner on Wed. or Thurs. It was suggested that facts and figures be given to Harlan Rodberg, Pres. of Fertile Alumni.*

Council discussed an injury at the Ball Diamond. City's agent will be contacted.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

COMING EVENTS - As a part of the FERTILE DAYS CELEBRATION, a fish and meat ball supper will be served at the Fertile Community Center on Saturday August 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00. A dance will be held in the gym after the supper. Other events are also being planned, such as ball tournaments and games for the kids. Watch for posters and newspaper articles at a later date. Volunteers are needed to help. We will have a salad bar at the supper so will need many salads donated. If you care to help, call Ruth B Ouverson at 797-2424 weekdays before 2:00 p.m. or 797-2267 evenings. All money raised will go to the city for improvements. We need the help of all area residents to make this event successful. Let's all support our town.

MAY BALANCE SHEET
Expenditures

Les Zearing	\$ 693.28
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	264.80
Interstate Power CO.	600.00
Treas.- State of IA	119.88
IPERS	129.25
Liberty Bank & Trust	209.26
Waste Systems Corp.	1458.68
WCTA	26.51
Peoples Natural Gas	51.69
Feed-Rite Controls	146.20
LGI	188.50
Electric Pump	3026.08
Food-n-Fuel	34.50
Pronto Market	20.23
Northwood Anchor	126.00
Worsley Electric	668.50
Postmaster	32.00
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RECEIPTS:

General	2905.94
ROAD USE TAX	1591.50
WATER	3106.34
SEWER	2373.11
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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The Senior Citizens held their May 16th meeting in the Senior Room of the Community Center with a nice meal catered by Super Fair. Jim Lovick said the table prayer in norwegian, since it was Norway's National Holiday. Les Burtness' name was drawn for the free meal. After the business meeting Peggy Ouverson talked more about our disaster program. Beverly Kaduce could get a map of Fertile, and a task force could designate the places of the elderly and disabled. Also, in case of fire you are to call 911, not the fire department. She read two poems for Memorial Day. Next meeting is June 6th.

The Senior Citizens met in the Senior Room of the Community Center on June 6th for dinner, catered by Super Fair of Forest City. There were 12 members present and four guests. After the business meeting Peggy Ouverson gave a talk on proper electrical cords used in the home, also safety tips on appliances. Next meeting is June 20th.

Ruth Rhodes, Reporter



With Sympathy



ROGER FELLAND
1928-1995

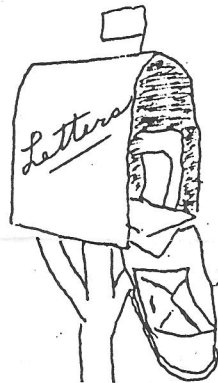
Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Viola Humphrey of Peoria, Az., who passed away on June 2, 1995 at the Muse Norris Hospice Impatient Unit at Mason City, Ia. Viola was the daughter of the late Bennie and Ida Anderson. She attended school in Fertile and was baptized and confirmed in the Beaver Creek Lutheran Church, rural Joice. She married Curtis Humphrey and they lived and farmed in the Fertile area until 1974 when her husband Curtis died. She then moved to California to be near her daughter and later to Arizona where she now resided. She was a past member of the Fertile Lutheran Church where her funeral was held. She is survived by her daughter Jackie and her husband Jim Logan of Arizona and three grandchildren. Also three brothers, Stanley and Wesley of Joice, Dean of Clear Lake; two sisters, Beryl of Peoria, AZ. and Dorothy of Joice; two sisters-in-law, Romane Lovik of Fertile and Jerry Washburn of Clear Lake.

Roger Felland was born in Forest City, Ia. on January 15, 1928, the son of Ole and Lovilla (Teigen) Felland. He was baptized and confirmed at Ellington Lutheran Church and attended Ellington Country School. He graduated from Fertile High School in 1945. He entered the US Navy on January 15, 1946 and was discharged on November 20, 1947. He married Goldie Anderson on January 25, 1950. He farmed with his father for about 10 years. He worked for Randall Ready-Mix at Northwood until 1963 when he went to work for Garner Ready Mix, where he continued for 31 years. He was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church and Clear Lake VFW Post 4868. He enjoyed old cars and had great pride in his '72 "Cad".

Roger passed away on June 12, 1995 at North Iowa Mercy Hospital in Mason City. He is survived by his wife, Goldie; three daughters, Shelia Trees of Lake Havasu, Az., Lona Trees of Forest City and Tanya Olson of Fertile. Also, his mother Lovilla Felland of Fertile and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Sandy. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Terry Eldridge and his family on the death of his brother Douglas of Summerville, SC. who was killed in a car accident on June 9, 1995. The Eldridge family lived in the Fertile area and Doug attended school in Fertile his kindergarten and first grade.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Roger and Goldie Felland on the death of Goldie's brother, Roger "Bud" Anderson of Leland, Ia., who passed away on May 26, 1995 at the Lake Mills Care Center.



LETTERS

I am enclosing a check for a one year renewal to the Fertile Reminder. Please use the rest of the money in whatever way it is needed. I have really enjoyed your little paper. It's fun to read about my former students, their children and their grandchildren! Time marches on! Wishing you and your staff a happy summer and continued success in your journalistic endeavor.

Beryl (Cobeen) McClelland
Scio, Or.

Please keep sending us the Fertile Reminder. We both enjoy reading every article. You gals do a great job. Keep up the good work.

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Dear friends, past and present, of the Fertile area:

My dad, Mike Purcell, grew up in Fertile and returned there following the second World War with his wife Ginny. My sisters Pat and Barb and I were all raised in Fertile. Dad was Postmaster there for 17 years - and died in 1982. Mom was the victim of an unresolved homicide in January of 1985 while spending the winter in Arizona. Something about this ten year anniversary of her death and our recent celebrating of Mother's and Father's Day led me to want to share portions of an article printed in the Lake Havasu City, Arizona paper in May 1985 with you. This is a tribute to all moms and dads.

"I REMEMBER MOM . . ."

As we become adults we appreciate so much more the efforts our parents made to provide for and to guide us. I think of all those meals fixed, all those baths given, shopping together to find that new Easter dress, bike, glove, and cowboy boots I just had to have; all that washing using a wringer machine and a clothesline before automation; all the driving to get us to and from things; all the money it took to get us through college . . .

I remember our family vacations, our times of camping, the outdoor barbecues, learning to work for and save our money, and to take responsibilities for caring for our home and lawn; attending our Lutheran Church and Sunday School activities to develop a faith and framework to look at life. Little then did we realize and appreciate that it is all a part of loving us and preparing us to become self-sufficient adults.

Mom was determined and hard working. She was kind, adventuresome and open to exploring new places and meeting people. She encouraged us to do our best, and to follow through on difficult tasks. She gave us roots and security and she gave us wings to find our own paths in life.

She had her struggles and weaknesses. I knew hers -- she knew mine. But, they are dimmed by all the goodness she gave to me. So it is no wonder that I am saddened but, at the same time, thankful as I remember Mom on this day. She was the primary victim; we daughters (and our families) are the secondary victims as we have to go on living without her, and with the knowledge and pain over the senseless and tragic circumstances of her death.

What I will miss most is not being able to share with her as one adult to another. So often our relationship becomes more mature and wise as we "kids" become adults and we see each other with more understanding and appreciation. As we were cleaning out her trailer in Lake Havasu City, we found a plaque that said, "Enjoy Life Today." Little did she know her days would be so numbered. Little do we know the number of our days. Maybe this is but one more of life's greatest lessons.

THANKS to all who have have been our friends and neighbors in years past. In continued love and gratitude for Dad and Mom, Colleen Purcell Lura - Oak Harbor, Washington - 1995

Congratulations!

The thirty-third Fertile High School Alumni Banquet was held on Saturday evening June 10 at the Fertile Gymnasium with one hundred and sixty nine in attendance.

A coffee hour at 4:00 p.m. in the dining room preceded the delicious buffet which was catered by Super Fair of Forest City.

President, Harlan Rodberg, presided and gave the welcome. Rev. Joseph Levang of the class of 1930 gave the invocation.

Sig Fardal's Band furnished several excellent numbers and three volunteer cheer-leaders, namely Ardis Sheimo, Frances Lou Cates and Ivone Nelson led the entire group in a "rousing cheer" when the closing song "Onward Fertile" was played!

Erma Brue of the Class of 1933 gave a talk on "Remembering" and listed the names of 20 members who had passed away since we met three years ago. They were: Clarinda Halverson Brendon (1919), Esther Oppedahl (1920), Leonard Hjelmeland (1924), Charlotte Stevens Hamlin (1925), Ruth Prestholt Clapper (1929), Marie Engen Donavon (1930), Roger D Humphrey (1932), Thelma Benson Davis (1933), Donald Oredsen (1936), Marcella Brue Purcell (1936), Myron Zobel (1936), Karla Hammervold (1937), Keith Sheimo (1939), Clarence Kitner (1939), Dick Sheimo (1943), David Elthon (1948), Charles Weinfeldt (1949), Faye Amundson Albers (1953), Donald Suby (1954), Viola Anderson Humphrey (1935).

Betty Waddington read several letters from members who were unable to attend and also gave the Sec.-Treas. report.

Prizes were given to the following:

Oldest lady present - Mrs. Irene Walters
Mason City, Class of 1924

Oldest gentleman present - Mr. Neal Paulson
Minneapolis, Class of 1921

Member coming the farthest - Mrs. Mildred Meldow
Florida, Class of 1924

Person finding red star on back of chair -
Mrs. Ardie Lovik who won a miniature
Winnebago Motor Home.

New Officers are President, Merle Tuttle; Vice-Pres., Harlan Rodberg; Sec-Treas., Dean Haugen; Corresponding Sec., Beverly Calgaard.

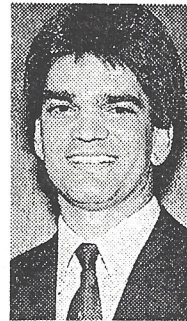
The next banquet will be held in an out of town restaurant, the place to be decided by the new officers.

A round of applause was given for the good job the president Rodberg had done, and he in turn acknowledged the fine cooperation he had enjoyed from officers Eugene Hall, Gloris Schaub, Betty Waddington and others.

Once again the occasion came to a close, with only fond memories of old friendships renewed and with high hopes of meeting again in 1998.

Erma Brue

Matthew Jennings, director of The Financial Services Center at Manufacturers Bank & Trust Co., in Forest City and Crystal Lake, recently was honored by American Mutual Life Insurance Co. at their annual national meeting in Cancun, Mexico. He has been affiliated with American Mutual Life for nine years. He was presented an award at a recent agency recognition event honoring him for leading the Iowa agency in life and annuity sales for 1994. He is a member of the North Iowa Association of Life Underwriters and was also a recipient of the national sales achievement award and national quality award.



Michael Brue, grandson of Stanley and Erma Brue, recently won first place in the Best Column category of the North Dakota Newspaper Association. Michael is a columnist and feature writer for the Grand Forks Herald and has won this award three times in the past six years.



CONGRATULATIONS to Lindsay Jordan and his wife Kim on their graduation from Luther-Northwestern Seminary on May 28th and their ordination into the Lutheran Ministry. An ordination service for Lindsay was held on June 4, 1995 at the Fertile Lutheran Church, and for Kim on June 11, 1995 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Wis. Lindsay has been called to serve the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ridgeway, Pa., and Kim to a neighboring parish, Maria Lutheran Church of Dagusmines, Pa. Lindsay was born and raised in Fertile and is a graduate of the Forest City Community High School. He is the son of Ray and Deanna Jordan of Fertile.

CONGRATULATIONS to Shannon Marie Beck on her recent graduation from Buena Vista College. She is the daughter of Glenn and Bonnie Beck of Clear Lake. Her mother is the Fertile Postmaster.

A son, John Stephen, was born on June 8, 1995 to Jeanette and Stephen Oliver of Hanlontown. Grandparents are Eugene and Lois Low of Fertile. Great-grandmother is Luella Low of Fertile.

A son, Bryar Robert, was born on June 9, 1995 to Lisa and Michael Lacey of Mason City, Ia. Grandparents are Bob and Betty Suby of Fertile.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

In 1956, the veterans of Fertile community designed and built a monument in the Wm Rhodes Park in Fertile to honor the brave men from this community that gave their lives for their country.

It was built out of lime stone and cement with bronze plaques on the front bearing the names of these men.

The merchants of Fertile donated money to help with the cost and the veterans held a slave auction, where they donated a days work to the highest bidder to help with the cost of the material.

It was dedicated on August 5th, 1956.

It was severely vandalized several years ago so the Park Committee used some of the money they had obtained from their Memorial Tree Project to restore it to its original condition.

Every year on Memorial Day a flag is flown over it, barrels of flowers adorn it and a wreath is placed in the front to remember these brave men.

In honor of the veterans of Fertile the Park Committee places a flag in their yard, and flags are placed around the Memorial Tree with a flag flown above it on this holiday.

When you visit our park, please take a moment and visit this Memorial in honor of these men that gave their lives for your country.

Peggy Ouverson

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LOG CABIN

The log cabin that is in the Wm. Rhodes Park in Fertile was at one time located across the street from the mill. It was built by Wm. Rhodes in 1858. Years later it was moved to the Park. It is well constructed with a fireplace in one end. It has stood through several floods in the park.

In the past several years, due to vandalism, it has been kept locked and used as a storage shed.

The FB & I Committee would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have more information about the history of this Log Cabin. Please write us at P O Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434

Peggy Ouverson

Thank You

A very sincere thank you to each and everyone for cards, flowers, gifts and all the prayers; to Pastor Kampstra for each and every visit and prayer; and to my family and friends while hospitalized. I still covet your prayers!

Norman S Rye

My heartfelt thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, visits and kindnesses shown me during my two hospitalizations and since returning home. Everything has meant so much to me. May God bless you.

Rosemary Tannahill

A special THANK YOU to Chuck and Ed at the Butchers Steakhouse in Fertile for the two delicious rib-eye steak suppers we won through the drawing at the Fertile Fireman's Fund Raiser. Also thanks to Pronto for the gas certificate we won. We know how many many times small businesses are asked to contribute to area fund raisers - so we appreciated the fun of winning one time. The steaks were wonderful!

Tom, Nance & Trisca Sheimo

Thanks to all friends and relatives for sharing in my celebration. For cards, gifts, kind words, best wishes and all the hugs, making this a special day for me. It was truly a day I will long remember. A special thanks to my children Karen, Ellamae and Rick. I love you all.

Doris Oswald

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Phyllis Nissen, Esther Haugen, Bob & Don Nissen, Frank Orcutt, Thelan Elthon, Betty Elthon, Jeanane Haugen, Charles & Diane Hunter, and Marion Hunter - enjoyed catching fish from a small pond in the Fertile Park. More than 400 fish had been stocked in the pond.

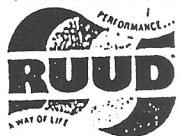
GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club visited Lakeside Church and Speakar Photography, Clear Lake on Tues., June 13th. Lee Speakar shared the history of the church, wedding and Golden wedding suggestions and a slide presentation. Ladies enjoyed a reception lunch prepared by her staff. Afternoon ended with a group photo of 20 ladies.



An open house bridal shower for Kristen Kirschbaum, bride elect of Chris Andersen will be held on Saturday July 29, 1995 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Saint Patricks Catholic Church

in Lake Mills, Ia. Everyone Welcome! Kristen is the daughter of Gloria and Ed Kirschbaum of Fertile.



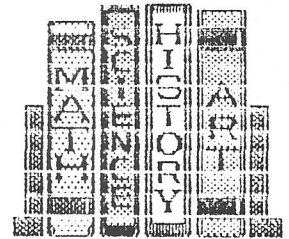
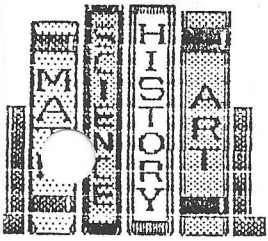
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 Op Center by Tom Clancy
 The Night Manager by John LeCarre'
 Gold Buckle Dreams (Rodeo Life of Chris Ledoux)
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PRESCHOOLERS EXPERIENCE 911

The Teddy Bear Preschool, located at the Betty Waddington residence, received a hands-on training in 911 emergency situation. The three and four year olds were shown a short presentation by Bev Kaduce, the Emergency Management Director for Worth County, on the 911 system and how to use it properly. She used a flip chart to demonstrate to the youngsters when to call 911 and when not to call 911. The reason's for calling were demonstrated as emergencies only. An emergency was classified as when they needed a fire department for a fire, a police officer for a burglar, and an ambulance for someone who was hurt. The reason's for not calling were demonstrated as calling for a joke, just to ask information, and to see if it works. Then, the children were worked with two-at-a-time on a U.S. West 911 simulator. The simulator allows them to practice making calls to a dispatcher. The system actually rings and shows the screen where the address comes up. The pre-schoolers made up a situation, such as their father falling off the roof, and placed the 911 call for help through the simulator. They experienced what a real 911 call would consist of and went through the actual process of placing the call. Now, the children have the advantage of knowing how to use 911 and when to call.

--SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM--
 "Skys the Limit" reading program will be Saturdays, June 10, 17, 24, & July 8, from 10-11 am. Come for crafts, stories, fun, and surprises.

--LIBRARY FRIENDS--
 A Library Friends meeting will be held at the library Monday, July 10, at 7:00 pm. Come help raise money for library projects, & have fun while you do.



Frank Orcutt (as a little boy) enjoyed reading books.

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GIRLS 4-H NEWS

The Girls 4-H Club held their monthly meeting at The Fertile Community Center on May 20th. We spent the afternoon cleaning ditches. Our next meeting will be on June 17th.

Rachel Midtgaard, Reporter



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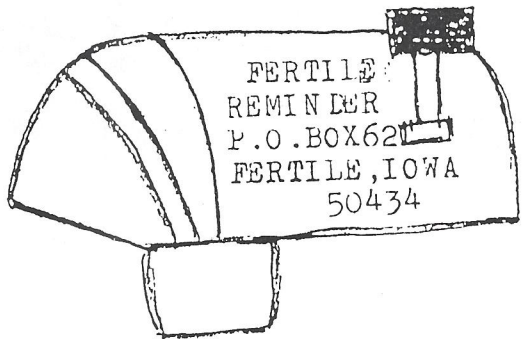
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