

### COMING EVENTS

Fish & Meatball Supper & Salad Bar 4:30--7:30

Games & Refreshments Aug

1st Day of School Aug

Labor Day Sept

Firemens Meeting 7:00 4 Sept

Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00 5 Sept

7:00 Council Meeting 5 Sept

Recycle Day Sept 6

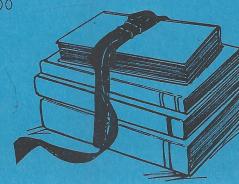
Grandparents Day Garden Club Girls & Boys 4-H

Sept Sept Sept 1:00

Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00 Sept

Library Meeting 7:00 19 Sept

back-to-school Hit The Books



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

Minutes of the last meeting were

read and approved.

Thompson reported signs are up on car bridge at an approximate cost of \$60 for the four signs.

Motion to approve the local

option sales tax resolution. Carried Brcka reported the library bathroom is nearly finished. Ceiling will be installed and floor covering put

down.

Discussion on footbridge and possible demolition of the old part of the building at the Community center. Felland reported a meeting will be held Tues., Aug. 15 at the Community Center at 7:30 PM. with Dave Brunswold of Win-Worth Betco. He will discuss possible grants for demolition of the old building at the Community Center.
Mayor will contact Tuttle Asphalt

to see if they will remove the asphalt

that was dumped at the lagoon.

Motion to leave the alley between Corey Kock's and Mark Anderson's as it is. Carried

Smith reported Bob Purcell will allow the park sign to be put on his property. City will pay for the cost of a perpetual easement, if any.

Library needs an issue on the Nov. election. Motion to vote on changing the number of members on the board and the length of the trustees terms.

Carried.

Carl Christensen had a question on his house number. Number incorrect and will be changed to 207 N. Washington.

Discussion on several incidents of juvenile vandalism. City's ordinance will be enforced.

Job description for Les Zearing

was read.

Brush south of the road into the park needs to be cut and also brush needs to be cut at the driveway into the east end of the park.

Motion to pay bills. Carried Janice Hare City Clerk

Steffen Construction	\$9755.80
Les Zearing	700.04
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	296.30
Interstate Power Co.	676.98
Treas - State of IA	73.64
IPERS	160.24
Liberty Bank & Trust	345.69
Waste Systems Corp.	1458.68
WCTA	46.27
Peoples Natural Gas	12.38
Feed - Rite Controls	10.00
Twedt Ins. & Real Estate	203.00
Garner Equipment	66.23
Marv's Service	173.86
	30.75
NIACOG	76.40
Watertower Paint & Repair Brock White Co.	700.00
	14.15
League of Iowa Municipalitic Pronto Market	
Worsley Electric	5.00 56.12
Yohn Son Excavating	496.15
BMC	151.44
Fertile Fire Dept.	1250.00
Fertile Library	2150.00
U. S. Postal Service	181.60
Menards	124.00
Treas - State of Iowa	124.72

	Total	19845.85
Receipts General fund Road use tax Water Sewer		2833.49 1945.03 3213.20 3215.84

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#### Fiction

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Non-Fiction \_\_\_\_\_\_

New Passages - Gail Sheehy The Hot Zone - Richard Preston

Videos

Milo & Otis The Mask Rooster Cogburn Polar Bear King Angels in the Outfield Ma & Pa Kettle Go to Town Casper's Cartoon Classics

Magazines

YM Reminisce Beckett Baseball Monthly

Audio Books

Congo - Michael Crichton Our Game - John LeCarre'

Videos may be checked out for 7 days at no charge.

Books and Audio books may be checked out for 3 weeks.

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: Winds of God - Gilbert Morris

Westward - Amanda MacLean

home to Willow Brook - Carole Gift Page The Everlasting Flame - Linda Chaikin

Special thanks to Dick Worsley for use of his grader and for his help grading the alleys.

Fertile Mayor & Council

We want to thank the members of the Fertile Fire Dept. for work they did cleaning the park.

Fertile Mayor & Council

A special thank you for the cards and gifts sent to us at the time of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Your t'ughfulness was truly appreciated.

Max and Florence Nye

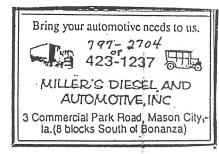
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THE CITY OF FERTILE will be holding a picnic in the Fertile Park on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. for ALL volunteers and families that in one way or another have helped to make Fertile a great place to live. We will have some sign-up sheets at the Community Center and the library for you to sign up or you can call any of the City Council members if you plan to attend. If you would care to furnish bars or something for dessert it would be appreciated. All else will be furnished by the City. See you there!

CITY COUNCIL



#### What A Drag!

Neil L. Kuns June 17, 1995

For some people any job is a drag. They would rather go fishing or do almost anything other than work. Some jobs are so dirty or dangerous that they are always a drag. Still, as they say, *somebody* has to do them. On the other hand there are people who enjoy their jobs and just love going to work. Since I left home for college in 1949 I've had many different kinds of jobs, some of them much better than others. Whenever the work got to the point that it was a drag I moved on to something else. My philosophy of work is love it or leave it. It is fair neither to your employer nor yourself to merely put in your time and go through the motions. Give it your best or give it up.

Hank Van Den Bosch moved to Fertile from a Dutch community in western Iowa. He was always on the lookout for business opportunities, and bought one of the first Schield Bantam draglines in the county. This machine, mounted on the back of a surplus army truck, (World War II was over) was mobile enough to be driven to a dredging job and yet light enough to work in the marshy fields which needed to be drained. Ages earlier the last glacier to retreat from the area left the terrain around Fertile fairly flat. Large low spots in the countryside acted as basins and collected excess surface water which in wet years drowned out the crops. The solution was to dig a drainage ditch beside the field and to lay perforated tile lines under the fields to move the surplus water to the ditch. Dank swamps became rich fields when they dried out. When farmers saw the value in this venture Hank got all the business he could handle.

"Skinny" Van Den Bosch, Hank's second son, became a skilled operator with the dragline. He could throw the bucket with the precision of a fisherman casting a lure next to a log. He drew it back toward the machine, cutting out the dirt and leading a trickle of water. This indicated that the ditch would drain heavier flows during the rainy season. When Skinny completed shaping the ditch banks in that section someone had to drive the truck ahead several yards. It made no sense for Skinny waste his time doing this so Hank hired me for the job at a dollar an hour. I listened for Skinny's voice, drove ahead as he told me, and stopped when this was what he wanted. It was no big challenge, but for a buck an hour it wasn't too much of a drag. I sat in the cab of the truck and drank coffee.

At quitting time we shut down the equipment, got into Hank's pickup truck and headed for home. We compensated for all the very slow dragline driving during the day by really raising the dust on the way home. Occasionally Skinny would see how close to a farmer's roadside mailbox he could swing the back end of the pickup. We missed becoming felons by a matter of inches. Fortunately the skill with which he maneuvered the back end of the truck did not match his definess with a dragline bucket.

Summer faded and so did my job when school started again in the fall. Sometimes when I drink coffee that has spent a little too long in a thermos bottle the smell of it drags my thoughts back to those long summer afternoons in Iowa on the dragline. I'm a kid again, waiting for Skinny to tell me, "Go ahead."

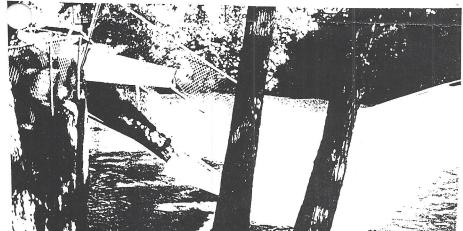
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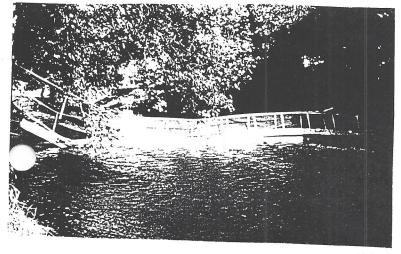


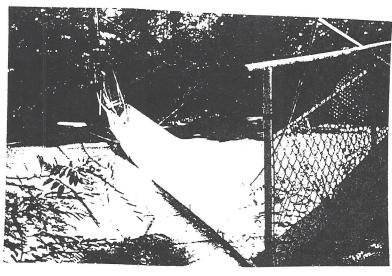
In our May issue of the Fertile Reminder an article was written about our foot bridge in need of repair! The bridge was designed by Les Burtness and built in 1955 at the cost of \$2100.00 for material purchased by the Lions Club and built by the Lions Club and other citizens of Fertile. On Sunday morning July 30th after 40 years of service the bridge literally fell into the river. The bridge is now completely gone and the debris is all cleaned up by the Fertile Fire Department and others. The photos on



this page were provided by Don Nelson. Thanks to all who worked to clean up after the bridge and also for the photo's.







#### With Sympathy

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Stanton (Alaire) Sheimo of Tacoma, Wa. who passed away on July 6, 1995 at St Josephs Hospital in Tacoma. She is survived by her husband Stanton (Ted), a daughter, Dianne Burden of Boston, Mal, a son Ted and his wife Maureen of Montesano, Wa. and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Tom in 1987. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Stanton and his family. Stanton was born in Fertile and graduated from Fertile High School in 1936. He is the son of the late Carl and Hilda Sheimo.

Word has been received of the death of Kermit Hovey, 70, of Forest City, who passed away on August 9, 1995 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center East Campus, Mason City, Ia. Kermit grew up in the Ellington Pilot Knob area and he and his wife farmed in that area. His wife, Alma, was a teacher in the Forest City School having just recently retired. Kermit graduated from Fertile High School in 1943. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Alma and to the other members of his family.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The Senior Citizens met in the Senior Room of the Community Center on August 1st with dinner catered by Super Fair of Forest City. The dinner consisted of creamed chicken on biscuit, pea salad, ice cream and cookie. After the business meeting, I showed some of my afghans, a tablecloth, etc. Peggy also showed one of her afgans. General discussion on the foot bridge and tearing down of the old school. The next meeting is August 15th. Ruth Rhodes, Reporter

Dave Haugen, Owner



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Each year a group of ladies that formerly attended Fertile High School meet to visit and reminisce. Again this year on July 24 they enjoyed a delicious noon meal at the Royal Fork in Mason City. Those in attendance were: Kathryn Rogers, Burlington; Loraine Hall, Eunice Petersburg, Gyda Peterson, Lake Mills; Gladys Almelien, Joice; Genevieve Bray, Osage; Wilma Larson & Doris Oswald, Mason City; Golda Kirk, Mildred Phorr & Elaine Hall, Clear Lake and Vera Humphrey, Ruth Wolfe, Silence Johson and Erma Brue of Fertile.

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Rules will be posted at the site. For more information call 515-797-2264 5:00 P.M. event is co-sponsored by Lutheran Brother hood.

An Open House will be held on Sunday, October 1 at the Chruch of Christ in honor of Ethel Tuttle's 90th birthday. Please watch the next issue for more details.

UPCOMING CITY ELECTION - There are 4 vacant seats, 3 council members and mayor, which are expiring. If interested pick up your nomination papers from Jan Hare soon. More information later.

To All Responsible for putting the Reminder together, a great big "Thank You". Please renew my subscription for another year. I didn't know what I was missing by not subscribing to the paper before - it's really a

od way to learn about the people you knew and grew up with - so keep it coming.

In appreciation, Shirley Nissen McIlhatton Mason City, Ia.

DEAR FERTILE REMINDER FRIENDS: Enclosed is a check for our Fertile Reminder renewal and also for that of George Bauer, Yankton, SD. George, who was Fertile High School Principal and basketball coach, moved in 1944. Despite his many years absence, he still enjoys reading the Reminder which brings him fond memories of friends and events of the past.

I am certain that all former residents of Fertile feel much the same way. As we grow older we become more nostalgic and love to reminisce about the "good old days" long ago in the lovely town of Fertile, on the banks of the Winnebago River, when life was not complicated, not necessarily easy but certainly, uncomplicated and enjoyable!

I grew up on the Winnebago River and ironically, retired to Lake Winnebago, but in Wisconsin. Perhaps, we should have returned to Winnebago River so as to be in closer touch th friends, relatives and memories of the yesteryears.

Our thanks to all of the staff for your deligent efforts to help us "keep in touch".

Sincerely,

Norman & Marty Brue
Chilton, Wisc.

Hi Ladies: Love getting my Reminder each month. Thanks for your hard work in pulling together pictures and stories from way back. The older I get the faster time flies, so please renew me for three years. Mary Lou said she had just renewed hers. Please set my brother Bob up for three years too.

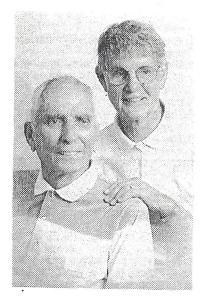
Elizabeth Elthon Dods Burr Ridge, Ill.

Dear Editors: Al and I have enjoyed receiving the "Fertile Reminder" for a year and want to donate to it for another year. It's nice to hear about my home town and what the "Putsy" people are doing. A Fertile girl who married a Manly man.

Helen Suby Sparby Iowa City, Ia.

We do enjoy the Reminder so much. Thanks to all of you!

Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard Northwood, Ia.



STANLEY AND PHYLLIS PEDERSON

CONGRATULATIONS to Stanley and Phyllis Pederson of Lake Mills as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. An open house will be held on Sunday August 20th at St Patricks Hall in Lake Mills from 2 to 4 p.m. in their honor. Stanley & Phyllis were married August 13, 1945 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Mason City. They were residents of Fertile for a number of years moving to Lake Mills in 1961. Stanley grew up in the Fertile area and graduated from Fertile High School in 1944. They are the parents of nine children.



JOHN & HELEN HUMPHREY

CONGRATULATIONS to John & Helen (Seglem) Humphrey as they celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 27th.

John & Helen were born and raised in the Fertile area, graduating from the Fertile High School in 1927 and 1928.

They were married in the home of Johh's parents west of Fertile. They are the parents of 6 children (l is deceased), 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

If anyone would care to remember them with a card, their address is 995 Maben Street, Garner, Ia. 50438

# *OTHER VEHICLES*

likely you will operate some other type of vehicle during your life. It could Cars are not the only means of transportation on the road. It is very be a bicycle, motorcycle, truck or bus.

Failure to see bicycle riders is a major cause of car/bicycle accidents.

Be aware that an experienced cyclist on a multi-speed bike can maintain

a speed of 15 to 25 miles per hour on level pavement.

When making a right turn near a bicycle rider, move to the far right

before turning. If there is a bicycle lane, merge into it to prevent being overtaken by a cyclist. Do not race around a cyclist and make a right turn across his or her path. You may be setting up an accident if the cyclist cannot stop in time. Check the blind spot over your right shoulder, then may cause the rider to swerve and possibly cause an accident. If a

bicycle rider decides to ride on the street when there is a bicycle path available, give the figer the needed space. Some studies show there are

Pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists can share the state's roads if they

lust treat each other with respect and courtesy.

**Pedestrians** 

more bicycle accidents on bike paths than on highways.

Do not blow your horn at a cyclist. Generally it startles the rider and

passing. Bicycles often travel nearer the right edge of a traffic lane

need a full lane. They may have to move away from the curb to avoid because of gravel, sand and oil on the pavement, but sometimes they

sewer grates, potholes, broken bottles or other debris.

Even though you may never use any other kind of vehicle, you still should know about them. They affect you as a driver and as a pedestrian.

Learn the "rules of the road" for each kind of vehicle and something about their operation. This puts you in a better position to anticipate their movements; when you approach them on the highway. This will help you become a better and safer driver.

## Motorcycles

explanation of operating techniques for motorcycles and traffic laws that available from any driver license station. It gives a more complete A separate manual, called "Iowa Motorcycle Operator Manual," is relate to motorcycles.

## Bicycles

Bicycle riders are common on the city and on country roads. Bicycles are a recognized form of transportation. They have the same lowa's roads. You will meet them in right to the roadway as cars and trucks.

Just as motor vehicle operators come across bicycle riders with varying riding skills. When you approach bicycle riders, judge their experience and skill and act have different levels of skill, you will accordingly.

Common warnings of inexperience include:

riding near the gutter.

swerving unpredictably.

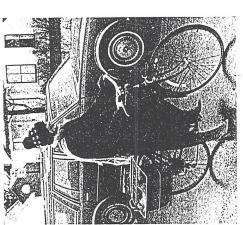
ignoring traffic signs and signals.

riding without a light at night.

Most drivers know the responsibilities - stopping at red lights, signaling Bicycle riders have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. If you see these signs, be ready for anything.

and yielding where necessary. Unfortunately, many motorists do not give

clearance. On narrow, two-way roads, wait for a break in traffic before On multilane roads with wide outside lanes allow at least 3-4 feet for To give bicycle riders the room they need, change lanes when passing. cyclists the full lane they deserve and need for safety.





If you cross the street anywhere but at a crosswalk you must yield to motorized traffic. Jaywalking and dashing across intersections could be the end of you. Of every five

your life on it! Watch out for vourself.

motorists.

If you must walk where there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street facing the oncoming traffic. At night wear lightcolored clothes so vou can be seen easily. one is a pedestrian.

people killed in a traffic accident,

## **Driver Responsibilities**

As a driver you must yield to pedestrians at all times. Even if they are jaywalking or crossing where they should not be, you must stop for them!

School and residential areas are very dangerous. Watch out for children running out from between cars. It is a good idea to drive slower than the speed limit in these areas so you can stop quickly.

both young and old, in town, are you obeying With so many don't want any fatalities! This article was taken from the Iowa Drivers Manual. the laws - if not, please do so walkers and bicyclists,



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1 (#2 or 16-17 oz.) can unpeeled apricots

Dissolve jello in water, add cream cheese and beat with wire whip until dissolved. Add apricots halves or cut halves in 1/4 sections depending on size of apricots. Chill until set.

According to some church files jello was introduced to Mrs. Clarence (Tillie) Sheimo at a Ladies Aid meeting in 1907. The ladies were seated around the table and on either end of the table sat these bowls of something pink and looked so nice. As the bowls were passed  $\varepsilon$  and the guests put some in their sauce dishes a put cream and sugar on it and it was very good. Before going home the ladies asked the hostess what it was and was informed "Jello" and could be purchased at Rye-Bray's store in Hanlontown. The next time in town Tille purchased a box and made just plain jello with no fruit in it.

Tillie and "Swede" Sheimo owned and lived in the house where Norman and Sharon Froiland now

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#### KIDS

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#### YOUR LAUGH FOR THE DAY!!

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"Hide," said the repairman.

"Huh?"

"I said hide."

"What for?"

"Hide, darn it...the cow's outside." "Huh," said the customer. "Who's afraid of a cow?"



The Girls Grant Livewires 4-H Club went to the North Iowa Fair which was held July 20 through July 30. On the first day of the fair we were in the Little Olympics. Judging took place to day before the fair began. Below is a list of what everyone in our club got on their projects. Abbey Almelien - 6 Blues - 4 Reds
Anna Almelien - 4 Blues - 1 Purple (considered for State)

Katie Anderson - 1 Blue
Lindsey Faber - 1 Purple - 1 Red - 3 Blues
Alexandra Henning - 2 Blue
Jessica Jones - 1 Blue
Emily Kingland - 4 Blues - 1 Red - 1 Purple

Katherine Kingland - 4 Blues

Emily Kingland - 4 Blues - 1 Red - 1 Purple (considered for State)

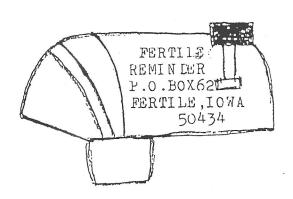
Barb Lee - 7 Blues - 1 Purple (Clothing selection went to State)

Arlene Lee - 18 Blues - 1 Red - 1 Purple

(Considered for State)
Megan Levad - 5 Blues - 5 Purples (Bread went

to State, 4 considered for State)
Nicole Midtgaard - 1 Blue - 1 Purple (Considered for State)

Rachel Midtgaard - 2 Blues
Emily Suby - 4 Blues
Emily Waage - 5 Blues
Our next meeting will be held on September 16.
Rachel Midtgaard, Reporte



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