APRIL 2001 FERTILE REMINDER



APRIL CALENDAR GOMING EVENTS

April 2	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 PM
April 3	Senior Citizens Dinner Little Leage Sign-up City Council Meeting	12 Noon 7 PM 7 PM
April 5	FB&IMeeting	7 PM
April 10	Garden Club	2 PM
April 14	Stephanie Ball Shower Farmers Auction	9 AM 10 AM
April 16	Library Board Meeting	7 PM
April 17	Senior Dinner	12 Noon
April 21	Boys & Girls 4-H Spencer 60th Ann. Comm. Ctr Soup Suppe	2-4 PM er 4-7 PM
April 24 (TUE)	Re-cycle Day	
April 28	Brooke Mecham Showe	er 9 AM



OK, Show of hands... Who's tired of snow?

March Council Minutes

Council members Thompson, Tuttle, Olson, Bruns, Smith and Russell were present.

The following items were discussed:

- 1. Meeting was called to order and the February meeting minutes were approved.
- 2. The third reading of the change in water rates was approved. The proposed reading states, "the minimum water rate will begin at \$14.50 for 2,000 gallons and under and then increasing by \$1.50 per thousand. In addition, each year the rates will increase based on the government set percent increase (for example this year it is 2.1%). This increase would be applied to the water rate only."
- 3. A community member raised the issue of loose animals (dogs & cats) within city limits. The council stated that action may only be taken when a formal written complaint is filed with the county sheriff.
- 4. A bid from Brian Nettleton Excavating has been received to tear town the old part of the school and the bus barn. This is a community issue, and not just that of the councils. The City of Fertile is willing to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the expense of the demolition. This is to take place in the fall of 2001. Donations will be asked for from community members to assist with the remaining expenses. It is unsure if there is asbestos in one of the classrooms and that removal would be an additional cost to the city. The council is committed to this project and asked that community members take a stake in this also. A flyer will be posted around town and sent with the water bills asking for financial assistance.
- 5. Yaggy Colby presented the preliminary draft of the I & I Reduction Plan. The following plan of action will be followed for 5 years and will be provided to the DNR. During the first year, random checks will be conducted to ALL residences to enforce the Sewer Ordinance that prohibits discharge of storm water or other unpolluted drainage into the system. For those household with a sump pump there will be a written notice given and 30 days to correct the problem. Fines of \$100 will be enforced. In addition, a manhole condition survey, lift station calibration and dye testing will be conducted to determine if cross connections exist between drain tile and sanitary sewer collection system piping.

Years 2, 3, 4, and 5 consist of various video inspections, smoke testing, flow monitoring a feasibility studies.

- 6. A budget hearing for approval of the 2001-2002 budget year was held. The budget was accepted.
- 7. The Clerk position will be vacant as of March 14th and a replacement has not been found at this time. The position is part-time and pays \$7.00/hr. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact Mayor Thompson.
- 8. A motion to pay the February expenses was made.

February expenditures:

Alliant Energy	\$483.42
WCTA	\$41.60
LGI	\$17.51
Tom Kirshbaum	\$1524.38
Jaci Santee	\$313.30
Dave Low	\$301.41
FICA	\$681.56
IPERS	\$264.68
Sewer Account	\$1483.00
Water Account	\$1474.00
IA Ass. of Municipal Util.	\$263.35
Sales Tax	\$154.56
Hare Electric	\$521.34
Yaggy Colby Associated	\$2064.40
Waste Management	\$1666.50
TOTAL	\$11,255.01
February Revenues	
Local Option Sales Tax	\$1266.41
Snow Removal	\$30.00
Street Construction	\$2320.66
Property & Land Tax	\$211.24
Water	\$2283.11
Sewer Fees	\$3551.97
Garbage Fees	\$1243.19
Sales Tax	\$131.73

TOTAL

\$11,038.31

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Your help is needed!

THE OLD SCHOOL IS COMING DOWN!

What's happening?

A contractor has been found that will remove the old portion of the school in the fall. The city council has committed to pay half of the expenses. As a community we need to raise the rest of the funds.

How do I help?

Donations of any size would be accepted! Donations may be dropped in the city water bill box at City Hall, given to a council member or dropped at Thompson's Garage.

If I have questions, who do I ask? Call a city council member with any questions.

The old part of the building is coming down. Let's pull together to improve "our community".

Watch for more information to come.

The Smells of Spring Neil L. Kuns April 4, 1995

For those who had lived for months under a winter blanket of snow the coming of any sign of spring was as welcome as sunrise and kicking off the covers on an exciting and awaited birthday. In a sense it was like a rebirth of all the things winter had put into hibernation. After months of making the most of snow and its limitations, the idea of getting out without bundling up in heavy clothing was exhilarating. We anticipated Groundhog's Day in February as much as those who believed in Santa Clause looked forward to Christmas. No one really held that it made any difference whether or not "Puxatawney Pete" saw his shadow, but by that time of the year the thought of six more weeks of winter was almost too much to endure. Everyone was ready for spring.

Visual signs of the changing season abounded. The snow melted, the ice left the river, crocuses began to pop through any remaining snow, the willows along the creeks showed just a hint of green, and the oaks in the woods began to glow with their slightly pink new leaves. Grass started growing and pussy willows showed their soft gray buds.

Yet the surest harbinger of spring for me was always the smells of the thaw and the beginning new growth. The back yard of the house in which I was born was tilted just slightly to the south, and caught a little more of the sun's warmth than more level planes. This always seemed to be the first place that the frozen turf turned into mud. At some time in the past someone must have either spilled fuel oil on that ground or worked on a car there, for the mud always had the slightest smell of grease or oil. Because I always associated that aroma with spring it was never a "bad" smell but was always agreeable. Even today when those particular esters reach my nostrils I ring up pleasant memories.

Other aromatic announcements of spring included the smells of new grass and clover. The clover was sweet when it was in bloom and even sweeter when it was mowed for hay. The fragrance of clover drying in the sun signaled that all was well with the world. Soon the essence of apple blossoms was added to the perfume, and other flowering trees contributed their subtle touches. As wonderful as all this was, the message we as young children were receiving was "summer is almost here." In those long-gone days summer could never come too soon nor last too long. It is a pity that we didn't take more time to smell the roses, the irises and the other blossoms of springtime. But, like all the verdant sprouts and spikes bursting from the black Iowa soil, we were impatient to get on with growing and with life.

In later years I became more willing to wait for the passing of time. Now everything seems to be racing by at breakneck speed. Because all days move too quickly, I never wish for time to pass any faster. If pay-day is ten days away or a vacation won't start for three weeks, well, ... I can wait. There are so many things to see and to smell that we must not afford the luxury of haste. After we are gone these will all still be here for others to enjoy. Shouldn't we take the time to appreciate them now?

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HEAD START PROGRAM NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT PERSON: Michelle Skadburg 641-423-5406, Ext. 25

Starting March 6, The Head Start program administered by North Iowa Community Action Organization will be taking applications for fall preschool classes. Children ages 3-5 whose families meet federal income guidelines or have a disability/special need are eligible for this free program. Meals and health screenings are included. Transportation may be available. Call 1-800-873-1899 or 1-800-657-5856 for an appointment.

Thank you

FERTILE AND SURROUNDING AREA, you are a very caring group of people. Thanks to Gary Jansen and 911 who were there so soon and so considerate. Thanks to the ambulance crew and all involved for their expertise and care.

Thanks to you who came to see me in the hospital, West Campus and the Care Center.

Also, thanks for all the prayers, cards, food, visits, telephone calls, plants & flowers.

In gratitude, Myrtle Gudmonson

FERTILE ALUMNI BANQUET

To anyone who attended Fertile High School, and all former teachers: We are planning a banquet to be held at 6:30 PM on June 9, 2001 at the old Fertile gym. If you have any questions or comments, contact one of the officers:

> Harlan Rodberg, President Merle Tuttle, Vice-President Beverly Calgaard, Corr. Secretary Dean Haugen, Secretary-Treasurer



Dear Ladies,

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Amos & Irene Miller

To the Fertile Reminder Ladies,

Another year has rolled around again. Time to renew for another year. Thanks to all for a wonderful job.

Pat Tuttle

Fertile Reminder,

Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. I enjoy reading your paper. I especially like the writings of Neil, Maxine and others. They bring back lots of memorials

Thanks to those who put the paper together.

June Tweed 136 West I Street Forest City, IA 50436



MILDRED MC GRATH 1919 - 2001

Mildred McGrath, 81, of Joice, died Feb. 15, 2001 at Mercy Medical Center in Mason City.

The funeral was held February 20, 2001 at the United Methodist Church in Forest city.



Mildred V. McGrath was Born Aug. 21, 1919, to Ralph and Anna Wirtjes, at Titonka. She attended country school, then graduated from high school in Buffalo Center. She taught country school in Buffalo Township and Linden Township.

On Dec. 22, 1940, she was united in marriage to James McGrath. On Dec. 22, 2000, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mildred enjoyed watching her children participate in sporting events in high school She also enjoyed flowers and gardening and was a member of the Fertile Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband, James McGrath, of Joice; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Mc Grath of Mt. Ayr; two sons, Jack of Broomfield, CO and Gene, of Joice; A daughter, Gloria Boggess of Beaver Dam, WI; three grandsons, three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lawrence and Melvin; and a son, Michael.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

DOWNTOWN CAFE Fertile Iowa We will have a 'Soup Nite' & 'Taco Nite' on Tuesdays, January 16 - 30 February 13 - 27 March 13 - 27 'Taco Nite' is every Tuesday Night. Regular hours Monday - Saturday 6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

BENJAMIN REED VANDENBOSCH 1970 - 2001

Benjamin Reed VanDenBosch, 30, of Mason City, died February 22, 2001 at the Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit.



A memorial celebration in his honor was held February 24th at Church of Christ in Fertile. Benjamin, son of Bob and Linda "Toby" VanDenBosch, was born Nov. 1, 1970. In 1974 he was critically injured in an accident that left him severely disabled. During his life, Benjy

VanDenBosch

and his family witnessed the love and support of countless family members and friends who volunteered to help with his therapy and care while he resided at home.

Throughout his youth he attended special education programs in Northwood, Kensett, Mason City and Forest City school systems. He was also involved in the Church of Christ yr 'h activities.

When he was 13, he moved to NCHS in Forest City, where he lived until shortly before his death. During his years there, his NCHS family involved him in continued therapy programs, activities and Special Olympics.

He will forever be remembered by his family and friends.

Special survivors are his parents, Bob and Toby VanDenBosch of Mason City; sisters, Lindsay and Sasha, at home; maternal grandmother, Maxine Tobiasen, of Northwood; paternal grandmother, Jean VanDenBosch, of Fertile; and paternal grandfather, Wayne VanDenBosch of Lake Mills. He is also survived by four uncles and nine cousins.

Waiting to welcome him in Heaven are his maternal grandfather, Bennett Tobiasen; aunt, Vicki Tobiasen; and his great-grandparents.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Celebrate National Library Week

April 1-7, 2001

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John F. Kennedy Statement for National Library Week, April, 1963 "Treasury of Presidential Quotations"

Watch for "happenings" at the Library to celebrate National Library Week!

NEW BOOKS

Arranging Flowers - Martha Stewart Garden Junk - Mary Randolf Carter The Country Store - Stephanie Donaldson The Shabby Chic Home - Rachel Ashwell Seven Layers of Design- Christopher Lowell Wall Street Journal Guide to Understanding Money & Investing - Kenneth Morris Peanuts a Golden Celebration - Charles Schultz Black Sheep One -Bruce Gamble (The Life of Pappy Boyington) Colours (Changing Rooms) - Linda Barker Birds of Iowa Field Guide - Stan Tekiela Kitchens - Decorating Ideas & Projects - Better Homes & Gardens The Complete E-Commerce Book - Janice Reynolds More than Memory - Dorothy Garlock The Long Trail Home - Stephen Bly The End of Act Three - Gilbert Morris Seaside - Terri Blackstock The Rose Legacy - Kristin Heitzman City Girl - Lori Wick No Eye Can See - Jane Kirkpatrick Glory - Lori Copeland

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AUDIO BOOKS

The Whistleblower - Tess Gerritson Southern Cross - Patricia Cornwell Angel's Flight - Michael Connelly The Exorcist - William Peter Blatty East of the Mountains - David Guterson Another City, Not My Own - Dominick Dunn Thinner - Stephen King

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With Sympathy

NORMAN L. TRESLAN 1934 - 2001

Norman L. Treslan, 66, of Algona, formerly of Clear Lake, died Feb. 19, 2001 at Mercy Medical Center, North Iowa.

A private memorial service was held at Hogan Bremer Colonial Chapel in Mason City.

Norman was born July 24, 1934, in Mason City, the son of Edwin and Mable Treslan. He attended Fertile schools and at the age of 18 began his lifelong work as a self-employed carpenter and cabinetmaker.

Norman was united in marrage to Darlene Anderson on Dec. 25, 1954 in Forest City. The couple lived in Clear Lake for 45 years, only recently moving to Algona to be near their daughter.

Norman is survived by his wife, Darlene, of Algona; one daughter, Colleen Bilyeu of Algona; one son, Gary Treslan of Gardner, Maine; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and numerous cousins.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Open House

There will be an Open House Bridal Shower for Stefanie Ball, bride-elect of Dean Blake from Thornton, on April 14th at 9:00 AM at the Fertile Church of Christ.

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

April 28, 9 - 11 AM

for Brooke Mechem

Bride Elect of Tim Faber

Fertile Lutheran Church

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Library Friends hold Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. by Pat Oswald Chm.

Old man winter just doesn't want to cooperate this winter! We had our Soup & Sandwich Luncheon scheduled for Saturday February 24th at the Fertile Community Cer But reports were for a very nasty day, so the afterness before, Nancy & I decided that we needed to cancel and hold it on March 3rd. Changing dates doesn't always turn out as well as the scheduled date. We had a much smaller crowd and we <u>thank</u> those who faithfully attended and help support the Fertile Public Library.

Thank You goes to the following who donated food: Byerly Foods International of Lake Mills for the soup they donated. Hardee's of Forest City for the orange drink; meat for sandwiches - Betty Suby, Dawn & Pat. Bars brought in by Evelyn, Lois, Elin, Bobbi, Loni, Nancy, Maxine, Marilyn B., Alvera, Goldie, Brenda, Dawn, Donna Nelson & Pat. A special thanks to those who worked: Brenda, Sheila Enderson, Nancy, Betty Suby, Goldie, Dawn, Ivy, Bobbi, Elin, & Morgan. To Lisa May for picking up buns.

Our next project will be selling Butter Braids, Caramel Roll, & Soup through A & B Fund Raising of West Bend, Iowa. We would like to raise around \$1,000. Part of it to go to the Building Fund and part to the Library Friends to support the library programs. This Fund Raiser will be starting very soon. Watch for signs around town and in the Library.

> OPEN HOUSE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Ellsworth & Adaline Spencer April 21, 2001 2 to 4 p.m. Hanlontown Community Center

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The first meeting of the new year for Fertile Garden Club had to be canceled due to the weather and icy conditions. Roads & yards are not good either! We will start off our year on April 10th and just forget our annual pot-luck in March. See you on the 10th of April. (Maybe the weather will be nice by then!! We hope.)



FUND RAISER

SOMEBODY'S WISDOM

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm "older" (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered:

- 1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- 2. My wild oats have turned into prunes & All Bran.
- I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
- 4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded ...
- 5. All reports are in; life is now officially unfair.
- 6. If all is not lost, where is it?
- 7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- 8. Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
- 9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
- 10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
- 11. Accidents in the back seat cause...kids.
- 12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- 15. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- 16. It's not hard to meet expenses...they're everywhere.
- 17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.
- 19. UNABLE TO REMEMBER IF I HAVE MAILED THIS TO YOU OR NOT AND DOUBT IF YOU CAN EITHER.
 - Submitted by Kit Zirbel

The Fertile Community Center board is sponsoring a supper to raise money to demolish the old school building. The city has a bid to take down the old part of the school. Our first fund raiser will be April 21st. We will have a soup supper with three kinds of soup, plus homemade bread and homemade pies, coffee and cold drink.

> Serving from 4 - 7 PM Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children 10 & under \$3.00 Children under 3 Free We will gladly accept donations

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Cook's Corner

Need a light dish to take to a ladies hereon? This is really tasty! I can cream of mushroom soup I (6 1/2 oz.) can tuna (drained) 1/2 cup slivered cashews (optional) Dash pepper 1/4 cup water 2 Cups Chow mein Noodles(I cup sliced celery 1/2 cup onion I cyo sliced mushrooms(optional) I sm. can Mandarin orange slices. Combine soup and water. Add I cup

noodles, tune, celery, cashews, onion, pepper and mushrooms. Toss lightly. Place in ungreased casserole. Sprinkle emaining noodles on top. Bake at 275° for 15 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Garnish with drained canned mandarin oranges sections just before serving.

Can be made in microwave. Cook on high 8 -10 minutes. It is also a good quick recipe for unexpected guests

you aim at nothing, youll hit it every time. A farmer learns more from a poor harvest than a from a good one...

FUN CORNER

.... and eating

Here are 15 names of meals, or parts of meals. The last six in the list have their endings switched around. Each has the right beginning, but the wrong ending - so you must correct them before you can find them in the wordsearch.

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