AUGUST 2002 FERTILE REMINDER



GOMING EVENTS

Aug. 5	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 PM
Aug. 6	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 PM
Aug. 10-11	Fertile Days Parade Saturday	10 AM
Aug. 13	Fertile Garden Club	7 PM
Aug. 17	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Aug. 19	Library Board Meeting	7 PM
Aug. 20	Senior Dinner	Noon
Aug. 27	Re-cycle Day	

The Fertile City Council met June 17, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Fertile Community Center. Mayor Joyce Russell and Council persons Tad Miller, Dick Bruns, Tanya Olson, Tammy Hall and Jeff Berg were present. Also present were Chuck Waage, Ed Buchanen Sr., Evelyn Elthon, Terry Elthon, Lois Anderson, Ruth Ouverson, Kay Olson, Kristen Andersen, Carolyn Nedved, Lee Briggeman, James Lovick, Sue Schultz. The minutes had no objection and were approved as presented. The public hearing portion of the meeting took place. Mayor Russell read the requirements of the sale of the property. The bids of Joe Elthon and Lee Briggeman were read. A discussion of the property lines of the property for sale was questioned by Terry Elthon. A recess was called at which time interested parties went outside and reviewed the property lines as were marked out previous to the Public Notice of sale. The sale of the Community Center was tabled until the regular council meeting to be held July 2, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Fertile City Hall. Meeting Adjourned.

June 2002 Expenses

Julie 2002 Expenses			
LGI, Sewer	66.15		
Dave Low, wage	301.49		
Tom Kirschbaum	1,631.84		
Gloria Kirschbaum	375.35		
Sewer Debt	1,483.00		
Water Debt	1,474.00		
RICA	356.08		
Post Office, Utility postag	e 42.42		
WCTA	61.14		
Waste Mgt, Garbage	1,666.50		
Sales Tax	166.61		
Alliant Energy	493.92		
Grant Russell	168.43		
IPERS	219.15		
Nelson Petroleum	154.70		
Thompson Garage	84.63		
RVS Utility Bill	41.10		
Hare Electric, sewer	3,425.81		
Northwood Anchor	19.16		
Larsen Plbg	4.81		
Crescent Moon, park	120.00		
Aquila, gas	17.00		
Mid Continent Contr 3,6	70.00		
Locate & uncover manholes			
US Post Office Box Rent	26.00		
Total	\$16,2069.29		

Revenue June 2002	
W/S/G	9,152.00
Local Option Tax	1,505.70
Street Construction	2,604.28
Property Tax	579.79
Total	\$13,841.77
Gloria Kirschbuam, Clerk	

The Fertile City Council met July 2, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Fertile Community Center. Mayor Joyce Russell and Council persons Dick Bruns, Tanya Olson, Tammy Hall and Jeff Berg were present Absent, Tad Miller. Also present were Terry McCarthy, Lee Briggeman, Terry Elthon, Evelyn Elthon, Ray Elthon, Kristen Andersen, Chris Andersen, Ed Buchanan and Chuck Waage. The minutes had no objection and were approved as presented. Terry McCarthy of Yaggy-Colby discussed manhole inspections. Five manholes are vet to be inspected on the East end. Other recommendations include dye testing calibrate and reset flow heights at the lagoon. The manhole inspection will be July 16 at 6:30 PM. The bids for the community center were considered. Joe Elthon purchased the Community Center for \$2,525.00. Moved by Berg, 2nd by Hall. Passed, 4-0. Tom Kirschbaum recommended repairing water curbstops and having citizens have water meters accessible for meter reader. The monthly expenditures were approved. The Water Quality report is available at city hall for examination. The council directed the city clerk to prepare an informational letter for Fertile Residents concerning the burning ban in effect, dogs running at large and stop sign violations. A member of the Worth County Sheriff's department will be invited to the August Council Meeting to address dogs, junk cars. A County Supervisor will be invited to the August meeting to discuss 1st Street, a farm to market road. Tom Sheimo will get estimate for light at horseshoe pit damaged in wind storm. The remainder of the street signs need to be put up. Bruns reported manholes should be brought to street level. No street repair is planned for this summer. Heritage park would like to have any logs felled in the park. Tom was directed to gravel the road in the park prior to Fertile Day Celebration. The city audit was tabled until August to receive more bids. Cable TV was discussed. Meeting Adjourned ...





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NEW BOOKS

Between Friends - Debbie Macomber Darling Daughters - " High on a Hill - Dorothy Garlock Again & Again - Susan Johnson Blond Heat -Wild Flowers - Robin Jones Gunn In This Mountain - Jan Karon The Shelters of Stone - Jean Auel Heart of the Sand Hills - Stephanie Grace Whitson Sweet Delights - Terri Blackstock Cape Refuge -66 Emerald Windows " Beyond the Threshold - Linda Lael Miller The Leopards Woman - " The Rogue & the Hellion - Connie Mason Golden Lasso - Fern Michaels Shy Ann - Michael Frederick The Remnant - Tim LaHaye In His Own Voice - Simon Estes Betty Crocker's Living with Cancer Cookbook Guiness World Records 2002 The Preschooler's Busy Book - Trish Kuffner The Toddler's Busy Book -The Best of Country of Country Cooking 2002 -**Reiman Publications** Dr. Shapiro's Picture Perfect Weight Loss 30 Day Plan - Dr. Howard Shapiro Lipton Recipe Secrets The Magic of Flavor Duncan Hines Bake it Easy

AUDIO BOOKS

The Remnant - Tim LaHaye The Summons - John Grisham

NEW VIDEOS

The Majestic - Jim Carey A Walk to Remember - Mandy Moore The Ride - Michael Biehn Max Keeble's Big Move Clifford's Schoolhouse Clifford Tries His Best Getting There - The Olsen Twins Air Bud 7th Inning Stretch - Richard Karns Adventures at Pine Hollow - The Saddle Club Jimmy Neutron Boy Genius





The Cold Tub ©Neil L. Kuns August 15, 1995



For the past generation the "hot tub" has been a fixture in many back yards, especially in California. They are made of redwood or fiber-glass, heated with gas or solar panels and are often equipped with a pump to aerate and agitate the water. Those who have them say they are a great way to relax and to soak away tension and pain after a day of strenuous work or play.

The back yard tub in which my brother Dale and I soaked in 1936 was a cold tub. Actually it was an ordinary galvanized wash tub that Mother used on Monday, clothes washing day. When the weather got hot in August we would beg her to let us "go swimming" in the tub. We dragged it out to a sunny spot near the pump and filled it with water from the well. Such water

came out of the ground at about fifty-five degrees, and it took a long time to warm up the twenty-five degrees to a bearable eighty. By mid morning we were already in our swimming suits in anticipation of our fun in the tub. Long before noon we tried sticking one toe into the tub, and it felt like ice water.

"Why does it take so long to get warm when the weather is so hot?"

"Mom, can you heat some water on the stove and put in into the tub?"

She could and she did, but that little bit of hot water didn't make much difference in the temperature. By one or one-thirty we had become brave enough to put one whole leg into the tub, but the water was not yet close to being comfortable. Something good usually happened during the next hour. Either the intense mid-day sun finally heated to water to passable or we decided that puttering around in coolish water was better than sweating it out in the hot, humid Iowa weather. Perhaps it was just that we got used to the water temperature and didn't mind it after a few minutes. We laughed and splashed as all children do when they play in water. Not even fifty-five years of toweling off can wipe away the pleasant memories of those wet afternoons in our back-yard "swimming pool."

A couple days ago when I entered the Westchester pool for my daily laps these memories came flooding back to my conscious mind. It must have been something about the magic combination of a warm sun, cool water, and the balmy breeze that took me back so many years to Fertile, Iowa, and my childhood. Perhaps it was the little children playing on the other side of the pool. I wondered if they would wax nostalgic about their early days in that swimming pool sixty years from now.



HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT HELD AT FERTILE

n Saturday, July 6, Fertile was the site of a horseshoe tournament. Pitchers from Klemme, Osage, Charles City, Eldora, Forest City, Buffalo Center, Mason City, Leland, Sumner, Cambridge, & Garner

The day was hot with a little rain and with wellshaded courts, the tournament went off well.

WINNERS IN CLASS B

lst	Keith Carolous	Klemme
2nd	George Christenson	Osage
3rd	Lester Nannan	Charles City
4th	Bob Walton	Eldora
5th	Richard Clark	Forest City

<u>CLASS A</u>

1st Andy Winter **Buffalo** Center Frank Koehler 2nd Mason City 3rd **Dewey Johnson** Elmore 4th **Bob Block** Sumner 5th Don Brandau **Charles** City We hope to have another tournament yet this year.

> Marvin Engstler Reporter





FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met at the Church of Christ on Tuesday evening, July 9th at 7 o'clock. Elaine Patton conducted the meeting in the absence of our president, Diane Schulze. Dolores Sandifer and Evelyn Elthon were hostesses.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in honor of our country and flag. Roll call was answered by naming our favorite vegetable. There were 15 in attendance.

Reva Anderson gave a very interesting lesson on all the varieties of peppers. There are many kinds and are used more with so many different cultures in this country.

Lois Anderson brought the thought for the day. Our business meeting was held with discussion on a float for the Fertile Days parade, which will be held on Saturday, August 10th. Volunteers are needed.

Lunch was served and the meeting was adjourned.

Fern Midtgaard Reporter



I'm Fine - How are you?

There's nothing the matter with me, I'm just as healthy as can be, I have arthritis in both knees,



And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze. My pulse is weak, my blood is thin, But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.



And my diet I hate to think about. I'm overweight and I can't get thin,



But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.



And arch supports I need for my feet. Or I wouldn't be able to go out in the street. Sleep is denied me night after night, But every morning I find I'm all right. My memory's failing, my head's in a spin. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Old age is golden ? I've heard it said, But sometimes I wonder, as I go to bed. With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup, And my glasses on a shelf, until I get up. And when sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself, Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

The reason I know my Youth has been spent, Is my get-up-and-go has got-up-and-went! But really I don't mind, when I think with a grin, Of all the places my get-up has been.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits, Pick up the paper and read the obits. If my name is missing, I'm therefore not dead, So I eat a good breakfast and jump back into bed.

The moral of this as the tale unfolds, Is that for you and me, who are growing old. It is better to say "I'm fine" with a grin, Than to let people know the shape we are in.



All my teeth have had to come out,

With Sympathy

PATRICIA G. ZOBEL 1912 - 2002

Patricia Gladys Zobel, 90, died June 19, 2002 at Muse Norris Hospice in Mason City.



Her funeral was June 24, 2002 at the Fertile Lutheran Church with Rev. Merlin Norris officiating. Burial was in Brush Point Cemetery in rural Fertile.

Patricia G. Zobel was born March 17, 1912, at Mapleton, N.D., the daughter of Edgar and Katie Yokom. She received her education in Mapleton schools.

Zobel

Pat worked at various defense-related jobs during the war, including an ammunition plant in Wisconsin and in the shipyards of

Washington state.

Pat married Maynard Zobel on July 25, 1947. The couple settled in Fertile after their marriage. Pat worked for a time at the Fertile Hatchery and Stitchcraft. She cared for other people's children in her home for many years. She was an avid reader and enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

Pat is survived by three daughters: Patty Ann Zobel of tile, Jane Johnson and her husband, Joel, of Fertile, and Debbie Haugen and her husband, Mike, of Fertile; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a brother, Henry Yokum of Fargo, N.D.; a sister-in-law, Corrine Miller, of Clear Lake; a brother-in-law, Lester Burtness, of Fertile; and several nieces and nehphews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two brothers, Harvey Yokom, who was killed in World War II, and Edgar Yokom.

HAROLD M. "MOKE" OUVERSON 1915 - 2002

Harold M. Ouverson, 86, of Fertile, died at Mercy Medical Center on June 27, 2002.

His funeral was held at the Church of Christ in Fertile on July 1,2002. Burial was in Brush Point Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Harold "Moke" was born on Dec. 19, 1915, the son of Martin P. and Christina Ouverson. He attended Fertile High School, graduating in 1933.

In 1941, Moke enlisted in the U.S. Army.

During World War II he served in the Pacific

Theatre, Guadalcanal. Following the service he came back to Fertile to work on the family farm.

Moke married Ruth Smidt on March 7, 1945, at the Methodist Church in Forest City. In 1957 Moke and Ruth started the Ouverson Oil Station & Tank Wagon, operating it for 35 years. Moke loved the soil and his country.

Moke was a member of the Church of Christ in Fertile, the Clear Lake V.F.W. and the Mason City DAV. He was a former Brush Point Cemetery board member.

Moke is survived by his wife, Ruth Ouverson, of Fertile; three children, Mike Ouverson and his wife, Nancy, of Worthington, Terry Ouverson of Herndon, VA and Kris Ouverson of Rochester, MN; daughter-in-law, Dixie Harrison, of Centreville,VA; four grandchildren; one sister, Edna Hill, of Forest City; and many nieces and nephews.

Moke was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Donald and Leonard Ouverson; and one sister, Irene Wolter. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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We would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, the food, the cards, and gifts of money during our time of sorrow. God bless! The family of Pat Zobel



8TH GRADE GIRLS GRADUATION - 1947 Bonnie Bjelland, DeEtta Thovson, Janice Burtness, Dolores Jordan, Mary Lou Elthon, Mary Tweeten, Elsie Mae Suby, Donna Mae Hansen, LaVonne Pederson, Iva-Dell Oakland, Judy Calgaard.



Dear Reminder Ladies, Please renew our subscription to the Reminder. We really enjoy it.

> Thanks. Ed & Joann Richards P O Box 2 Fertile, IA 50434

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Dear Reminder Ladies,

The Fertile Reminder keeps me up to date on your local news. Don & I celebrated our fiftieth wedding anniversary on February third. Our family provided a reception for us at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue.

My sister, Betty, and her husband, Larry Heyerdahl, are flying out to Seattle from Green Bay, WI on July 18th before they join Don and me for a 12-day Holland American Cruise to Alaska on July 21st. We plan to make a trip to Iowa in 2003.

> Sincerely, Norma Holtan Wakeley 2414 159th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 98008

Dear Reminder,

Thanks for reminding me of my renewal. I do enjoy hearing things from Fertile I wouldn't hear otherwise. All of you do good work. Margaret Halverson

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Dear Ladies,

Thanks so much for all the work you put in doing the Reminder.

Warren Thompson

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Dear Ladies,

Please renew our paper. We wouldn't want to miss a one of them. We really enjoy all the news about the city council meetings. Virgil & Ruth Ouverson



Now that I am Older... I've Discovered:

- 1. I finally got my head together, and now the body is falling apart.
- 2. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- 3. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
- 4. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees!
- 5. If all is not lost, where is it?
- 6. I started out with nothing and I still have most of it!

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LIGHTNING FACTS

There are roughtly 16 million thunder and lightning storms a year in the world. Approximately 2/3 of those take place in the northern hemisphere during June, July, and August. On an average, lightning strikes the earth 50-100 times every second! A bolt of lightning is only half an inch to an inch in diameter. Most lightning bolts remain in the sky and never reach the ground. The average temperature of lightning is 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, five times hotter than the sun. The elctricity in lightning releases the nitrogen in rain drops, thus providing nitrates, a plant nutrient, to the soil.

And another piece of trivia...the Empire State Building in NY City is struck by lightning an average of eight times a year!

From Steele/Waseca Coop Electric Newsletter





COOKS' CORNER

It is cucumber time and this recipe came to me from friend Alice Kingland 1991.

WILTED CUCUMBER SLICES 2 tablespoons water 1/2 cup vinegar Salt and Pepper 1/4 cup sugar 2 cucumbers

Boil water, vinegar & sugar together for 5 minutes. Cool. Peel cucumbers and slice. Put slices into a bowl and cover with brine. Add salt and pepper. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours.

Garnish with dill or chopped parsley.

A quick way to do cucumbers is with Ranch dressing and a small amount of chopped onion. Refrigerate for an hour.

SUMMER SLUSH (very refreshing & handy to have on hand for unexpected company)

- 1 large can pineapple juice
- 2 cans frozen lemonade
- 1/2 cup Real Lemon
 - pkgs. Raspberry Kool-Aid

1 cup sugar (can use 1/2 cup & it tastes okay)

- 1 package frozen raspberries
- Add enough water to make 1 gallon

Mix and freeze in a 5 quart container. Add Gingerale when ready to serve.

12 WARNING SIGNS OF GOOD HEALTH

- (-Wheat Ridge Ministries)
- Persistent presence of supportive friends.
 Chronic positive expectations—a tendency to frame
- events in a positive light.
- 3. Regular signs of joy in living.
- 4. Sense of spiritual renewal in the Lord.
- 5. Increased sensitivity to others.
- 6. A tendency to adapt to changing conditions.
- 7. Increased appetite for physical activity.
- 8. Tendency to identify and communicate feelings.
- 9. Repeated episodes of gratitude and generosity.
- 10. Compulsion to care for other people
- 11. Persistent sense of humor. Known to laugh out loud.
- 12.A life centered in the forgiveness of Christ.









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August 1	Foot Clinic in Manly. Call for an
August 1	appointment. 324-1741
August I	Senior Health Clinic at Hanlontown Grace Luth. Church. Contact Lonna
	Field 896-2146 for appointment.
August 1	Free Blood Pressure checks at Grace
U	Luth, Hanlontown. Walk-ins preferably
	12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
August 7	Foot Clinic in the Northwood Public
	Health office. Call 324-1741 for appt.
August 15	Child Immunization Clinic at Worth
	County Public Health Office, 1:00 - 5:00
	No appointment necessary.
August 26,27	Senior Health Clinic at Kensett
	Bethany Lutheran Church. Contact
	Worth County Public Health for appt.
	324-1741
August 2(Free Blood Pressure Clinic at Kensett
	Town Hall 11:30-12:30. All ages are
	welcome. No appointment is needed.
August 27	Child Immunization Clinic at Northwood
	Methodist Church 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

No appointment needed.

Worth County Public Health offers a free one time visit to new moms after delivery. Contact Linda at 324-1741 for an in-home visit to answer any questions, do an infant assessment and give information pamphlets and magazines.

