

MARCH 2002

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

March 2	Library Soup & Sandwich Luncheon	11 - 1 PM
March 4	Fire Department Meeting	7 PM
March 5	Senior Dinner	12 Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 PM
March 7	F B & I Meeting	7 PM
March 9	Boy Scouts Annual Food Drive	9 - 12 Noon
March 16	Boys & Girls 4-H	
March 18	Library Board Meeting	7 PM
March 26	Re-cycle Day	

FERTILE CITY COUNCIL

February 5, 2002

The Fertile City Council met Tuesday Feb. 5, 2002 at 7 PM in City Hall. Present were Tammy Hall, Tad Miller, Richard Bruns, Tanya Olson, Joyce Russell and Tom Kirschbaum. It was moved that Russell be appointed Mayor and Richard Bruns be appointed Mayor-pro-tem. Passed. Jeff Berg was appointed to fill the council seat vacated by Joyce Russell. Evelyn Elthon presented a report for the F. B. & I. The council directed the F.B. & I. to proceed with getting bids for the footbridge construction. A resolution to adopt the comprehensive solid waste reduction plan for the city was passed. Matt Berry of Clear Lake was appointed City Attorney. Berg presented the budget for the Fire Department. A contract with Brian Nettleton for \$5,950.00 To bury the old school rubble was approved. The January expenditures were approved.

February 11, 2002

The Fertile City Council met in special session to work on the 2002-03 City budget Feb. 11, 2002 at 6:30 PM. Present were Tammy Hall, Tanya Olson, Richard Bruns, Jeff Berg, Joyce Russell, Tom Kirschbaum. Absent: Tad Miller. The regular council meeting will be March 5 at 7 PM. The council will hold a BUDGET HEARING for comments from the public March 7, 2002 from 6:30PM to 7:30 PM in City Hall.

DONATIONS RECEIVED TO HELP PAY FOR THE OLD SCHOOL DEMOLITION ARE \$2,905.00. ANYONE INTERESTED IN DONATING TO HELP PAY FOR THE DEMOLITION MAY MAIL THEM TO City of Fertile, Box 161, Fertile, Iowa 50434

January Income	
Water/ Sewer/ Garbage	10057.88
Street Rev	2740.05
Local Option Tax	1105.83
SchoolDemo	1100.00
Property Tax	386.39
General Fund	325.48
TOTAL	\$15,715.63

January Expenses	
Hare Electric Sewer	590.48
Alliant - electricity	521.83
LGI-water	27.30
WCTA- telephone	53.13
Sales Tax	156.05
Tom Kirschbaum	1294.51
Dave Low	301.49
Gloria Kirschbaum	265.26
FICA	627.43
Sewer Debt	1483.00
Water Debt	1474.00
IPERS	327.92
Peoples Nat Gas	220.48
Ia Tax Withholding	124.00
Waste Mgt	1666.50
Post Office stamps	76.57
NCSS- skid loader-snow Blower	4200.00
Auger Rent, concrete	140.39
Thompson's Garage	411.60
Fertile Library	2500.00
Fertile Fire Dept	1250.00
Worth Co.	174.00
IA One Call	23.00
TOTAL	\$17,908.94

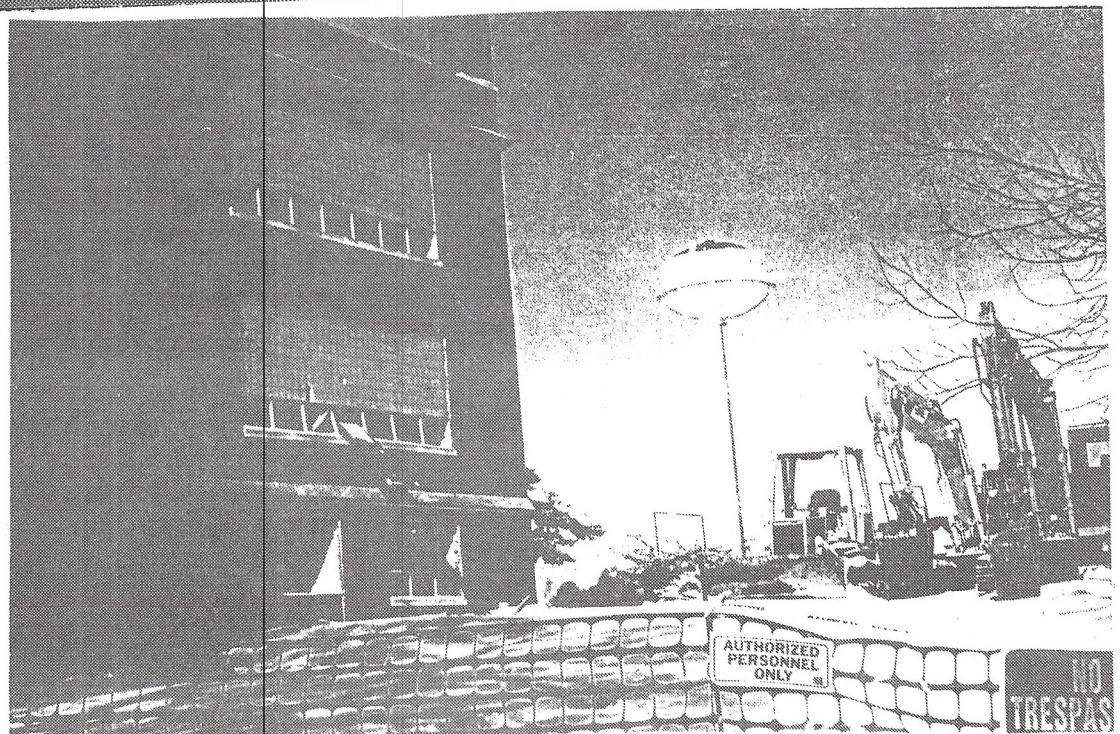
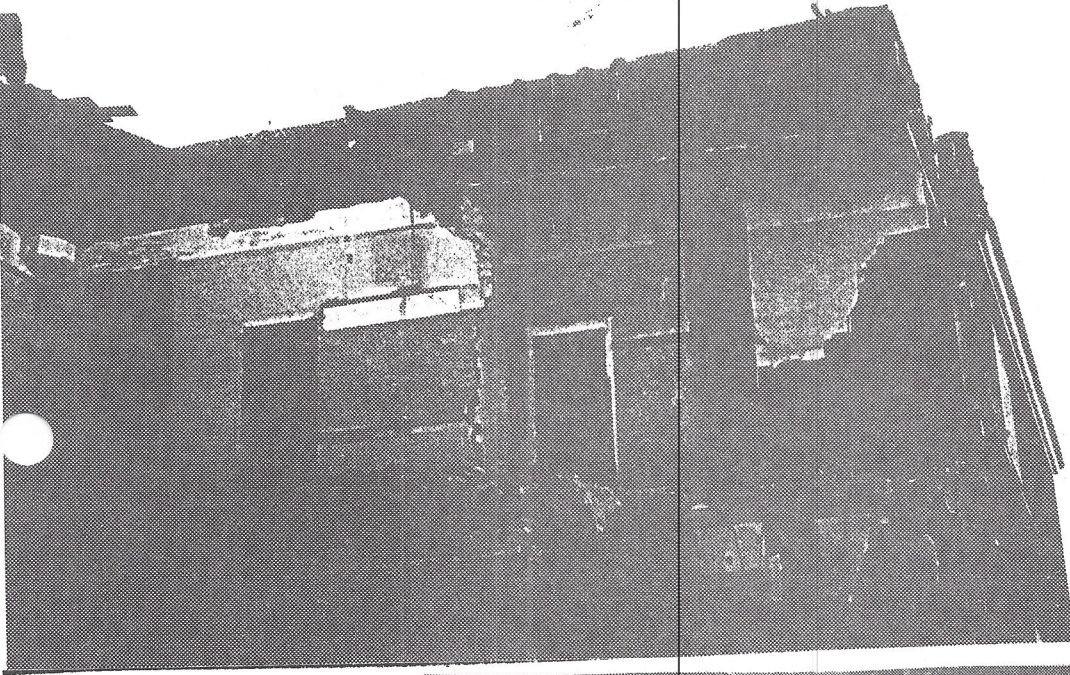
THE OLD SCHOOL COMES DOWN!

By Ruth B. Ouverson

Some are sad and some are glad as the old part of the Fertile school comes down. It was no longer safe to leave the building standing. A hole will be dug to bury the bricks—all the wood was hauled away.

Brian Nettleton was hired to demolish the building and to landscape the ground where the building stood. The City of Fertile and the Community Center Board are sharing the cost. If anyone would like to share in the cost, donations can be sent to the Fertile Community Center, P.O. Box 171, Fertile IA, 50434 or to the City of Fertile, P.O. Box 161, Fertile, IA, 50434, with check made to the City of Fertile. Total cost of the demolition is \$20,000.00.

We will still have the gym and the newest part of the school for our Community Center.



The Valve Job

March 22, 1994

Neil L. Kuns

Most men want their sons to follow in their footsteps. Dad never told me that, but he did give me the opportunity to learn much of what he had become so skilled at doing mechanically. I pumped gasoline, washed windshields, checked oil levels in engines and put air in tires. He taught me to grease the chassis and to *always* replace the drain plug when changing oil in cars before replacing the oil. One has to drain a gallon of Quaker State *through* an engine and *onto* the floor only *once* to learn that lesson. I also learned to sharpen tools, to clean parts of motors being repaired, and to operate the metal lathe. In time Dad trusted me to repair tires and to reline brakes.

During the summer of 1948 he asked me if I wanted to grind the valves of a 1936 Plymouth which was coming into the shop the next week. If *he* thought I could do it, I thought I could do it, and agreed to give it a try. I knew that if I ran into any trouble he would be there to bail me out. The whole job was my responsibility. I removed the rocker arm cover, took off the head, and broke down the parts, keeping the valves in their proper order in one of those advertising yard sticks with holes, designed for that purpose.

The head valves had to be ground to an exact angle, but there was a precision grinder to do that. One by one I chucked them into the machine and dressed them on the Carborundum wheel until all burning and warping were removed, or until it was clear that the part must be replaced. When this part of the process was completed the valve seats in the head had to be ground. Again there was a tool made for that purpose, and I polished off all twelve places. Having "lapped in" each valve to its seat with a fine grinding compound, I was ready to replace the keepers and springs, and to re-assemble the rocker arm and adjust the valves to their proper clearances.

I finished all this late on a Saturday afternoon, and didn't have time to start the engine and see if it would run before it was time to close up shop and go home. We were going to Boy Scout Camp the next afternoon, and I really wanted to see how it worked before leaving.

I was feeling good about having completed the job until I returned to the bench at which I had been working. There was a single lonely valve, left over and lying on the bench among the tools. Could I *really* have reassembled the motor, leaving out such an important part? Many years later in life I learned that apprentice clockmakers were sometimes distracted by the instructor, and given an extra wheel during the time they were re-assembling a clock to teach them observation and humility. Where does *this* wheel belong? I never knew if Dad had put the valve there as a joke, or if it had been there all along. I worried about it all week at camp, and the first question I asked after arriving home was about the Plymouth. The motor did run smoothly. It was a job I've never forgotten.

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The Ten Dollar Loan

A man came home from work late again, tired and irate, to find his five-year-old son waiting for him at the door. "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

"Yeah, sure, what is it?" the man replied.

"Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?"

"That's none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing," the father said angrily.

"I just want to know. Please tell me. How much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy.

"If you must know, I make \$20 an hour."

"Oh," the boy replied, head bowed. Looking up, he said, "Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?"

The father was furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can buy a silly toy, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you're being so selfish. I work long, hard hours every day, and I don't have time for such childish games."

The little boy went quietly to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even more angry about the son's questions. How dare him ask such questions only to get some money, he thought.

After an hour or so, the father had calmed down, and he began to think he had been a little harsh on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$10, and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the boy's room and opened the door. "Are you asleep, son?" he asked.

"No, daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy.

"I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier," the man said. "It's been a long day and I took my aggravation out on you. Here's the \$10 you asked for."

The little boy sat straight up, beaming. "Oh, thank you daddy!" he yelled. Then reaching under his pillow, he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, then looked up at his father.

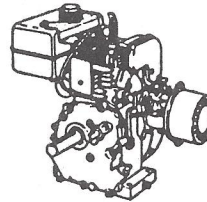
"Why did you want more money if you already had some?" the father grumbled.

"Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy said. "Daddy, I have \$20 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?"



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Worth County Public Health

Worth County Public Health will provide the following upcoming screenings.

March 6, 2002

Foot Care Clinic at Manly City Hall
Call 641-324-1741 for an appointment

March 13, 2002

Foot Care Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office
100 Enterprise Dr. (Hwy. 105 East), Northwood
Call 641-324-1741 for an appointment

If this date does not work for you, please call Shana Butler at Worth Co Public Health to arrange another appointment.

March Foot Care Clinics for Grafton pending. More participants needed.
Please call 641-324-1741 for an appointment

March 13, 2002

Child Immunization Clinic at Manly Town Hall
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary

March 21, 2002

Child Immunization Clinic at Worth Co Public Health Office
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary

March 26, 2002

Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood
9:00 - 3:00 p.m. No appointment necessary

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with money you don't have to
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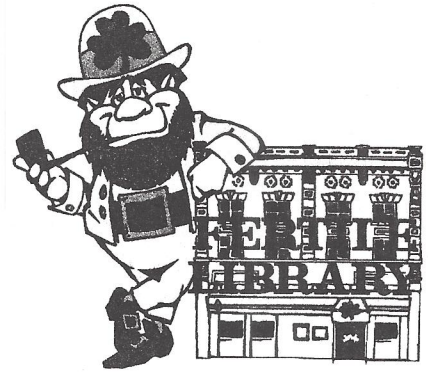
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- The Lord of the Rings - J. R. R. Tolkien
- The Dragon Lord - Connie Mason
- My Lady Wayward - Lael St. James
- Seven Up - Janet Evanovich
- Taken By You - Connie Mason
- The Wedding Night - Jayne Ann Krentz
- Cordina's Crown Jewel - Nora Roberts
- The Summon's - John Grisham
- Band of Brothers - Stephen Ambrose
- No Spin Zone - Bill O'Reilly

AUDIO BOOKS

- Four to Score - Janet Evanovich
- High Five - Janet Evanovich
- Hot Six - Janet Evanovich
- Rising Tides - Nora Roberts
- Dark Tide I : Onslaught - Michael Stackpole
- Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas - James Patterson

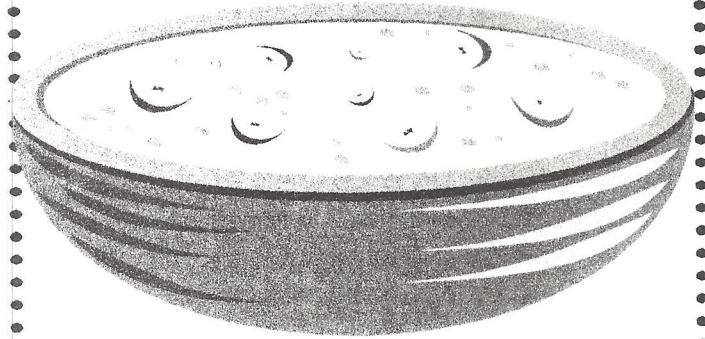
VIDEOS

- Princess Diaries - Julie Andrews
- Save the Last Dance - Julia Stiles
- Atlantis: The Lost Empire - Disney

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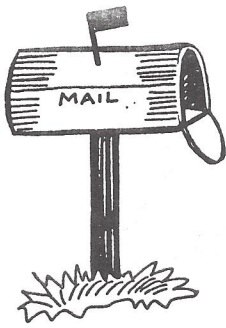
Larry & Lance Burtness

Garden Riddles answers:

1. Iris;
2. Daffodil;
3. Queen Anne Lace;
4. Box Wood;
5. Aster;
6. Hyacinth;
7. Rose;
8. Balsam;
9. Bedding Plants.

Bird Riddles answers:

1. Juncos
2. Robin
3. Oriole
4. Scarlet Tanager
5. Kingfisher
6. Hummingbird
7. Sandpiper
8. Chimney Swift
9. Flycatcher
10. Grosbeak.



Dear Reminder gals,
 Enclosed please find my renewal for another year. Your work is really appreciated on what has and is going to happen. Fertile is and always will be a great community.

Lyle Knudson
 2797 220th St.
 Blairsburg, IA 50034

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who sent cards, made visits and phone calls and especially for your prayers. Your concerns have been appreciated by all of the family.

Lanne Hanson Kilen

Open House

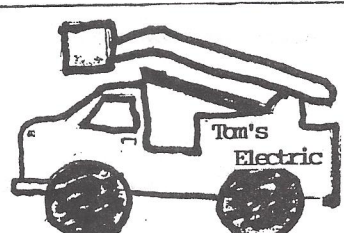
There will be an open house bridal shower in honor of Alissa Brunsvold, bride-elect of Eric Kruger. It will be held Saturday, April 13th from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the Fertile Church of Christ. Alissa is the daughter of Harold (Sonny) Brunsvold and granddaughter of Curt and Gwen Ouverson. Everyone is invited.

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SYLVIA ELTHON LEMON

1935 - 2002

Sylvia Lemon, age 66, of St. Charles, IL, formerly of Geneva, IL died January 7, 2002 in Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL.



She was born Sylvia Mae Elthon on August 15, 1935 in Forest City, IA to Leo and Synneva Elthon. She attended Fertile Schools and graduated from Fertile High School in 1953.

Sylvia attended Bethel College in St. Paul, MN and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the University of Minnesota in 1957.

On June 29, 1957, Sylvia married James E. Lemon Jr. in Mason City, IA. She and her husband settled in Neenah, WI and then later moved to the Fox Valley area. She taught high school in Menasha, WI and later in Elgin. She and her husband then raised their children in Geneva for the next twenty years. In 1980 she entered a new career with Grossklag Real Estate and later First United Real Estate. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Geneva.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, James; 2 children, Steven (Maureen) of Batavia; Allison (Rusty) Bland of Geneva; 3 sisters, Dorothy Davis of San Clemente, CA; Ivone (Les) Nelson of Clear Lake, IA; Amy (Wendell) Mahoney of Mondamin, IA and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by infant son John; her parents, Leo and Synneva Elthon; and 2 brothers, David Elthon and Alan Elthon.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

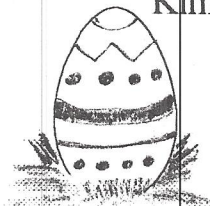
Kinney Memorial Library Omelet Breakfast

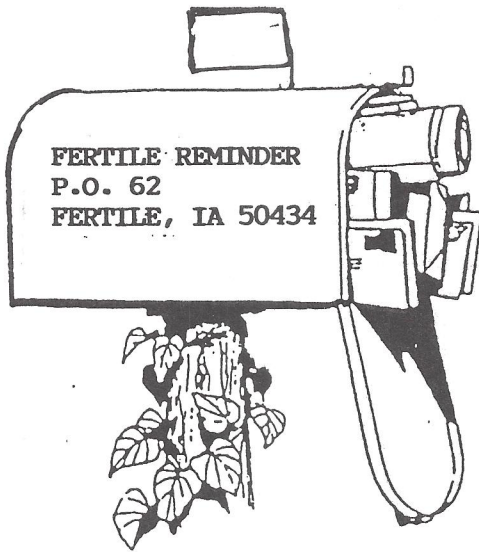
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7:30 am - 10:30 a.m.

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