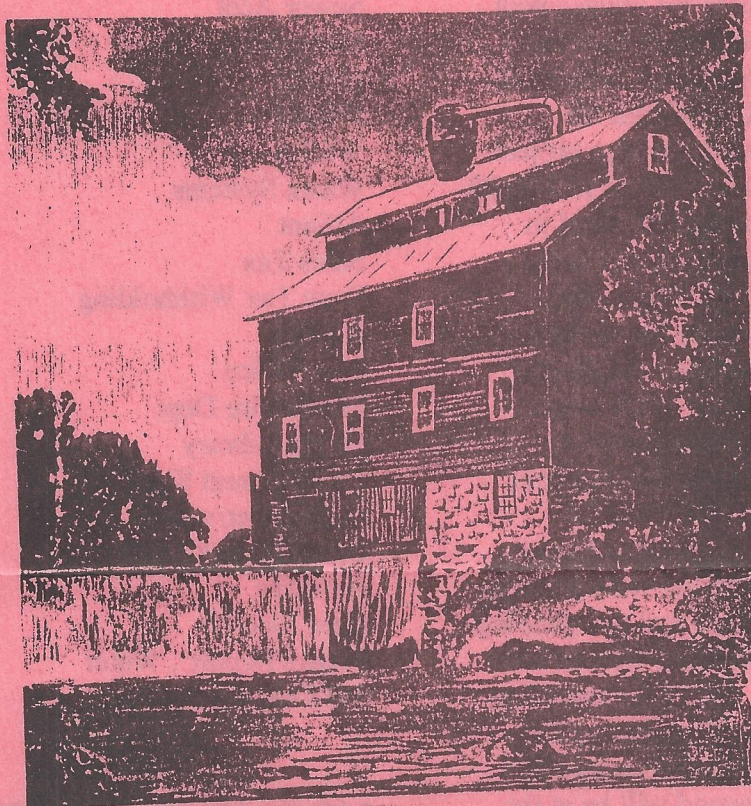


JUNE 2003

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

May 2	Fire Department Meeting	7 pm
May 3	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 pm
May 10	Garden Club	7 pm
May 16	Library Board Meeting	7 pm
May 17	Senior Dinner	Noon
May 21	Boys & Girls 4-H	
May 24	Re-cycle Day	

Fertile City Council

The Fertile City Council met May 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Tammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Richard Bruns. Absent Melanne Bang. Also present Tom Kirschbaum, The minutes were declared approved as presented. Hall moved, Miller 2nd to gravel alleys. Passed. Bids were opened for insulated garage doors on City Hall. Miller will recommend action at the June meeting. The Fertile Driving Bridge is being considered for replacement by the County Supervisors. Road repair near the bridge will be tabled until a decision has been made by the County. The Mayor will meet with the supervisors on May 19 to discuss the bridge project. Bruns moved, Miller 2nd to accept a bid of \$2,000.00 by Nettleton Excavating to clean the fish pond in Wm. Rhodes Park if grant funding is given to the city. Passed. Hall will clean up the Burke Mess. Costs will be assessed to the property by tax lien. The water building repair is complete. Additional repair is soon needed on the exterior of the water building. The roof on City Hall is repaired. A discussion on the water revenue shortfall was held. An informational meeting with USDA will be scheduled. Building permits were given to Lonnie Bailey and Henry Thompson. Reports were given by the Mayor, Clerk, City Maintenance and the standing committees. Due to an error, recycling has not been charged on the City Utility Bill. \$1.75 for recycling will appear on the June Bill. Residents using the purchased garbage bags will not have a change in their bill. Steve Miller of Northwood will be at the June Council Meeting to discuss the Casino Riverboat for Worth County. A special election is planned for June 24 concerning the issue. Voting will be at Fertile City Hall. Hall moved, Bruns seconded to approve the monthly expenses. Passed. A large group of volunteers helped clean the park April 26, 2003. Lunch was provided by the FB&I. Volunteers brought side dishes. The ends of the Footbridge are installed and landscaping is ready to begin. A wedding is scheduled in the Park. 3M of Forest City is having a company picnic in June, also at the Park. The Tractor Ride will be in Fertile July 23. They will eat lunch in the Park. Everyone is invited to inspect the tractors parked on Main Street.. The annual Fertile Celebration will be August 9 and 10. Allowable burning will end May 31. Meeting Adjourned.

Gloria Kirschbaum, City Clerk

April Revenue	
Property Tax	13,166.44
Water/Sewer/Garbage	8,304.88
Street Revenue	2,315.30
Local Option Tax	1,093.48
TOTAL	\$24,880.10
April Expenses	
Tom Kirschbaum	622.83
Dave Low	301.49
Gloria Kirschbaum	295.28
Sewer Acct	1,483.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	698.46
IPERS	240.13
WCTA	50.92
Waste Systems	1,666.50
Alliant	480.77
Sales Tax	132.97
State Tax Withholding	275.00
Aquila	190.09
Post Office	183.52
Fertile Fire Dept	1,250.00
Fertile Library	2,500.00
SA-So Street Signs	292.87
LGI, sewer/water	44.25
Crystal Clear Signs	62.50
Hawkins	5.00
Hare Electric	74.46
Franks Repair, Water	409.63
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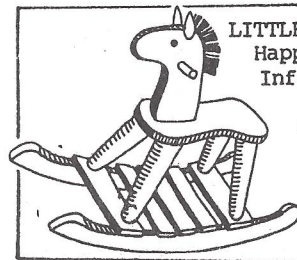
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Readers should not confuse the title of this piece with "Baywatch," the syndicated television series so popular all around the world. A program that features babes, biceps, bathing suits and beaches could hardly miss being a hit. By comparison Bayside was a mild-mannered amusement park on the south shore of Clear Lake, Iowa. The park flourished from before my childhood to well past my teenage years. I visited and enjoyed Bayside many times, first with my parents and later with my peers.

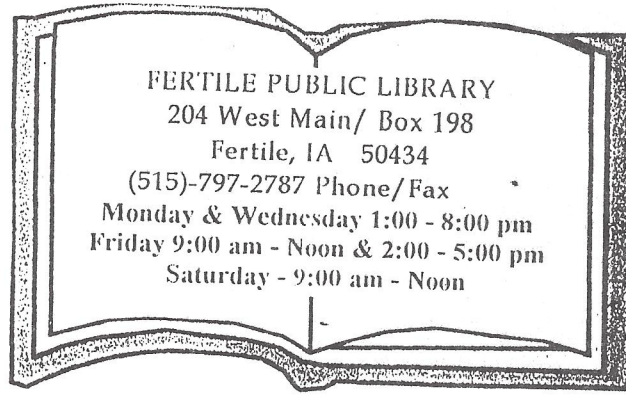
The roller-skating rink at the amusement park was large and well equipped. A spot-lighted mirror-ball that rotated during the "moonlight waltz" was a marvel the first few times I saw it. What really amazed and amused me was the music the organist played for the skaters on the Novachord, a newfangled electric organ. In those early days of electronic music this instrument was on the leading edge of development, and produced music I had never before heard. It surely didn't sound anything like the old foot-pump reed organ that wheezed through the hymns at church.

Another of Bayside's long standing attractions and screaming successes was the roller-coaster. It had been destroyed by a storm and re-built during the year of my birth. Just to think about climbing on it excited me when first I rode it. Get in, buckle the seat-belt, pull back on the lap bar and try to quiet your racing heart as the cars click-click-click up the first and highest ramp. The moment of apprehension when the clicking stopped and the cars slowly and quietly rolled over the crest was followed by the screams of the passengers. As the ride plummeted down the rails through a sixty-five-foot drop, we felt like our hearts were in our throats. I was always so busy sucking air that I couldn't have screamed had I wanted to. Twisting turns interspersed with more deep drops and sudden dips left us limp, but laughing as the cars slowly coasted to a stop at the starting line. What a bumpy ride!

The bumper car ride was another distraction that delivered its share of excitement. These miniature electric motor cars had accelerators and steering wheels like real cars. Some fun came from merely driving them but the satisfying pay-off came from bumping into friends who were driving other cars within the arena. Bumper cars were well made, moved at a moderate speed, and, while one might get shook up, no one ever got hurt. This whole concept of *trying* to hit another car was so completely opposite from driving on the streets and highways. "Don't *miss* the other car" took the place of "Don't *hit* the car." This must have been the reason we were willing to pay for the privilege of being a bumper or a bumpee.

Many other lesser attractions filled the midway at Bayside. One could try to pitch rings over milk bottles, shoot at moving targets with an air rifle, or toss tennis balls into bowls, all for a price and the possibility of winning a prize. Kewpie dolls, foot-tall plastic or cast plaster dolls painted in a rather garish style, were a popular reward. Any boy lucky enough to win one made points when he gave it to his date. Everyone knew they were cheap and no one took them seriously. Today they are seriously collected, and anyone who still has one in good condition is lucky.

Bayside Amusement Park faded in popularity and went out of business in 1958. Once such a hit, the park is now missing from the South Shore scene. It is probably safe to say that every dog has its day and so does every amusement park. The difference is that dead dogs do not become housing developments. Bayside did.



NEW BOOKS

The Pilgrim's Song - Gilbert Morris
Sunrise Song - Catherine Palmer
Second Time Around - Mary Higgins Clark
Between Sisters - Kristen Hannah
White Doves at Morning - James Lee Burke
Flashback - Nevada Barr
Southern Storm - Terri Blackstock
From the Listening Hills - Louis L'Amour

AUDIO BOOKS

From the Listening Hills - Louis L'Amour
Wings of Fire - Dale Brown
By the Light of the Moon - Dean Koontz
The Man in the Black Suit - Stephen King
White Doves at Morning - James Lee Burke
The Wailing Wind - Tony Hillerman
Partners in Crime - J. A. Jance
The Bone Vault - Linda Fairstein
Second Time Around - Mary Higgins Clark
Hornet Flight - Ken Follett

LIBRARY NEWS

April was a busy month at the library. To celebrate National Library Week we held a birthday party for Gizmo P. (P is for Pug) Walker's 4th birthday. Gizmo & his sister Cally Jo were greeters. All guests designed and decorated their own dog collar. Grandma Nancy read a story about a pug dog named Alfred. Pin the tail on the Pug (not Gizmo) was played. Frosted dog bones, Puppy Chow, & milk were served for lunch. Gizmo wants to thank all who attended & the Library Friends for giving him this great party.

The Friends also sponsored an Easter Egg hunt in the Park. The Easter Bunny passed out bags of candy to all hunters. Three golden eggs containing a \$5.00 bill were hid. The golden egg winners were Caprice Anderson, Katlyn Ouverson & Zach Lundgren. Esther the rabbit was on hand for petting & pictures. Thank you to the Fertile Library Friends, Arlene Lee, Nance Sheimo, Esther Rabbit & Morgan Miner



VIDEOS

Mr. Deeds - Adam Sadler
Stuart Little II
The Last Castle - Robert Redford
City by the Sea - Robert DeNiro
Gale Force - Treat Williams
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Al Ramon

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It means so much to my family that I have friends that care! God bless each one of you.

Maxine Rye

The family of Louis Hepperly extends our deepest gratitude to everyone who has given us their love, concern, expressions of sympathy, and especially your prayers during the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Also thanks to the Fertile, Hanlontown and Ventura fire departments for their hard work. A special thank you to the person who turned in the call.

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Lorraine

Reminder Staff,

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Thanks,

Larry Haugen's

Dear Reminder Ladies,

Enclosed is a check to renew my Reminder subscription for another year. You do a good job keeping us informed of things happening around Fertile. Enjoy getting it each month.

Shirley (Nissen) McIlhatton

May 27 **Child Immunization Clinic** at Northwood Meth. Church 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.

June 19 **Child Immunization Clinic** at Worth County Health Office from 1 - 5 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Foot Clinics available at Worth County Public Health Office. Call as needed for an appointment. 324-1741

Congratulations

Michael Dean Black, son of Dean and Stefanie Black of Thornton, was born at 4:07 pm on Thursday, April 3, 2003 at Mercy Medical Center in Mason City.

Grandparents are Mike and Sheila Ball of Fertile and Dennis and Koleen Black of Tornton.

Grreat-grandparents are Earl and Donna Miller of Clear Lake, Kenneth and Florence Kriens of Tornton, and Arlis and the late Robert (Bob) Black of Clear Lake.

Michael also has two geat-great-grandmothers, Luella Low of Fertile and Corrine Miller of Clear Lake.

He also has two proud aunts, Staci Ball of Clear Lake and Angela Ball of Rochester, MN.

FERTILE HIGH SCHOOL

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MORE INFORMATION WILL BE

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Sunday

9:00 - Sunday School (for all ages)

10:00 - Fellowship Time

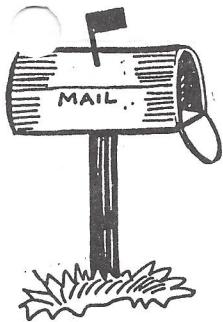
10:15 - Worship Service

5:15 - Evening Family Activities

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Come and be our guest.



FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club held their Annual Plant and Bulb sale on Saturday, May 3 at the Fertile Community Center. We had lots of plants and had a very good turnout. A member of the Mason City Men's Garden Club brought up Coco Shells Mulching and sold them outside of the building. He did a pretty good business. They also donated a lot of plants for our sale that they were cleaning out. We really appreciated the extra plants.

A drawing was held for door prizes and Goldie Felland won the guest prize and Amanda Waddington won the member prize.

A short business meeting was held and the 50th Anniversary of the Club was discussed. We will be celebrating on October 14, at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ. This is our annual Guest Night. More info will come later.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, June 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Cathy Kirschbaum with Betty Theilen as a hostess also. Pat Oswald, Reporter

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FROM FERTILE, IOWA

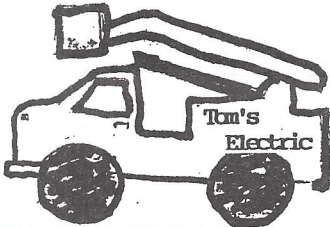
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Good Old Days?

Here are a few old sayings and facts from the 1500s.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and were still smelling pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it, hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the pet dogs, cats and their small animals (Mice, rats & bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof, hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs." There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.

This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That is how canopy beds came into existence. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying "dirt poor".

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet. So they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entryway, hence a "threshold".

They cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They mostly ate vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been in there for quite a while, hence the rhyme, "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old".


Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth and that a man "could bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat".

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so tomatoes were considered poisonous. Most people did not have pewter plates, but had trenchers, a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Trenchers were never washed and a lot of times worms got into the wood. After eating off wormy trenchers, one would get "trench mouth".

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up, hence the custom of holding a "wake".

England is old and small and they started running out of places to bury people. So, they would dig up coffins and would take their bones to a house and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on their wrist and lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell, thus, someone could be "saved by the bell," or was considered a "dead ringer".



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[1] Workers from 9:30 a.m. through clean up at around 2 p.m.

[2] Bars

[3] Picnic tables (20) we have 3 promised so far.

[4] Tents (we have two large and a couple small) *Need more*

[5] Money Donations to buy the food.

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE TRACTOR RIDE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003 7 P.M.
FERTILE CITY HALL**

COOK'S KORNER

Today's recipe comes to us at a very good time. There is lots of rhubarb out there right now. At the top of the recipe it says "Carol's Mom" and that it serves 6-8 people.

STOVE TOP RHUBARB PIE

Melt 2 tablespoons butter
 Add 2 cups diced rhubarb
 1 cup sugar
 Cook slowly until rhubarb is tender.
COOL
 Mix 1/4 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 2 egg yolks (beaten)
 1/4 cup cream
 1/8 teaspoon salt.
 Mix this all into the cooled rhubarb.
 Boil with first mixture until thick.
 Put in a baked pie shell.
 Top with meringue.
 Bake for 10 to 15 minutes at 350°.
 If you don't care for meringue, top with Cool Whip.

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Do you have any recipes you would like to share? Send them to us at REMINDER, PO Box 62, Fertile IA 50434

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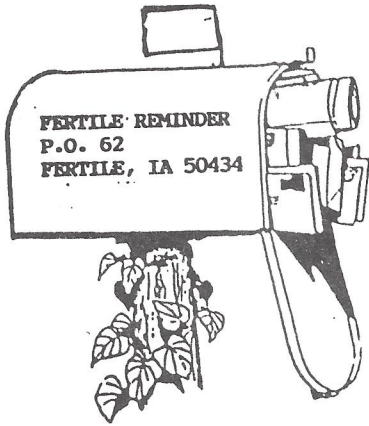
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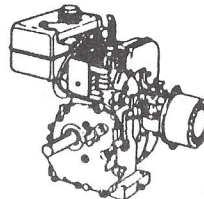
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