# APRIC 2004 FERTILE REMINDER



## COMING EVENTS

March 20	Bridal Shower for Lori Kelly Fertile Lutheran Church	9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
April 3	Baby Shower for Darcy Lackore Fertile Church of Christ	1 p.m.
April 5	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
April 6	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
April 14	Reminder Deadline	
April 17	Boys & Girls 4-H	
April 19	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
April 20	Senior Dinner	Noon
April 24	Bridal Shower for Jennifer Anderson Fertile Church of Christ	1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
April 27	Re-cycle Day	



FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY 204 West Main/ Box 198 Fertile, IA 50434 (641)-797-2787 Phone/Fax Monday 1:00 - 8:00 PM Wednesday 2:00 - 6:00 PM Friday 9:00 am - Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon New Hours!

FERTILE PARK

Saturday, April 10

Visit with the Easter Bunny Bring Your Baskets!

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Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN PURCHASED WITH A GIFT FROM THE FERTILE LIBRARY FRIENDS!

**NEW BOOKS** 

The Last Juror – John Grisham Sight of the Stars – Belva Plain Ransom – Danielle Steel A Greater Glory – James Scott Bell Dance With Me – Luanne Rice Wild Heather – Catherine Palmer Hot Pink – Susan Johnson Divided in Death – J. D. Robb Emma's Secret – Barbara Taylor Bradford The Cat Who Talked Turkey – Lilian Jackson Braun

#### VIDEOS

Sea Biscuit – Toby McGuire Holes – Sigourney Weaver Rugrats Go Wild! Sinbad Legend of the Seven Seas – Disney Freaky Friday – Jamie Lee Curtis Bruce Almighty – Jim Carrey Pirates of the Caribbean – Johnny Depp

#### **AUDIO BOOKS**

Galloway – Louis L'Amour Ransom – Danielle Steel The Sight of the Stars – Belva Plain The Last Juror – John Grisham Emma's Secret - Barbara Taylor Bradford

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

We have added some programs to make donating easy & fun. Here's an example, Ethan & Emma Gallmeyer adopted 23 junior fiction paperbacks in the Animal Ark series by Ben M. Baglio. They chose the books & get to be the first ones to read them. An Adopt a Book label was placed in each book with their names on it. Books can be hard cover or paperback and purchased at a 40% discount, no tax. For example, a book costing \$24.99 can be purchased at \$15.00, a \$7.99 paperback at \$5.19, etc. Audio books can be purchased at 45% discount. Adopt your favorite author or series. Read it first. You can also use this program for gift giving. Through our Birthday Club you can buy a book at discount and the recipient will get to read it first, have their name in it & have it given in their name from you. You get to read it next. You can purchase for your kids or grandchildren with Gizmo's Birthday Club. This is a great way to celebrate their day & teach giving.

If you would like to adopt or donate call or stop by. I have lists of children's books recommended by Iowa librarians. I have catalogs you can browse through. Books can be fiction or nonfiction. Nonfiction covers hobbies, cooking, health, home improvement, history, pets, etc. Add something we lack. Or you can give money & I will do the work. You may remain anonymous if you like. I thank everyone for his or her past & future support. Also thank yourselves. After all, this is **your** library.

On Saturday, May 1 the library is having a large book, video & rummage sale. Let's make it citywide. Contact the library if you would like to be added to the list of addresses. We will handle the publicity. If you don't want to have one yourself but have a few white elephants you just want to get rid of, drop them off here. All money made will be used to purchase new books & videos. All items not sold will be given to Opportunity Village. Thanks again!



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BOOKS & VIDEOS!

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#### Baby Fish and Frogs Neil L. Kuns April 14, 1995

Small boys seem to have an interest in and an attraction to the small miracles of new life. It doesn't matter whether they are baby birds, bugs, chicks, ducks, fish or frogs. Today I'm remembering a time when this small boy found a treasure horde of baby bullheads. Growing up along the river and having spent my share of time in creeks, ponds and the river at one end of a seine straining the waters for minnows, I was acquainted with baby fish. Small fry of the northern pike looked like miniature versions of the game fish we tried so diligently to catch when they were older and at least fifteen inches long. Black bass, whether of the small mouth or the large mouth variety, were easily identifiable by the time they were two inches long. We knew enough to release all immature game fish back into the river if they came up in our nets. It was much more fun to angle for them later with rod, reel and lure.

We could always find tadpoles in the ponds east of town, and were fascinated to see them develop over time from legless tail-waggers into four legged tail draggers, and finally into to fully developed frogs. These amphibians were a lot easier to capture as dark-brown tadpoles than later after they became bright green and yellow frogs. I was always amused by tadpoles' soft-looking bulging bellies when they were newly hatched.

But, back to the bullheads. Just upstream from Esther Haugan's house on the north bank of the river a tile dumped its contents directly into the water. Whether it was the ultimate outflow from a septic tank or just a drain we never knew for sure, although we had our suspicions due to its bouquet and the gray growth around the end of the pipe. The water there was always a little warmer than elsewhere along the river. We didn't swim in it to gain this information. We gathered it by observing that the ice was thinner and melted earlier there than elsewhere. Did mama bullhead lay her eggs there because of the "nutrients" available in that area or because the water was warmer? Who knew? The bullhead is a type of catfish, and "cats" are scavengers and bottom feeders, so you may be able to figure it out.

One spring or early summer day while I was walking along the river I chanced upon a teeming black mass in the water at that place. There must have been two-hundred little black bullheads churning about in the water. They were cute, if not cuddly, and for some time I watched them roiling the water. Grandma Carr and I never intentionally fished for bullheads. Others in town were less choosey and didn't mind eating their way around all those little bones. That day along the river I realized that unless the big ones (meaning other fish) ate all the baby fish there would be plenty of bullheads for the really big ones (meaning people) to eat later on in the bullheads' old age. In that enchanting moment a later date with a frying pan seemed far off in the future. This was a day for the small fry to play and for a small boy to watch them.



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## NORTH IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION

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Starting February 25, 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 the number listed for your county or call 1-800-873-1899 for an appointment.

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#### WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- March 23 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9: a.m. to 3 p.m No appointment necessarry.
  April 5 Nail Clinic at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Grafton. Call 800-765-1388 for an
- April 15 April 16 April 17 Apr
- April 27 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Senior Health Clinics pending for April please call Worth County Health office for information and appointments.

If you have any questions, please call Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741 of 800-765-1388.





Dear Reminder Staff:

My March issue of the Reminder stated that my subscription is due. I do not want to take the risk of being dropped, so I am sending you my renewal for the next 3 years. We who have left Fertile do

enjoy getting some news of a place that has been very special to us. We want to let you know that your readers appreciate the work you do.

I hope that you are all well and things in Fertile are running smoothly.

Sincerely, Neal Luker, Fulton, IL

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription for another year. I really enjoy reading all about Fertile.

Orland Miller

Dear Ladies,

Sorry we didn't notice the red flag. We enjoy your paper. Please renew our subscription.

Fred Luker

Dear Ladies,

Please keep sending me the Fertile Reminder. Thanks! Norma Van Den Bosch

Dear Ladies,

It's time to renew again. As usual, you all do such a swell job. Pat Tuttle

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. Thanks for all your work. Noreen Groe

Dear Ladies,

Oops! Sorry for the late donation. We'll get better and read closer. We appreciate the local news. Tom Walrod



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Thank you to all my many friends at the Downtown Cafe, to my family, to Jane Ramon for having the party, to Dawn Shryock for the delicious cake and to everyone who came to help me celebrate my birthday. Thank you to Rudy Monson and Jane for the coffee and donuts and to Loni, Goldie and all who helped. Thanks to Lillian & Linda McMullen for the month of free coffee. Also, thank you for all the cards. I really appreciated it all.

Amil Johnson

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I would like to thank everyone who remembered me on my 85th birthday with cards and Best Wishes. Thanks to Jane and her crew.

Jim Lovick

#### **BRIDAL SHOWER**

There will be a Bridal Shower for Lori Lynn Kelly, bride-elect of Jon Ouverson at Fertile Lutheran Church on March 20, 2004 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. \* \* \*

There will be an open house Bridal Shower for Jennifer Anderson, bride-elect of Joshua Miller, Fertile, on April, 24, 2004 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at Fertile Church of Christ. The program will be held at 2 p.m. Jennifer is the daughter of Kristy Anderson, Forest City and Joshua is the son of Dan and Penny Miller, Fertile.

#### **BABY SHOWER**

There will be a baby shower for Adam & Darcy (Monson) Lackore, Saturday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Fertile. Everyone is welcome.



### WITH SYMPATHY

#### REVA JACOBSEN ANDERSON 1919 - 2004

Reva Jacobsen Anderson, 84, of Forest City, died February 17, 2004 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City.



Funeral services were held February 21, 2004 at Fertile Lutheran Church with Rev. Lee Laaveg officiating. Burial was at Pilot Knob Lutheran Cemetery in rural Forest City.

Reva Jacobsen Anderson was born on Dec. 29, 1919, on a farm North of Clear Lake to

Chris and Laura Jacobsen. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake.

She graduated with the Clear Lake High School Class of 1937, and worked for four years at Snow White Market and one year for Mathers Grocery.

On Aug. l, 1942, she married Grant Anderson at Ellington Prairie Lutheran Church in rural Garner. Upon Grant's return from the service, they farmed their entire married lives north of Ventura.

Born to this union were four children, who along with their spouses, survive; Gary and his wife, Ramona, of Fertile, Linda and her husband, Craig Ackarman, of Ventura, Shirley and her husband, Beryl Wubbena, of Bristow, and Bruce and his wife, Dianne, of Forest City; 10 grandchildren and 8 greatgrandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Ardith (Mrs. Edwin) Furness of Garner and Beverly (Mrs. Roy) Anderson of Ventura.

Reva was preceded in death by her husband Grant in 1987; and her parents, Chris and Laura Jacobsen, a brother, Lyle, who died in infancy, a brother-in-law, Roy Anderson; and a brother and sister-in-law, Nordahl and Irene Anderson, and a niece and three nephews.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

#### FERTILE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL POT-LUCK

The Fertile Garden Club held their March Annu<sup>-1</sup> Pot-luck at the Church of Christ on Tuesday, March Seventeen member and two Honorary members were present. Hostesses were Elaine Patten and Pat Oswald. The dinner was opened with a prayer by President Penny Miller. After a delicious dinner, the meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was "What do you like about Garden Club?"

Diane Schulze gave a lesson on "Preparing the New Garden Plot". The Treasurer's report was given. President Miller read the By-Laws for the new members. Carolyn Nedved has returned to the Garden Club after a few years off. Teresa Smith has been out for awhile and also wishes to return. It was voted to invite her back

The Plant Sale will be on May 8 at the Fertile Community Center. We will price our own plants. Pat Lohman will be in charge of posters. Printing of prices will be Diane Schulze. Marilyn Tweeten is the reporter and will be in charge of getting advertising in the papers.

Discussion was held on the Archway for the walking path to the foot bridge. There will be stepping stones landscaping. Diane Schulze will get the barrels for flowers. Rhonda Schulze had the "Thought of the Day".

The meeting was adjourned and the officeres served dessert. Next meeting will be on April 13 at 7 p. m. with Kristin Mikes & Fern Midtgaard as hostesses Pat Oswald, Reporter Pro-tem.



The following are the names of the class of 3rd & 4th graders that was in the Reminder. If there are any wrong names, please let us know.

Back Row: Miss Thomas, Emelia Oakland, Earl Miller, Arlyn Brosdal, Judy Calgaard, LaVonne Pederson, Lehman Floy, Don Severson.

Third Row: Mary Lou Elthon, James Toppin, Ken Midtgaard, Gerald Fankell, Boyd Suby, Dick Varberg and Alan Elthon.

Second Row: Donna Suby, Mary Tweeten, Elsie Suby, Dolores Jordan, IvaDell Oakland, DeEtta Thovson, Janice Burtness and Donna Hansen.

First Row: Larry Purcell, Jimmy Boos, Dale Lindquist, Duane Haugen and Dale Kuns.

## FIRST ANNUAL TOP OF IOWA TRACTOR RIDE

#### JULY 3, 2004

#### Information and Route

The ride will begin at the Worth County Fairgrounds on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am. A breakfast will be served by the local 4H group at the fairgrounds for an hour prior to departure.

Route is scheduled with stops for restroom breaks and meals.

- -Depart fairgrounds at 8:30am.
- -Stop at Gordonsville, MN for coffee at community center.
- -Stop at Silver Lake for lunch from 11:30 1pm.
- -Stop at Emmons for rest stop.
- -Stop in Joice for ice cream.
- -Back to Worth Co. Fairgrounds.

#### **Rules and Regulations**

- 1. Tractor must be able to maintain 10 mph minimum.
- 2. Tractor must display an SMV sign on back.
- 3. Any year of tractor is allowed.
- 4. Tractor can <u>not</u> have a cab; umbrellas and canopies are welcome.
- 5. Tractor must be in a safe driving condition, with functional brakes, descent tires, and no leaks
- 6. All drivers must have and carry a valid driver's license.
- 7. Drivers must follow all rules of the road and posted signs.
- 8. Passing is not allowed at any time during the ride.
- 9. Drivers must follow all routes designated by ride coordinators.
- 10.Passengers are not allowed on tractors unless machine was specifically built with a 2nd secure rider's seat.
- 11. Trailers are not allowed.
- 12. Drivers must allow a safe distance between each other to allow time to stop.
- No alcohol allowed at any time before or during ride.

#### ther Helpful Hints

-Bring rain gear, sun screen, or a jacket if necessary.

-A fire extinguisher is recommended.

-There is no fee for registered drivers for the lunch or ice cream, but you may want to pack a small cooler for snacks and drinks during the ride.

-All riders will get a free cap at the beginning of the ride, but you may want to bring one to protect from the sun.

-Bring a cell phone in case you have mechanical problems.

-There are no fuel stops planned, so make sure you carry enough fuel or arrange a person to bring you fuel at one of the planned stops. Ride is appoximately 50 miles in length. -There will be a drawing for free gifts from sponsors at the fairgrounds at the end of the ride.

-All money beyond the costs of this ride will be donated to the local 4H of Worth County.

Thanks for your participation from the Top of Iowa Tractor Committee.

#### FOR AN ENTRY FORM OR MORE INFORMATION CALL 641-324-1154 or 641-896-3592 or 641-454-2321





#### CELEBRATING AT STATE FAIRS

"Pick the best fruits from your trees... Bring 2 loaves of bread made with the Finest flour from the first part of your grain harvest...Bring animals that have nothing wrong with them...Celebrate this festival for seven days.

These aren't words on a fair flyer, but instructions that appear in the Old Testament Book, Leviticus. Fairs are as old as the Bible.

August and September seem to be prime months for state fairs. In America, fairs were started as a sort of thanksgiving where people showcased their wares, crops, and livestock. The state fair is probably one of the last frontiers of Am. agriculture, because of dwindling farm population, even though fair attendance is usually very good.

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### CODX'S KORNER

If you like to have Muffin Mix on hand and are in a hurry, here is a very good recipe that I have used for years. <u>Your</u> 2 cups boiling water over 2 cups 100% Bran.

- Let stand
- Mix 1 1/3 cup or sticks Oleo (light)
  - 3 cups white sugar
  - 4 eggs (beaten) can use "egg beaters"

#### Then Slowing ADD

- 1 quart Butter Milk
- And 5 cups Flour
  - 5 teaspoons Soda
  - 1 teaspoon Salt
- Mix and ADD

4 cups <u>dry</u> Bran (any kind)

MIX WELL

Then blend in 100% Wet Bran mixture.

Store in gallon container in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

You can add raisins, nuts, grated carrots, pineapple (drained) anything you like.

#### Bake for 20 Minutes in a 350° oven.

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## FUN KORNER

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Ardis Sheimo and Lois Anderson help with the mailing.

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