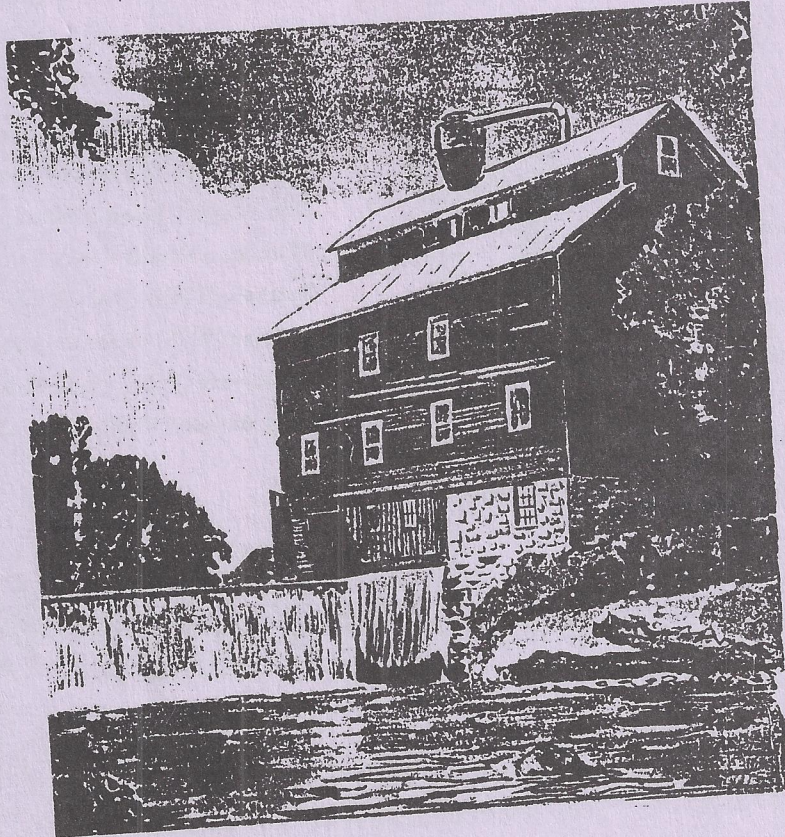


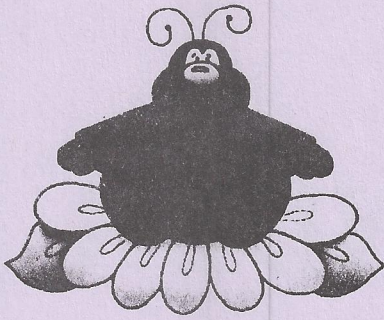
# APRIL 2005

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

Apr. 4	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
Apr. 5	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Apr. 7	FB&I Meeting	7 p.m.
Apr. 10	Jenn Miller Baby Shower	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Apr. 12	Garden Club	7 p.m.
Apr. 16	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Apr. 18	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Apr. 19	Senior Dinner	Noon
Apr. 26	Re-cycle Day	



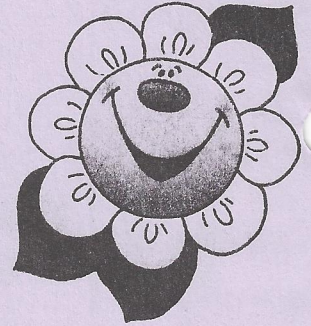
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### NEW BOOKS

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Abigail's Story - Ann Burton

Deep Freeze - Lisa Jackson

Double Homicide - Jonathan &  
Faye Kellerman

Otherwise Engaged - Eileen Goudge

Honeymoon - James Patterson

The Hope Within - Tracie Peterson

Breaker's Reef - Terri Blackstock

Burned - Carol Higgins Clark



### NEW DVD'S

The Notebook - James Garner

Open Water - Blanchard Ryan

The Village - Joaquin Phoenix

Without a Paddle - Seth Green

Spartan (VHS) - Val Kilmer

Cellular (VHS) - Kim Basinger

Cybermutt (VHS) - Judd Nelson

King Arthur (VHS) - Clive Owen

**"YARD OF THE MONTH"**

The Fertile Garden Club will be sponsoring a "Yard of the Month" contest in **May—June—July**. This is for all people living in the city limits of Fertile. A nice sign will be put in the yard of the winner.

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We would like to share with the citizens of Fertile what the fire department is doing and update you periodically through-out the year. The Fertile Volunteer Fire Department consists of ten active volunteers, one equipped 4x4 brush truck, two pump trucks, one tanker truck, ten full sets of bunker gear (10 to 15 years old) and six SCBA (Self Containing Breathing Apparatus) (2 to 3 years old). The fire department is supported by city funds, township funds and money raised through fund raising activities. In the past year, the state funding has been cut to the fire department. Our fire district covers the city of Fertile, approximately 55 square miles in southern Worth County, and northern Cerro Gordo County, including 12 miles of I-35 and 8 miles of Hwy 9. We also have a mutual aid with Hanlontown Fire and Rescue. Fertile Volunteer Fire Department is an intricate part of this community. Our fire fighters are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week-as well as holding down full time jobs. These men attend a regular monthly meeting and attend continuing education classes through-out the year. Our department has one-licensed first responder, and two fire fighters in the process of completing the first responder course. Our department is responsive to fire and medical calls.

When a fire fighter goes to fight a fire they are exposed to many dangers. Some of the dangers are heat, sparks, fire, smoke, chemicals, and falling debris, to list a few. Bunker gear worn by a fire fighter protects them from these dangers. Bunker gear also keeps the fire fighter dry. Bunker gear consists of a jacket, pants, suspenders, helmet, and boots. The cost of one complete set is \$1,452.00. As of January 2005 – our bunker gear is 10 to 15 years old. The life span of bunker gear is 5 years. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase ten complete sets of bunker gear in the year 2005.

Our volunteer fire fighters are as follows: Dwight Bruns (Fire Chief), Jeff Berg (Asst. Fire Chief), Warren Bruns (Medical and First Responder), Mike Dahn (Secretary), Brian Fairchild, John Jordan (Medical), Dan Lee (Safety and Training), Dan Miller (Treasurer), Josh Miller, and Bruce Waddington (Safety and Training).

Without these volunteers we would not have a fire department or rescue team. It is **vitaly** important to protect our fire fighters. They put their life on the line while fighting a fire or responding to a rescue call. **Your support would be greatly appreciated.** Please send donations to: Fertile Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 93, Fertile, Iowa 50434.

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Thank you to the "Downtown Cafe Gang" and Jane & Rudy for the great Birthday Party. Thanks for all the cards and good wishes on my birthday.

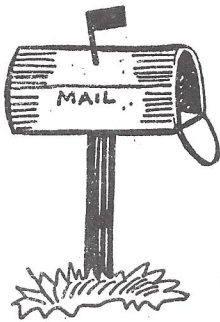
Amil Johnson

Dear Reminder Ladies,

In the past, my sister Beverly Beck Bell has subscribed to the Fertile Reminder for me and I do enjoy receiving it. Recently I sent my copy on to my cousin, Iris Carr Geer, who lives in Virginia - so the paper does get around!

Enclosed is my check. Keep up the good work.

Katherine Bell Sonderholm



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the good job of keeping us informed about things going on in Fertile. I miss not hearing an update when I don't get it.

Here is my fee for a subscription.

Alice Hedin

Dear Ladies,

Sorry - I almost forgot to renew. You do a GREAT JOB. Have a great week.

Jane Briggeman

Hi Ladies,

We enjoy your news and paper.  
Keep up the good work.

Fred & Judy Luker

Dear Ladies,

I am renewing my Reminder. Thank you for the good job and the time you put into it.

Jane Johnson

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. Thank you for all your work.

Noreen Groe

Dear Ladies,

Keep up the great work, gals,

Sharon & Norman Froiland

Dear Reminder Staff,

Please find my renewal for another year. You do a great job of keeping me informed on the Fertile news.

Keep up the good work.

Lyle Knudson

Dear Reminder,

Here is my renewal for the Fertile Reminder. I love keeping up with activities in Fertile. I haven't been home in years and this helps keep the memories alive. Thank you!

Evanelle Faulken Perkins

## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held their Annual first meeting of the garden club year on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at the Fertile Church of Christ. Twenty members were present for the delicious Soup and Salad Supper & dessert. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Table Prayer.

Following the supper, President Pat Lohman called the meeting to order. Mary Anderson gave a lesson on "Early Spring Chores" This was very interesting presentation. Secretary's Report was given by Kristin Mikes and she also read thank you's that had been received. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was given to each member. Happy Birthday was sang to all who had birthdays since our last meeting in Dec.

Introductions was made of the to new members Lois Low, ( a returning member from a few years before) and Deb Underbakke. All members introduced themselves and told where they lived and little about themselves.

By-Laws were reviewed with Meeting Attendance Responsibility be emphasized. Secret Pals were drawn for. "Yard of the Month" was explained. (see small ad in this Reminder issue) Thought of the Day was given by Teresa Smith.

Pat Oswald, Reporter

## BABY SHOWER

There will be an open house baby shower for Jenn Miller (wife of Josh Miller) on **Sunday, April 10, 2005** at the Church of Christ in Fertile, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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You can take part in making the celebration everything it should be.


Join us on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Next meeting is April 7, 2005.

### Let's Make This Celebration Something Worth Coming Home for!

Sesquicentennial Dates: August 4, 5, 6, 2006

- \* Family Fun and Activities planned for each day. Your ideas are wanted!!!
- \* Bring a design idea for a T-shirt or other promotion items. (April 7th).
- \* What type of entertainment do you want to see featured?
- \* Everyone welcome!
- \* Bring a friend!!!

Other dates to keep in mind:  
Fertile Days 2005 is August 13th & 14th



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## MEMORIES OF FERTILE

The FB&I is making a memory book for the 150th. We are looking for pictures and short stories.

All pictures will be computer scanned and returned unharmed. If you have pictures you would like to share (Special Events/Businesses/Groups/Landmarks/Street Scenes/Fun Pix etc.- Anytime within the last 150 years), contact Elin Miner at 797-2122.

Short stories to go with the pictures would be great! We are also interested in old ads or memorabilia that could be copied or have a picture taken of for use in the memory book. Even if you just have some memories you would like to share - please do! We are willing to stop by and visit to get both stories and pictures. We will use as many of them as we can within our space and design limits.

Pictures and stories can also be dropped off or mailed to the Fertile Library - P O Box 198.

- \* Place in an envelope - some will be available at the library.
- \* Enclose a description of the picture, date it was taken (or near guess) and the names of people in the picture.
- \* If dropping off: Label the outside of the envelope with your Name, Address and Phone Number - to ensure prompt return.
- \* Make sure the above information is inside your envelope or package if you are mailing it.

Interested in helping with the memory book?  
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## THE LIGHTER SIDE



A Norwegian took a trip to Fargo, North Dakota. While in a bar, an Indian on the next stool spoke to the Norwegian in a friendly manner. "Look," he said, "let's have a little game. I'll ask you a riddle. If you can answer it, I'll buy YOU a drink. If you can't then you buy ME one. OK?" "Yah, dat sounds purty good," said the Norwegian. Said the Indian, "My father and mother had one child. It wasn't my brother. wasn't my sister. Who was it?" The Norwegian scratched his head and finally said, "I give up. Who vas it?" "It was ME," chortled the Indian. So the Norwegian paid for the drinks. Back in Sioux Falls, the Norwegian went into a bar and spotted one of his cronies, Sven Sandvik. "Sven," he said, "I got a game. If you can answer a question, I'll buy you a drink. If you can't YOU buy ME vun. Fair enough?" "Fair enough," said Sven. "Ok, my father and mudder had vun child. It vasn't my brudder. It vasn't my sister. Who vas it?" "Search me," said Sven. "I give up Who was it" Said the Norwegian, "It vas some Indian up in Fargo, North Dakota."

Ole and Lars were going ice fishing. It took them three hours just to dig out enough ice to get their boat in the water.

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts" and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

Ever wonder about those people who spent \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

A young woman boarded a crowded bus. A tired little man got up and gave her his seat. There was a moment of silence. "I beg your pardon?" said the tired man. "I didn't say anything," replied the young woman. "I'm sorry," said the man, "I thought you said 'Thank you.'"

Coach: How did he develop into such a runner?

Manager: Running into debt and running from collectors.

Jim: Yep, the engagement is off; she won't marry me.

Joe: Did you tell her about your rich uncle?

Jim: Yeah. Now she's my aunt.

A dad in a letter to a son in college: "Am enclosing \$10 as you requested in your last letter. Incidentally, \$10 is with one zero, not two."

# The Lighter Side

A city banker visiting the country stopped to talk to the farmer. The banker, nodding toward a figure in the farmyard, said: "I suppose that's the hired man."

"Well, no," replied the farmer with tongue in cheek, "he's actually the first vice president in charge of hogs."

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Old man to teenage boy: "You don't know how bad it is to be old and bent."

Boy: "And you don't know how bad it is to be young and broke."

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Cosmetics are a woman's way of keeping a man from reading between the lines.

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At a restaurant, two little old ladies asked the waiter to explain what a martini was. He replied, "It's gin and vermouth, served with an olive or twist."

The ladies conferred, then one said, "We don't want the gin and vermouth, but bring us two Oliver Twists."

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Even if you'll never pose for Playboy, it's not a bad idea to diet and try to get rid of your centerfold.

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Sign over front door of home: "For sale, set of encyclopedias, never used. Teenage son knows everything."



"I scratched the front fender a little. If you want to look at it, it's in the back seat."

A man's hair and teeth are just about his best friends, but even the best of friends fall out.

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"I bet on a horse called 7 Year Itch."

"Win?"

"No, it was scratched."

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The boss called an absent employee and asked, "Why haven't you shown up for work today?"

"I lost my American Express card," the no-show explained, "and I can't leave home without it."

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Not being able to take it with you isn't the problem anymore. It's managing to leave some behind.

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Save for a rainy day, and you might accumulate enough for a new umbrella.

## *Junk Yard Jumpers*

©Neil L. Kuns

April 13, 1996

One of the colorful characters who called on my father at his garage was an old Russian gentleman. When he wasn't spinning yarns about his accomplishments during the Russo-Japanese war he was plying his trade as a metal-man buying scrap iron, copper lead and brass. Old radiators, batteries, axles, anything made of metal had value. When he got down to business he weighed the scrap and paid us for it. This early effort at recycling kept the clutter down around the garage and put a little cash into the till. Dad was happy for Dale and me to sell any metal we could find discarded around town or out in the country so we became occasional scavengers.

In those days people burned combustible rubbish or buried compostable trash in the garden. This was easier and cheaper than trucking it to a dump. Several sites in the county degenerated into unofficial junk yards, and people would haul their durable discards to one of these for disposal. Any abandoned hollow qualified. If a farmer did not want any part of his land to become a dump he posted it, "No Dumping," and people for the most part respected his wishes.

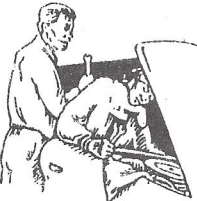
Just south the highway a mile west of Hanlontown there was a man-made hollow from which someone had removed gravel. One could call it a pit but it was not a hole in the ground. It was rather a spot where an ice-age glacier had dumped a small hill of gravel as it retreated into what is now Minnesota. The entrepreneur was able to load the alluvium into his trucks without digging a pit. When he got too close to the county road to the east he had to stop digging or risk a cave in of the road and a war with Worth County.

Over time this deserted place became overgrown with weeds and started attracting trash from the people in the area. It was an informal junk yard. I became aware of the place shortly after the Russian junk-man called at the garage. Of course I wanted to scout it out for scrap metal and this was the reason I visited the site that day.

I drove the pick-up off the highway and parked. No one was within a mile of the place as far as I could tell. All was still as I wandered through the dried grass and weeds looking for scrap metal. Suddenly a cotton-tail rabbit, deciding I was too close for his comfort, jumped out of the bushes at my feet and scampered away. I jumped at least as quickly as the rabbit, adrenaline coursing through my veins. It was a "hare-raising" experience, and I could feel the hairs on the back of my neck bristle. That first moment of terror quickly faded to relief and humor. I wondered if the rabbit was as relieved as I was.

I don't recall whether or not the scrap metal scavenging was successful that day of the junk yard jumping. I did learn to make a little noise in such solitary situations so as not to startle anyone or anything by my unexpected presence.

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# COOK'S KORNER

I am in need of recipes. How about you cooks out there helping me out? Send your recipes to: Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434. Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

## ANYWAY CAKE OR BARS

Nelda A. Halverson

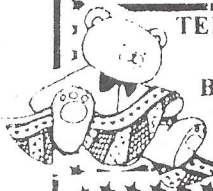
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- >Nothing takes longer than doing nothing.
- >The trouble with doing something right the first time its that nobody appreciates how difficult it was!
- >The joy and satisfaction of doing a job well is a gift no one can give you but yourself.
- >An apology is often a good way to have the last word.
- >Do now what you'll be glad later you did do.
- >Patience seldom fails to deliver it's reward.
- >Courage is fear that has said it's prayers.



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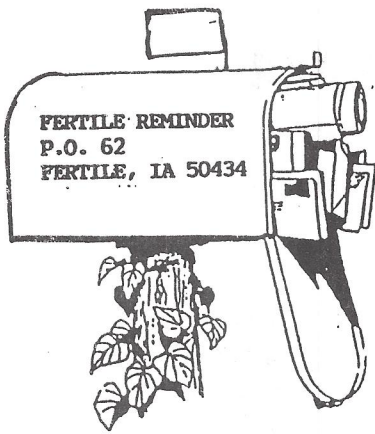
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BUTLER	LABOR	SERVANT
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