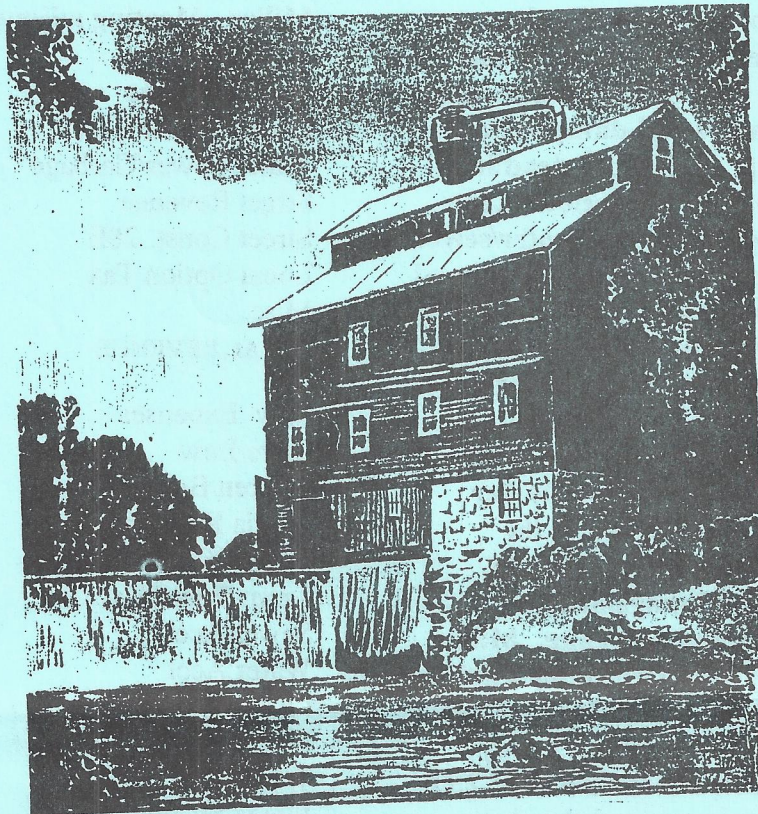


JULY 2005

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

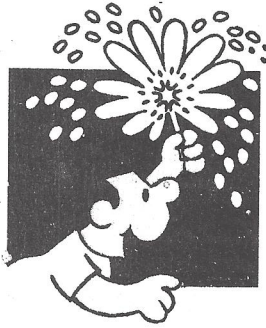
July 5	Senior Citizens Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
July 7	F B & I Meeting	7 p.m.
July 11	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
July 12	Garden Club	7 p.m.
July 16	Boys and Girls 4-H	
July 18	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
July 19	Senior Dinner	Noon
July 26	Re-cycle Day	

The Fertile City Council met 7:00 PM in regular session, June 7, 2005, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Paul Youngers, Tad Miller, Gail Shropshire, Jeff Berg. Absent Melanne Bang. Miller moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve the May minutes. Jeff Berg moved to replace three red rasberry bushes for Mrs. Dan Lee. Miller second, passed. Ms. Lee stated she has received DNR ok for the work done in the river on her property. Mr. Lapointe, lawyer for PIM and Mr. Greves, lawyer for the City of Fertile discussed a solution for the Pop Machines and dumpster on the sidewalk on Main Street. A July 1st deadline was agreed to by both parties for a solution. Leon Hagen does not think he should pay for water/sewer because he is not receiving service. Youngers moved to table the issue of water bills to property not using service until Yaggy Colby returns the Sewer Study. Second Berg, passed. Dennis Johnson informed the council of a grant sought by the County for a bike trail. Each town would receive equal miles. The council expressed interest in the project. Miller moved to appoint Amanda Waddington to the Worth County Foundation to represent Fertile. Youngers 2nd, passed. Waste Management presented options in garbage and recycling. Miller moved to grant Keith Brcka a permit to put a drive from Main Street onto the East side of his property. Berg 2nd. Passed. Miller moved to retain Larry Pump to perform a City Audit not to exceed \$2,250. Youngers 2nd. Passed. Bruns reported the sheep are doing well at the lagoon, bridge approaches on south 1st street will be repaired when the B20 detour is removed. Youngers moved to authorize that the Little League erect an electronic scoreboard at the ball diamond. Second Shropshire. Passed. The sign was purchased with funds from grants and fundraisers. The Mayor reported the Bruns Brothers volunteered hours improving the ball diamond. The Wescom cable equipment has been abandoned and will be disposed of by the city. Individual cable stands marked with a red X may be removed from lawns. Burtness & Lundgren Plbg donated an used air conditioner unit and installation to City Hall. Water Tower Paint and Repair will delay the contracted painting until 2009. The Fire Department will do a controlled burn on the pile located behind the Kirschbaum property on West Washington Street. Youngers moved to approve expenditures, Miller 2nd. Passed. Since the City of Fertile assured Nettleton of payment when he knocked down the walls of the Fertile Gym during

the fire, and because he has not been paid, Youngers moved to make payment to Brian Nettleton, send a request of payment to the property owner and if payment is not received, place a lien on the prop in the amount of \$413.00. 2nd Shropshire. Passed. Berg remarked on the need for clean-up on the Point. A discussion of ditch dirt removal on East Main was held. Youngers moved to adjourn, 2nd Miller. Meeting adjourned..

May Revenue	
Property Tax	1,776.54
Water/Sewer/Garbage	10,023.01
Street Revenue	1,027.12
Street Const. 28E	1,144.93
Local Option Tax	1,131.32
Misc.	69.54
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,172.46

May Expenses	
Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,171.94
Gloria Kirschbaum	347.33
Dennis Ganz	53.19
Grant Russell	132.98
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	453.81
IPERS	277.17
WCTA	70.84
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	825.13
Aquila	225.61
Thompson's Garage	107.20
Pronto, gas	4.61
Menards	20.04
LGI	61.80
Larsen Plumbing	8.35
Northwood Anchor	92.00
Hawkins	5.00
Yaggy Colby	759.40
City Insurance	169.00
Brian Nettleton Exc	5,913.00
IDNR	60.00
Crescent Moon	120.00
SA-So	122.29
Staples	40.52
Top of Iowa Co-op	12.84
Iowa One Call	19.00
Food & Fuel	189.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,366.59



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The Revelation - Beverly Lewis

Countdown - Iris Johansen

Closers - Michael Connelly

Dakota Lawman - Bill Brooks

Rage - Jonathan Kellerman

Marker - Robin Cook

River Rising - Dorothy Garlock

Ogallala Trail - Dusty Richards

New DVD's

The Phantom of the Opera - Gerard Butler

Meet the Fockers - Ben Stiller

First Daughter - Katie Holmes

Lemony Snicket's Unfortunate Events -

Jim Carrey

Spanglish - Adam Sandler

Hotel Rwanda - Nick Nolte

Ladder 49 - Joaquin Phoenix

Flight of the Phoenix - Dennis Quaid

Ocean's Twelve - George Clooney

The Incredibles



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"COUNT YOUR JOYS INSTEAD OF YOUR WOES"

1. At your evening meal recall one thing that you are thankful for.
2. Write a list of "life-cherishing forces" to read when you are down.
3. When stuck in a worry mode, figure out if you can do something about the situation or make a list of the possible good outcomes.
4. Make someone else happy and you will be amazed at how happy you will feel.

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**The secret of success is to
do the common things
uncommonly well.**

Mark Twain, who is one of the world's most quoted people, once observed that Adam had a good thing going because when he said something he knew it had not been said before.

FB&I Sesquicentennial Committee

Committee chairs were finalized for the 150th celebration. If you wish to help on a committee contact the following people.

Food : Gloria Kirschbaum 797-2121, Chris Andersen 797-2615

Music: Elin Miner 797-2122, Kristen Andersen 797-2615

Family Games: Cindy Peters 590-0131

Kids Carnival: Ronda Prescott 797-2357, Jane Ramon

Parade: Joyce Russell 797-2274

Fireworks: Chris Andersen 797-2615, Larry Luker 529-3537, Paul Youngers
797-2954

Flea Market Cindy Peters 590-0131

Tractor Show: Penny Miller 797-2704, Amanda Waddington 797-2725

Car Show: Penny Miller 797-2704

Style Show & Old Fashion Fair : Penny Miller 797-2704, Amanda Waddington
797-2725

Pictorial Directory: Penny Miller 797-2704, Amanda Waddington 797-2725

Fundraising: Chris Andersen 797-2615, Elin Miner 797-2122, Ronda Prescott
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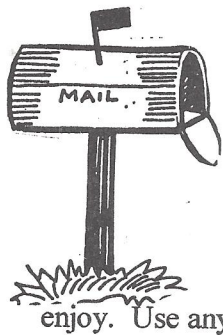
Committees are to have a budget ready for the Sept 1st meeting.

Remember to have your family or individual portrait taken for the Fertile Pictorial Directory free of charge. Call Stephanie Ewing at 430-8311 for an appointment. Pictures will be taken thru the end of July.

The Sesquicentennial Committee's next meeting will be held Thursday Sept 1st at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Individual committees will meet as needed.

★ Last Chance!!!

This is your last chance to call and get your family picture in the Fertile Pictorial Directory. Stef will be done taking family pictures the end of July. You don't want to be left out of the directory, so call today! Stef Ewing - 641-430-8311



Reminder Staff,

Time to renew. I'd surely miss the Reminder if it didn't come every month. Thanks a lot, keep up the good work. Here is one of my favorite recipes for this time of the year. It's good and easy. Eat and enjoy. Use any topping you like.

Helen Humphrey

(See recipe on the Cooks Corner page)

Dear Reminder Ladies,

It's always nice to hear how Fertile is progressing and socializing thru the monthly newsletter. I enjoy the "pithy" quotes to keep our sense of humor.

Hoping to hear how the band festival queen occasion turned out.

Thanks for your devoted services.

Joan Schultz

Dear Ladies,

Please keep the home town news coming.

Thanks.

Arlyn Abrams

Dear Ladies,

We really enjoy the news about Fertile's past and present. You all do a great job keeping us informed. I left Fertile in 1958 but you help me feel like I'm still connected.

Paul & Carole Thovson

Ladies,

Each month I look forward to the Fertile Reminder.

It is very informative. Thanks

Mary Kreis

Please renew my subscription to the Reminder for another year. It's fun to read about "happenings in my home town!"

Janice (Ritter) Kitchen

Hi!

Sorry this is so late. It got misplaced when we were packing to come North and I just ran across it. Enclosed is my new address until the end of October.

I enjoy getting the news from Fertile. Keep up the good work.

Donna Fuller

PARADE ENTRY WANTED

The parade for the 2005 Fertile Celebration will be at **3:00 PM**, Saturday, August 13.

People are encouraged to enter the parade. No pre-entry is necessary. Children's games and other musical entertainment are planned. Bed races will be held on Downtown Main Street following the parade. Entries are welcome. The annual Fire Department Breakfast will be Sunday, August 14, beginning at 7:00 AM in Wm. Rhodes Park. Church Services will also be in the Park. The tractor pull will be on Sunday this year. Ball games are planned. If you would like to plan or help with the celebration, contact a FB&I member, The FB&I meets the 1st Thursday at Fertile City Hall, 7PM.

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met at City Hall on June 14, 2005. Eighteen members were present. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call and secretary and treasurer's reports were given.

The Yard of the Month contest is being held through June, July and August. The officers will do the judging.

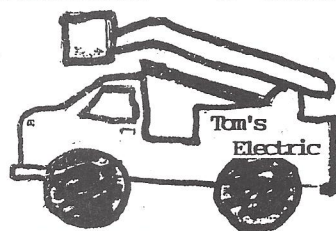
The July meeting will be a tour to Nashua. We will meet at the old Community Center to share rides. We will tour the Nashua Perennial Garden.

The lesson was given by Gloria Kirschbaum on "Garden Tips Nobody Told Me About". The Thought for the Day was given by Penny Miller. Hostesses were Ginny Lovik and Bev Stephensen.

Pat Oswald, Reporter

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Ride and Seek

Neil L. Kuns

June 11, 1995

I suppose every child plays some form of the game hide and seek. This usually starts with a mother and her baby playing peek-a-boo with a crib blanket. Babies put on a good show and act amused so as not to disappoint their mammas. When there are other brothers and sisters in the home the game grows with the family and in time fills every room of the house. Most kids have a favorite hiding place in their home, and may retreat to their site of solitude even if no one else is playing the game.

With a few years of growth children are permitted to play the game outside. They may go around the homes on either side of their own, but probably not across the street. In Fertile during my childhood the streets were nearly as empty as the yards in the daytime. After determining who was "it" for the first game, we ran and hid behind trees, bushes, sheds and shadows. "It" would count to one hundred while hiding his eyes, and then cry out, "Here I come, ready or not!" After this the first player spotted by "it" became "it" for the next contest. Those few stragglers who had hidden particularly well were called in for a new game with the phrase, "Alle alle otts (outs) in free!"

We called one variation of the game "I'll draw the frying pan. Who'll put the weenie in?" Our favorite place to play this game was in Larry and Madelyn Purcell's front yard by the towering cottonwood tree across from the old mill. One player faced the tree while another with his finger drew a circle (the frying pan) on his back. All the other players gathered around and one poked his finger (the weenie) into the pan. If the one who was "it" correctly guessed which child had touched him he was no longer "it." That role passed to the one who had been caught "putting the weenie in." The rest of the game was standard hide and seek.

By the time we were teenagers this *running* and hiding seemed a little juvenile. We were roaming all over town on our bikes by that time. Still, the idea of *hiding* and seeking still had a certain appeal, so we made up a new game, "ride and seek." The rules were about the same except that we could ride and hide anyplace in town. The only restriction was that we could not go into buildings or garages. The lumber yard with its many alleys and sheds became a favorite hiding place. Ranging over the whole town made the game easier but the fact that we also had to conceal our bicycles while hiding made it harder. Ride and seek took a lot more energy than hide and seek.

Before too long even our bicycles became too slow and children's games gave way to what we thought were more mature pursuits. Older boys either had their own cars or occasionally had access to their dad's cars. This changed the name of the game to "seek and ride." We went seeking for girls or other friends and then we went for a ride. Going for a ride was different than going to a place. We rarely knew where we were going while merely riding. The object of the game was seeking for something to do.

Today kids here in California either cruise back and forth on certain popular streets, or hang out at shopping malls. They are merely playing the latest version of "hide and seek." It is a game that will probably keep changing but go on as long as the youth lasts.

"YARD OF THE MONTH"

The Fertile Garden Club will be sponsoring a "Yard of the Month" contest. 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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"How's my little bride making out with breakfast?"

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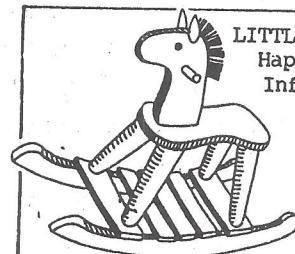
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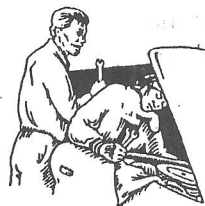
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RHUBARB BUTTER CRISP

Helen Humphrey

- 4 - 5 cups cut-up rhubarb
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 egg
- 4 Tbsp. Butter

Combine rhubarb, 1 cup sugar and 3 tablespoons of the flour. Mix with the rhubarb, put in a baking dish. Beat egg with a fork, add 1 cup sugar and rest of the flour. Mix well. Sprinkle over rhubarb using fingers to distribute. Melt butter and drizzle on top. Bake 350° until lightly browned and fruit is tender. Eat and enjoy and use any topping you like.

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- >Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- >Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- >To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- > The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- >The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- >If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- >When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane!

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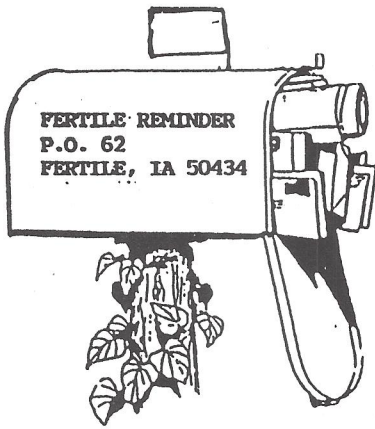
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