

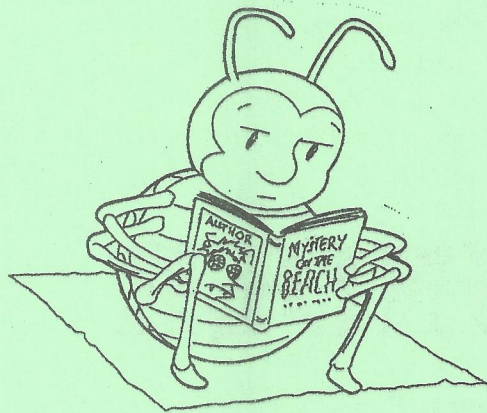
APRIL 2008

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

April 1	Senior Citizens Dinner	Noon
April 7	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
April 10	Re-cycle Day	
April 12	Jennings Farm Auction	9 a.m.
	Ladies & Girls Salad Luncheon	11 a.m.
	Church of Christ Fellowship Hall	
April 15	Senior Citizens Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
April 21	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
April 24	Re-Cycle Day	



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Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon

Items Needed!

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Video / Bake Sale

on May 3, 2008

contact the library.

Thank You!

Unsold items will be given to opportunity village.

NEW BOOKS

Naughty Neighbor – Janet Evanovich

Last Gunfighter: Ambush Valley – William Johnstone

Preacher's Showdown - “

Rampage of the Mountain Man - “

Blood Bond: Texas Gundown - “

Sugar Daddy – Lisa Kleypas

McKetrick's Heart – Linda Lael Miller

Deadly Deceptions – “ “

Dear to Me – Wanda E. Brunstetter

Web of Destiny – Al & JoAnna Lacy

Stranger in Paradise – Robert B. Parker

Hand of Evil – J.A. Jance

Blood Duel – Ralph Compton

Bloody Trail - “

McCafferty's Nine – Elizabeth Gunn

The Vigilante – Jory Sherman

Judgment Day - “

Weight Watcher's All Time Favorites

Large Print

Awaken my Heart – DiAnn Mills

A Touch of Grace – Lauraine Snelling

DVDS

Stardust – Michelle Pfeiffer

Rescue Dawn – Christian Bale

Evan Almighty – Steve Carell

The Astronaut Farmer – Billy Bob Thornton

Rush Hour 3 – Jackie Chan

Son of Paleface – Bob Hope

Rise of the Silver Surfer – Jessica Alba

The Last Sin Eater – Henry Thomas

Bratz – Nathalia Ramos

Walking Tall: Lone Justice – Kevin Sorbo

Arctic Tale – Narrator: Queen Latifah

Nancy Drew – Emma Roberts

Bee Movie

Love's Unending Legacy – Dale Midkiff

Library News

THANK YOU JANE & AL for letting us use the DOWNTOWN CAFÉ for our Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. We made \$1397! We will also receive \$500 in matching funds from Thrivent Financial Winnebago/Worth Chapter 31176. Marilyn Bang, Melanne Bang, Loni Knudson, Donna Nelson, Lisa May, Lisa Nelson, Lavone Petersburg, June Strohmman, Emily Suby, Betty Theilen & Paula Worsley baked the delicious bars you had for dessert. Betty Suby made her famous roast beef spread for the sandwiches. And most importantly, **THANK YOU COMMUNITY FOR ATTENDING & DONATING SO GENEROUSLY.**

Friends Chair: Bobbi Elbert

Board Chair: Mindy Gasaway

Check out our new children's music CD's: titles are Mickey's Party Songs, Disney Princess Ultimate Song Collection, The Backyardigans, The Wiggles: Yummy Yummy, Dora the Explorer, Doodlebops, Laurie Berkner Band, Baby Genies: Children's Songs, Raffi, High School Musical & HighSchool Musical 2. These were purchased with money from a nationwide antitrust case against music distributors.

Downsizers Club!

March 3rd meeting

Seven members attended and five were absent. Dues were collected for the month of March. We didn't collect for February due to being unable to meet – weather! Betty gave a short lesson on different foods you can buy at the grocery store – like TV dinners etc. that are healthy to eat. We encouraged each other to keep up the good work! If anyone wants to walk – we will be starting at 5:45pm and go until our meeting begins at 6:15pm. There has been talk about the fruit juice drink – Xango. It is great in helping your metabolism get started. Betty is going to look into it and get some for all of us to try. It is a very healthy 100% fruit juice. It was also decided to change our monthly prize for the biggest loser of the month from \$22.00 to \$10.00 due to the decrease in our members. Discussion about having a salad supper some night after downsizers was also discussed. Tabled until next meeting.

March 10th meeting

Eight members attended and four were absent. President Carol Jara had to leave early so meeting was cut short. Betty gave us an update on the information about Xango. Jenn Miller also has another source where to purchase Xango and will look further into it. Xango runs about \$25.00 a bottle plus shipping of \$5.00 per bottle. This doesn't include the membership fee. Those interested gave their order to Jenn and she is going to purchase the xango for us to try. Jenn is hosting a Pampered Chef party on April 7th given by Marilyn Haugen. The community is invited to attend. Just a fun time for all! The salad supper is put on hold for another month.

March 17th meeting

Eight member were present and three members were absent. Dues were collected for the month of March for those who have been absent. The Pampered Chef party has been changed to April 14th at Jenn Miller's at 404 West Washington with consultant Marilyn Haugen. The community is invited! Jenn and Betty updated everyone on what was discussed last week on the Xango. Jenn Miller has the lesson for next week. We are getting close to our one year anniversary of the club – Downsizers! Keep up the good work ladies!

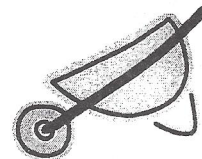
If you have that annoying extra pounds that just won't come off and would like to join Downsizers, we meet every Monday, from 5:45 to 6:15. We have a very short meeting, short lessons and lots of encouragement! Come and join us!

How Does Your Garden Grow...

Ladies & Girls Salad Luncheon

Saturday, April 12, 2008

11:00 a.m.



All Ladies & Girls Welcome

Invite Family and Friends

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Fertile Iowa**

Fertile School Book

The book is now being typed to get ready for the publisher. IF you did not get your information sent, there is still time to do it but do it ASAP. Some of you neglected to send in information for your parents or if you have deceased family so this may eliminate them from the book. You do not have to have graduated to be in the book, it is for all students.

If you have pictures of the school (original ones) and would not mind sending them would you please do so? I have pictures but they are copies and will not do too well. Also, if you have the class composite pictures it would be great to have every class, which at this moment I do not have. Original ones copy much better. Then we have the problem of sending copyright pictures. I will call some of the studios to see if we can get permission to print them, otherwise you will have to pay to have it done. I know they can charge up to \$10.00, so if that went toward the expense of the book it would make the book unaffordable. Sometimes a studio will give permission, so we shall see. Russel Studio is no longer in business so that should not matter for the class pictures.

This is the format of the book.

Phillip Sheimo

Parents: K. O. and Marie (Ouverson) Sheimo

Date of Birth: November 13, 1899

Date of Death: June 28, 1990

Attended Fertile School: All grades

Further Education: Iowa School of

Auctioneering, Logan, IA

Occupation: Auctioneering, Businessman, farmer

Spouse: Naoma Shuey

Married: 1937, DeSmet, South Dakota

Spouse's Death: January 28, 1978

Children: Paula Worsley, Fertile, IA, Elnora

Anderson, Fairmont, Minneapolis, MN, Joan

Schultz, Portland OR, Gerry Sheplee (deceased)

Phil introduced Coca Cola as a new product.

He was active in community affairs. He was voted best-dressed man in the Fertile Centennial in 1956 and was still able to wear the same centennial outfit 25 years later, when Fertile celebrated the quasiquicentennial in 1981.

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TEDDY BEAR LEARNING CENTER

Teddy Bear Learning Center will close the doors on **May 30th** after 24 years of operation. Mark your calendars for **May 4th** when an open house will be held for all who have attended the day care, their parents, grandparents and anyone else that would like to bid farewell.

Penny Miller will continue to care for her grandchildren in her home. She has started a new business making and designing children's clothing under the name of Sweet Pea's Boutique and which are on display at the Rose Cottage in Clear Lake and Etsy on the Internet.

Betty Waddington will be working on the Fertile School Book along with selling homemade doll clothes, girls play dresses and costumes, tote bags, children's blankets and pillows.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for **May 4th!!**

HEROES ARE NOT BORN

From George Kisner's Childhood on the Farm

When I was 4 years old, my father decided to try sheep raising for profit. He went out and bought 10 Merino ewes from our neighbor, Jim Hanson. He needed a buck sheep also and found one over by Pilot Knot, which he purchased from Val Kiefer. He put the sheep in a small pasture north of the apple orchard and my job was to fill their water trough every day.

The ewes and I got along fine, but from the first meeting I was terrified of the buck. I would warily watch him as I carried a bucket of water over to the trough and at the first ominous sign, I would drop the bucket and get over the fence.

This irritated my brother Charles to no end and he would tell me over and over that if I did not run, the buck would not chase me. This philosophy was well and good for a 200-pound boy that played football for Waldorf College, but for a 50-pound 5 year old it made no sense at all. He was determined, however, that I should overcome my fear of the buck, so one day he took me out in the middle of the small pasture.

"Now", he said, "You just stand here and hold your ground and the buck will back off and not hurt you."

With this, he walked away outside the fence. Now the buck had been standing with the rest of the sheep watching the proceedings with great interest and as soon as he realized that I was all alone in the middle of the pasture, he shook his tail, lowered his head and ran toward me. I promptly turned and ran as fast as I could for the safety of the fence, screaming as loud as I could for my mother. I reached the safe zone just in time and had to endure the scorn of my brothers and sisters from that day forward.

They say animals have a finely tuned sense to see fear in humans, but it did not take any great psychic to know what a small boy was feeling, running as fast as he could, screaming all the way!

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ANDREW "ANDY" MICHAEL OSWALD

1933 - 2008

Andrew "Andy" Oswald, 74, of 3608 Eagle Ave., Hanlontown, passed away March 3, 2008 at the Good Shepherd Center in Mason City.



A Memorial service was held March 11, 2008 at Fertile Lutheran Church with Lay Pastor Dave Halverson officiating.

Andy was born on April 15, 1933 in Manly to Leo James Oswald and Genevieve Randall Oswald. He graduated in 1950 from Mason City High School, then attended Mason City Junior College and Iowa State

University in Ames. He was drafted into the military in 1953 and served during the Korean War and discharged in 1955. He married Patricia Legge on Feb. 3, 1957 at the Methodist Church in Klemme.

Andy served on the North Iowa Fair Board, was a director for the Hancock County REC, a 4-H leader in Cerro Gordo and Worth Counties, and on the 4-H and Extension Council in Cerro Gordo County, and he was on the Farm Bureau Board. He was also a past president of the Worth County Cattlemen's Association, and was a Township Trustee of Bristol and Fertile. Andy also served on the Council of Bethany Lutheran of Joice, was on the Joice Betterment Committee, Brush Point Cemetery Board, and was part of the Pleasant Ridge Club and Rural Young People Club. Andy farmed for 60 years and owned and operated the Century Farm of his grandparents. Andy was a gentle man, with a wonderful sense of humor and was a devoted father and husband and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Oswald, Hanlontown; daughter, Annette (Rolly) O'Donnell, Joice; son, Randall (Patti) Oswald, Joice; grandchildren: Andrew Mason Oswald, Ashley O'Donnell, Josi (Seth) Thompson, and Cody Askvig; a great grandchild-to-be, Baby Thompson, in May 2008; a sister, Sara (John) Innes, Council Bluffs, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, father and mother-in-law, George and Edna Legge; and a brother-in-law, James Legge and his wife.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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David Halverson, Lay minister
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STEPHANIE K. ABRAHAMSON-BAXTER

1960 - 2008

Stephanie K. Abrahamson-Baxter, 47, of Clear Lake, died March 6, 2008 at her home in Clear Lake.



A memorial service was held March 12, at Fertile Lutheran Church with lay Pastor David Halverson officiating. Inurnment will be in the spring at Oakland Cemetery in Forest City.

Stephanie was born in Forest City on December 8, 1960, the daughter of Steven and Lannie (Hanson) Abrahamson. She received her elementary education in Forest City and graduated from high school in Minneapolis, MN. She continued her education in Minneapolis, pursuing a degree in accounting. She later worked for Ron Erdman Accounting for a time.

Stephanie lived and worked in Minneapolis for many years as well as in other small communities in the Midwest, but always considered Fertile her home.

Stephanie is survived by two daughters: Sheyanne (Stanley II) Schultz of Clear Lake and grandson, Ethan Awe; Sara Jo O'Connell of Minneapolis, MN and grandchildren, Sadrea, Sade and Frank. Also surviving is her father, Steve (Roberta) Abrahamson of Forest City, step-father Earl Kilen of Fertile; three brothers: Jerry (Julie) Abrahamson of Fremont, NE, Ken (Sharon) Kimes of Fremont, NE, her aunt, Sonia (Gerald) Dyste of Forest City; special friend, Drew Arndt, of Clear Lake, goddaughter, Holly Lovick; and many nieces and nephews.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her mother and her grandparents, Tom and Ella Abrahamson and Lenus and Kate Hanson.

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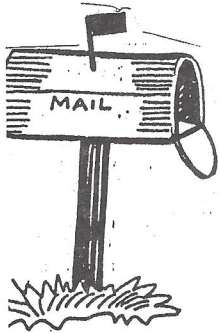
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OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

An Open House Bridal Shower for Angela Ball, daughter of Mike and Sheila Ball and bride elect of Dan Schmidt, will be held at the Church of Christ on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



Dear Ladies,

I knew something was wrong when I haven't been receiving the Reminder. I have moved and have included my new address.

Please make the change. I love the paper and hope to get one soon. You ladies do a great service to us who still want to know what goes on in the BEST Little Town on the map.

Dale Lindquist

Dear Ladies,

Please find my check for the Reminder for one more year.. You have done a very good job in covering the news. Keep up the good work.

Lyle E. Knudson

Dear Ladies,

I enjoy the Reminder. Thank you for the work you do on each issue.

Elaine Patten

Dear Ladies,

We are always pleased to get the Reminder. Thank you so much for the work you put into it. Please renew our for another year.

Amos& Irene Miller

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Apr. 22

Child Immunization Clinic from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Methodist Church, Northwood

IN-OFFICE SCREENINGS at Worth County Public Health Office . Cholesterol panels are available for \$20 for any age with advance appointment.

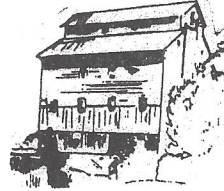
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LENNOX

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Thank you to all who remembered us in their prayers these past months. Also for all the beautiful cards, memorials and food brought into our home.

God bless all of you wonderful friends and family.
The family of Andy Oswald

MORE NORVEEJUN HUMOR

A Swedish woman sent her husband downtown to buy a Lazy Boy rocker. He came back with a Norwegian guitar player.

Ole was spending some time in Dodge City during the frontier days. He stalked into a saloon yelling "All right, where is da galoot vhat painted my horse purple?"

"Right HERE!" answered a vicious looking cowpoke standing about seven feet tall. "What are you going to do about it?" "Nutting", answered Ole with a gulp. I just vantedf to let you know dat da first coat is dry."

LARS: Vaitress...bring me some vatory scrambled eggs, den burn some toast, den bring me some veak coffee.

WAITRESS: Yes sir, right away.

LARS: Don't be too fast..and while you're at it...nag me a while...I'm homesick for my wife.

KNUTE: Caddy...how would you haff played dat last shot?

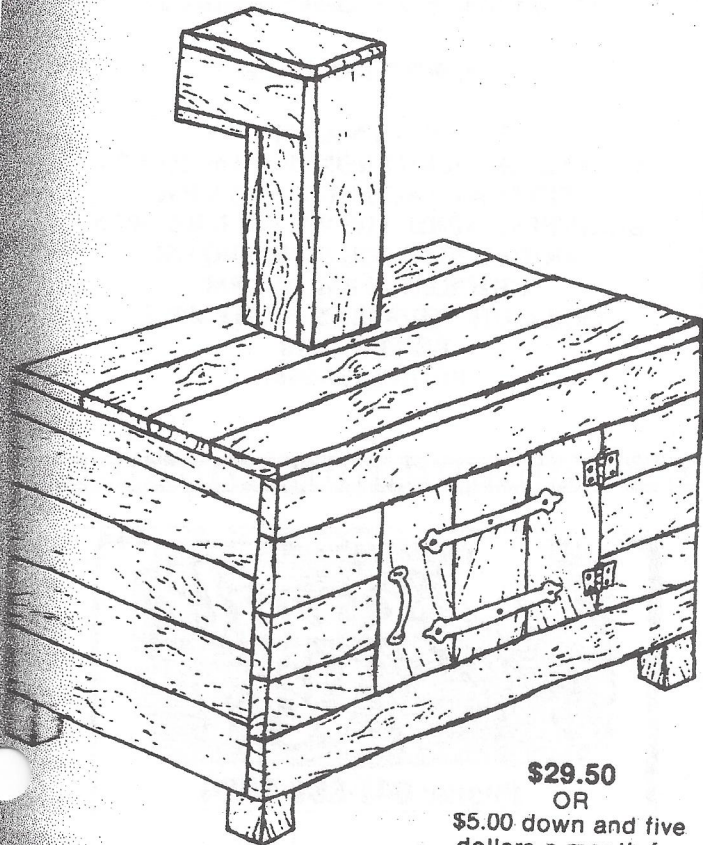
CADDY: Under an assumed name.

Ole and Lena took little Lars to church for the first time. After the services, they asked him how he liked it. "Vell," said little Lars, "Da music program was OK, but da commercial vas too long."

Bakkedahl was musing on the park bench. "Vunce I had everything...a nice apartment...the love of a tender young woman. And den my wife had to valk in and spoil it."

This Norwegian lived way, way out in the woods in Minnesota...seldom came into town. Finally when the snow went out, the Norwegian and his wife went to Duluth. They spent nearly two hours watching a microwave oven. Finally, the Norwegian got up in disgust. "Come on, Ma," he said. "If dis is vat television is like, day can have it."

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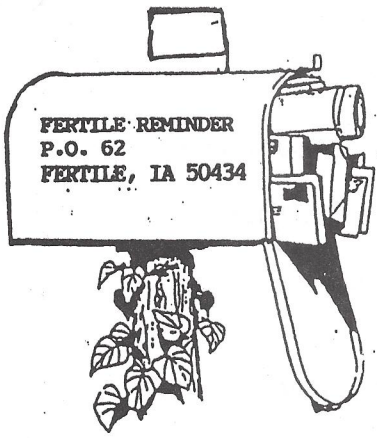


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