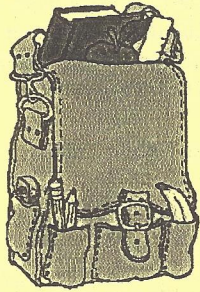


FERTILE REMINDER

AUGUST 2012



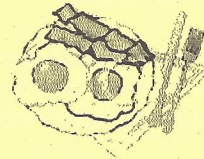
Back to School

Aug. 21

School Days!!

COMING EVENTS

- July 29 Sue Lee & Naomi Pederson water town flowers
- Aug. 4 Matthew Haugen & Marie Opkis wedding
- Aug. 5 Julie Ward & Julie Jessen water town flowers
- Aug. 6 Firemen Meet 7:00 pm
- Aug. 7 Senior Dinner Noon
- August 9 Recycle
- Aug. 11-12 FERTILE DAYS**
- Aug. 12 Betty Waddington & Naomi Pederson water town flowers
- Aug. 12 Fertile Girls 11:30 am
- Aug. 14 Garden Club 7:00 pm
- Aug. 15 Deadline for the Reminder**
- Aug. 19 Ceison Heit and Cindy Peters water flowers
- Aug. 20 Library Board Meets 7:00 pm
- Aug. 21 Forest City School begins
- Aug. 21 Senior Dinner Noon
- Aug. 21 Council 7:00 am
- Aug. 23 Recycle
- Aug. 26 Ginny Lovik & Nancy Faber water flowers



FERTILE FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
COMMUNITY CENTER.

The department is a volunteer department. They don't hesitate to answer a fire or rescue call at any time of the day or night.

The men do their own fund raising and will be cooking the breakfast. You will not be disappointed and will not go away hungry. Give them your support by attending and giving a donation. The money goes to buy equipment for the department. They thank you in advance!

FERTILE FACTS

2009 population.....347

Males164 (47.5%)

Females.....183 (52.5%)

Median Residents age.....40.8

Iowa Median age.....36.6

Major ancestry groups reported by Fertile residents include:

German 37%

Norwegian 32%

English 8%

Irish 4%

Swedish 3%

Mexican 2%

Dutch 2%

French 2%

Danish 1%

Scotch-Irish 1%

Scottish 1%

European 1%

British 1%

Black or African American 1%

How many thought Norwegians was the biggest group?

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2012 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Pat Renchin; City Clerk Eddie May & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller
- Penny took the minutes as Eddie is taking classes to become a Certified City Clerk and was only able to give the financial report.
- Amendment: the date for last month's minutes was entered as May 19th so it was changed to June 19th.

Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the June Minutes. Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- Last month Steve has spent most of his time in the park, weeding and trimming. Due to the heat, and lack of rain, he has not had to mow. Instead, he has painted the horseshoe covers, and cleaned up the two shelter houses in the park for family reunions.
- On July 16th the air conditioner was replaced at the City Garage. The old one stopped working and was not able to be repaired.
- The Lagoon was sprayed to keep up with the weeds.
- The spray nozzle on sprayer was replaced and 20' of hose was added.
- Buck and Steve cleaned up the hillside by the ball diamonds.
- Elliot Welding is repairing a bracket on the snow plow sander.
- Frank's Repair is fixing a broken spring on the pick-up truck.

Mayor's Report

- Joyce straightened out the 911 numbers on each of the city buildings.
- The seamless gutters have been put up on the Community Center
- Shine-Way Floor Care came and re-waxed the floors in the Community Center. Footprints would not come out of several areas.
- We are having raccoon troubles in town so Joyce called the DNR. The DNR encourages residents to put out live traps with fresh fruit to catch them. Residents can take them to the country and release them. Please watch your dogs on a leash. The raccoons will go after them.
- Warren and Joyce finished the Consumer Confidence report for the Water Supply. A copy is available on the City's website.
- Ochea's had a tree limb fall and was blocking the alley. It was too heavy for our maintenance man to remove it so Clapper Tree Service came and removed it. Ochea's paid for their portion of the bill.
- The new flood plain maps were approved by FEMA and they will go into effect on Aug 3, 2012
- On Sept 11th, a special School election will be held at the City Hall from 12-8:00PM.
- PMI has moved all production to their south plant. Their Main Street building will be used for storage and offices.
- Lloyd and Lonnie Knudson donated two pedestal flower stands for the Community Center. Thanks so much for this gift.
- The repairs to the equipment on the water tower, from the lightning damage that happened on 5/26/12, have been completed. Bills have been turned into the insurance company.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented estimates for installing a projection and sound system in the Community Center and in the City Hall. Eddie will now secure two bids and prepare a (non-WCDA) grant request for the systems.
- Eddie presented the June's Financials. The deficit in General/Housing was caused by the creation of the Business Incubator, overages on the Community Center project, and the City's portion of the Housing Project. The surplus in the Roads/WCDA fund was caused by savings for lighting projects and zeros out the WCDA fund from a net loss last year. Net loss in Utilities fund was caused by the purchase of new meters in an attempt to lower the difference of gallons pumped vs. gallons sold.

| | General/Housing | Roads/WCDA | Utilities | Total |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Income | 332,687 | 252,970 | 141,082 | \$726,739 |
| Expense | 396,434 | 210,471 | 147,995 | 754,900 |
| Total | -63,748 | 42,499 | -6,913 | -28,161 |

- Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve June Bills. Motion Carried.
- Eddie presented the following liens for past-due utility bills: 308 West Main Street for \$224.62, 306 West Main Street for \$266.87. Pat motioned, Julie 2nd to approve liens if balances are not paid by July 25th. Motion Carried.

Library Report

- Members of the Library Board, and Friends of the Library, met with the Council to discuss the Library project. They presented a couple of minor changes to the project designs drafted in Sept 2011. The Council suggested a few additional changes. The Library Board will re-consider and present a final draft to the Council next month. The public notice for architectural bids will be postponed one month to await the final draft. The Library Board also wanted the Council to know that they would be willing to add the Library to the current Community Center if the cost is prohibitive to building on Main. They suggested getting two bids, one for each location, in order to make an informed decision. They suggested that the facts be presented to the public and put up for a vote. The Council stated that a decision to build the library on Main had already been decided and that at this point, the discussion did not need to be re-opened. The Library Board stated they are pleased that progress is being made and are excited to have a new building in either location.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, August 21st, 2012, at Fertile City Hall.
- Pat moved and Julie 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

City of Fertile

Bills Paid

As of June 30, 2012

| General Fund Accounts | Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------|-----|------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Deposit | | 06/01/2012 | | | Local Option Sales Tax | 2,486.57 |
| Deposit | | 06/02/2012 | | | PayPal - Utility Bills | 182.53 |
| Deposit | | 06/04/2012 | | | Casino Funds | 3,816.81 |
| Deposit | | 06/06/2012 | | | Utility Bills / Rent / Building Permits | 1,376.85 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6060 | | Advantage Business Solutions, Inc. | Computer Repair / Website | -114.40 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6061 | | Hewlett, Inc. | Chlorine | -18.00 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6062 | | Kramer Ace Hardware | Solar Sall | 40.51 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6063 | | Larsen Plumbing & Heating | A/C Repair @ Comm Ctr, Meter Repair @ Fire Department | -320.63 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6064 | | Menards | Cleaning Supplies | -191.15 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6065 | | North Iowa Septic Solutions | 2 Handicap Urinals/ Portable Zone 2 | -715.01 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6066 | | Sepenor Lumber, Inc | White Wood Dry Lumber for Concrete Fillings | -4.50 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6067 | | UPS | Sever testing | -11.56 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6068 | | US Post Office | PO Box Rental(16) | -44.00 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6069 | | Waste Management | Landfill/Separage | -1,918.58 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6070 | | WC.TA | Telephone/Internet | -147.95 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/06/2012 6071 | | Woodhorbar | Countertops - Community Center | -3,000.00 |
| Check | | 06/06/2012 6072 | | Russell, Joyce | Garbage Cans for Community Center | -71.56 |
| Check | | 06/06/2012 6077 | | Oxverson, Ruth C | Utility Bill Overpayment | -1.00 |
| Paycheck | | 06/06/2012 6073 | | Brunn, Warren | | -304.39 |
| Paycheck | | 06/06/2012 6074 | | May W, Edgar F | | -1,062.13 |
| Paycheck | | 06/06/2012 6075 | | Russell, Joyce | | -1,025.17 |
| Paycheck | | 06/06/2012 6076 | | Roberts, Stephen J | | -1,054.21 |
| Deposit | | 06/07/2012 | | | Utility Bills / Rentals | 3,525.12 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/09/2012 6079 | | Downtown Cafe 'u | Community Center Open House Meal | -1,914.41 |
| Liability Check | | 06/11/2012 6080 | | IPERS | | -690.80 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/13/2012 6080 | | Black Hills Energy | Natural Gas | -127.13 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/13/2012 6081 | | Cindy's Cleaning Service | Cleaning Community Center | -432.00 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/13/2012 6082 | | First Gabrielson Agency | Fireman's Accident/Sickness Policy | -784.00 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/13/2012 6083 | | Prono | Gas for Truck/mower | -207.82 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/13/2012 6084 | | UPS | Sewer/Water testing | -22.42 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/13/2012 6085 | | Vestron Wireless | Cell Phone | -43.41 |
| Deposit | | 06/14/2012 | | | Credit Adjustment | 0.30 |
| Liability Check | | 06/15/2012 effx | | United States Treasury | | 1,058.89 |
| Deposit | | 06/15/2012 | | | Property Taxes | 1,609.84 |
| Deposit | | 06/15/2012 | | | Liens | 914.85 |
| Deposit | | 06/15/2012 | | | Property Tax | 538.10 |
| Deposit | | 06/15/2012 | | | Property Taxes | 50.32 |
| Check | | 06/18/2012 6091 | | First Security Bank & Trust | Community Center Loan Payment | -2,500.00 |
| Deposit | | 06/18/2012 | | | Streets | 873.89 |
| Deposit | | 06/20/2012 | | | Utility Bills / Insurance Rebate / Housing Project Overpaym | 4,588.89 |
| Check | | 06/20/2012 6086 | | Bucher, Matthew | Utility Deposit Return | -150.00 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/20/2012 6087 | | Globe Gazette | Printer's Fee/Flood Plan Amendment | -5.18 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/20/2012 6088 | | Iowa League of Cities | Annual Dues | -283.00 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/21/2012 6090 | | Advantage Business Solutions, Inc. | Website Updates / Rental Furnc | -1,211.23 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/21/2012 6091 | | USDA | Utility System Loan Payments | -37,438.00 |
| Paycheck | | 06/22/2012 6089 | | Roberts, Stephen J | | -901.18 |
| Deposit | | 06/22/2012 | | | RUTT & Utility Bills | 4,948.52 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/27/2012 6092 | | AgSource Laboratories | Water & Sewer Testing | -90.50 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/27/2012 6093 | | Menards | Plumb Bob/Wilson Line/Landscape Edger/IRB Bl Set | -28.25 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/27/2012 6094 | | Staples | Cannon toner | -197.38 |
| Deposit | | 06/30/2012 | | | Interest | 30.50 |
| Check | | 06/30/2012 6104 | | Fertile Garden Club | Flowers/pots and Flags | -679.68 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/30/2012 6110 | | Advantage Business Solutions, Inc. | Bookkeeping | -61.50 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/30/2012 6111 | | Hare Electric | Community Center Electrical | -17,527.60 |
| Bill Print - Check | | 06/30/2012 6112 | | Lonnie Knudson | Clean-up after Open House | -46.00 |
| Total General Fund Accounts | | | | | | -51,847.62 |
| Roads Revenue Accounts | | | | | | |
| Deposit | | 06/30/2012 | | | Interest | 7.72 |
| Total Roads Revenue Accounts | | | | | | 7.72 |
| Water Revenue Accounts | | | | | | |
| Deposit | | 06/30/2012 | | | Interest | 4.10 |
| Total Water Revenue Accounts | | | | | | 4.10 |
| Sewer Revenue Accounts | | | | | | |
| Deposit | | 06/30/2012 | | | Interest | 5.70 |
| Deposit | | 06/30/2012 | | | Interest (from online statement) | 345.79 |
| Total Sewer Revenue Accounts | | | | | | 351.49 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | -51,483.91 |

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to the ladies that keep Fertile Reminder going. It keeps us informed on events in Fertile as well as the way a small town is run. Keep up the good work. We enjoy it. Leon and Shirley Suby



FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club toured area gardens on July 10. We visited some impressive gardens and saw vegetables, walked back yard paths filled with annuals, perennials, shrubs and vines that created an interesting color all season long. We saw small water ponds, rocks, live bunnies and clowns to dress up these areas.

The gardens we visited were Gail Shropshire's, Mary Anderson's, 3 in Clear Lake and 3 in Mason City. 9 members attended and we had lunch at Starboard Market in Clear Lake.

Next month we will visit Central Gardens in Clear Lake. Sue Lee, Reporter

IN THE WORLD

1. U can't count your hair
2. U can't wash your eyes with soap
3. U can't breathe when your tongue is out
Put your tongue back in!
- 10 Things I know about you...
 - 1) U are reading this
 - 2) U are human
 - 3) U can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips
 - 4) U just attempted to do it
 - 6) U are laughing at yourself
 - 7) U have a smile on your face and you skipped No.5
 - 8) U just checked to see if there is a No.5
 - 9) U laugh at this because you are an idiot & everyone does it too
 - 10) U are probably going to show this to someone to see who else falls for it

AREA CHURCHES

Fertile Church of Christ

Sunday – Sunday School -- 9 AM
Fellowship Time – 9:55 AM
Worship – 10:15 AM

FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH

602 w. Washington, Box 215
Fertile, IA 50434
Pastor David Halverson
641-797-2767

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM

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Fertile Day's!

August 11 and 12

Saturday's Events:

7:00 - 8:30 - Rhodes Hard Run/Bike Ride sign up (Library)

10:00 - Parade and Pet parade (line up at ball diamond)

Grand Marshalls - Al and Jane Ramon

11:30 - Worth County Sheriff's demo and hot dog/pop sale

11:30 - 1:00 - Fire truck rides, Bouncy Ride, Clown

11:30 - 1:30 - Pedal Pull (Main Street)

1:00 - 2:30 - Bingo (under the tent)

2:30 - 3:00 - Golf car races (Main street)

3:00 - 5:00 - Movie at Community Center

Kick Ball at Fertile Diamond

5:00 - 6:30 - Community Meal (Down Town Café)

6:30 - 8:30 - Hayrides

6:30 - 10:00 - Borderline Band (Brian Nettleton)

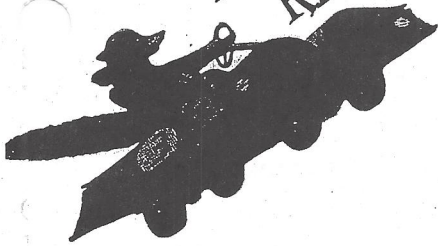
Sunday's Events:

7:00 - 9:00 - Firemen's breakfast (Community Center)

10:00 - 11:00 - Community Church Service (Bandstand at the Park)

Vendors: Tropical Sno, Down Town Café

**Dream Big
READ!**



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Friday 9-Noon & 3-6 P.M.
Saturday - 9-Noon



NEW BOOKS

Last Boyfriend—Nora Roberts
Hard Country—Michael McGarrity
Catch Me—Lisa Gardner
I, Michael Bennett—James Patterson
Fireproof—Alex Kava
Shadow of Night—Deborah Harkness
Backfire—Catherine Coulter
The Great Escape—Susan Elizabeth Phillips
Tidewater Inn—Colleen Coble
Close Your Eyes—Iris Johansen
The Fiddler—Beverly Lewis
One Breath Away—Heather Gudenkauf
The Struggle—Wanda Brunstetter
The Cold Dish—Craig Johnson
Lady of the Rivers—Philippa Gregory
The 19th Wife—David Ebershoff
Deeply Devoted—Maggie Brendan
Taste of Home Cooking School Cookbook

NEW DVD's

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
Robert Downey Jr.
The Namesake—Kal Penn
The Grey—Liam Neeson

LIBRARY NEWS

The summer reading program *Dream Big Read* ended at the community center with a visit from Worth County Naturalist Dan Block and the Star Lab. We enjoyed indoor stargazing and learned the names of the constellations. What a great way to identify stars in the Iowa night sky. Thank you Dan!

The library will be hosting the Pet Parade again this year for Fertile Days and we will be part of the morning parade. Bring your pets to Mill Street (1st street west of the Fertile Mill) by 9:45 am and we will join the parade there and march down Main & State Streets. All pets will receive treat bags and so will their humans.

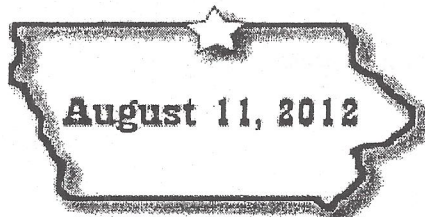
**1st Annual
William Rhodes
RUN & RIDE**

Run/Walk Registration 7-7:45 am; Start 8 am Entry Fee \$20; Bike Registration 7-8:45 am; Start 9 am Entry Fee \$25

Register/start: Fertile Public Library 204 W Main Fertile, IA; Proceeds from the run/ride go to the Fertile Public Library

Contacts: Paula Appel at pappel@winnebagoind.com or 641-590-5738; Teresa Nettleton at tsureo@wctafel.net or 641-425-0106 or Linda Tuttle at ltuttle@kraftfoods.com or 641-425 7824

**5k & 10k
ROAD RUN**



**26.3m & 53m
BIKE RIDE**

Fertile - Hanlontown - Top of Iowa Welcome Center - Emmons - Joice

COFFEE FILTERS

Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for \$1.00, even the large ones.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome... Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters..
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them.. It soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers.."
15. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliquéing soft fabrics.

16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.
17. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
- 18 Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car..
19. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
20. Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. It saves having extra bowls to wash.
21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
22. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.
23. Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a zip-lock plastic bag until they sprout.
24. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book.
25. Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn.

Brain Study....

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind. You can forget about Alzheimer's.

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From the **Forest City Summit, Dec. 4, 1963**, submitted by Joan Norem. Here are excerpts from the article.

JAPAN MISSIONARY FAMILY HOME

"Japanese can't imagine how Americans fill up their large refrigerators, "according to Mrs. Paul Shook, Jr. of Kagoshima, Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shook Jr., missionaries in Japan, arrived at the home of Mrs. Shook's mother, Mrs. Anna Eikenbary.

Many relatives met them at the Mason City airport among them were Mrs. Eikenbary, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Ouverson, Mr. and Mrs. Loris Scobee, Mr. & Mrs. James Haugen, and Janan, Mrs. Junie Seglem, Mr. & Mrs. Eli Levang, Leo Elthon and Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Ouverson & Steve, Mr & Mrs. Francis Ouverson and Mabel Elthon of Panama.

Mrs. Shook said the people of Japan are much like the people of the United States. However, the Japanese made refrigerators and other appliances are smaller than the American manufactured refrigerators. She

continued that apparently the Japanese use smaller equipment because they are a relatively small people. They just can't understand what Americans do with the large space in their refrigerators.

Mrs. Shook said that there are about the same meats and vegetables in Japan as in America.

The Japanese have running water and electricity just like Americans. A must in their home is a television set.

They'll own a television set before hardly anything else.

She said that they soon learned one of the disadvantages of living in Japan is the centipede. It is very flat and has a very hard shell making it hard to kill. Rev. Shook said the people of Japan are very studious as they have to pass tests to get into high school, college and jobs.

Competitive exams are given to all job applicants.

Perhaps a thousand will take the exams and only 100 pass. There are 98 million people in Japan.

The Shooks have three children, twins Steven and Philip and Rebecca. Steven was deaf. Mrs. Shook, the former Vada Eikenbary was born and reared in Fertile, and graduated from Fertile High School

THE MAN WHO INVENDED ULTRASOUND

William Nelson Beck, of Joliet, IL, was the man who invented ultrasound. William Nelson "Nels" Beck liked to tinker and could fix anything. He was a gadget man.

In 1955, Nels joined the staff at Argonne National Laboratory as a physicist. He discovered the use of ultrasound there in 1957. At the time, Nels was working on a scanner for the production volume testing of reactor fuel elements. In an experiment, he substituted his own arm for the fuel element and adjusted the sensitivity of the recording unit so that it was possible to discriminate between flesh and bone on the electro sensitive paper. And ultrasound was discovered.

William Nelson "Nels" Beck was a modest man. The Joliet man never bragged about the contribution that he had given the world. Even his own son didn't know until later in life, when he mentioned to his father that his pregnant wife was going in for an ultrasound test. Only then did Nels tell his son that he discovered ultrasound.

Nels Beck died on in 1996 at the age of 72.

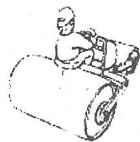
His wife was Beverly Bell Beck, a 1945 graduate of Fertile.

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HERE IS SOME MORE FERTILE HISTORY

Hope you enjoy! (from 1976 supplement to Centennial book)
BUSINESSES

Throughout the years many businesses have come and gone, changing hands or going out of business with changing times. Actually a person coming back after only 20 years would find few businesses retaining the same ownership and location.

Larson Plumbing and Heating opened for business in a new building in June 1957 after having been in partnership with Fertile Hardware for 4 years. (Still going strong in 2012!)

To start with the business offered complete commercial and residential plumbing, heating and wiring. In latter years the electrical business was sold. This year this business incorporated and continues with the mechanical and small amount of excavating.

Jordan's Midland Service was first opened March 6, 1958 under the name of Fertile Coop Station. Previous owners were Marlin Miller and Willard Thovson. The original building was at the same corner and dated back to 1930's.

In 1962 a new modern 2 stall service station was erected. Midland Cooperatives has been the petroleum supplier the last 20 years. Services include complete tire and automobile service, light repairs, front end alignment and wheel balancing. A complete line of farm lubricants, chain and hydraulic supplies are sold.

Ouverson Oil began in March 1957 when Harold purchased the Superior Oil Co. Tank Wagon Service from Louis Suby. The supplier was first Superior Oil and then Gulf Oil for one year. Harold is now an independent oil dealer with his own bulk plant and filling station one half mile south of Fertile on the Fertile to Clear Lake blacktop.

The Nelson Construction Company now of Mason City and owned by Leslie Nelson was operated from his home when he lived in Fertile from 1950-1965.

International Harvester was operated by David and Alan Elthon in the old bank building on main street until 1965. Company franchise changes to larger firms caused the closing of the much needed business.

One of the newer firms in Fertile is Worsley Electric. Started by Richard Worsley in 1972 in a rented building, 2 employees and 2 trucks. Later that year he purchased the building, the former R. Rodberg Garage. Three more employees and another truck was added in 1973. Progress continued in 1974, another truck was added and the front of the building was remodeled.

Electricians presently employed are Fred here, Jim Whitehurst, Donald Suby, Scott Morse, Michael Van den Bosch and owner Richard Worsley, plus his wife Paula as bookkeeper.

This firm does all types of residential work but mainly Agri-related and commercial.

In the spring of 1973, brothers, Larry and Lance Burtness started Burtness Plumbing and Heating in a basement shop of the Worsley building near the Winnebago River.

The first year they worked alone, hiring only Rick Burtness as summer help. In 1974 Tim Abrams, Forest City and Michael Anderson were employed. As work progressed, Darwin Lee joined them in the fall. Michael Anderson left and Jon Morse was replacement. Rick and Kevin Burtness are the extra summer help.

Work consists of residential service and new homes, commercial, ranging from lounges, apartments and business offices and hog complexes. Most of this is within a 70 mile radius.

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Fertile Little League 2012

Fertile's baseball diamonds became a flurry of activity this summer with the Little League program consisting of T-ball thru Midget teams this season. Sign up began in mid-March and practices began in April, with the final Midget games completed in mid-July.

Improvements at the ball field this year were made possible through grants from the Hanson Foundation and WCDA. The west diamond backstop height was added onto, thanks to a grant from the Hanson Foundation, and a batting cage was added to the facility, thanks to WCDA. Each child received a 'Fertile Little League 2012' t-shirt with their registration again this year thanks to local business sponsors. We appreciate all the tremendous support we received from the local business community in making this program and these improvements possible.

Our concession stand served many throughout the season and required many hands to feed the crowds! We want to especially thank our full-time volunteers for their time spent grilling and serving in some very hot weather this year! Our thanks goes to Larry and Holly Green, Clay Byom, Jaime Haugland, Danica Bang, & Sharon Ganz plus all the parents who took a turn serving during the season. Thank you to everyone who worked their turn (and sometimes more!) in the concession stand. We appreciated everything you did!

We would also like to thank everyone that came out to watch both home & away games. Fertile had a great cheering section! We anticipate another great season in 2013. If you would like to be part of Fertile's summer baseball program or become a sponsor, please contact Tim Kleveland or David Bang for more information on how you can help.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of Fertile Little League 2012:

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Special thanks goes to all of our dedicated coaches, assistant coaches and parent volunteers for making our program what it is. Special thank you to fireman Dwight Bruns for providing a water cannon to cool down young players on a hot day. We know there were many more that assisted in various ways during the season that have not been mentioned by name. Please accept our gratitude for all you did.

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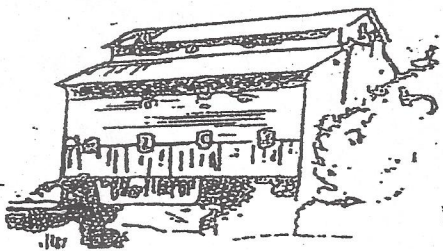
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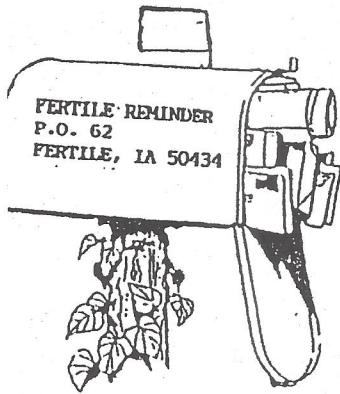
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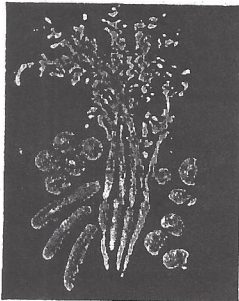


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We have or will have:

Varieties of tomatoes:

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Varieties pepper—Mild, Medium, and Hot

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