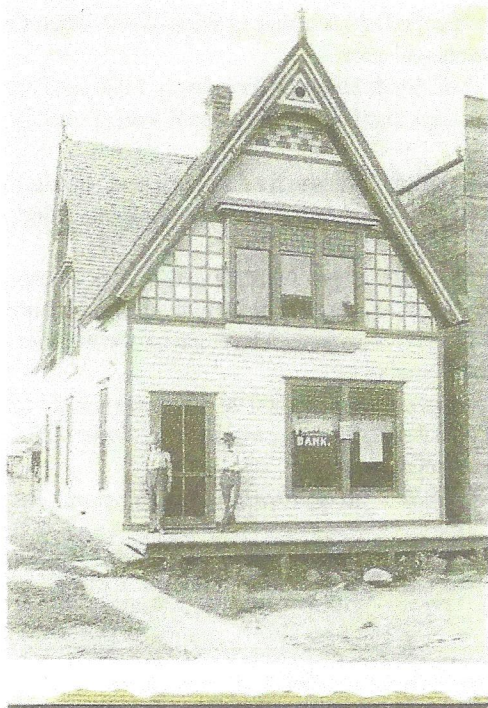


FERTILE REMINDER

APRIL 2019



First Bank. It was moved off Main ST to build the new bank. It is now Cliff & Mary Peterson's Home.

This mystery house that was on last month's front page has been identified. Phyllis Pederson wrote that she lived in it and it is the house Matt Pederson lives in now, next to the old Church of Christ. I found the other picture in the Sesquicentennial – 2006 book.



STREET SCENE, FERTILE

APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 Firemen meet
- 9 Garden Club
- 10 Reminder Deadline
- 11 & 25 Recycle
- 13 Reserve Deputies of Worth Co. soup supper
- 15 Library Board meets
- 16 Fertile Girls Meet
- 16 City Council
- 17 Reminder emailed

Garden Club

Garden Club met on March 12 in the Community Center with a Pot Luck supper. Penny Miller opened the meeting with 14 members answering roll call which was "what did you do on Valentine's Day?" Two new members joined: Sandy Price and Carolyn Nedved.

New programs were handed out, secret pal names were drawn and the Constitution was read.

Thought for the Day was read by Carol Jara. Hostesses were the officers.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Cindy Peters, Nick Bailey and Holly Lovik-Hanna; City Clerk Wendy Lunning and Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent: Ron Rachut & Tad Miller.
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the minutes of the February meeting & Public Hearing meeting.* Unanimous
- Nick motioned, Holly 2nd to accept agenda.* Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Flooding – Don Larson

- Warren Bruns, Water & Sewer Superintendent; Ken Abrams, Worth County Supervisor were also present. Don inquired about drainage on W Washington Street. In 2008, home owners refused help from FEMA, Worth County Supervisors & Worth County Engineers. FEMA suggest digging out ditches to insert 24-inch culverts and berms to reduce flooding. FEMA replaced 60 inch X 76 ft concrete box culvert with a 60 inch X 76 ft equivalent oval concrete pipe under 1st street. Code of Iowa Sec 716.1 Obstructing ditches and breaking levees. No person shall divert, obstruct, impede or fill up, without legal authority, any ditch drain, or watercourse, or break down any levee established, constructed, or maintained under any provision of law.

7/1/2018 to 2/28/2019	General	WCDA	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST	Utilities	Total
Income	244,674.25	61,792.98	34,126.42	1,799.66	7,351.22	24,361.39	114,197.23	488,303.15
Expense	254,481.61	61,792.98	20,317.34	0	4,400.25	0	71,927.19	412,919.37
Total	-9,807.36	0	13,809.08	1,799.66	2,950.97	24,361.39	42,270.04	75,383.78
Fund Balance	45,021.61	21.32	74,127.57	1,799.66	4,164.39	24,361.39	197,337.50	346,833.44

City Maintenance Report:

- Snow, Snow, Snow removal. Nettleton Excavating was contracted to haul excess snow away, clean alleys & Park Street.
- The conveyor door broke on the plow truck and has been repaired for the time being.
- Fuel tank on plow truck was leaking. It would cost \$1,215.00 to replace. The truck has two tanks, so they reduce to using one tank.
- Sewer pump broke and Quality Pump & Control was called to lift the pump. A white t-shirt was blocking the flow.
- The roof is leaking at the Maintenance shed. Steve put a temporary fix in place for the time being.
- Steve completed DNR Tier 2 report.
- Main Street has pot holes & cracks that will need to be patched.
- Buck & Steve filled & delivered sand bags to residence in town.
- Cindy motioned, Nick 2nd to approve the City Maintenance report.* Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Thank you, Chris Hanna, Brian Nettleton, Randy & Adam Pederson with help clearing streets and alleys during the snow storm.
- Steve & Joyce dug out gas meters at City Hall / Community Center. Steve dug out Maintenance garage meter.

- Jeff Berg's building on W Main Street collapsed due to snow.
- Joyce met with ICAP insurance. Voucher received for \$1,270.19.
- Thank you to the Fertile Fire Department for blowing open the culvert under 1st North by the water plant that was plugged with snow & ice.
- Joyce submitted Fertile Days schedule to Winn-Worth Betco for their summer events calendar.
- Thank you to EMC, Mark Tomilson for delivery 1,000 sand bags to help with flooding of homes. City ordered ½ load of sand for them.
- Thank you, EMC, Mark Tomilson for delivering clean up kits for houses with water damage. Joyce delivered nine cleaning kits to household.
- Governor Kim Reynolds has proclaimed a state disaster in response to flooding and severe weather. The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program has been activated. Mayor gave paperwork for assistance to nine households.
- Clapper Tree Service estimated \$1,600.00 to remove tree at 115 W Main Street. Council suggest getting legal advice. Joyce will follow up with John Greeves.
- Cindy motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous.

City Clerk's Report

- Cindy motioned, Nick 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous
- Nick motioned, Holly 2nd to approve February Bills.* Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Nick 2nd to approve resolution for compensation of employees beginning 07/01/2019.*
- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:

605 W Washington	\$246.94
103 N First Street	\$246.94
409 W Main Street	\$246.94

Holly motioned, Nick seconded to process liens with Worth County Treasurer. Unanimous

Committee Report:

- Cindy is checking into city owned convenient store for Fertile.

Upcoming Meetings:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session on April 16th at 7:00 pm at Fertile City Hall.
- Nick motioned, Holly 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

Summary:

- Flooding
- Pay Raises

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of February 28, 2019

					Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Paycheck	02/01/2019	8973	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-300.21
Paycheck	02/01/2019	8974	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-506.66
Paycheck	02/01/2019	8975	Russell, Joyce	Mayor (Donated 16 hours)	-1,424.02
Bill Pmt -Check	02/06/2019	8972	Lonnie Knudson	Community Center Cleaning	-10.00
Paycheck	02/06/2019	8976	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,095.72
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2019	8986	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-13.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2019	8987	Alliant Energy	Electric	-545.21
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2019	8988	USA Blue Book	Water Testing	-153.59
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2019	8989	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-73.05
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2019	8985	Hanna Chris	December & January snow removal (12 hours @ \$12.00 per hour)	-144.00
Liability Check	02/14/2019	EFT	IPERS		-237.54
Liability Check	02/14/2019	EFT	United States Treasury		-1,446.52
Paycheck	02/20/2019	8990	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,095.72
Check	02/20/2019	ACH	WCTA	(L)Telephone	-63.77
Paycheck	02/21/2019	8991	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Assistant Librarian	-170.57
Paycheck	02/21/2019	8993	Thompson, Angela M	(L) Librarian	-1,153.72
Paycheck	02/21/2019	8992	Knudson, Loni	(L) Clerk	-238.71
Check	02/21/2019	DEBIT	Intuit	Payroll	-6.36
Check	02/21/2019	DEBIT	Downtown Hilton	Training	-148.58
Check	02/21/2019	DEBIT	Casey's General Store	Gas	-26.69
Bill Pmt -Check	02/27/2019	8994	ClerkBooks	1000 Checks	-249.95
Total Checking					-9,104.09

City of Fertile Deposits

As of February 28, 2019

				Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Memo		
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
Deposit	02/01/2019	Property Taxes	523.47	
Deposit	02/01/2019	Farm to Market Deposit	1,898.52	
Deposit	02/04/2019	Casino Funds Deposit	2,967.24	
Deposit	02/13/2019	Utility Deposit	2,977.53	
Deposit	02/13/2019	Utility Deposit	337.09	
Deposit	02/14/2019	Road Use Tax	2,119.19	
Deposit	02/19/2019	Local Option Sales Tax	2,826.92	
Deposit	02/19/2019	Property Taxes	31,887.79	
Deposit	02/21/2019	Lien Interest Deposit	23.00	
Deposit	02/21/2019	Utility Deposit	151.60	
Deposit	02/27/2019	Utility Deposit	3,446.16	
Deposit	02/27/2019	Utility Deposit	290.12	
Deposit	02/28/2019	Local Option Sales Tax	2,654.52	
Deposit	02/28/2019	Interest	19.90	
Total Checking				52,123.05



BRITT --- Beverly Ann (Tweed) McNeese, 77, of Britt, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Britt.

Beverly was born on March 28, 1941 to very loving parents, Almer and June

Tweed of rural Joice, Iowa. She loved life on the farm with her two younger sisters, Marlys and Linda, and was blessed to have many relatives and neighbors who got together often.

At the age of seven, she asked Jesus to be her Lord and Savior while she was at VBS at the Fertile Gospel Mission. This had such a profound effect on the rest of her life as she grew in her relationship with Him. Ever since then, she has had a deep desire for everyone to know that they also could have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Beverly attended elementary school and high school in Fertile, Iowa. She went on to Omaha Baptist Bible College for one year, followed by one year working at Deluxe in Lake Mills, Iowa. On September 16th of 1961, she married Gale McNeese, the love of her life. Together, they happily raised their three children and farmed, all while faithfully serving the Lord. Gale and Bev also enjoyed their many travels together and their time at their winter home in Mission, Texas. They made friends wherever they went.

Bev loved her family immensely. Clearly, she just loved people in general. Wherever Bev was, she had a gift for helping people feel welcomed and cared for. She also had a special love for children and was passionate about teaching them about Jesus. This was evident by the countless years she invested her heart as she taught VBS, Sunday School, worked with the youth group and spent more than 30 years with the AWANA Cubbies.

Serving her family was very important to Bev. She loved to sew, garden and take care of her home and acreage. She was a fun loving person. She enjoyed entertaining and participating in get-togethers wherever she was.

Beverly is survived by her Husband of 57 years, Gale McNeese, Children: Cherlyn (Rick) Johnson, Greg (Chris) McNeese, Brent (Kim) McNeese; Grandchildren: Jennifer (Ethan) Cheville, Amber (Zach) Nielsen, Joshua (MaryJo) Johnson, Nicholas (Paige) McNeese, Joylyn (Matt) Ites, Hunter (Maria) McNeese, Ethan (Chloe) McNeese, Hannah (Tyler) Harmon, Ashleigh (Layne) Mosher, and Colt McNeese; 20 Great Grandchildren!!! Olivia, Charlotte, Addison, Cheyenne, Teagen, Eum, Rosaliegh, Sawyer, Naomi, Wyatt, Henry, Orin, Kingsley, Harper, Jack, Briggs, Bennett, Kara, Entson, and McCoy; Sisters: Marlys Murray and Linda Tweed and many treasured extended family and friends

She was preceded in death by her parents, Almer and June Tweed, brother-in-law, Bruce Murray and many dearly loved extended family and friends.



The Reserve Deputies of Worth County

Soup Supper

And Silent Auction

Saturday, April 13th

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Kensett Community Center

**Serving chicken noodle and chili,
several desserts.**

Everyone is welcome to attend—

Free will offering."

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Library Events

Family Movie Night

April 12th @ 7pm

Mary Poppins Returns

Storytime

April 23rd @ 5:30 pm

Come join us for a fun time with
books and crafts!

Cookbook Club

April 18th @ 6:30 pm

Join us as we discuss a cookbook and sample
some of it's offerings. This is a dinner and
conversation group. 18+

Adult Craft Afternoon

April 27th @ 1 pm

We will be doing a craft, eating snacks &
chatting. Join us for the fun. Ages 18+

Classic Movie Monday

April 15th @ 3:00 pm

Join us for Easter Parade & popcorn!

featuring New Books

A breath of hope - Lauraine Snelling
California Girls - Susan Mallory
Heartland: a memoir... - Sarah Smarsh
The chef - James Patterson
The threat- Andrew McCabe
A justified murder - Jude Deveraux

featuring New DVDs

The crimes of Grindelwald
All of my heart: the wedding
Mission impossible: fallout
Gold
A simple favor
First man

Classic Movies

Tired of all the new movies that are jsut special effects? Missing the golden days of Hollywood? Each month, here atthe library, we will be showing one of these good oldies. We will enjoy a classic movie and some popcorn for peaceful afternoon! Join us this month for Easter Parade! Keep an eye on the events section each month for dates and movie selection.

WATCH BURIED 20 YEARS IS RETURNED TO OWNER

Whereabouts of the owner located by interested friends.

Some weeks ago the Times carried the story of how Peter Merkel, while planting corn on his farm found a gold Elgin Watch which had been lost for nearly twenty years ago by Ben Miller, who at the time farmed the land. Neighbors helped Mr. Miller in hunting for the watch at that time but in vain. At the time the story was published the whereabouts of the original owner were not known here.

However, through the Times, the owner was found, and the following letter received by Peter Merkel is self-explanatory:

Fertile. Iowa. July 12, 1929 Through the honesty and good will of mankind in general I am now in possession of a watch that I lost nineteen years ago, which I long since had despaired of ever seeing again, and I feel very grateful to all the good people who so kindly remembered me when the lost watch was found.

Especially do I want to think Mr. Peter Merkel who actually found the watch, and Mr. Schlawin, who was my near neighbor when the watch was lost, and remembered the circumstances when it again was found: and Mr. and Mrs. Knisely of Rockwell, Iowa, through whom I first learned that the long watch had been found.

Friends, I thank you,
Sincerely, BEN MILLER

Mr. Miller came to Klemme a few weeks ago and was given the watch. He learned of the finding of the watch through Mr. Knisley at Rockwell, a Times subscriber, who sent Mr. Miller a clipping of the paper. The watch is of special value to Mr. Miller as it was his father's watch and was given to him by his mother when Mr. Miller was a boy thirteen years old. The Times is happy to know it served as the connecting link of the story of locating the owner.

(An Editor's note: Ben Miller was my son-in-law's (Dan Miller) great grandpa. Mr. Knisley was my husband's great uncle. What a small world.)

FERTILE GOSPEL MISSION

Taken from 1956 Fertile Centennial Book

The Fertile Gospel Mission, an interdenominational organization, is made up of believers from different denominations who have as their chief interest the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home and in foreign field—"In Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the Earth" according to Acts 1:8. This group, after having met from time to time in the homes or in the upper room of the pickle factory of Fertile for several years, decided to buy a building. In 1937, they purchased the former Fertile schoolhouse and incorporated under the name Fertile Gospel Mission.

For the most part, they have not had a resident pastor but have conducted Sunday school and a Fellowship Missionary Society with the help at times of visiting evangelists and pastors as well as missionaries on furlough. At present however, they have a resident pastor, the Rev. Buford Hall, who has served the call since August, 1955.

They have several missionaries on foreign fields whom they help to support: Mrs. Pointer (nee Bessie Tallackson) in Africa, Miss Mabel Elthon in the Canal Zone, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Shook (nee Vada Eikenbary) in Japan, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Nyhus (nee Ruth Elthon) in Formosa, and Rev. and Mrs. James Beasley (nee Catherine Jorgenson) now home on furlough from Japan. Miss Jenny Jorgenson, a former missionary to Costa Rica, and Mr. and Mr. P. K. Myhre, former missionaries to Ecuador, are now retired from the field. Besides the foreign missionaries, there are several pastors and wives who fellowshipped with this group before entering the ministry, and are now preaching in the United States. Among them are Rev. Glenn Smith of Colorado, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Ouverson (nee Hazel Stevens) of While Hall, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Levang (nee Silence Seglem) of West Union, Iowa, and Rev. Milton Scoepf of Ortonville. Minnesota.

March 1, Moving Day

Neil L. Kuns

March 1, 1995

Growing up in a farming community one became very aware of the broad cycles of life. Grain farmers carefully observed the prime times for preparing and planting their fields, as well as the periods of harvesting the crops. Fortunately oats ripened before the beans and the corn didn't harden until even later in the fall. Animal farmers were subject to different cycles of nature. The swine farmer set up his brooding houses sometime in the spring, and soon a veritable "pigsburgh" populated the field in which the sows were nurturing their broods of little piglets. How can a hog which is so cute when it is little and pink become so ugly when it matures? Perhaps pigs ponder the same question about us humans.

Speaking of humans, there was another yearly cycle which played out the first of every March. Caesar was warned to avoid the ides of March, but public school teachers had to be wary of the first day of the month.

This sequence was largely a function of the re-distribution of wealth brought about by the Great Depression. Many families who owned or were buying their "places" (the way they referred to their farms) in the 1920's were unable to keep up the taxes and mortgage payments when the price of their produce plummeted, or the drought of the "dust-bowl" years dealt them a deadly one-two punch. Banks re-possessed their properties including the fields, equipment, livestock, the out-buildings and the family home. Some forward thinking or lucky people who had their wealth in more liquid forms bought the distressed properties from the banks and became landlords overnight. Landed, they were; loved they were not! Some of their names were spoken with a hiss by the dispossessed. Be that as it may, those who by personality and preparation were more suited to being farmers than any other occupation found themselves in the un-enviable position of being *tenant* farmers. Some leased the land, hoping to pay the rent from selling the harvest. Others were "share-croppers" who agreed to return a specified portion of the harvest for the right to till the land.

An owner finds it much more difficult to pull up stakes and move than does a renter. A tenant farmer who for whatever reason thought he could do better or strike a better deal with a different land owner might move every year if he could persuade his wife and family that it was a good idea. The youngsters who started in first grade at Fertile and graduated from high school twelve years later were for the most part the offspring of land owners or townspeople.

Every year on the last school day of February we would say "good-bye" to some of our classmates and perhaps never see them again. The first school day of March would often bring some new student to occupy the empty desk. They might also sleep in the same bedroom out on the farm. It was difficult for the teacher, and certainly no picnic for the student to change schools two-thirds through the school year. For the teacher and those of us who had been in the class all year it was only one or two new names to learn. For the new student there were a new teacher and a new roomful of classmates. Most of us tried to make it as easy on the "newbies" as possible. If he were an athletically gifted guy or she were a "cosmetically advantaged" (good looking) girl this integration process was easy. This was really never any great challenge, because almost everyone in a small town is friendly. One such village announced its population as "397 friendly people, and a few old grouches." That could have been Fertile, Iowa in the 1940's.

Did you know????

The Old Country Doctor

by: Ann Hendrickson

The snow piles are still with

us, but spring WILL come.

Thoughts have been about Russell L. Olson came to mind and he was known as a "country travels to the country in the

people of Northwood's past. Dr. in finding information about him, doctor". Can you imagine his weather we have had recently!

He told the story of a call received in the terrible winter of 1936. It was bitter cold, a blizzard, so he asked the caller to meet him four miles from his house as he couldn't possibly make it through to their yard. The caller replied that it was much too cold to get the horses out. It wasn't even an emergency call!

Dr. Olson served Northwood for 50 years, opening his office in 1930 and retiring in 1980, covering the days of horse and buggy to current day transportation.

As you can imagine, many positive and happy occurrences happened during this period delivering 1,500 babies with two-thirds of them in their home during the first half of his practice. Medicines truly improved to help him as he practiced. Doctors were virtual pharmacies in the early 1930's as medicines in drug stores were limited. Doctors had to learn about medicines, their effects and cures, even though there weren't many at the time. More than once an ailing person left his office with a bottle of pink liquid, almost a sure-fire, get well item. It was a combination of a relaxant and a sedative. Many times a doctor had to be a psychologist too by "talking" a person into getting well.

His pay was sometimes given in eggs and produce, and much of the time he wasn't paid at all. Office calls were \$1.00. He worked day and night with open office hours on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

There were negative aspects of his job of course. There were the two train/car crashes in the 1950's including adults and children. His son Russell E. Olson recalls accompanying his father to the site of one of the accidents. Dr. Olson walked down the tracks, picked up each body and examined them. When he came to the last one, the baby, he realized he had delivered them all. He knelt, said a prayer, and then wept uncontrollably.

The scarlet fever and polio epidemics were major illnesses during his years of practice. Quarantines were posted for diphtheria. In those days nobody paid much attention to hepatitis—they called it yellow jaundice.

Dr. Olson served Northwood and surrounding areas of 14 miles including Carpenter, Myrtle, south of Manly and south of Albert Lea.

I hope this trip down memory lane will be enjoyed by many of you who remember Dr. Russell Olson.

Until next time....

Letter to the editor

Mary Jo Millar is Roger Humphrey's sister's daughter. She tells me that she very much enjoys the Reminder, even though she has only been in Fertile, first when she was 4 and again when she was 15. Thank you for all you do. The Reminder is the only way I have of staying in touch. Thanks also for the email version. **Richard Humphrey**

Please renew my subscription for another year. Thanks, **Ray Elthon.**

Thank you, ladies, for another year of enjoyable reading. Please renew for another year. **Pat Tuttle.**

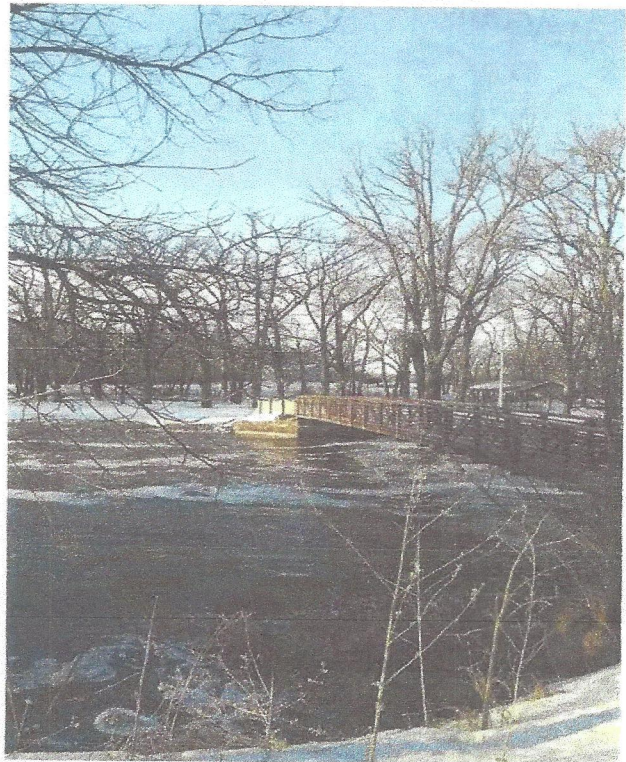
Elsie Chisholm wrote: Good work, Ladies!

Since I have not lived in Fertile for over 75 years - yet I had reason to return many times to visit relatives. Since many are no longer living, and due to my own advancing age, making it difficult for me to travel, the Reminder is a wonderful way for me to stay in touch and enjoy reading what is going on presently in Fertile. Thank you very much to each of you for all the work and time you each devote to bringing me so much enjoyment each month. Sincerely, **Mona Humphrey Kumm.**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Hanlontown is seeking employee for Snow Removal. Candidates must possess valid Iowa Driver's License with acceptable driving record. Pay is negotiable. Contact: Wendy at (641) 896-3570. Applications/resumes can be mailed to PO Box 5 in Hanlontown, IA 50444.

The City of Hanlontown is seeking employee for Groundskeeper. Candidates must possess valid Iowa Driver's License with acceptable driving record. Pay is negotiable. Contact: Wendy at (641) 896-3570. Applications/resumes can be mailed to PO Box 5 in Hanlontown, IA 50444.



How high's the water rising!! The park is once again under water. This picture was taken from Sharon McLaughin's Facebook page!



I cleaned three cupboards yesterday, that brings my 1976 spring cleaning to a close, now to start on 1977. Think I will ever catch up??



CALICO`BEANS

Luella Low

½ lb. ground beef

½ lb, bacon, cooked & crumbled

1 cup chopped onions

½ cup ketchup

¾ cup brown sugar

1 tsp. salt

2 tsp. vinegar

1 tsp. mustard

1 (1 lb) can kidney beans

1 (1 lb) can lima beans

1 (1 lb) can pork & beans

Brown hamburger & bacon. Add onion and cook slightly. Put in bean pot or casserole (or crockpot) Add other ingredients. Partially drain all beans. Mix well and bake 40 minutes at 350.

Cook your bacon in the oven. Lay the strips on a cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil. Bake at 350 or 400 for 15 to 20 minutes. Much easier and faster!!



SIX LITTLE STORIES

Well worth the 30 seconds to read

{1}

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's FAITH.

{2}

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

That's TRUST.

{3}

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's Hope

{4}

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's CONFIDENCE.

{5}

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

That's LOVE.

{6}

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

That's ATTITUDE.

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories.

When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

**"GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE...
DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!**





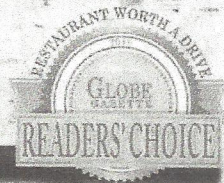
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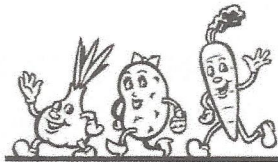
Greg Knopf, owner

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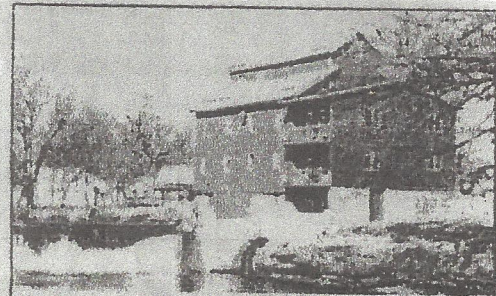
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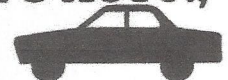
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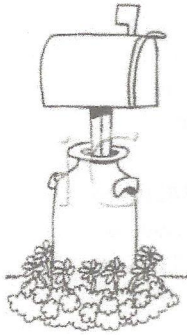
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