AUGUST 2004 FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

August 2	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
August 3	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
August 7	Fertile Days Parade Tractor Pull	9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
August 8	Firemen's Breakfast - park Community Church Worship	7 - 9:30 a.r 10:30 a.m.
August 17	Senior Dinner	
August 21	Boys and Girls 4-H	
August 24	Re-cycle Day	

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The Fertile City Council met 7PM, July 7, 2004, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Gail Shropshire, Tad Miller. Absent Melanne Bang, .Berg moved to approve the June minutes, Miller 2nd. Passed. Tammy Hall has resigned from the City Council. Paul Youngers has been appointed to the council to fill the vacant position. Shropshire moved, Berg 2nd to hire Grant Russell to do the mowing for the City. Passed. Dennis Ganz no longer wishes to do the mowing. Ganz will continue to read the meters for the City of Fertile. The electrical work is done at City Hall and the carpentry work is finished. The Senior Citizens donated the Kitchen cupboards, sink and refrigerator plus \$1,500.00 to help pay for the work done in the meeting room at City Hall. The City of Fertile has signed an agreement with the Worth County Supervisors regarding the Farm to Market Road. The Farm to Market Road in Fertile is all of Main Street and all of 1st Street. The county will maintain the center 22 feet of these streets and the City of Fertile will be responsible for the remainder of the F/M road. Fertile will receive 100% of the Road Use Tax Funds. The vote on the WCTA Franchise was 58 yes and 1 no. Youngers moved, Berg 2nd to approve the Cable franchise with WCTA for 25 years. Passed. WestCom maintenance man told the council he was working on updating the cable system presently used in Fertile. The franchise with WestCom will expire August 1st. A discussion was held on dead trees needing to come down on private lots. A complaint was received about the condition of the house and yard at 408 West Washington. The Public Health Department will be notified. The contract with the mosquito spraying company will expire this year. The Mayor reported the driving bridge on 1st Street S contract has been let but work may not be done this summer due to delays because of excessive rain. The mayor is meeting with FEMA to settle claims for the city due to flooding. Problems continue with articles getting tangled in the Sewage pumps at the lagoon. A new pump has been purchased to replace a pump destroyed when a large bath towel became tangled in the pump. Shropshire moved to approve expenditures, Miller 2nd, passed. Monthly reports were given. Notices will be sent to residents who have junk cars on their property. Notices will be sent to residences who have long grass, weeds, garbage and junk on their property. Ordinances will be enforced for all businesses and residences in Fertile regarding junk cars, long grass, garbage and weeds. Melanne Bang is the contact person for the Fertile Celebration to be held August 7 and 8, with a parade

August 7th at 9:30 AM. Melanne would appreciate volunteers to help with the activities during the Celebration.

Meeting adjourned.

June Revenue	
Property Tax	419.39
Water/Sewer/Garbage	9,386.47
Street Revenue	2,680.05
Local Option Tax	1,587.41
Building permit	30.00
Crescent Moon, waste disposal	1,330.72
WCTA Patronage	215.00
TOTAL	\$15,649.04
June Expenses	
Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,407.24
Gloria Kirschbaum	333.71
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
N. Ia Media	29.79
FICA	370.31
IPERS	197.22
WCTA	55.28
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	608.14
US Post Office	156.00
Aquila	125.88
LGI	115.55
Kirkwood Com. College, Bruns	300.00
Basic Materials, road stone	169.42
Crescent Moon, port-pots, park	120.00
Grant Russell	350.00
Jeff Berg	264.00
Dwight Bruns	110.00
Food & Fuel, flood expense	239.49
Staples, office supplies	448.86
Work Comp Insurance	2,173.00
NCSS, mower	211.59
IACAP insurance	218.00
SA-So	50.08
Thompsons Garage	126.20
Steffes Const- street repair	9,824.28
Menards	64.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,173.50



FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY 204 West Main/ Box 198 Fertile, IA 50434 (641)-797-2787 Phone/Fax Monday 1:00 - 8:00 PM Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00 PM Friday 9:00 am - Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon



NEW BOOKS

At the Stroke of Madness - Alex Kava Blow Out - Catherine Coulter Summer By the Sea - Susan Wiggs Second Chance - Danielle Steel Sam's Letter's to Jennifer - James Patterson Hot Legs - Susan Johnson Navy Woman - Debbie Macomber Code Name: Nanny - Christina Skye Black - Ted Dekker Red - Ted Dekker Kill the Messenger - Tami Hoag Ten Big Ones - Janet Evanovich

NEW DVD'S

Cold Creek Manor - Dennis Quaid Big Fish - Ewan McGregor Down With Love - Ewan McGregor Lost in Translation - Bill Murray Stuck on You - Matt Damon Return of the King - Viggo Mortensen Love Actually - Hugh Grant Looney Tunes Back in Action - Brandan Fraser In America - Samantha Morton Welcome to Mooseport - Ray Morano Mystic River - Sean Penn Johnny English - Rowan Atkinson Spongebob Goes Prehistoric (Video) Blue's Clues - Blue Talks - (Video)

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy summer! Fertile Days is coming August 7 & 8. The parade will be Saturday at 9:30. The library will be serving rolls, coffee & lemonade before & after the parade in front of the library. If you would like to be in the parade a sign up sheet is available at the library, Burtness Plumbing & Heating & the Downtown Café. We will also be serving coffee, rolls & lemonade at the Tractor Pull. A lunch will also be served. Anyone wishing to donate bars for the Tractor Pull contact Nancy at the library. Food proceeds will go to library projects. Thanks to everyone for your support.

In June CYBERsitter Internet filtering software was installed on our computers. This is in compliance with CIPA, the Children's Internet Protection Act.







What A Circus! ©Neil L. Kuns August 23, 1995

LITTLE TYKES CHILD DAYCARE Happy Home Environment Infants to School Age JOELY BRUNS 801 W. Main St. Fertile, IA Phone 797-2699

One afternoon during the dog days of August Teed Elthon and I decided to stage a circus in his back yard. We thought it might be fun, and that we might make a little money by providing some entertainment for the other kids in town. Neither of us had ever been to a circus and all we knew about such a show we had seen in the movies or read in a book. That did not matter, for our imagination would fill in the details. We set a date and time, and then made advertising flyers that we posted around town. For stage curtains we hung blankets and sheets over his mother's clothes lines. We coached our mongrel dogs, "Guilder" and "Bum" into a few tricks, and racked our brains for other entertaining attractions. We talked to Teed's uncle Thelan and he gave us the idea for a freak-show attraction of a "hairless dog." Our friends groaned when we showed them a wiener, also known as a hot dog. It definitely had no hair. We wouldn't have touched it if it had. Another of our fabulous attractions was something we guaranteed had never before been seen by human eyes. When the moment of revelation came we cracked open a peanut shell and proudly held up the peanut for all to see. No one had ever seen it before, nor did they want to see it again.

In some kid's magazine I read about a way to peel a banana and to reveal that it was already sliced. We decided that would make a great act for our circus, so I bought a banana at Elthon's Pioneer store that had a number of brown spots on the skin. I inserted a long sewing needle through a brown spot and moved the needle from side to side to sever the fruit within the peeling. I repeated this operation several times. The brown spots concealed the needle marks, and when I peeled the banana it was already in segments, just as my patter had promised it would be. This was mildly amusing to our paying customers, and they wanted to know, "How did you *do* that?"

We set up a ring toss game and offered prizes to those who could throw the rings over the bottles. As refreshment we sold grape and cherry flavored Kool Aid by the glass. For two or three days before hand we thought and talked about little other than our circus. We hoped, planned and prepared and on the big afternoon waited for the crowds to come. Larry and Madelyn Purcell were there, as were Teed's sisters and my brother. A few other town kids showed up and when the show was over we thanked them for coming. When we counted the "gate" we had less than two dollars to split between us, and decided not to take our show on the road.

Our limited financial success was not too discouraging for us. The idea in the first place was to have some fun. By the time the circus was over we already had other ideas and plans in mind and were looking ahead to the next big adventure.



THOMPSON'S GARAGE Henry Thompson, Prop. Phone 797-2677 After Hours 797-2664 Auto, Truck & Tractor Service Gas, Oil & Tires Interstate Batteries & Welding

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FERTILE DAYS SATURDAY & SUNDAY AUGUST 7 & 8

PARADE—SATURDAY AUGUST 7 9:30 A.M.

Parade Entries sign up at Fertile Café, Burtness Plmb. & Heating & Library

Softball Tournaments - Sat. & Sun.

*Contact Chris Anderson for details

TRACTOR PULL

11 a.m. Saturday *Contact Randy Pederson

Fertile Library serving food from 9 a.m. throughout the day.

Games for kids at 10 a.m.

Volunteers needed to help!

Please contact Melanne Bang at 797-2217 if you can help. Leave your name and number. I will contact you the week of July 19th.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th In The Park

"Firemen's Breakfast in the Park"

7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Community Church Worship - 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Children's Choir (bring your own chairs.)

WITH SYMPHTHY JUDITH ANITA HALL 1940 - 2004

Judith Anita Hall, 64, of 101 Second St. in Fertile died June 28, 2004 at the Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient in Mason City.



Funeral service was held July 1, 2004 at The Church of Christ in Fertile with Curt Gallmeyer officiating. Interment was at the Grant Township Cemetery in Fertile. Judie was born March 14, 1940, the daughter of James and Esther (Furness)

Haugen at Mason City. Judie graduated from Fertile High School

in 1959 and married Eugene Hall on August 23, 1959. Judie worked for Winnebago Industries for several years, then worked for Opportunity Village as a job coach for 20 years, retiring in 2000.

She enjoyed crafts, attending children and grandchildren's events, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was very committed to her family and the Church of Christ where she was an active member for most of her life.

She loved and trusted the Lord and is now in his loving arms.

Judie is survived by her husband Eugene Hall, of Fertile; four children, Tim (Patty) Hall of Mason City; Tracy (Tammy) Hall of Fertile, Tami (Dan) Horner of Clear Lake, and Troy (Tish) Hall of Forest City; bother, Larry (Dixie) Haugen of Clear Lake; sister, Janan Haugen, of West Point; brothers in law, Brian (Coralene) Hall of Clear Lake, and Gary (Cheryl) Hall, of Lincoln, IL; grandchildren, Christopher, Casey, Stephen and Andrew Hall, Samantha, Brady, Austin and Hailey Harner, Bedene Mill, Samantha,

Brady, Austin and Hailey Horner, Bethany, Nicholas and Logan Hall.

Her parents and in-laws, Glea and Mavis Hall, preceded her in death.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- August 2, 2004 Nail Care Clinic at Grafton. Call for appt. This can be for hands or feet. 800-765-1388
- August 3, 2004 Nail Care Clinic at Maple Court in Northwood. Call for appointment. at 324-1741
- August 3, 2004 Nail Care Clinic at Manly City Hall. Call for appointment at 800-765-1388. This can be for hands or feet.
- August 19, 2004 Alzheimers Support Group meeting at Maple Court Commons at 7 p.m.
- August 19, 2004 Child Immunization Clinic at Northwood Office 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appt necessary.
- August 24, 2004 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church in Northwood from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appt. necessary.

If you have any questions, please call Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741 ir 800-765-1388.

BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a f^{r-t}t from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place.

If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not ever realizing that the answer is right there "Above" them.







THE REST OF THE STORY - IRAQ Sent April 22, 2004

This is a letter from Ray Reynolds, a medic in the Iowa Army National Guard, serving in Iraq.

As I head off to Baghdad for the final weeks of my stay in Iraq, I wanted to say thanks to all of you who do NOT believe the media. They have done a very poor job covering everything that has happened. I am not been able to visit all of you during my two weeks leave back home. And just so you can rest at night knowing something is happening in Iraq that is noteworthy, I thought I would pass this on to you. This is a list of things that have happened in Iraq recently: (Please share it with your friends and compare it to the version that your paper is producing.)

*Over 400,000 kids have up-to-date immunizations.

* School attendance is up 80% from levels before the war.

*Over 1,500 schools have been renovated and rid of weapons stored there so education can occur.

*The port of Uhm Qasar was renovated so grain can be off-loaded from ships faster.

*The country had its first 2 billion barrel export of oil in August 2003.

*The 4.5 million people have clean drinking water for THE FIRST TIME EVER in Iraq.

*The country now receives 2 times the electrical power than it did BEFORE THE WAR.

*100% of the hospitals are open and fully staffed, compared to 35% before the war.

*Elections are taking place in every major city and city councils are in place.

*Sewer and water lines are installed in every major city.

*Over 60,000 police are patrolling the streets.

*Over 100,000 Iraqi civil defence police are securing the country.

*Over 80,000 Iraqi soldiers are patrolling the streets side by side with U. S. soldiers.

*Over 400,000 people have telephones for THE FIRST TIME EVER.

* Students are taught field sanitation and hand washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs.

*An interim constitution has been signed.

*Girls are allowed to attend school.

*Textbooks tht don't mention Saddam are in the schools for the first time in 30 years.

Don't believe for one second that these people do not want us there. I have met many, many people from Iraq that want us there, and in a bad way. They say they will never see the freedoms we talk about but they hope their children will. We're doing a good job in Iraq and challenge anyone, anywhere to dispute me on these facts. So if you happen to run into John Kerry, be sure to give him my e-mail address and send him to Denison, Iowa. This soldier will set him straight. If you are like me and very disgusted with how this period of rebuilding has been portrayed, e-mail this to a friend and let them know that there are good things happening.

Ray Reynolds, SFC Iowa Army National Guard 234th Signalattalion

BOLAN STORAGE AVAILABLE Call 641-845-2677 and "Bolan Warehouse" 30' x 80' for rent



Bolan Schoolhouse

Reopening August 5 through December 31, 2004



Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (or by appointment)

"Back-To-School" Open House, Aug. 21 Bolan Fall Market, Sept. 24, 25, 26 Pumpkin Decorating & Hayrides, Oct. 16 Country Shops Holiday Tour, Nov. 6 & 7 Christmas Coffee, Dec. 11



Lori Willert, 2023 420th Street, Kensett, IA 50448 641-845-2677 or Ilwillert@wctatel.net



Tusen takk to the dedicated staff of the Reminder! What a great little paper for a town the size of Fertile. Enclosed is a check for my subscription renewal.

LaVonne (Pederson) Kraft

Virgil & Ruth Ouverson

Dear Fertile Reminder,

Please renew our paper. We notice the flag on the mail box is colored.

We enjoy it a lot.

Dear Ladies,

Please renew our subscription to the Reminder for another year. I look forward to reading it each month. You do a great job.!

Dear Reminder,

Ed & Jeann Richards

I believe our subscription is about to run out so I'm sending a check now, as we will be gone next month. Thank for! Carole Thovson

Dear Ladies,

Thanks for much for the Reminder.

Warren Thompson

Dear Reminder Ladies,

Sure appreciate all the hard work you all do to keep us informed with the Reminder.

Thanks.

Phyllis Purcell 4503 Topaz Ave. NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405



Bolan Bike Ride

Saturday, September 25, 2004, 9:00 am Registration begins at 8:00 am on Tulip Lane (mainstreet)

[^] The small community of Bolan, Iowa (population now I7) will put this year's net profits from the bike ride toward playground equipment and/or restoring the original 1940s Barton #2, schoolhouse curtain.

Come early to attend the Bolan United Methodist Women's Bazaar beginning at 8:00 am. When you return, enjoy the Bolan Fall Market going on from 9:00 am 7:00 pm

We have new routes! Enjoy a mostly flat ride looping through the small, friendly communities of Kensett, Joice, and Northwood. Visit the Worth County Historical Museums, Top of Iowa Wind Farm, Rice Lake State Park, and Top of Iowa Welcome Center.

\$5 Registration, includes a map indicating points of interest and available food, marked routes, support vehicle, ticket for a slice of pie with ice cream and a beverage. Extra cost involved for shirts.

"THANK YOU" to our Sponsors: Send to: Bolan Bike Ride c/o Lori Willert 2023 420th Street Kensett, IA 50448 **Bolan Schoolhouse** Northwoods State Bank Northland Construction Fallgatter's Market Top Of Iowa Welcome Center Questions? Call 611 845 2677 Email Ilwillert@wetatel.net If bad weather, listen to KIA FM 93.9 or KGLO AM 1300 for approximents One form per person please Name Address Age: City State: Zip Check the route(s) you plan to take: Indicate your shirt choice and size: (Pre registration prices, before September 18 \$10 Short Sleeve S M L XI. 12 mile Kensett & back mile Kensett, Northwood
mile Kensett, Welcome Center, Nwood S M I. XI. XXL(add \$2) S M I. XL XXL(add \$2) S M I. XL XXL(add \$2) S M I. XL XXL(add \$2) \$15 Long Sleeve \$20 Sweatshirt 50 mile Kensett, Windmills, Joiee, Nwood add 5 miles for Rice Lake State Park (Late-registration shirts will be \$5 extra) Fee: 5.00 Shirt \$ Total Enclosed: \$ Check payable to: Bolan Community Fund

Disclaimer. I hereby agree not to hold the members of the sponsoring organization liable for any damages or bodily injury I may incur during my voluntary participation in this event. I agree to obey all traffic regulations and use "cyclist courtesy". I know that wearing a bicycle helmet is strongly recommended

Signature (and parent or guardian if under 18)

COOK'S KORNER

Here is a tasty easy recipe that is good to take to picnics.

Cranberry-Blueberry Cobbler Fruit Mixture -

1 3/4 cups sugar

1/4 cup cornstarch

2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

2 tablespoons Orange juice

Combine all fruit mixture in a sauce pan and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. It will become more juicy as it cooks. Reduce heat and simmer until cranberries pop and sauce is slightly thickened. Pour mixture into a sprayed baking dish. (8 inch or 2 qt. Baking dish)

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spay an 8 inch square baking dish (2 quarts) with nonstick cooking spray.

TOPPING -

1 (6 OZ.) can refrigerated buttermilk flaky biscuits.

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel.

Separate dough into 5 biscuits. Cut each biscuit into quarters. In small bowl, combine the 2 bsp. Sugar and orange peel; mix well. Add biscuits pieces, toss to coat. Arrange over hot fruit mixture. Bake immediately.

Bake 375 degrees for 12 to 17 minutes or until the biscuits are a golden brown. Cool 5 minutes before serving.. Store in refrigerator. Ice Cream is great on it!

> Adult	A person who h as stopped grow- ing at both ends and is now grow- ing in the middle.					
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>Dust	Mud with the juice squeezed out.					
>Raisin	Grape with a sunburn.					
>Mosquito	An insect that makes you like flies					
	better.					
>Winkles	Something other people have.					
	You have character.					

ATTENTION ALL KIDS

Come to practice for a Community Kids Choir that will sing for the Community Worship Service in the park on August 8th at 10:30 a.m.

PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

JUNE 22 & 29 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall Shed. Treats to follow practice.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support in the June 8th primary election for District 2 Supervisor. It was much appreciated.

Darrell Bang



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FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA 602 W. WASHINGTON ST., PO Box 215 FERTILE, IOWA 50434-0215; Phone Number: 641-797-2767 Summer Schedule: 9:00 AM Worship Services