JUNE 2004 FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

June 1	Senior Citizens Dinner Council Meeting	Noon 7 P.m.
June 7	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
June 8	Fertile Garden Club	7 p.m.
June 12	Relay for Life at Manly	
June 14	REMINDER DEADLINE	
June 15	Senior Citizens Dinner Library Board Meeting	Noon 7 p.m
June 19	Boys and Girls 4-H	
June 22	Recycle Day.	

The Fertile City Council met 7PM, May 4, 2004, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Tammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Gail Shropshire, Melanne Bang. Absent Tad Miller. Berg moved to approve the April minutes, Hall 2nd. Passed. WCTA was present to answer questions at the Cable Franchise Public Hearing. Hall moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve a 25 year franchise with WCTA for Cable Television. Passed. Berg moved, Hall 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd hearing. Passed. Hall moved, Berg 2nd to schedule the public vote on the WCTA Franchise for July 6, 2004, from noon to 8 PM at Fertile City Hall. Passed. The progress on the meeting room at City Hall was discussed. Hall moved, Shropshire 2nd to allow the Senior Citizens to use the City Hall meeting room rent free for five years in appreciation for the money and donations given for the update of the meeting room. Any money received in rent for use of the room go to maintain the meeting room. The Farm to Market roads and the 28E agreement was discussed. The contract with the current cable provider will not be renewed. It expires August of 2004. Shropshire moved to approve expenditures, Hall 2nd, passed. Monthly reports were given. Berg moved to adjourn, 2nd Hall. Meeting adjourned.

THANK YOU TO RANDY BREDESON FOR THE DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE BASKETBALL BACKBOARDS AND HOOPS AT THE TENNIS COURTS.

Park Clean-up was April 24, 2004. Thank you to Gene & Gloria Beeman, Ken Strohman, Warren Bruns, Jeff Berg and Buck & Joyce Russell for the work done in the Park. The yard waste burning will end May 3 1. No burning except a recreational fire is allowed. A building permit is required **BEFORE** any structure or building is erected, reconstructed, altered, repaired, or occupied. A fee of \$10.00 is charged. Ordinance 7-1-4.A. Council member Tad Miller is the building official.

A special meeting of the Fertile City Council was held April 20, 2004 at 7:00 PM to hear information on the Cable TV franchise requested by WCTA for the City of Fertile. Twenty-four Fertile residents and the City Council listened to the information and had their questions answered by Terry Wegner of WCTA. The council will have a public hearing at the May 4, council meeting. If the City Council approves an ordinance for cable TV, the ordinance must be put for a vote at the next regular or a special election.

April Revenue				
Property Tax	12,933.23			
Water/Sewer/Garbage	11,069.50			
Street Revenue	2,237.82			
Local Option Tax	1,095.83			
Misc.	20.00			
TOTAL	\$27,356.38			
April Expenses				
Dave Low	301.49			
Warren Bruns	1,003.66			
Gloria Kirschbaum	333.71			
Sewer Acct	1,667.00			
Water Acct	1,474.00			
FICA	345.01			
IPERS	71.65			
WCTA	56.68			
Waste Systems	1,662.00			
Alliant	610.89			
US Post Office	46.00			
Thompsons Garage	59.00			
Aquila	276.70			
LGI	9.80			
Osnes paint	84.85			
Viking products, office supplies	178.92			
Nettleton, water leak	955.00			
Hawkins	5.00			
Larsens Plbg	183.63			
Fertile Fire Dept	1,250.00			
Fertile Library	1,925.00			
State Tax Withholding	106.00			
Sales Tax	532.60			
Farmers Co-0p Elev CL	39.68			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,178.27			



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Learning To Swim

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Today is the first day of summer. School is out and the demand for public swimming pools is in. Colleges have disgorged their students and many collegians are looking for summer jobs. Many of them find work as lifeguards. One of their tasks at the beginning of the season is to make sure that every kid who wades into the deep water is able to swim.

When we were little kids along Lime Creek in Fertile, Iowa, the only lifeguards we ever had were our mothers. After we developed a certain degree of comfort and ability in the river they no longer watched us every time we went to the water. One of our favorite places to paddle during the hot days of summer was little rill running along the south side of the park. The deepest pools there were less than thirty inches deep, and the water cascading down from the bay above created a current that enabled us to drift along in the water. All we were able to do was stay afloat, but the stream carrying us along made us think we were actually swimming. In time we were, but at first it was nothing more than flow-assisted floating.

The "big kids" got to swim above the dam where the water was up to ten feet deep in places. As a matter of survival anyone who entered the deep water above the dam had to know how to swim out of trouble, at least across the river and back.

When I finally felt comfortable with the idea of swimming above the dam my dad insisted in seeing me swim across the river before granting me that freedom. One soft summer evening both of us went down to the dam and Dad watched as I did it with no difficulty at all. He always said he thought I had been swimming above the dam before I passed the test. I hadn't, but never told him that. It was our little joke.

Swimming above the dam was much better than in the little stream. There were no rocks on the bottom on which we could stub our toes. The water moved much more slowly unless the river was high or the mill was running. During those two times we were especially cautious not to get too near the dam nor the intake for the water wheels that powered the mill. We heard that in the distant past some boy had drowned when he was sucked onto the intake grill. We had seen the water rushing out below the dam when the mill was running, and we could feel the draw when the miller opened up the sluice gates "big wheel." None of us wanted to challenge that force.

About one hundred feet up stream from the dam the town fathers poured a concrete pier for a diving board. They bolted a three-inch-thick plank to the platform and that served as our diving board. They covered it with burlap sacks to improve our foot traction. We did our best to perfect the swan dive, the jack-knife and the cannon ball. Along the way we performed a few belly flops, much to the amusement of other swimmers. We labeled another crazy dive we practiced "spank the baby." Standing on the end of the board, we gave it a little bounce and then dropped to our seats on the end of the board. If our timing was right we sat squarely on the board and on the downbeat. The upbeat enabled us to bounce up off the board and to complete the dive entering the water head first. If our aim or timing was wrong we got spanked on our bottoms or scraped the backs of our legs on the end of the board. That hurt both pride and hide more than a beautiful belly-flop.

Swimming is a lot more safe and sanitary these days, but I doubt that today's swimmers enjoy it any more than we did back in muddy Lime Creek. Copyright, Neil L. Kuns, 1996



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Discover New Trails @ Your Library

LIBRARY NEWS:

WOW! We raised over \$800 on our big sale Saturday, May 1 during the city wide garage sales. There are still some videos for sale at the library. Everything else was taken to Opportunity Village after the sale. A big thanks to those who worked late the night before & those who were back by 6:30 AM to set up. And many thanks to those who generously donated items to sell. This money will be used to purchase more books, videos, DVD's, & audio books.

Thank you to Max Nye for donating his Mother's telephone operator's chair to the library. Aimee Nye was operator in Fertile for 31 years. Her chair is now being used at a computer station & is again serving the community.

We celebrated National Library Week with "Happy 100th Dr. Seuss!" on Monday, April 19. The Cat in the Hat was read by Mayor Joyce Russell & Board President Bobbi Elbert read The Foot Book. Green Eggs & Ham were served with blue punch & crazy straws. Everyone was given Cat in the Hat mazes, dot to dot pictures to complete & book marks to color.

This year's summer reading program will be **Discover New Trails** @ Your Library. Sherry Kinston will again be helping with the program. Watch for signs with dates & times.

NEW VIDEOS

Bad Boys II - Will Smith Lara Croft Tomb Raider Cradle of Life - Angelina Joli Radio - Cuba Gooding JR Uptown Girls - Britanny Murphy Charlie's Angels Full Throttle - Drew Barrymore S.W.A.T. - Colin Ferrall Ballistic - Antonio Banderas DVD - Missing - Tommy Lee Jones DVD - School of Rock - Jack Black DVD - Matchstick Men - Nicholas Cage DVD - Hollywood Homicide - Harrison Ford The Core - Hillary Swank A Man Apart - Vin Diesel The Knock Around Guys - Vin Diesel Good Boy! - Molly Shannon Spy Kids 3 - Antonio Banderas Pieces of April - Katie Holmes Whale Rider - Keisha Castle Hughes X2 X-Men United - Hugh Jackman Runaway Jury - John Cusack

NEW BOOKS

GIZMO'S BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Clifford The Big Red Dog: Don't Wake the Puppies! A Counting Book by Thea Feldman given in honor of ALYSON WALKER! APRIL 29, 2004

In a Heartbeat - Sally John Redemption - Karen Kingsbury Return - Karen Kingsbury Rejoice - Karen Kingsbury One More Sunrise - Al & JoAnna Lacy Land of My Heart - Tracie Peterson City of Angels - Tracie Peterson The Dragon Lord's Daughters - Bertrice Small Dangerous Affair - Jayne Ann Krentz Pearl - Lauraine Snelling The Last Rogue - Connie Mason Lost Patrol - Morgan Hill

WITH SYMPATHY

TALORA NELSON 1915 - 2004

Talora C. Nelson, age 88, of Buffalo Center, died on April 2004 at Mercy Medical Center, Mason City, IA.



Funeral services were held May 2004 at the First Congregational Church in Buffalo Center with Rev. Paul Haugen officiating. Burial was at Olena Mound Cemetery, Buffalo Center.

Talora Clarinda (Tweed) Nelson, the daughter of Ole J. and Annie (Ramsey) Tweed was born on May 26, 1915 at the Tweed farmhouse in rural Joice. She

attended school and quit after the ninth grade to care for her ailing mother for eight years. She also worked for her brother-in-law at Elthon's Pioneer Store in Fertile for several years.

On March 6, 1949, Talora was united in marriage with Sam Nelson at the Lutheran parsonage in Lake Mills. The couple made their home farming southeast of Buffalo Center. Talora was a devoted farm wife who helped her husband with all the duties on the farm. Following Sam's death in 1978, Talora continued to oversee custom farming of the land. In addition to farm life, Talora also worked at the Coffee Shop in Buffalo Center. She truly enjoyed cooking and sharing her talents with others.

Survivors include her children, Mary Long and her band, Roger, of Algona and Mark Nelson and his wife, kathi of Buffalo Center; grandchildren, Jeremy Long and his wife, Leigh Ann of Ames, Richard Long and his wife, Marian of Algona, Spencer Nelson of Buffalo Center and Reese Nelson of Buffalo Center; two sisters, Gladys Westland of Hastings, MN and Iona Mae Alexander of Lake Villa, IL; a sister-in-law, June Tweed of Forest City; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sam in 1978; sisters, Amanda Amundson, Theresa Roth, Agnes Suby, Alvina Brosdahl, Lillian Elthon and Frances Hall; and a brother, Almer Tweed, Almer's twin infant sister (also named Alvina), and an unnamed infant brother and a half-sister, Hazel Brue.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The April meeting of the Fertile Garden Club was held on April 13 at the home of Fern Midtgaard. Kristin Mikes was a hostess with Fern. Nineteen members were present.

We opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pat Lohman gave a presentation on "Color your world (arranging plants by color) and Gardening for Dummies"

Roll Call was "What flower has a special meaning to you?"

Money has been given by the family of Reva Anderson and the club will buy a tree or rush bush in her honor. We discussed having a "Memory Garden" for all the members who have died. Discussion was held on where to have it. It will be discussed more later.

The Annual Plant Sale was the main topic of discussion. The date for the Plant Sale will be May 1, from 9:00—10:30 a.m. Diane has finished the plant sale price cards. Pat Lohman & Kristen Mikes to do the posters for around towns. Evelyn will pick up the plants from Krieger's. We will bring our plants and have them priced on Friday evening from 4 to 7 p.m. On April 29th. members will go to dig plants for those who can't dig. Diane will contact the Mason City Men's Club about selling Coco Bean Mulch. Each member to bring their May Basket in a brown paper bag, with their name inside. Also each member is to bring 1 dozen bars or cookies.

Thought for the day was given by Elaine Patten. We closed by singing the table prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Fern & Kristen.

Pat Oswald , Reporter pro-tem

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held its annual plant sale and coffee break on Saturday, May 1st. at the Old Fertile School. There were fourteen club members present

Door prizes were won by Kay Olson of Fertile and Kristen Mikes of Forest City.

Following the sale, spring planting assignments were handed out and members exchanged May Baskets. Next meeting will hosted by Evelyn Elthon & Lois Anderson at the Old Fertile School on June 8, 7 p.m..

Marilyn Tweeten



THANK YOU!



To Fertile Reminder Staff:

Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. It is always enjoyable to read what's going on in Fertile. Thanks again, for the Reminder. Arthur Johann Bass (Grandson of Gustav Johann Daley, Great Grandson fo Gunder Daley...one of the Founders of Fertile.)

Dear Ladies.

Thanks so much for such a terrific job you do on the Fertile Reminder. It means a lot to the City of Fertile and everyone that receives this paper.

Keep up the great job. We really appreciate it. Joyce Russell

Dear Ladies.

Please renew the Fertile Reminder for the year. I enjoy reading "todays news" of what's happening in my hometown.

> Janice (Ritter) Kitchen * * *

Dear Reminder Ladies.

Thank you for keeping us informed with news from Fertile. Enclosed is a check to keep the Reminder coming.

If I have made any grammatical errors, please correct them since Mrs. Evans has renewed her subscription. She was a great English teacher.

Yours truly,

Arlyn Abrams

Dear Ladies.

I sure missed receiving the Reminder. Please renew. Sorry. Fran Tibbits

Dear Ladies.

Superb Job! Enclosed is a check for \$6.00 to renew the Reminder for another year. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Shirley (Nissen) McIlhatton

Dear Ladies,

Enjoy your news letter every month. Thanks! Mary Kreis



"We Thank You For Your Business"

A great big "Thank You" to everone who attended my 90th birthday party May 2nd, and for all cards, gifts, hugs and well wishes. Special thanks to my family who put on the party and to all those kind people who worke in the kitchen and cleaned up afterwards. I surely enjoyed the program and seeing my family take part. Thank you all!

Thank you also for the special messages that were written in some of the cards. You made my day.

What a wonderful 90th birthday.

God bless you all. Love,

Viola Roberts

P. S. Thank you to whoever left the beautiful "Imperial" plant at my back door May 3rd or 4th. There was no card with it so "Thank You!, whoever you are."

THANK YOU!

To all who brought cards on my birthday - a special "thank you". To Jane and Al a very special "thank you."

Maxine Rye



FOREST CITY SUMMIT FOREST CITY, IOWA Thursday, July 20, 1967

Shower Honors Janice Gudmonson

A shower was given in honor of Janice Gudmonson July 11 at the Fertile Lutheran Church. The color scheme was carried out in blue and white. The program was arranged by Mrs. Norman Rye and read by Mrs. Fred Luker. Mrs. Arnold Hedin led devotions and sang a solo. Mrs. Gordon Levad gave a reading as did Mrs. John Backhaus and Mrs. Fred Luker. Her sister, Mary Ellen Gudmonson played a piano solo.

Jean Gudmonson and Mary Ellen Gudmonson assisted the bride at the table with her gifts. Debbie Hijlek and Shawn Gudmonson carried the gifts to the table.

The shower was given by friends of Mrs. Gudmonson and Janice. Janice was married to Wayne Wagoner Saturday evening at the Fertile Lutheran Church and left for Denver, Colo. where they will make their home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Roberts went to Waterloo Sunday and were dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zrostlik. Later they met their son and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Roberts and chilren from Chicago. The Don Roberts family accompanied their parents home for a visit.

Mrs. Leona Meeks of Freeport, IL. returned home Saturday after two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Miller and Brother, Mr. and Mrs. Verle Miller and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Thelan Elthon of Fertile and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sentman and girls, Mason City, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Midtgaard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin (Pat) Nissen went to Eldora to meet Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson and family in the park for a picnic dinner.

Mrs. Winnie Purcell was a weekend guest from Saturday to Monday of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Purcell of Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Haugen of Clear Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Evanson of Lake Wales, Fla. were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Mort Haugen Sunday evening.

Jerry Shiplee, Des Moines, was a weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sheimo. He returned to Des Moines Sunday night.

Susan Midtgaard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Midtgaard, and Vicki Elthon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Elthon, all of Mason City, are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thelan Elthon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lindquist left Monday morning for their home in San Francisco after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lindquist for a week. They also visited their sister, Mrs. Phyllis Groh in Mason City and with other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Minneapoilis is a house guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sheimo for a few days.

Suby Children Have Freak Accident

Bradley Suby, 10 and Brenda, 8, children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suby met with a freak accident Friday. They were riding a tandem bicycle by the Fertile Valley Hatchery, Inc. when three dogs ran out into the path of the bicycle causing the children to be knocked to the ground. Bradly suffered a broken collar bone and cuts and bruises. Brenda received many cuts and scratches on her face and two black eyes.

As reported by Mrs. George Hall



Cancer Survivor Recognition

A cancer survivor reception will be held again this year at the Worth County Relay for Life on June 12th. Cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) are invited and encouraged to attend this event given in their honor. The reception will begin at 4 p.m. Families are welcome to attend.

Immediately following the Operning Ceremony at 5 p.m., cancer survivors are invited to walk the first lap of the Relay for Life to celebrate their victory over cancer.

These events will be held at the Athletic Field at North Central School in Manly.

Free T-shirts for cancer survivors are available for those attending the events. Contact on the following volunteers to register for the reception and to request your T-shirt:

Rosemary Brodersen in Manly	454-2357
LaVon Lindflott in Northwood	324-1303
Mary Rohlfsen in Grafton	748-2743

LIGHT THE WAY WITH HOPE

A very special luminaria lighting ceremony is planned during the Worth County Relay for life, Saturday, June 12, from 5-10 p.m. at the North Central Football Field. To memorialize or honor someone you love that has been affected by cancer, please send your donation of \$5.00 per luminaria to: Wendy Davis, 104 5th St., Northwood, Iowa 50459. Please clearly <u>PRINT</u> the name of your loved one to be placed on the bag, if it is to be in honor or memory of that person, and any special message you would like printed. Also, please include your name and phone number.



LIFE and LIVING A HAPPIER LIFE

Happiness is a way of life, an overriding outlook composed of qualities as optimism, courage, love and fulfillment. There are five primary traps that ensnare people who are trying with all their heart to be happy.

Trap #1	Trying to buy happiness - one cannot
	buy true happiness.

- Trap #2 Pleasure instant gratification is only temporary.
- Trap #3 Trying to resolve the past present and future you can change.
- Trap #4 Overcoming weakness working with your abilities and talents.
- Trap #5 Trying to force happiness improving the existing work.

You can summons a happier life by being honest with yourself and by developing qualities of happiness. Examine where you stand in using these positive tools and how you might best achieve them.

Optimism Perservence Enthusiasm Courage Acceptance Security Love Hope Faith Honesty Author Unknown

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9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES. 10:00 - Fellowship Time. 10:15 - Worship Service.

COME AND BE OUR GUEST. 3493 Eagle Avenue - Fertile, Iowa



COOK'S KORNER

HONEY-GLAZED BABY CARROTS

3 tablespoons honey

? tablespoons butter

I/4 teaspoon orange rind

1 tablespoon poppy seed (optional)

1/8 teaspoon salt

15-20 baby carrots cooked, but still a little crisp.

Combine all ingredients except the carrots in a skillet, bring to a boil. Add carrots and <u>simmer</u> for 5 minutes (longer, if you want your carrots more done). Turn them over frequently to get them well coated. Yields 6 servings of delicious carrots!

There are lots of rhubarb recipes out there, and I tried one out of the Fertile Cookbook sent in by Sharon Ganz. It was really good and not a lot of work. Hope you don't mind Sharon that I put it in the Reminder for others to try.

RHUBARB BARS 350° 40 minutes

1 3/4 cup flour 2 tbsp. Sugar 1 tsp. Baking Powder

2/3 cup butter (I used oleo) 1/2 cup nut meats 2 egg yolks, beaten

Press into 9x13 cake pan. Bake 10 min. 350° Filling—

2 egg yolks, beaten1 3/4 cup sugar5 tbsp. flour + if3 or 4 cups rhu-need to thickenbarb, finely cut up.Pour this filling over baked crust.

<u>Beat</u> 4 egg whites, until stiff with 3/4 cup sugar. Cover the filling and bake for 30 minutes more.



fun korner

There are three in the wrong place here, animals live in cold places, such as the polar regions, tundra, northern forests and high up on rocky plains or mountains. The other three are from hot places - which ones are they?

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GIBBON, IBEX, LLAMA, MOOSE, MUSK OX, PENGUIN, RHINOCEROS, SNOW LEOPARD, SNOWSHOE HARE, SNOWY OWL, WALRUS

CUTE KID'S SAYINGS -

>A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I am having a real good time like I am."

>A young mother was teaching her 3 year old daughter to pray the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after her mother the lines from the prayer. Finally she decided to let her daughter try alone. She carefully enunciated each word just right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail".

>Did you know.... The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of 11 is \$6,400.!

>Coco-Cola was originally green! (that doesn't even sound good!)

> "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand. "Lollipop" the longest with your right hand. The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.





THE "X" IN THE MAIL BOX REMINDS YOU THAT IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION. A DONATION OF \$6.00 IS SUGGESTED. WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED "THE REMINDER" THIS PAST YEAR AND WILL WANT TO KEEP IT COMING. YOU MAY SEND YOUR DONATION TO THE ADDRESS IN THE MAIL BOX.

Fertile Alumni Bqnquet will be held Saturday evening, June 12, at Paradise Parties in Clear Lake for anyone who attended Fertile School. If you have not received your reservation card by May 28th and you would like to attend, please send \$10.00 per person to Beverly Calgaard, 405 Opportunity St., Joice, Iowa 50446



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2004 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following who will graduate from High School ----

Tara Hansmeier - daughter of Craig & Dawn Hansmeier.

David Harlan - son of Dwight & Mickey Harlan.

Ryan Shropshire - son of Randy & Laura Shropshire.

Kara Swingen - daughter of Linda Levang *Amanda Thompson* - daughter of Henry & Chris Thompson.

