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"The Fertile Reminder", this small information and communication paper goes out to more than 200 homes in this area each month.

Private notices, including thank yous and advertisements, are \$1.00 for the first 15 words and 5¢ for each additional word. Each number is counted as a word.

Call 797-2686, 797-2440, 797-2267 or leave items at Jordan's Midland Service.

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The Fertile Boosters Club will sponsor a Christmas and Variety Show on Saturday, December 12, 7 PM at the Fertile Community Center. Most local clubs will be involved. The Fertile Lions Club Santa will distribute treats and gifts to children under 10 years of age. Refreshments will be served in the dining room following the program.

Christmas Cookie Swap: Monday, December 14, 1-3 PM, Fertile Community Center Dining Room. Bring two dozen cookies and the recipe. Everyone welcome. Coffee served.

THANK YOU to everyone for your prayers, cards, flowers and gifts while I was hospitalized.

Mrs. Ellsworth Spencer

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SEASONS GREETINGS

- First State Bank
- Serving North Central Iowa
- Main Bank-Manly, Iowa
- Offices in Hanlontown, Kensett & Plymouth
- Larsen Plumbing and Heating 797-2219
- Flowers by McCoy McCoy Nursery 582-4517
- Flowers for all Occasions
- Ray Jennings 454-2707
- Complete Auction Service

COUNCIL MEETING

The Fertile Town Council met December 1, with Mayor Worsley presiding and council members Faber, Lundgren and Hare present. Others present were Dennis Olson and Larry Shropshire.

Motion to send a token of appreciation to Charles Sandusky. Carried.

Discussion on dogs. Council was asked to put a notice in the paper about the dog problem.

Discussion on junk cars.

Discussion on rules for the use of the ball diamond.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

All delinquent sewer, water or garbage bills will be certified to the auditor for collection with taxes.

City will advertise the maintainer for sale.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

NOTICE: A considerable amount of garbage is strewn around town each Thursday morning. Also children have been growled at by loose dogs. Is your dog confined to your property at all times? Please, EVERYONE take care of this before a child is injured. An Iowa state dog ordinance exists all year around.

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- Jordan's Midland Service 797-2677
- Fertile Meats and Groceries 797-2647
- Specializing in fresh meats & freezer orders
- Forest City Cow Palace 582-4646
- Auction Every Wednesday at 12 noon
- Old Mill Antiques 797-2490
- Call us before you throw away anything old
- Fertile Block and Tile Company 797-2291
- Gail's Beauty Salon 797-2475
- Full Service Salon



NOVEMBER BALANCE SHEET

Postmaster	\$ 8.00
Martin Marietta	1,973.00
Janice Hare	201.94
Lawrence Jenkins	6.00
Ruth Rhodes	31.04
Carolyn Nedved	31.04
Janice Hare	43.41
Jordan's Midland Service	85.39
Mildred Beyer	195.00
Matt Parrott and Sons	31.55
Northwood Anchor	32.50
University Hygienic Laboratory	8.00
Peoples Natural Gas	26.35
Fertile Meats & Groceries	21.05
Ouverson Oil Company	15.00
Fertile Lumber and Hardware	20.27
Thompson Roofing	110.00
Waste Systems Corporation	603.00
Kiefer Floral Shop	15.45
City of Fertile	51.00
Winnebago RTA	17.40
Ipers (FOAB)	171.34
State Treasurer	51.32
David Low	236.05
Interstate Power Company	477.04
Dick Sheimo	251.47
Ouverson Oil Company	15.00
Evelyn Knudson	178.17
Christian Book Store	5.80
Baker and Taylor	79.35
Avalon Books	21.30
Prairie Sun Bookstore	44.23
Doubleday	28.51
Dalton Books	58.63
Better Homes and Gardens	18.46
Expenditures	\$5,163.06
Receipts	\$4,621.23

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ATTENTION

As a member of the Fertile Community, how do you think our Betterment Program could be improved?

As a citizen of Fertile, how do you think this town could be improved?

Replies to these questions may be dropped in the town clerk's mail slot on the left side of the Library door.

Need a Christmas gift idea? See the Stoneware Pottery made by the Tom Chamberlains, rural Fertile. Displayed and for sale at Fertile Lumber and Hardware.

The Fertile Booster Club, the Fertile Community Center Committee and the Fertile Senior Citizens appreciate and say THANK YOU to the Fertile Lutheran Church for the donation of a piano to the Community Center.

Net proceeds for the Turkey and Pie Dinner in November were \$560.00.

Fertile Senior Citizens will have a Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 15, 12 noon at the Fertile Community Center. There will also be an afternoon of games.

The Brownie Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Calendars for \$1.00 each.

If you haven't received your Girl Scout Cookies, call the girl that sold you the cookies.

Any girls interested in joining the Girl Scouts may call 797-2647.

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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Garden Club are remembering elderly residents and shut-ins with fresh fruit this year.

Following the Christmas Potluck Luncheon on December 8, the Garden Club will recess until March, 1982.

Members would like to pass along these tips for December: 1) Place a poinsettia plant in a sunny location, free from drafts. Water when the soil is dry. Protect a gift plant if moving it out of doors. 2) Give a Christmas cactus full sun and more water. 3) Do not fertilize houseplants until April.

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- Do more than exist - live.
- Do more than look - see.
- Do more than read - absorb.
- Do more than hear - listen.
- Do more than think - ponder.
- Do more than talk - act.



## FERTILE AREA CHURCHES

### FERTILE LUTHERAN

- Dec. 10 6:30 PM ALCW Christmas Luncheon  
17 9:30 AM Mary Circle, Delores  
Suby at church  
2:00 PM Rebekah Circle, Alice  
Kingland at church  
21 7:00 PM Christmas Program  
24 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Candle-  
light Service  
28 7:30 PM Ruth Circle, Lila  
Midtgaard  
7:30 PM Sarah Circle, Opal  
Almolien

Please note: No Bible Study on the 17th.  
Time schedule changes begin January 3.  
9 AM Worship and 10 AM Sunday School and  
Bible Class.

### PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN

- Dec. 13 6:30 PM Christmas Caroling  
20 7:00 PM Christmas Program and  
Fellowship Hour  
25 10 AM Christmas Service

Please note: Beginning January 3,  
9:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
and 10:30 AM Worship.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 13, The Christian Student Fellow-  
ship from Minneapolis will be in charge  
of the morning worship service. This group  
is made of career young people and stu-  
dents in the various Twin Cities colleges  
and tradeschools. There will be a pitch-  
in fellowship dinner following the morning  
worship service and then the children  
of the Sunday School department will have  
practice for the Christmas program.

December 20, 6:30 PM the Christmas pro-  
gram presented by the children of the  
Sunday School department. There will be  
a cash offering received for Cookson Hills  
Christian School and Home, Siloam Springs,  
ARK., and gifts brought for the Midwest  
Christian Children's Home at Peterson, IA.  
Lists of the various items to be brought  
are available from the Sunday School  
teachers. Following the Christmas program  
there will be caroling for those desiring  
to share in the season in that way.

December 24, 7 PM, Christmas Eve candle-  
light service, about 30 minutes in  
length, at the church.

December 27, 6:30 PM, A cantata and  
drama presentation entitled "An Old  
Fashioned Christmas" will be presented  
by the choir of the Church of Christ  
from Albert Lea, MN. The presentation  
will be at the Church of Christ here in  
Fertile.

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 9 7:30 PM Central School Christmas  
Concert  
14 7:30 PM Middle School Concert  
16 7:30 PM High School Concert  
18 2:30 PM Dismiss for vacation  
Jan. 3 Resume school after vacation.

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### 4H CLUB NEWS

The Livewire Lassies had a Halloween  
party with a costume contest. Winners  
were Juniors: Kristen Kirschbaum and  
Kirsten Sunde; Intermediates: Lisa  
Suby and Sandy Seglem; Seniors: Maren  
Bonan and Kim Mitchell.

Lori Buchanan, Sandy Seglem and Lisa  
Weaver served on the game committee.

Record books were handed out.

Members of the club presented Laura  
Nelson, a leader, with a wedding gift.

Plans were made for a roller skating  
party.

The regular meeting of the Grant  
Livewire Lassies was held on November  
16, at the Fertile Library. Theresa  
Lee called the meeting to order at 7:25  
PM. Twenty-one members and two leaders  
were present. Jennifer Torkelson joined  
the club as a new member.

The members discussed their Christ-  
mas party. It was decided to go carol-  
ing and give fruit to the elderly peo-  
ple. We are also going to have a gift  
exchange with a limit of \$2.00. Shelley  
Pederson, Sara Seglem, Marilyn Lee and  
Kim Mitchell volunteered to be on the  
game committee.

Gloria Kirschbaum, a leader, sug-  
gested the club should do a skit for  
the Fertile Christmas and Variety show.

Lisa Weaver  
Reporter



LIBRARY NOTES

New books at the Library:

EASY READERS

- Ten Apples on Top-Le Sue
- Mickey Mouse and the Marvelous Smell Machine-Walt Disney
- Don't Cry Big Bird-Sarah Roberts, Sesame Street
- Max, the Nosey Bear-Golden Books

JUNIOR FICTION (paperbacks)

- Jackie-John Benton
- Friends-April Smith
- The Robbers-Mina Bowden
- Home Again-A. Wright Campbell

YOUNG PEOPLE

- Dangerous Designs-Laura Raef
- Cry of the Whippoorwill-Juanita Osborne
- A Time for Deceit-Elsie Strother

ADULT FICTION

- Vermillion-Phyllis Whitney
- St. Peter's Fair-Ellis Peters
- The Voyage Beyond-Nancy Bond

NONFICTION

- Sing Me Back Home - My Life by Merle Haggard
- You're Never Too Young-Lawrence Welk
- The Walk West - A Walk Across America-Peter and Barbara Jenkins

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THANK YOU to each and everyone that contributed in any way to the publishing of the Fertile Reminder during 1981.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO\*ALL FERTILE REMINDER READERS!

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH: CRANBERRY BREAD

- 2 T shortening)
- 1 c sugar ) Cream
- Add 1 beaten egg
- 2 c flour ) Sift together and
- ½ t salt ) alternately with
- 1½ t baking powder) orange juice
- ½ c chopped nuts
- ¾ c orange juice
- 1 c cranberries (fresh) cut in half or quarters

Pour into loaf pan. Let stand 20 minutes. Bake 50 minutes at 350 .

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Fertile Feed Service 797-2242  
Complete Livestock Feed Needs

Rent the Rug Doctor at  
Fertile Lumber and Hardware 797-2437

Personal Touch Beauty Salon 797-2422  
Hair Styling for Men and Women

Burtness Plumbing and Heating 797-2680

K and R Gas Service 797-2440

Worsley Electric 797-2494

Ray Sandifer-Tom's Sales 797-2681

Ouverson Oil Company 797-2440