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THE FERTILE REMINDER

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Each month Fertile area residents are reminded of this small information and communication paper going out to more than 200 homes.

May, 1981, marks the beginning of the fifth year of the present FERTILE REMINDER, started by the Fertile Betterment Committee.

We hope each family has profited by some information or communication derived from the Fertile Reminder during these years.

Private notices and advertisements are \$1.00 for the first 15 words, 5¢ for each additional word. Call 797-2686, 797-2440, 797-2267 or leave items at Jordan's Midland Service. (June 10 probable delivery date of June Reminder)

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THANK YOU to one and all that remembered me with cards, letters, visits, plants and flowers while I was at NDMC. Thank you to our granddaughters that helped with housekeeping and to everyone for food brought to our home.

Reva Nelson

THANKS to everyone for your prayers for me while I was ill. Thanks for gifts, flowers, cards and letters and to those who visited me. Thanks for all the good food which has been brought to me here at home. May God bless each one of you.

Love, Arlene Stevens

NOTICE: Any one interested in playing softball, 12" slow pitch in a Friday night League at Manly, contact Al Ramon, 797-2731.

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Gail's Beauty Salon 797-2475
Full Service Salon
Tuesday through Saturday noon

Much improvement in the general appearance of our town is in evidence these May days. Many unsightly things have been removed. Remember to take advantage of garbage pickup. Never let refuse collect - THIS INVITES RODENTS.

With everyone taking part and taking pride in the looks of our town, much can be accomplished.

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FERTILE BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club wishes to extend the opportunity to all organizations of Fertile to have refreshment stands for the 125th celebration. If you wish to do so, please contact 797-2223 before May 15. Further information may be acquired at this time.

The club also asks that anyone planting petunias this year put out red and white petunias. This will be the celebration colors. Several members of the Booster Club spent one evening planting petunias in special places around town.

LADIES, there will be a town RUMMAGE SALE at the School Dining Room Saturday, June 6, 8:30 AM to 6 PM sponsored by the Booster Club with Jane Ramon as chairwoman. So, when doing spring housecleaning don't throw away the good things, bring them to the school dining room on Friday, June 5, at 4 PM.

The Booster Club is sponsoring a BARBEQUE RIBLET DINNER with SALAD BAR on Sunday, May 31, from 11 AM to 1:30 PM at the Fertile School Dining Room. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance, \$3.50 at the door. Children under 10 years \$2.00 in advance, \$2.50 at the door. Please mark this on your calendar and come. There will be lots of long dresses and old style clothing so join in the fun and wear yours.

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Total amount of money raised for the 125th celebration has been \$3,172.09. Many people question why we want to make more. The needs of Fertile will not stop after the celebration is over. It will take money from somewhere to keep Fertile looking and being the kind of town we expect it to be and the kind of town we want to call ours.

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COUNCIL MEETING

The Fertile Town Council met May 5, with Mayor Worsley presiding and council members Lundgren, Faber, Van den Bosch and Hare present.

Mayor Worsley announced the pre-construction meeting for gas construction will be May 7 at 1 PM.

Council approved a request for the renewal of the liquor license for the Creamery Lounge.

Discussion on town's insurance. Motion was made to accept Worth County Mutual's price, subject to one more price. Carried.

Jean Van den Bosch reported on land-fill meeting.

Discussion on junk cars, junk on river bank and additional park work.

Council discussed maintenance of the town. Many possible plans were discussed.

Letter will be drawn up to be mailed to every one who signed up for water in Fertile.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

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Ray Jennings 454-2707
Complete Auction Service

Forest City Cow Palace 582-4646
Auction Every Wednesday Evening

Millie's Place 797-2660
Fish and Chicken Fry Friday 6-9 PM

Anderson Plumbing and Heating 797-2620

Jordan's Midland Service 797-2677
Complete Automotive Service

APRIL EXPENDITURES

Janice Hare	\$ 201.94
Byron Dodd	167.49
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Fertile Meats and Groceries	7.13
Citizens Savings Bank	105.20
State Treasury	81.25
Ipers (FOAB)	177.50
Ipers	432.27
Janice Hare (mileage)	5.40
Treasurer State of Iowa	46.88
Winnabago RTA	103.08
People's Natural Gas	171.93
Floyd and Leonard	20.66
Fertile Lumber and Hardware	158.49
Interstate Power Company	533.68
City of Fertile	51.00
Larsen Plumbing and Heating	19.47
Norman Nye	16.00
Jordan's Midland Service	133.42
Yelland and Hanes	5.73
Burtness Plumbing and Heating	8.04
Worsley Electric	12.80
Evelyn Knudson	185.13
Baker and Taylor	93.57
Better Homes and Gardens	15.32
Family Bookshelf	13.84
B. Dalton	32.62
Western Publishing	57.15
Ladies Home Journal	14.97
McCalls	14.95
Popular Science	23.88
Latham Camera Country	21.48
Quality Books	66.82
National Geographic	11.50
Ideals	15.95

TOTAL \$3,531.01
RECEIPTS \$9,049.56

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FERTILE AREA CHURCHES

PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN

- May 17 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Morning Worship
- Senior graduates recognized
- 20 9:00 AM Esther Circle Breakfast out
- 24 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Morning Worship
- 6:30 PM Senior League
- 31 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Morning Worship

FERTILE LUTHERAN

4H CLUB NEWS

- May 14 6:30 PM Mother-Daughter Luncheon
- 17 9:00 AM Worship
Senior graduates recognized
- 10:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
- 18 JLC after school
- 21 7:30 PM Bible Study
- 24 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
- 26 7:30 PM Sarah Circle-Joyce Calgaard
- 28 9:30 AM Mary Circle-Ernestine Claus at church
- 2:00 PM Rebekah Circle - Martha Midtgaard
- 7:30 PM Bible Study

June 1-5: Vacation Bible School at each church. 4 year olds through Junior Confirmands.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- May 14: 6:45 PM Pitch-in supper for Sunday School and evening youth leaders and their families, then a meeting of these teachers.
- May 17: No evening youth meetings or evening worship service due to graduation and open houses in honor of graduates. 10:30 AM Recognition of high school graduates during the morning worship service.
- May 23: 7 PM Honors convocation at Minnesota Bible College in Rochester.
- May 24: 11 AM Senior brunch at MEC in Rochester. 2 PM Commencement ceremony at MEC. Members of the local church are welcome to attend any or all of the commencement weekend programs at the college.
- May 26: 7:30 PM Christian Workers at the home of Lois Anderson, lesson by Carol Haugen.
- May 29: 2 PM Christian Workers at the church, Gertrude Lindquist, hostess, lesson by Vesta Kuns.
- June 7-13: Senior camp, grades 9-12, Northeast Iowa Christian Camp, Bristow
- June 14-20: Intermediate camp, grades 7 and 8.
- June 21-26: Junior camp, grades 5 and 6.
- June 28-July 1: Pee Wee Camp, grades 3 and 4.

Registration forms for all ages of camp are available at the church, any young person is welcome to attend. Camp week is determined by the grade you will enter this fall when school resumes.

The Grant Livewire Lassies 4H Club met April 20, at the Fertile Gym. The girls were given pieces of wood, and learned how to sand, clean and stain them. The plaques will be completed at the next meeting.

The club discussed approaching 4H camps, ideas for the club's float in the Fertile Quasquicentennial parade and possible presentations to be given at the North Iowa Fair.

Presentations were given by Rene Durregger and Val Mitchell - Making a Fabric Wall Hanging; Tracy Stephenson and Cinda Strohman - Checkerboard Design; Marilyn Lee and Kim Mitchell - Reupholstering; Julie Pederson - Different Furniture Styles.

Hostesses were Marie and Cheryl Nelson and Sandy Bruns.

Maren Boman
Reporter

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

- May 17 2 PM Commencement
- 19 Track meet
- 20 8 PM Music Department Variety Show - Middle School Gym

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HOW SMALL IS SMALL?

You know you're in a small town when:
 Third street is on the edge of town.
 You don't use your turn signal because everyone knows where you are going.
 You dial a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway.
 You can't walk for exercise because every car that passes offers a ride.
 The "pickups" on main street outnumber the cars three to one.
 And on and on, how well you know and wouldn't have it otherwise.

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Worsley Electric 797-2494
 Fertile Block and Tile Company 797-2291

FERTILE SENIOR CITIZENS

LIBRARY NOTES

Tuesday, May 19, is the date of the next Fellowship Dinner at the Senior Citizen Center. Menu is chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, peas, rhubarb cake, bread and butter, coffee and milk. Price \$1.50. Call for reservations before noon on Monday, May 18. Phone 797-2669.

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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Evelyn Knudson and Alvina Brosdahl were hostesses for the April meeting of the Garden Club. Roll call was: Name your Favorite Shrub. Harriet Ouverson had the Thought for the Day. Following the business meeting members enjoyed the film of the 1956 Fertile Centennial days. Reva Nelson spoke of Forcing Buds for Bloom.

GARDENING TIPS FROM CLUB MEMBERS

1. Cut peony blossoms last longer if the stems are split at the end with a sharp knife before they are placed in water.
2. Rose bush slips will take root if you stick the stem into a raw white potato.
3. Let the foliage of spring flowering bulbs, such as tulips and daffodils, brown and die naturally. As long as they are green the leaves are manufacturing food and storing it in the bulbs, this is needed to ensure next years blooming. For the sake of neatness the leaves may be tied in bundles and left that way during the ripening off period.

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Lawyers Plant Ranch (Hwy 9 E) 454-2068
 Bedding Plants Burpee Seeds
 Fresh and Silk Flowers
 Delivery Available

Burtness Plumbing and Heating 797-2680

Fertile Meats and Groceries 797-2647
 Specializing in fresh meats and freezer orders

Ouverson Oil Company 797-2440
 797-2267

Ray Sandifer - Tom's Sales 797-2681

The Fertile Library Summer Reading Program, "Take the Mystery Out of Your Public Library" begins Wednesday, June 10, 2-3 PM. Again this year June Strohman and Val Wills will be assisting Evelyn Knudson, Librarian. Children 4 years through third grade may register for the five week program.

NEW BOOKS - EASY READERS

Jokes and Riddles
 Who Took the Top Hat Trick?) Joan
 Bear's Surprise Party) Bowden
 Prehistoric Monsters did the
 Strangest Things

JUNIOR

Inside Moves - Todd Walton
 Toby and Johnny Joe - Robbie Bransum
 Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree -
 Robin Brancato

Snowbound with Betsy-Carolyn Haywood

YOUNG PEOPLE

Sugar Bush Nurse - Virginia Smiley
 Thicket of Terror-Georgia Shewmake
 Onstage for Love - Ross

ADULT FICTION

Cold Wind River - Kent Nelson
 Margaret's Story - Eugenia Price
 Ambustone - Margaret James

ADULT NON-FICTION

Care and Counseling of the Aging -
 Clements
 Care of Elderly Person - Maureen
 Flaherty
 Crockett's Flower Garden - James
 Crockett
 Diary of the Farmer's Wife-Delight Wier

BIOGRAPHY

Lincoln's Mothers-Dorothy Clarke Wilson

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Hobo On the Way to Heaven - Art
 Linkletter with George Bishop

LIBRARY HOURS are Wednesday 1-8 PM and
 Saturdays 10 AM - 3 PM.

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Larsen Plumbing and Heating 797-2219

Hoffman's Gifts and Crafts 896-2667
 Gifts and Garden Supplies

Old Mill Antiques 797-2490
 We buy as well as sell most anything old

K and R Gas Service 797-2440

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

RHUBARB PIE

3 c diced rhubarb
1½ c sugar)
3 T flour)Mix this with raw rhubarb.
1/8 t salt)Let stand while crust is
2 beaten eggs)prepared. Make lattice top
1 T butter)crust.

Bake 10 minutes at 400°. Reduce to 325°
for 30 minutes.

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

Flowers by McCoy McCoy Nursery 582-4517
Flowers for all Occasions

Fertile Lumber and Hardware 797-2437

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SUBMITTED LATER

THANKS to everyone who remembered me
while I was hospitalized.

Maxine Scobee

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FERTILE LIONS CLUB

Another new member has been welcomed
into the club. Iowa State Trooper, Carl
Ades, gave an interesting program at the
April 27th evening meeting.

Anyone interested in the Fertile Queen
Contest should contact Don Suby.

The Lions are accepting donations to
help defray the cost of the remake of the
Fertile Centennial film.

The club had a work day in the park
on April 18. Then on the morning of
May 2, the Lions club members and other
concerned towns-people joined the Town
Clean Up sponsored by the Fire Department.
Work of seeding grass and setting posts
in the park was done as well as general
clean-up.

My hometown is a fiendly place
Where a smile is found on each kindly
face;

A door thrown wide and a welcome true
For anyone who is passing through.

My hometown is so quaint and small,
It's never been on the map at all;
A narrow road and the village store,
A church, a school, and so little more.

My hometown is where real folks live,
Where hearts are ready to help and give.
The sun shines there and the days are
sweet,
And everything is so bright and neat.

My hometown is a treasured spot
Where friends and neighbors forget us not.
It's all in the world that a town should
be ...

My hometown is the place for me.

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You are invited to a bridal shower
in honor of Julie Suby, bride-to-be of
Roger Bisby, Saturday, May 30, at 7:30
PM at the Fertile Lutheran Church.

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