

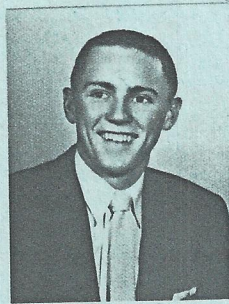
Fertile Reminder ^{may} 1985



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RAYMOND JORDAN

At the January session of the board in 1864, J.M. Molesberry offered the following resolution:

"Whereas, it is made the duty of the county board of supervisors of every organized county, by law, to provide suitable rooms or buildings for the convenience of the county officers of the county;

"Therefore, this board decides that it will build one, not to cost more than one thousand dollars."

The board advertised for sealed bids for a building 22 by 30 feet and two stories high. The contract for the erection of the building was let, at the February session, to S.D. Wadsworth, who was to have it completed by October 20, 1864. However, Wadsworth did not perform his work according to his contract and was compelled to relinquish the work to Lemuel Dwelle, to whom a contract was let on September 5th. Wadsworth paid damages to the county for his failure.

In January, 1876, L. and A.J. Dwelle made a proposition to build a front addition to the courthouse, of brick, 24 by 40 feet, with two stories and a basement, including a fireproof vault, for \$2,750. This proposal was rejected by the board. At the June session a contract was let to the firm of Hunter & Robertson to build a fireproof vault in the rear of the old courthouse.

On April 7, 1879, a petition was received by the board, asking for a relocation of the county seat. The record of the 10th of the month states:

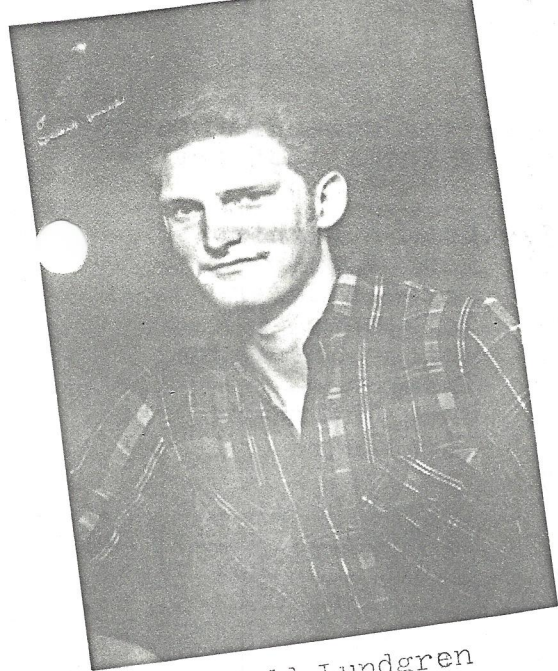
"This day appeared King and Wilbur, Attorneys, and present the petition of Charles Locke and others, praying that the board order that the question of the removal of the county seat from Northwood to Kensett be submitted to a vote of the legal voters of Worth County at the next general election, to be held on the second Tuesday in October next. The same parties offered in evidence, that the last official vote of Worth County, as shown by the census of 1875, was 763 votes. On the face of the said petition it was found, by count, to contain 784 signatures.

"Ed Collin, attorney, then appeared and presented a remonstrance to the aforesaid petition, which, upon count, was found to contain upon its face 685 signatures, and it was found that sixty-nine names were found upon both papers."

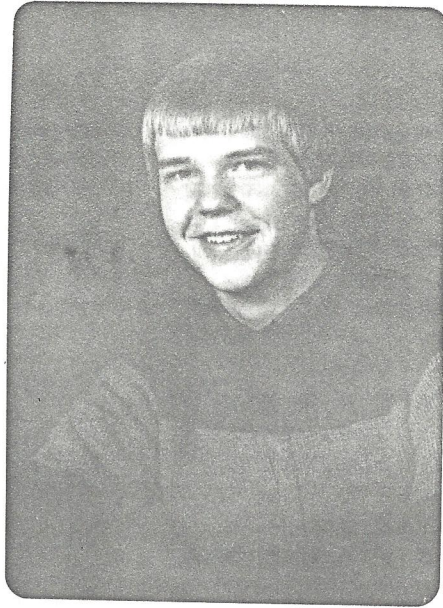
After some discussion and a delay of several days, the board decided to submit the question to the voters at the October election. This was done, with the result in favor of Northwood, by 709 votes to 644.

After the location of the county seat had been definitely settled, Lemuel Dwelle deeded to Worth County the east quarter of block 79, in the Village of Northwood, on the condition that the land should be used for courthouse purposes. The citizens of Northwood also raised \$5,000 by subscription as a courthouse fund. All details were arranged and the contract for the courthouse was let to Simon Larsen for \$4,594, which sum was augmented before the work was completed, owing to changes in the building plans. A.D. Robertson, Lemuel Dwelle and B.H. Beckett were appointed as a committee to superintend the building of the structure. This ended the county seat contest for the time being, but in 1892 the strife between Kensett and Northwood was again opened. Both Kensett and Northwood raised sums of money for the projected courthouse and much bitterness was shown. Again Kensett's plans were awry and Northwood became the proud possessor of a new courthouse, described in following paragraphs. The board ordered an election for May 9, 1893, on this proposition:

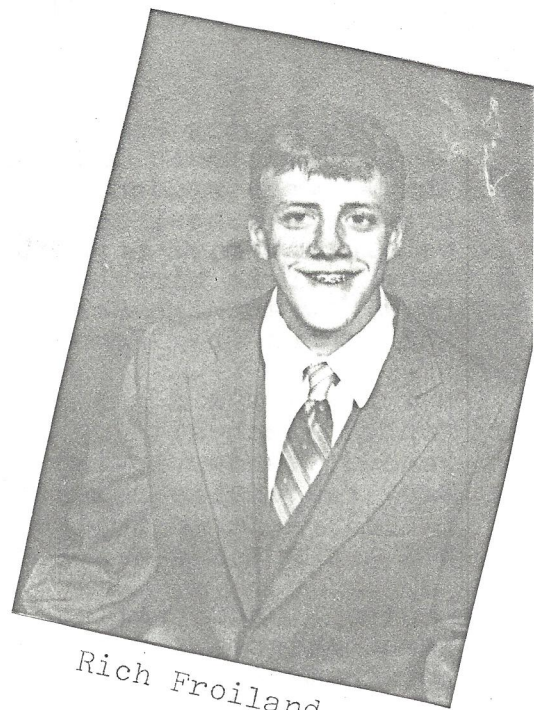
"Shall the board of supervisors of Worth County be authorized to build a new courthouse, including suitable vaults, on block 63, in Northwood, at a cost of \$9,000, provided the present courthouse property in said county can be sold for \$7,000, and provided further that all of said block 63 can be had with full and perfect title without expense to said county?"



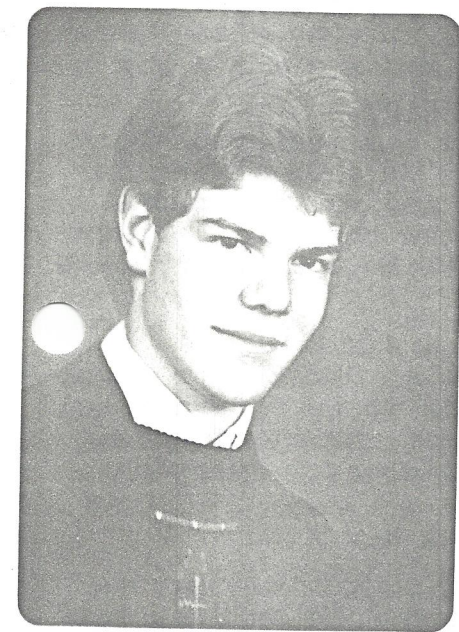
Todd Lundgren



Lindsay Jordan



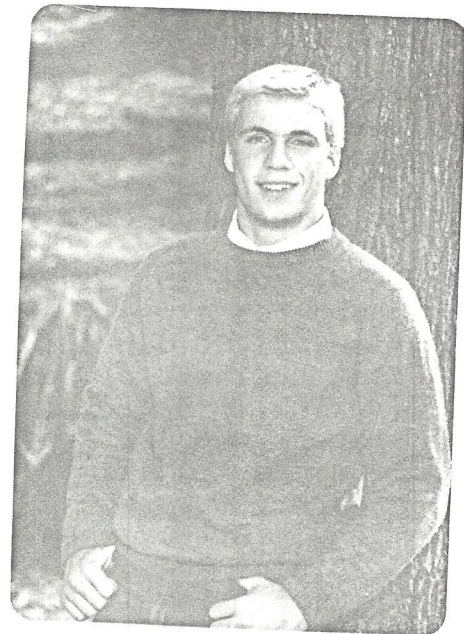
Rich Froiland



Roland O'Donnell



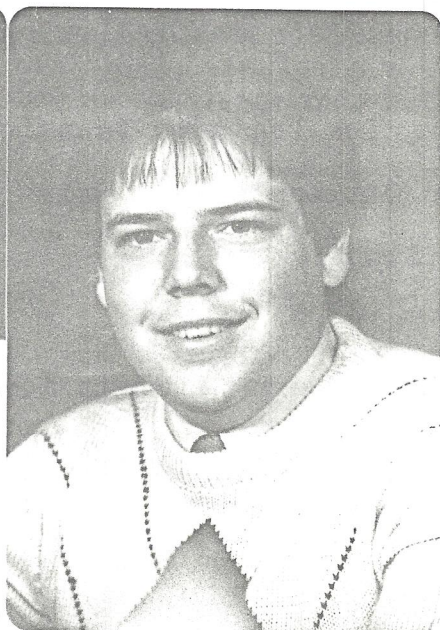
Jill Ganz



Darren Lovick



Sara Seglem



Rich Zirbel

This months Reminder honors the class of 1955 on their 30th Anniversary and the 12 area students who are graduating from high school in 1985. We are sorry we did not have a picture of Corina Ochoa. Eric Kirschbaum is graduating from Newman High School, Mason City and the others from Forest City.

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 Wanted - Babysitting in my home, experienced, tender loving care, playmates. Very reasonable rates.

Call - Karen Swalve, 797-2762

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Wanted - Hand Crafted Gift Items for New Consignment Shop in Clear Lake. If interested, call

Sandy - 357-5056 or

Mary - 357-7994

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COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS - Thank you to everyone who took part in the variety show. All the acts were great - also Thank you to all who furnished bars and to Eileen, Janet & Fern for serving the lunch.

Be sure to get your ticket for a chance on a weeks vacation at Brainerd, Minn. \$1.00 donation for each ticket. Most business places have them, also Bud Jenkins, & Red Olson, plus all the board members who are as follows:

- Arden Midtgaard - Chairman
- Jerry Ouverson - Vice-Chairman
- Ruth B. Ouverson - Sec. & Treas.
- Cletus Nedved - Director
- Carol Kleveland - Director
- Larry Burtness - Director
- Eileen Schissel - Director
- Sam Pederson - Director

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- May 15th - Drawing for Brainerd Vacation
 - Oct 19th - Senior Citizen's Fall Fair
 - Nov 9th - Turkey Supper
 - Nov 23rd - Craft Fair
 - Dec 7th - Christmas Program & Gifts for the Kids.
- More dates may be added at a later date.

Expenses for the Community Center April 1984 to April 1985 are as follows:

\$6,277.75	Heat & Lights
550.00	Roof Repair
339.00	Water & Sewer
42.00	Telephone
221.00	Boiler Insurance
334.00	Insurance
65.00	Snow Shoveling
220.00	Cleaning
<u>\$8,048.75</u>	

Plus many small bills for supplies, such as towels, toilet paper, stool cleaner, clothes racks for Community Clothes Closet, etc.

Ruth B. Ouverson

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Wanted - Someone to cut & Split wood. Must have own saw.

797-2646

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LIBRARY

The Library has recieved their new Computer. We are waiting for more software and our telephone hook-up with the regional Library system and will hold an open house later.

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OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER for Tammy Berggren, **Bride** to be of Tracy Hall at the Church of Christ, Sat. May 11th at 2:30 o'clock. Everyone Welcome.

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It has been suggested that we have a Town yard sale on June 1st. Anyone interested, please call 797-2267 or 2496, and we will list your sale. We think it would be fun to have a lot of rummage sales the same day.

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NOTICE!

Personal Touch Beauty Salon will be closed the first week in June for vacation. Call now and make your appointment to have your hair highlighted to go along with your summer suntan.

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Wanted - Old Carpets to use in my garden. Ethel Tuttle - 797-2648

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This was a letter received with a donation for postage at the Reminder:

Please accept my small contribution in appreciation of the excellent job you are all doing in your up-to-date reporting and recalling to memory for old timers like myself, things of the past which otherwise may be forgotten. Please enter me on your mailing list for future "Fertile Reminder" issues. I have enjoyed reading past copies shared by Maud Emmert who also resides here at the Manor.

I attended Fertile School after consolidation back in the single didget years, or thereabouts. Our farm, 3½ miles SE of Fertile is now owned and operated by LuVern Nelson. I first attended school in a then common one-room schoolhouse then situated on the NE corner of what is now the Stanley Zirbel farm. The old schoolhouse now serves as one of the utility building on the Zirbel place.

Some of the names I recall are: Leo Elthon, later to become Iowa Governor, Phil Sheimo, Jim & Minard Rhodes, the Stokke boys, Virgil Johnson, the Pete Ouverson girls - Sylvia, Norma, Alpha, Polly and others, Gail and Floy and Dorothy white, Ruth & Rena Johnson, Doris VanNote, and many, many others. On occasion, I drive up to Fertile, drive up Main St. recalling how it was then. The Sheimo Mercantile, Andrew Elthon Grocery and Dry Goods Stokke Shoe Repair and Harness Shop, VanNote Blacksmith Shop, Chas. Eikenbary Barbershop, Postoffice and Confections, The Fertile Rhodes Bank, Land and Ouverson Hardware, E.E. Brown Butcher Shop and Telephone Office and, of course, others. But this is enough rambling for now.

I left the farm at an early age and spent most of my working life in the electrical and mechanical engineering field. I entered the U.S. Federal Civil Service at San Francisco in 1939. I enjoyed a 26-year career which took me over 8 western states and part of Canada. I retired at Spokane, Wash. and returned to Mason City in 1970. I took up residence here at the Manor, which by the way was being built as the Hanford Hotel around the time I left the area in the early 20's.

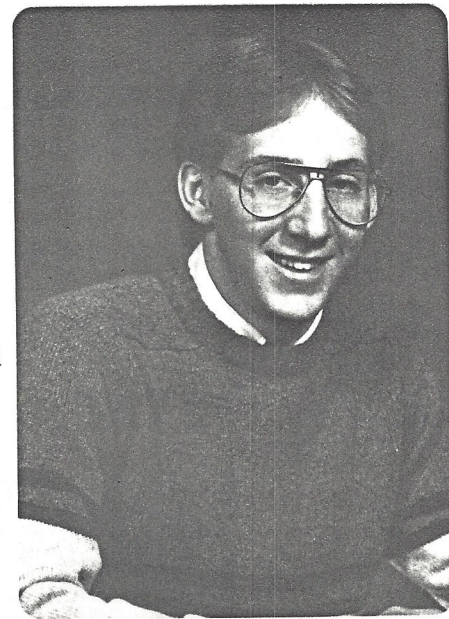
Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Floyd W. Paulsen



Marilyn Lee



Eric Kirschbaum



Cheryl
Nelson



Clara Knutson Bernice Field Alvina Juvell Adeline Salverson



Blanche Street

Edith Humphrey

Edna Querson

1924

Gene Querson Pearl Johnson Viola Haggren

Pearl Kallackson
 16374 Rosa
 San Diego
 Calif. 92128
 (Pearl loves to get news from fertile)

2ks Highland Fling



1924

Gene Querson
 Adeline Salverson

Summer 1923
 Walked to Clear Lake



Helen
 Gene
 Edna Querson

Reptiles - Harry Stanton
Ugly Duckling - Lucy Kincaid
The Boy in the Off-White Hat -
Lynn Hall

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Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food

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SAKOTA HYBRID SEED CORN 797-2654
Merle Tuttle

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Free Delivery to Hospitals 357-5026
1714 7th Ave.N, Clear Lake

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HOFFMAN CRAFTS 797-2714
701 West Main

PERSONAL TOUCH BEAUTY SALON 797-2422
Styling for Men & Women

K & R SERVICE 797-2440

RAY SANDIFER - Tom's Sales 797-2681

FLOWERS BY McCOY - Forest City
Flowers for Every Occasion 582-4517

JORDAN'S MIDLAND SERVICE 797-2677
Complete Automotive Service

FOREST CITY COW PALACE 582-4646
Auction Every Wednesday

WORSLEY ELECTRIC 797-2494

J & W UPHOLSTERY 797-2457
Upholstery - Auto Body
Jean & Wayne Roberts

FIRST STATE BANK 896-2265
Serving North Iowa
Hanlontown, Kensett & Plymouth
Main Office - Manly

FOR SALE: Buffalo meat. Corn fed,
hanging quarters. \$1.40 fronts. \$1.60 hinds.
Dale Hyde, Fertile, 797-2210

MUSIC for receptions, parties, etc...Have
portable keyboard. Sheilah Hyde, 797-2210,
Fertile

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Cheese will be given away at the
Community Center May 9th from 1-5,
same guidelines.

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STORK NEWS - March 30, boy to Tammy & Scott Koenehe, Forest City. He weighed 10 lbs. 4oz. & has been named Tyler Alan. Scott is employed by Fertile Feeds.

April 9, boy to Debbie & Jon Morse. He weighed 8 lbs. 11oz. & has been named Matthew Troy. Grandparents are Marlin & Donna Hagen, Hanlontown and Ida Morse, Fertile.

April 17, girl to Ramona & Dave Thompson, Forest City. She weighed 7lbs. 8oz. & has been named Hannah Christiana. Grandparents are M/M Forest Thompson, Forest City & M/M Art Hennigar, Fertile.

April 24, boy to Sandy & Andy Cates, Des Moines. He weighed 7 lbs. 6oz. & has been named Jason Andrew. Grandparents are Bob and Fran Cates, Mason city. Great Grandparents are Bud & Cora Jenkins, Fertile.

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COUNCIL MINUTES - The Fertile City Council met April 2, 1985 with Mayor Shropshire presiding. Council members present were, Hare, Hall, Schultze, Petersen & Bailey. Also present were Ruth B. Ouverson and Henry Thompson.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Report on new computer to be received by the library on April 12.

Council discussed maintenance work on the water tower. Estimate will be given at May meeting.

Motion to allow mobile home to extend over city property. Carried.

Discussion on mobile home ordinance.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Next Council meeting will be held May 7, 1985, at the library at 7 p.m.

MARCH BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Evelyn Knudson	207.46
Janice Hare	216.88
Dick Sheimo	255.01

Peoples Natural Gas	592.83
Treas. State of Iowa	88.14
Ipers - FOAB	192.68
Waste Systems Corp.	603.00
Ipers	12.3
Winn. RTA	133.34
City of Fertile	51.00
Interstate Power Co.	622.13
Matt Parrott	21.88
Co-op Services, Inc.	24.48
Muffler Center	125.40
Worth Co. Auditor	1,488.00
Jordan's	65.41
Ametek	3.44
K & R Gas	40.00
Family Bookshelf	29.67
Christian Bookstore	18.58
Bro - Dart	43.25
Bro - Dart	41.80
Redbook	7.97
National Geographic	15.00
State Library of Iowa	3.50
Iowa State Historical Society	10.00
Postmaster	10.80
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TOTAL RECEIPTS 603.74

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library hours are Wednesday - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Summer Reading program will begin June 5th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The program will run for 5 Wednesdays, and will be for children, pre-school thru 3rd grade. Theme for this year will be "Where the Rainbow Ends." There will be crafts, films and story hour. We do need volunteers to help.

NEW ADULT BOOKS:

Iacocca - Lee Iacocca
 Citizen Hughes - Michael Droskin
 High Spirits - Peter Funk
 The Waiting Game - Elizabeth Cadell
 Shadow, Behind the Curtain - Velda Johnston

Storm Swift - Madeline Brent
 Mummy Case - Elizabeth Peters

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Garfield Makes it Big - Jim Davis
 Resting Places - Sesame Street - Jon Stoen
 Little Rabbit's loose Tooth - Lucy E