

Fertile Reminder April 1986



NORTH IOWA
1985--1986
N.H.L. CHAMPS
15 WINS-4 LOSSES-1 TIE

Front row, left to right-Russ Stahl, Gil Bovard,
Tom Sanft, Charley Nye
Back row, Randy Kotz, Rick Miller, Tom Birdsall,
Henry Pirhonen, Doug Rozendaal, Jim Kleinwort,
Warren Baskerville

FERTILE SWEETHEART DANCE--February 21, 1986

Clete Nedved	8.00	Adolph Johnson	8.00
Phil Sheimo	8.00	Forrest Roberts	10.00
Roger Christianson	8.00	Ronald Hansen	5.00
Stillman & Goranson	5.00	Manufacturers Bank & Trust	30.00
Royden Colby	8.00	Peoples Natural Gas	25.00
Larry Lovick	8.00	William Price	8.00
First State Bank	10.00	Wilfred Macheak	10.00
Virgil Lovik	8.00	Jean VanDen Bosch	5.00
G & H Motor Parts	20.00	Roger Ritter	5.00
Bakke, Petersen & Peterson	8.00	Lichtsinn Motors	5.00
Joseph Johnson-Clear Lake	8.00	Maynard Tweeten	8.00
Henry Novak	10.00	Adell Suby	8.00
Easters Super-Valu	8.00	Bud Jenkins	8.00
Joyce Steuer	8.00	Cecil Olson	5.00
Carl Larson	8.00	A. A. Luther	10.00
Larry Keith	8.00	Robert Cooley	5.00
Food N Fuel	25.00	Maynard Calgaard	8.00
Ralph Jennings	8.00	Arden Midtgaard	10.00
Norman Suby	10.00	Norman Froiland	8.00
Harold Ouverson	8.00	Wally's Furniture	5.00
Cow Palace	10.00	KIOW	15.00
Duane Brackey	8.00	Wallace Larson	5.00
Lionel Anderson	8.00	Ron Berry	8.00
Doris Oswald	8.00	Amil Johnson	8.00
Marlyn Rhine	16.00	Frank Haddy	8.00
Russell Burress	8.00	Donald Suby	10.00
James Lovick	8.00	Dr. H. L. Brenton	8.00
Lowell Butler	10.00	Community State Bank	25.00
Wray Hallett	15.00	Dorothy Barkema	2.00
Gene Tannahill	8.00	Dennis Faber	10.00
Clarence Wellik	10.00	Obert Stromley	8.00
Paul Heimdahl	15.00	Iver Solomonson	8.00
John Schissel	10.00	Eugene Low	8.00
Bungalow Motor Lodge	10.00	Allan Doughan	32.00
Sherwood Pitkin	8.00	Petersen Funeral Home	100.00
Keith Sheimo	8.00	Marvin Juhl	10.00
Alan Elthon	8.00	Roger Hermanson	8.00
Larry Stohr	10.00	Roger Kenyon	10.00
Hubert Bang	10.00	Corner Drug	10.00
Personal Touch	8.00	Lance Burtness	8.00
Randy Shropshire	10.00	Village Lounge	10.00
Tom's Nuts	8.00	Louis Hepperly	8.00
Frank Sheimo	8.00	Ray Bakke	8.00
Glen Whitehurst	8.00	Larry Nelson	8.00
Dr. Dennis Colby	5.00	Victor Benson	10.00
Marlowe Floy	10.00	Ken Strohman	10.00
Robert Paulson	8.00	Jerome Heimer	12.00
Eldon Evans	32.00	Morris Kalgaarden	8.00
Max Nye	8.00	Sidney Kvale	8.00
Richard Erdahl	8.00	Allan Hanson	8.00
Ray Olson	8.00	Olger Tenold	8.00
Melbourne Butler	8.00	Lewaine Evans	8.00
Orville Throne	8.00	Lyle Butler	8.00
Bud Janssen	8.00	Don Deardeuff	40.00
Walter Campney	12.00	Al Porter	8.00
Slim Holt	8.00	Merle Pannhoff	8.00
Glen Purcell	8.00	Cliff Mourlan	4.00
Wayne Meyer	4.00	Dorothy Frein	4.00

FERTILE SWEETHEART DANCE--continued

Elaine Cole	8.00	Orville Casper	8.00
Viola Brown	4.00	James Polsdofer	8.00
Ray Miller	8.00	Fred Faber	8.00
Ken Ristau	16.00	Robert Pike	12.00
Howard Cheney	4.00	Ralph Beckstrom	8.00
Leona Funk	4.00	Kermit Kay	8.00
Clair Olson	4.00	Larry Brutvroot	16.00
Phil Dahl	8.00	Russell Baldwin	8.00
Wayne Dahl	8.00	Dennis (Deke) Miller	10.00
Floyd Nielsen	8.00	Donald Westerberg	8.00
Robert Cash	8.00	Norman Rye	8.00
Barrell Drive In	10.00	Keith Farland	5.00
Dick Sheimo	10.00	Fred Hare	20.00
Les Burtness	5.00	Leighton Humphrey	5.00
Dennis Hagen	10.00	Harriet Ouverson	25.00
Verla Missal	8.00	Misc. at dance	68.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1570.00

EXPENSES

Manly Signal-tickets	17.16
Winnebago-letters	14.99
Post Office-stamps	110.00
Strohman-envelopes	7.80
Surf-177 tickets	<u>177.00</u>

PROFIT 1243.05

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Sweetheart Dance. A special thanks to Romane Lovik and Shirley Sheimo for helping address all the envelopes and also Clete & Carolyn Nedved, Glen & Marcella Purcell, Frank & Shirley Sheimo and Ken & June Strohman for their help in getting the letters in the mail. Many hands get a big task done in hurry.

Ray and Lorraine Bakke

Submitted by Ray & Lorraine Bakke

I Remember By Helen Ouverson

I remember when the men would take large saws and go to the frozen river to cut long strips of ice so many inches wide, then cut these long strips into squares. They would take large tongs and pull each square up out of the water and load them onto flat sleds drawn by horses. The horses would haul the ice to the ice house. The floor of the ice house was covered with sawdust. The squares of ice were placed in the ice house and sawdust was packed between and over each square of ice. When the row of ice was full it was covered with more sawdust and another row of ice squares until the ice house was full. The door was shut and the ice kept all summer to be used for lemonade, homemade ice cream and to keep the meat from spoiling.

Ed Brown was the butcher and he had his own butcher shop on the north side of Main Street between Bud Jenkins and the old Mission Hall. Part of Harold and Ruth Ouverson's farm was at one time Ed Brown's.

Mrs. Ed Brown was the telephone operator at the time I was a kid. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown were the grandparents of Mrs. Roger Humphrey.

The Brown's owned the house where Jeannette VanDenBosch now lives. The telephone booth was a small building in the south-east corner of their yard north of the Larson Plumbing and Heating building.



FULL HOUSE at the Riverside Cafe is a familiar site in Fertile these days as activity downtown is booming. In the last several years, Burtness Plumbing and Heating has

moved downtown, the Riverside Cafe has reopened, Ray Sandifer has added a Tom's Candy and Peanuts warehouse and several buildings have been remodeled.

Downtown activity booming in revitalized Fertile

Anyone who visited Fertile's downtown area a year or two ago wouldn't recognize it today. Back in operation is the Riverside Cafe, the new hub of the downtown area and several buildings have been remodeled.

There appears to be a resurgence in this North Iowa town of nearly 400 people. If you don't believe it, try to find a parking space close to the cafe any weekday morning or a booth inside.

"There's been a lot more activity downtown this year than last," Lance Burtness, co-owner of Burtness Plumbing and Heating said. "Getting the restaurant open downtown has really

helped and the Creamery Lounge has drawn a lot of people to Fertile."

Burtness, along with his brother, Larry, moved their operation to the downtown area recently, converting the old bank building just across from the cafe. They also added a carwash (the old one closed a half dozen years ago) and remodeled the exterior of the building.

"The building had been empty for about six years," Burtness said. "We needed the additional footage and better access for our business. We had been operating out of the basement of Worsley Electric for the past 11 years."

While the addition of the Burtness

business is the biggest change downtown in the past couple of years, the re-opening of the cafe by Bill and Carol Keough was probably the most welcome.

"The cafe had been closed for about six months," Larry said. "Everyone missed it. It's nice to have a place where you can go for coffee or a meal."

The Keoughs also operate Keough's Roofing Service and Keough's Poultry in Fertile, having moved from Mason City after 30 years there.

"It's our first venture in the cafe business," Mrs. Keough said. "I've never even been a waitress before."

From the looks of coffee time mid-morning last Friday, the first venture has been a success. "We've received real good support," Carol said.

With all the business in Fertile, the small town has become the third best retailer in Worth County after Northwood and Manly—beating out several other small towns in the county.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The annual Variety show will not be held the first week in April as planned. We hope to have one when the weather is warmer and no heat is needed in the gym. If anyone has ideas for raising money to support the center, make your ideas known to someone on the board. Expenses have been from \$700 to \$800 a month thru the winter, and our income has been down

We still have cookbooks left if anyone is interested in buying one. We are going to sell them for \$5.00.

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GIRLS 4-H

The girls 4-H Club met at the Community Center, March 17th. Jodie Oувerson gave a presentation on new sewing tips entitled "Whats new in notions".

Blouses that are being made for the fair were inspected.

A Business Meeting was also held. Lunch was served by the hostesses, Julie & Jodie Oувerson.

The next meeting will be at the center on April 21st.

Leaders are, Barb Seglem and Gloria Kirshbaum.

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A very Special THANK YOU to Ray & Lorraine Bakke for the great job they did again this year with the Sweetheart Dance.

Of the 150 families that contributed, 40 were from the Fertile Area. The rest were from a large area of acquaintances Ray & Lorraine have made over the years as dance instructors. In the 4 years they have been in charge, they have raised \$4,588.16. 1983-\$920.01; 1984-\$1,214.52; 1985-\$1,210.58; 1986-\$1,243.05.

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FREE DELIVERY of Grocery orders of \$15.00 or more within 2 mile radius of our store. Mon., Thurs. & Sat. Only Please. Call Pronto Market, Hwy 9 Fertile 797-2220.

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met Tuesday, March 11th at noon at the Community Center, for Pot Luck Dinner.

President, Carrie Luther welcomed 3 new members, Robin Harms, Gloria Lovick, & Molly Almelién.

Ruth Wolfe gave a talk on the use of herbs.

Lunch was served by the Officers.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 8th, at the Community Center.

Planting and Care of Bulbs by Edna Pederson. Natural Pesticides by Viola Buckley and Sweet Peas by Marian Pitkin. Hostesses are, Penny Miller & Ethel Tuttle.

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CHURCH NEWS

FERTILE LUTHERAN

Worship - 9:00 a.m.

S.S. - 10:30 a.m.

CIRCLES

Mary-4/24-9:30 a.m. LaVone Petersburg

Rebekah-4/24-2:00 Doris Oswald

Ruth-4/28-7:30 Donna Nelson

Sarah-4/28-7:30 Joyce Calgaard

ALCW - 4/10 - 2:00 p.m.

PILOT KNOB

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

S.S. - 9:00 a.m.

CIRCLES

Esther-4/16-1:30 Diane Miller

Ruth-4/22-7:30 Loretta Thovson

ALCW-4/10-7:30 at Fertile

4/29-9:00-DO-DAY - Sack Lunch

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The Fertile City Council met Mar 4 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Peterson, Sandifer, Kirschbaum, & Hare, present. Also present were Max Nye, Norman Nye, Phil Sheimo, Frank Sheimo, Dick Sheimo, Mick Fishel, David Nolton and JoAnn Hansmeier.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor reported on letter from Wallace & Holland regarding paint in the water tower. All correspondence and records will be given to the city attorney.

Discussion on signs for streets.

Mr. Fishel discussed street work. He will check the streets and submit a price.

Mayor has been contacted about rental assistance through NIRHA. A representative will come to the next council meeting.

Council received resignation of Mark Schultze from the City Council. Motion his replacement be Max Nye. Carried.

Presentation given on the Robertelle Center.

Motion to use the 1986-87 revenue sharing funds as follows: \$100 to the following, Girls Softball, Little League, Senior Citizen, Library and Food Bank. \$39 to Park and \$1,000 for street work. Carried.

Resolution to accept the budget for 1986-87. Carried.

Motion to purchase an energy conservation thermostat for the water treatment plant. Carried.

Council will get a price for fan & humidistat for water treatment plant also.

Council will work on a computer class to be held at the library.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be on April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Library.

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FEBRUARY BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures	
Neighborhood Food Bank	125.00
Crisis Center	25.00
Peoples Natural Gas	439.77
Evelyn Knudsen	257.65
Janice Hare	240.71
Dick Sheimo	414.96
David Low	303.11
Evelyn Knudsen (petty cash)	30.00
Leilani Knudsen	30.31
Heimer, Inc.	72.00
Treas.-State of Iowa	80.63
U.S. Stamped Envelope Agency	121.50
Jordan's	9.96
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	31.95
Waste Systems Corp.	695.20
Ipers	148.86
Ipers - FOAB	233.01
Co-op Services	56.35
Interstate Power Co.	30.29
Matt Parrott & Sons	143.98
Worsley Electric	1,086.91

Manly Ins. Agency	155.00
Winn. Co-op Telephone	17.45
B. Dalton	132.17
Publishers Telemarketing	83.79
Better Homes & Gardens	18.03
Christian Bookstore	15.70
State Library of Iowa	3.50
National Wildlife	12.00
De Long Sub. Agency	12.00
NCRLS	25.00
Interstate Power Co.	709.04
TOTAL	\$5,760.63

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$2,031.75

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IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

Everything is farther than it used to be. It is even twice as far to the corner, and they have added a hill. I notice I have given up running for the bus; it leaves faster than it used to. It seems to me they are making stairs steeper than in the old days, and have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspapers? There is no sense in asking anyone to read aloud as everyone speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

The material in dresses is so skimpy now, especially around the hips and waist, that it is almost impossible to reach one's shoe laces.

Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old classmate the other day, and she has aged so much that she did not even recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so I glanced at my own reflection. Really now, they do not even make good mirrors like they used to either.

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The Miracle of Easter

I Wish

I wish I could have seen His face
All radiant that Easter morn;
A great light shining on His brow
That had been pierced by many a thorn.

I wish I could have seen His smile,
After the darkness and the gloom,
When Mary kissed His garment's hem
In wonder by the open tomb.

I wish I could have heard Him speak
There in the April garden when
He walked among the lilies and
Proclaimed eternal life for men.

But wishing is in vain, I know,
So I must be content to see
The miracle recurring in
Each blossomed bud and leaf and tree.

There is a warm assurance, too,
That of His love I am a part
And that His resurrection lives
Forever in my heart.

The Last Supper

Now when the eventide was come
With shadows deepening into gloom,
Came Jesus with the twelve and sat
At supper in the upper room.

A solemn hush fell over them,
And in the soft gold candlelight,
His heart was heavy, for He knew
His hour was near at hand that night.

And while they ate, He reverently
Began to bless and break the bread,
"This is my body given for you;
Take ye and eat," the Master said.

He took the cup, and giving thanks
He gave it to them lovingly,
"This is my blood, drink ye of it;
Do this in memory of me."

They would remember all their lives
The poignant beauty in his face,
And treasure, too, the blessed words
He spoke there in that quiet place.

Easter Dawn

It was yet dark when Mary reached
The shadowed garden, chill with gloom,
Coming with loved ones pierced with grief
To bring the spices to the tomb.

It was yet dark; she scarce could see
The sepulcher before her there,
And when she found the great stone moved,
Her sorrow seemed too great to bear.

The stone that had imprisoned Him
For three long days was rolled away!
It was yet dark, but even so,
A faint light showed the breaking day!

With darkness of the night dispelled,
The woman heard words strangely sweet;
She turned and saw her Master near
And fell there sobbing at his feet.

Oh, wondrous joy beyond belief
For Mary then, with darkness gone,
To see upon the garden path
The newly risen Lord at dawn!



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OLD MILL ANTIQUES 797-2490

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