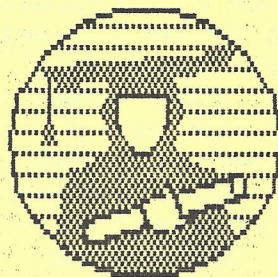
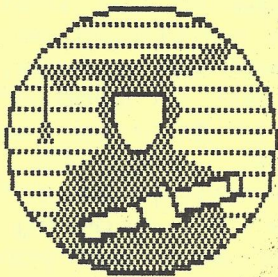
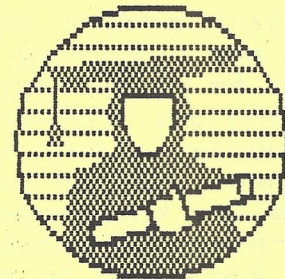
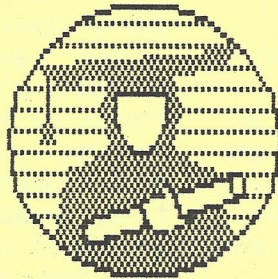
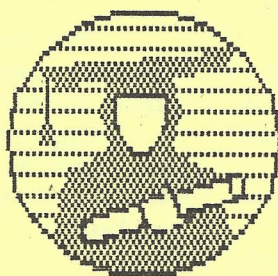
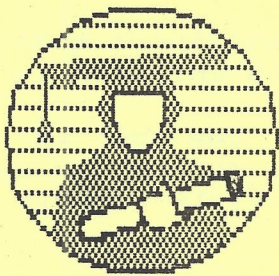
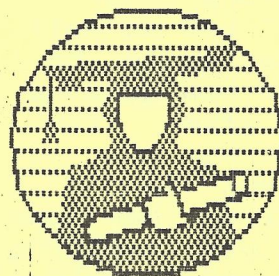
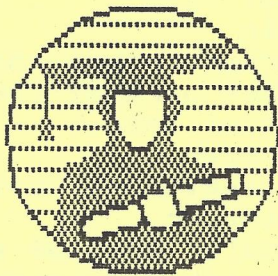


*Fertile Library*

**JUNE**



**FERTILE  
REMINDER**



**1989**

Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder--

I am wondering if time passes as quickly for you as it does for me. It seems as though we just got one reminder on its way to you when it is time to start another one.

These are busy days as there always seems to be so many special things going on. Father's Day is a special Sunday in June when families get together to honor Dear Old Dad. Then there are the showers and weddings of those you can hardly believe are grown and ready to settle down. This month is also the anticipation of the Fertile Alumni as former graduates come back to renew old acquaintances. I am thinking of this years graduation "open houses" and how busy the mothers are as they clean and do extra baking for the happy occassion. It is for certain that the spring house cleaning gets done in the homes of the graduates! I know it must be a good feeling to know that job is done!.

You know I can't help but remember how much easier our housework is now than when we were growing up. I was reminded of this when I vacuumed the mattress this week. I can so well remember when we waited for a perfect, spring day and then we would haul the mattresses from upstairs out into the sunshine and place them on chairs. After sometime, we would gently beat them and sweep the tops and then turn them over so the other side could have the sunshine. Now these were the days before inner-spring mattresses and I can so well remember how fluffy they would be after being outside and how good we would sleep for awhile after "the airing". You know getting the mattresses down the steps wasn't that bad as we could slide them down but bringing them back was something else again! My sister and I would push and pull and about half way up we would start to giggle, the mattress would start to slide down and we would have to start over. And those coil springs with no covering so they could gather dust- we would go down into each coil and do the best we could but the job was far from perfect- how wonderful a vacuum cleaner would have been then!

As I remember, my Mother painted and varnished only in the spring. It was such a good feeling to come home from school and smell the fresh paint and varnish. We did have a problem

getting from room to room when the floors were varnished. My Mother's solution was placing old table leaves on the floor to walk on- Heaven help us if we should step off! One incident comes to mind. The dining room floor was varnished and the leaves placed on the floor and we were to go through the bedroom into the other rooms. Well, my Father came in from the field, took off his shoes and he, too, stepped on the first board but instead of going through the bedroom he continued straight ahead on the wet floor - Now as soon as he took his first "sticky" step he realized what had happened but instead of turning back he continued on taking big giant steps and got across. Needless to say he was not in good graces for awhile.

It is good to remember things the way they used to be. I know we thought things weren't always good when we were growing up but it was the same for most everyone. We certainly didn't have the peer pressure that our young people face today. I, for one, am glad to be a part of "the older generation".

May this be the start of a happy, fun filled summer for you and yours.

Until next time -  
L.V.N.

\* \* \* \* \*

Quiz for the month - Answers found on a back page. Each answer starts with "Old" -

1. U.S. Flag
2. Ship
3. Nursery rhyme character
4. First part of Christian Bible
5. Out of date
6. Europe
7. A traditional bit of love
8. Spinster
9. Popular song of an earlier day
10. Grayish red colors

\* \* \* \* \*

The most important thing that a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

And conversely, the most important thing that a mother can do for her children is to love their father.

\* \* \* \* \*

The Iowa Hospice Organization annual conference was held April 17 and 18 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. Attending from Caring Hearts Hospice were Diane Hansen and Michal Ann Haakenson from rest City; Agnes O'Neil from inompson and Mary Collins from Buffalo Center.

The keynote speaker was Allen Klein from San Francisco, California. He teaches people nationwide to take humor seriously and things humorously! His presentation, "Learning to Laugh When You Feel Like Crying", showed how humor in the dying process can help enhance both our work and lives with laughter.

Lt. Governor JoAnn Zimmerman was present at the noon luncheon on Monday to speak briefly about volunteers and then presented certificates to volunteers who were recognized for outstanding service to local hospice organizations.

A variety of workshops provided information on varied topics of concern to those providing hospice care. Those attending enjoyed getting to meet and share with others from across the state.

Caring Hearts Hospice is a locally coordinated service to the terminally ill, their families and loved ones. For more information on how you can be involved in this work of compassion, contact Diane Hansen at the Caring Hearts Hospice office in the Forest City Community Hospital at 582-3113.

\* \* \* \* \*

**ATTENTION!!!!**

Plan ahead! Personal Touch Beauty Salon will be closed for vacation June 3rd through June 19th. Make your appointment now for your haircut or permanent before I go.

Nancy Sheimo

\* \* \* \* \*

A special "THANK YOU" to each one who so graciously participated in the 1989 Cancer Crusade, and also to each household who gave a donation. The town of Fertile was well presented.

Florence Nye  
Chairman

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**LIBRARY HOURS:**

WEDNESDAY - 11AM - 6 PM

FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON 1 PM - 4 PM

**NEW BOOKS:**

The Lady - Anne McCaffrey

Glittering images - Susan Howatch

Love and smoke - Jennifer Blake

While my pretty one sleeps -

Mary Higgins Clark

A season of swans - Celeste DeBlasis

Heart that lingers - June Bacher

We are still married - Garrison Kellor

Oklahoma! - Dana Ross

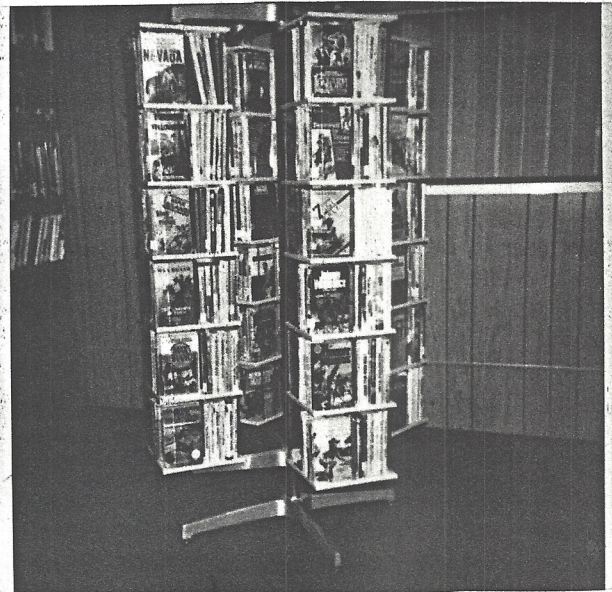
When the music stopped - Elizabeth Ogilvie

Springs gentle promise - Janette Oke

Summer reading program will start June 14 and will run for 5 weeks.

Time will be 10 AM - 11 AM on

Wednesdays. Age group is pre-school to 3rd grade.



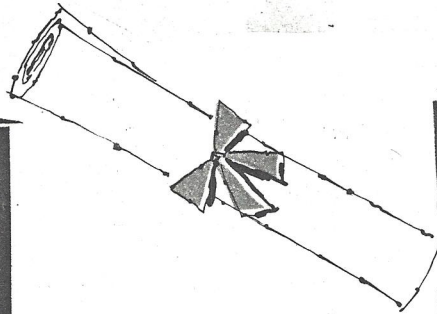
This is a picture of the paper-back rack that the library purchased with the funds received from the Kinney - Lindstrom Foundation. Thank you for making this possible.

**FATHERS DAY**

A small boy's definition: "Father's Day is just like Mother's Day, only you don't spend as much on the present."

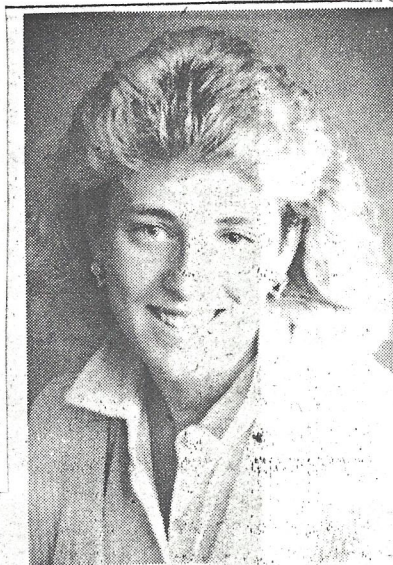
Remember the tea kettle, up to her neck in hot water, yet she can sing.

# Congratulations



**SARA ANN  
AMUNDSON**

Sara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Amundson of Fertile. During high school she was on the Warwhoop staff. After graduating she will work at NCHS and plans to attend college this fall.



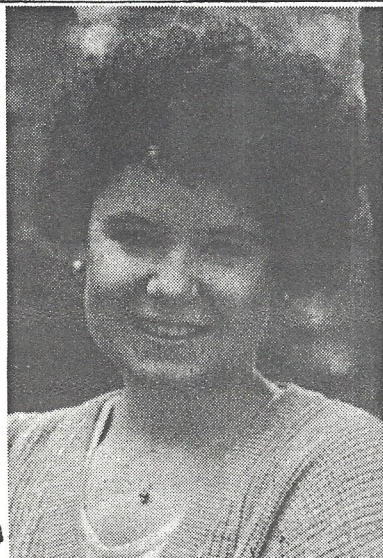
**JODI  
BOOK**

Jodi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Book of Fertile. She plans to continue working at the Good Samaritan Center after graduation.



**JOELY  
JOHNSON**

Joely is the daughter of Joel and Jane Johnson of Fertile. During high school she was in the Industrial Arts Club and the Drill Team. She plans to work after graduation.



**TARA  
BURKE**

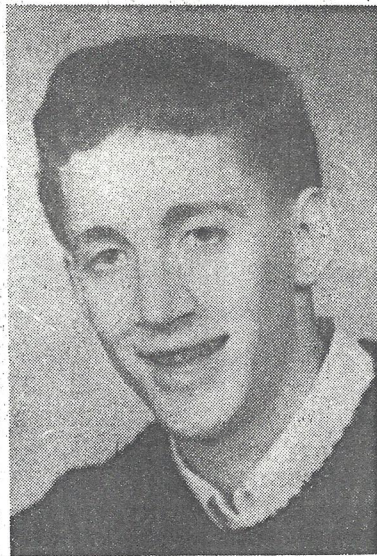
She is the daughter of Sandy Burke of Fertile. She was on the flag team for 2 years and newspaper staff 3 years. Tara plans to go the the Washington D.C. area to be a nanny after graduation.



**RENEE MARIE  
TORKELSON**

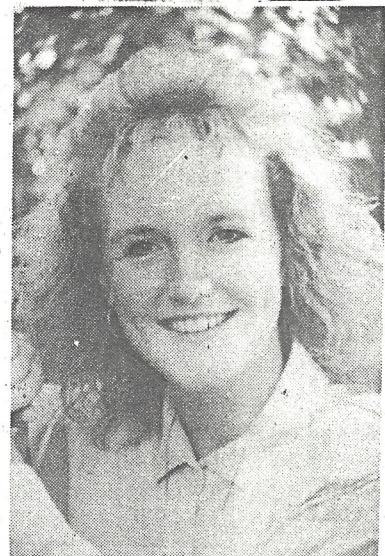
Her parents are Clarence and Janice Torkelson of Fertile. During high school she was in girls glee, choir, Avocado Heights and on the Warwhoop staff, National Honor Society and honor roll. After graduation Renee plans to attend NIACC.

Poland©



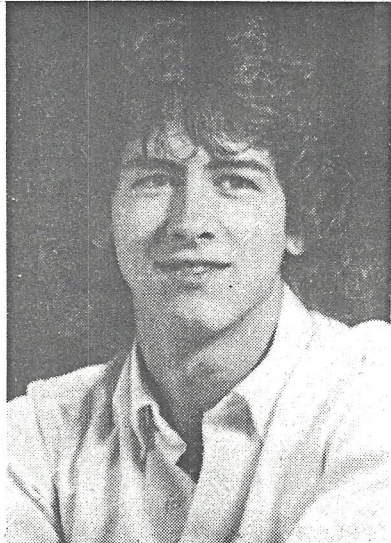
**JOHN  
KIRSCHBAUM**

John is the son of Ed and Gloria Kirschbaum of Fertile. During high school he participated in basketball and track. After graduation he plans to attend college but is undecided about which one.



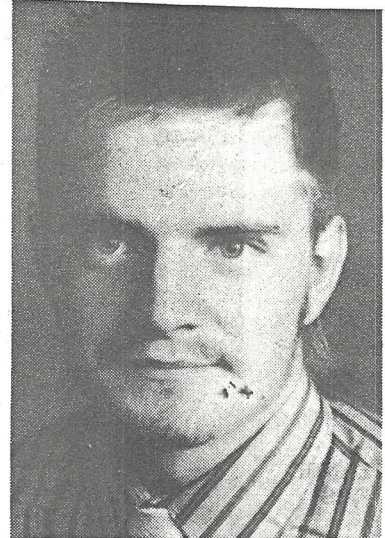
**CINDA  
STROHMAN**

She is the daughter of Ken and June Strohman of Fertile. Cinda was on the drill team and a cheerleader. She plans to work following graduation and may attend college.



**GREG  
NEDVED**

Greg is the son of Cletus and Carolyn Nedved of Fertile. After graduation he plans to attend NIACC.



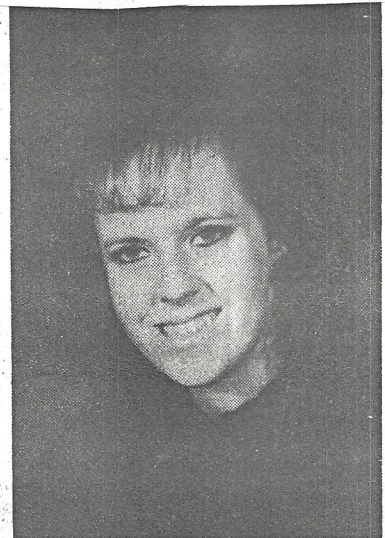
**MATTHEW  
DAKIN**

He is the son of Don and Shari Dakin of Joice. He was in FFA during high school. After graduation Matthew will attend Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge.



**JAMEY JON  
GROSSNICKLE**

Jamey is the son of Jim and Jan Grossnickle of Fertile. He participated in football, track, baseball, wrestling and was on the honor roll. He plans to attend college after graduation but is undecided about which one.



**TINA V.  
OLSON**

Tina is the daughter of Dennis and Donna Olson of Fertile. She was in the Industrial Arts Club during high school. After graduation she plans to attend Iowa Lakes Community College.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club held their annual plant and bake sale Thursday, May 9th, at the Fertile Community Center.

There were 47 guests who registered. Each guest received a packet of flower seeds.

A drawing was held for the door prize. Mary Anderson presented Robin Harms, whose name was drawn, the door prize. Fern Midtgaard and Carrie Luther were kitchen hostesses.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 13th at 2:00 P.M. at the community center.

\*\*\*\*\*

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 6 - Meatloaf, baked potatoes, baked beans, tossed salad, strawberry shortcake, coffee, milk, bread, and butter.

June 20 - Chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, apple salad, rhubarb pie, coffee, milk, bread, butter.

Call Edna Pederson for reservations by Monday noon, 797-2669.

\*\*\*\*\*

STORK NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Severson are the parents of a baby boy born 4:35 am May 10th. He has been named James Tyler. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 22 1/2 in. long. He joins two brothers Tim and Todd. Grandparents are Severin Severson of Forest City and Vern & Irene Peterson of Thompson.

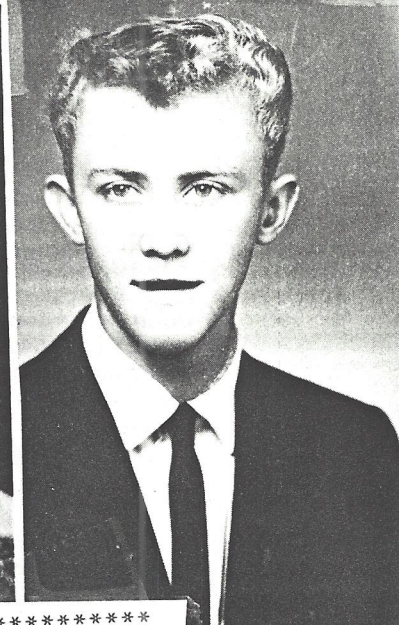
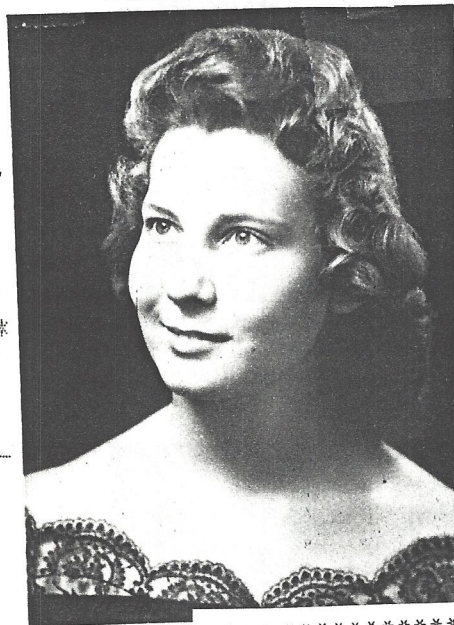
Mr. & Mrs. Hebert Pederson of Ankeny, are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Casey William, son of Gary & Lisa (Markle) Pederson of Des Moines and brother of Jenna. Grandparents are also Tina Markle of Britt and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Markle of Thompson. Great grandparents are Mae Oswald of Clear Lake, Mr. & Mrs. Selmer Pederson of Fertile, and Nellie Van Den Hul of Larchwood, Ia.

Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't good enough so they can have grandchildren that are better than anybody else's.

We regret the following pictures were omitted from the last months Reminder. They are also members of the class of 1962.

Joanne Roberts

Larry Burk



\*\*\*\*\*

A Father's Image

- 4 years: My Daddy can do anything!
- 7 years: My Dad knows a lot . . . a whole lot.
- 8 years: My father does not know quite everything.
- 12 years: Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.
- 14 years: Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years: Oh, that man — he is out of date!
- 25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
- 30 years: I must find out what Dad thinks about it.
- 35 years: Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.
- 50 years: What would Dad have thought about that?
- 60 years: My Dad knew literally everything!
- 65 years: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

Celebration

A single woman arrived at the office carrying cigars and candy tied in blue ribbons.

"What's the occasion?" asked a co-worker.

The woman waved her hand to show off a sparkling diamond. "It's a boy," she said. "Six feet four and 190 pounds."

Parker, Colo.

# Making the mold for fathers

The 1932 graduating class from the Fertile High School, held their reunion Friday evening, May 19, 1989, at the Royal Fork Restaurant in Mason City. Of the original twelve graduates, six are deceased, and the six remaining members, with their spouses, were all in attendance. They were: Mildred (Sagen) Phorr, Mr. and Mrs. Horace (Golda Severson) Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Evelyn Humphrey) Luker, Mr. and Mrs. Sophus Peterson all of Clear Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Vera Deuel) Humphrey of Fertile, who were both graduates of the class.

Following their dinner, Evelyn Luker read two humorous articles, and the remainder of the evening was spent in visiting, reminiscing and looking at past mementoes and pictures, brought by Mrs. Luker.

It was decided to meet again May 18, 1990 for their next reunion.

\* \* \* \* \*

## ALUMNI BANQUET

Remember June 10th.

The Alumni Banquet will be held at the community center. Be sure to get your reservation in. Contact Bonnie Kuns, 716 West L St., Forest City, Ia. 50436. Cost is \$7.50 per person.

\* \* \* \* \*

## CLEANING DAY

We are in need of volunteers to clean the Community Center and gym before the Alumni Banquet which will be held June 10th. We hope a large number will turn out on Wed. evening June 7th and all day Thurs. June 8th. Bring rags, pails, mops, and also a sack lunch if you plan on being there at noon on Thursday. See you at the center on the 7th or 8th or both. Men are also needed.

\* \* \* \* \*

A Summer Bible Study will be starting Thursday, June 22, at the home of Opal Almelien. From 9 to 10 AM. Anyone welcome.

Opal Almelien & Maxine Rye

\* \* \* \* \*

Government commodities - butter and peanut butter will be distributed June 8th at the Fertile Community Center from 1 to 4 PM.

When the good Lord was creating fathers he started with a tall frame.

And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put Fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.

And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day . . . yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or carry a sleepyhead on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to 'ride a horse to Banbury Cross,' or scare off mice at the summer cabin or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant.

Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added — tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

The angel shuteth up.

## ANSWERS TO "OLD QUIZ"

1. Old Glory
2. Old Ironsides
3. Old King Cole
4. Old Testament
5. Old-Fashioned
6. Old World
7. Old Wife's Tale
8. Old Maid
9. Oldie
10. Old Rose

Thank the following merchants for making it possible for us to publish the Fertile Reminder. Their ads help us to purchase the paper, ink, labels, and other supplies. We still need to hear from you to pay postage and other expenses.

LARSENS' PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2219	FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2262
		Grain Division	
JORDAN INSURANCE AGENCY	797-2700	For Complete Grain Buying,	
AMERICAN FAMILY		Selling, & Storage	
Auto-Home-Business-Life			
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE	797-2437	BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE	797-2647
		Delicious Food	
		Call For Reservations	
BURTNES PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2680	K & R SERVICE	797-2440
OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	OUVERSON OIL	797-2267
			or
PRONTO MARKET	797-2220		797-2440
MARV'S SERVICE	797-2677		
RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES	797-2681		
FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2242		
Complete Livestock Needs			
Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food			
WORSLEY ELECTRIC	797-2494		
Katolight Generators			
Sales & Service			
FOREST CITY COW PALACE	582-4646		
FIRST STATE BANK	896-2265		