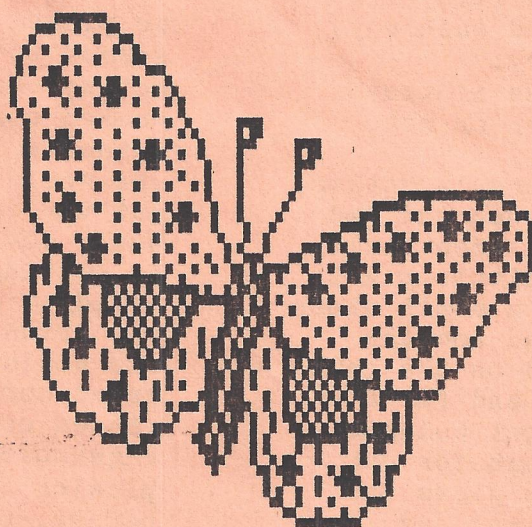


**JUNE
1991**



**FERTILE
REMINDER**

I will tell you how we kept sweet corn from one year growing to the next.

We always had quite a large field of sweet corn, and it never all matured at the same time, but most of it did.

We had two wagons with three top boxes on them and two teams of horses. When the corn was ready to pick, we would go into the field and pick both wagon boxes full. We did this late in the afternoon, and bring them up into the shade in the yard.

The next morning we would get up early and do the chores, Mother usually had 250 baby chicks to tend to. We had a small pen that just they could get in, and we would leave feed and water enough for the day in the pen. We also left corn and water for the old mother hens. After everything was ready to leave, we would leave for a fifty mile trip to Lake Mills, (25 miles each way), to go to the canning factory.

I don't know at that time if they canned anything besides corn or not, but I think not.

Mother, and Roger Humphrey's Mother, Josie Humphrey, drove one team and Dad and I drove the other one. About half way up there, there was a little place called Bristol. There was a small store on the west side of the road and the people that tended it lived on the east side. We would stop there and for ten or fifteen cents we would get bologna or cheese and crackers enough for our lunch. Mother would make a glass jar of coffee and wrap it in a rug and newspapers and put it down in the corner of the box of corn and that was our drink and our forenoon lunch. The people that tended the store had horses and cattle, so they had a tank of water, and they gave us permission to water our horses there.

After lunch we would continue on our way. We would take our loads of corn to the factory and unload them. For each load of corn we would get twenty four cans of corn.

Dad had an uncle and aunt living in Lake Mills. He was Worth County Superintendent, and of the school in Lake Mills, and a Methodist Minister.

So he had a horse for a mode of travel and a well on the back of his lot, so we could water our horses there, and we always took our own feed for them. And the highlight of the day was having dinner with our relatives.

We always knew that at 2 o'clock, we had to start on that long hot journey back home. There was no cover over our heads and our wagons were not air-conditioned. And it always seemed much farther home than going up there.

We would arrive home just dusk, then we had all the chores to do. To see that the little chicks were all right, get the two boxes of corn in the house, and finally have supper by a kerosene lamp. And believe me we were all ready for bed. I think it was the most tiresome day of the whole year.

Then to make the corn hold out, when we picked ears for dinner, we always seemed to get more than we ate. So Mother would cut the corn from the cooked ears that we didn't eat. We had rather a low south kitchen roof, and she would spread a sheet up on it and put the cut corn up there to dry. She would cover it with a piece of scrim, or netting so the flies and bugs couldn't get to it. And by the time the dried corn was ready to sack up, she would have quite a nice lot of dried corn to use along with the canned corn. And with the other vegetables that we had, and our sweet pickles that I have written about before, we always had plenty of tasty things to eat.

I learned in later years that the canning factory canned tomatoes and string beans besides corn, and later they came on the market and were sold in the stores.

With the rainy weather we have been having, I will leave this little verse with you:

There ain't no use to grumble and complain

It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice;

For when the Lord sorts out the weather and says, Rain

Why, rain's my choice.

Violet Hall

APRIL BALANCE SHEET

COUNCIL NEWS

Expenditures

Cheryl Benson	317.48
Sarah Richard	76.54
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	277.08
Cely Olson	19.37
Waste systems Corp.	1214.50
IPERS	47.35
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	144.93
Winnebago, Co-op Tele.	68.05
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Treas. State of Ia.	91.85
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Ingram	19.72
Northwood Anchor	84.00
Marv's	406.57
Interstate Power Co.	601.36
People Magazine	18.54
MCBS	139.88
Demco	4.50
Baker & Taylor	8.19
Dick Sheimo	254.03
Liberty Bank & Trust	631.67
Sports Illustrated	24.08
Twedt Ins. Agency	8284.00
Worsley Electric	54.74
Omark Corp.	47.11
Matt Parrott & Sons	148.53
BMC	<u>177.10</u>

Total 13,400.52

Total Receipts 14,647.21

NOTICE!!!!

The Fertile City Council is accepting applications for a part time employee to read meters once a month and check water and sewer treatment plants daily. This will be a salaried job.

If street work or other miscellaneous work is done, it will be on an hourly basis.

Please submit applications to:
City of Fertile
Box 161
Fertile, Iowa 50434

All applications will be considered at the June 4 council meeting.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made our 50th Anniversary so special with your cards and gifts.

God bless you

Love James and Alvera.

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. May 7, 1991 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Smith, Peterson, and Hansmeier present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report given on grading and graveling the alleys. Fence for the ends of the horseshoe court is here, but not installed yet.

Ruth Ouverson was present to discuss community center insurance premium. Motion to have the community center pay only the portion of the insurance for the Community Center Cafe. Carried.

Council accepted Dick Sheimo's resignation as the city maintenance man.

Discussion on park mowing. Motion to accept Arway Lawn Service proposal for a 3 year contract of mowing and maintenance of city property. Carried.

Worth Co. Supervisors and the Worth Co. Auditor were present to present a aerial map of the city.

Motion to increase the law enforcement agreement with Worth Co. to \$4.25 per capita. Carried.

Council discussed recycling. Council thanks Randy Harms & Tim Tuttle for their work on the tennis & basketball court in the park.

Council received a check for \$83.27 for 1% of Vision Electronics fees for 6 mos.

Motion to pay monthly bills.

Carried.

Council still looking for volunteers to paint fire hydrants.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all my freinds and relatives for their cards, flowers, gifts, visits and phone calls while I was in Mercy Hospital and at home. A special thanks to Pastor Roger for visits and prayers, also for those great prayer chains. God's blessings on all of you.

Maynard Calgaard

GOVERNMENT COMMODITIES

The next distribution of Government Commodities will be on June 6th at the Fertile Community Center.

Canned beef, applesauce, butter, rice and corn meal will be distributed.

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CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to everyone for the plants, cards, visits, telephone calls and food received while I was hospitalized and since returning home. I appreciated it all very much. Thanks again.

Lovilla Felland

The Community Center has received a Public Address System as a gift from Amos and Irene Miller. Many thanks to them for this gift. It will be very useful when we have our next program.

 GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club held their Plant and Bake Sale on Sat. May 4th at the Fertile Community Center. The sale was very successful and was attended by a nice group of buyers. Viola Buckley won the first door prize and Ruth Benjegerdes the second prize. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great event.

Ethel Tuttle-Reporter

Girls softball games

- June 30 Manly at Fertile 6:00
- June 4 Hanlontown at Fertile 5:00
- June 10 Fertile at Manly 6:00
- June 18 Forest City at Fertile 6:00
- June 24 Northwood at Fertile 6:00
- June 25 Fertile at Hanlontown 6:00
- June 28 Fertile at Northwood 6:00
- July 9 Fertile at Plymouth 6:00
- July 15 Forest City at Fertile 6:00
- July 16 Plymouth at Fertile 6:00
- July 19 Glenville at Fertile 7:00
- July 22 Fertile at Glenville 6:00

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- June 3 at Garner Midgets Only
- June 4 at Hanlontown Pee Wees Only
 (double) Plymouth 6:00
 (header) Hanlontown 7:15
- June 6 at Northwood
- June 13 at Lake Mills
- June 17 Forest City Home
- June 20 Emmons Home
- June 24 Manly Home
- June 26 Plymouth Home Peewees Only
 6:00
- June 27 Garner Home Midgets 6:00
 Hanlontown Home Peewees 7:15
- July 1 Northwood Home
- July 8 Lake Mills Home
- July 10 at Forest City
- July 15 at Emmons
- July 19 at Manly

 STORK NEWS

Scott and Teresa (Hennigar) Schwartz of Lake Mills are the parents of a daughter born on May 13, 1991 at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. She has been named Sable Mae and joins a sister Tara and a brother Stephen. She weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz. Grandparents are Art and Shirely Hennigar of Fertile and Sharon Hegel of Lake Mills. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tordoff of Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aguilera of Manly, Mr. and Mrs. Art Hennigar of Hanlontown and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hegel of Lake Mills. Great Great Grandparents are Mrs. Isabel Watland of Esterville, Iowa and Mrs. Etta Schwartz of Bronx, New York.

Sable continues to be a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

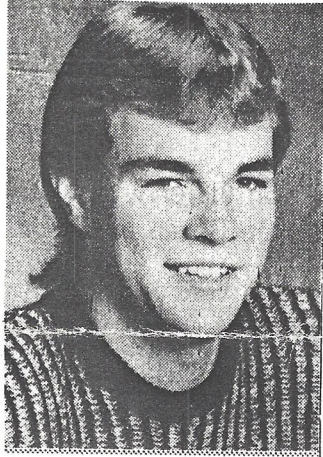
Flag Day - June 14

Congratulations graduates

ERIC AMUNDSON

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Amundson of Fertile.

Eric participated in football and track during high school. He plans to attend North Iowa Area Community College after graduation.



TAMMY SUE DAKIN

Daughter of Donald and Shari Dakin of Joice.

Tammy participated in Speech Club, chorus, Pep Club, Warwhoop, plays, musicals, National Honor Society. She plans to attend Minnesota Bible College after graduation.



HOLLY LUNDGREN

Daughter of Ken and Randa Lundgren of Fertile

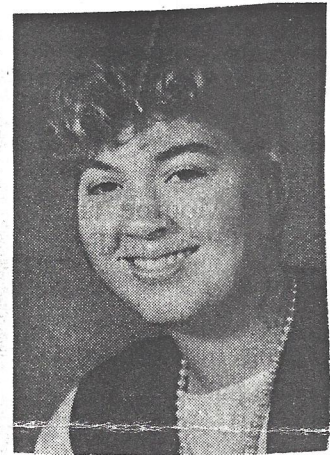
Holly participated in S.A.D.D. and a manager for the volleyball team. She plans to attend Minnesota Bible College and then Winona State University after graduation.



BOBBI NISSEN

Daughter of Don and Jan Nissen of Hanlontown

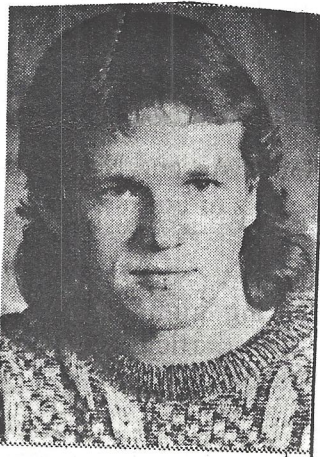
Bobbi's plans after graduation are undecided



MARK STEPHENSON

Son of Mrs. Lois Alton of Manly

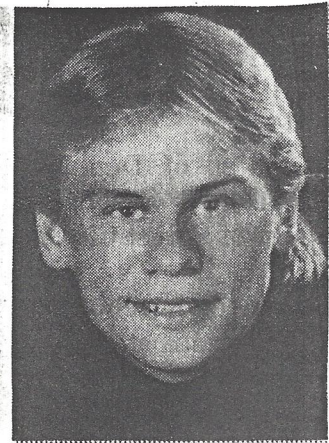
During high school he participated in wrestling and FFA. He plans to join the Marines after graduation.



KIRBY LEE SUNDE

Son of Keith and Joan Sunde of Fertile.

During high school Kirby participated in football, track, cross-country, FFA and Industrial Arts Club. He will attend North Iowa Area Community College after graduation.



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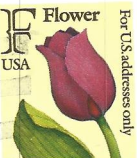
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