

FERTILE



REMINDER

WELCOME

*September
1993*

*Artist
DeAnn Mason*

COMING EVENTS

- Sept 1 Recycle Day
- Sept 1 Forest City Schools starts
- Sept 6 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- Sept 7 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
7:00 Council Meeting
- Sept 10 9:30 Park clean up
- Sept 11 9:30 Park clean up
- Sept 15 & 16 In case of rain
- Sept 18 1:00 Girls 4-H & Boys 4-H
- Sept 21 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
7:00 Library Meeting
- Sept 25 6:AM--11:AM Senior Citizens
Fall Fair
Information inside

Any coming Events
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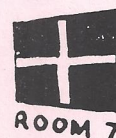
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COUNCIL NEWS

JULY BALANCE SHEET
EXPENDITURES

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Aug. 3, 1993. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and all Council members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor will talk to two people about plowing snow.

Lisa Kremer with Win.-Worth Betco was present to explain to the council. She is looking for a representative from Fertile for their group. More about this later.

Library Board members were present to discuss their fund raising day.

City received \$105.60 from Vision Electronics for the past six months.

FEMA was in town to inspect damage to the dike from the high water. Motion to write letters to ASCS and Armory Corps of Engineers regarding dike, dam, and silt in the bay. Seconded and carried.

Thompson will check on repair needed on the footbridge.

Sept. 10 and 11 were set as Clean Up the Park Days. Rain date will be one week later. Start at 9:30 AM.

Council discussed possibly blacktopping one block of alley each year. Discussion on draining the pond in the park.

Motion to have Ray spray weeds on the tennis court. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Ray Sandifer	\$ 611.60
Janice Hare	282.08
David Low	301.41
Interstate Power Co.	1900.01
Treas. - State of Iowa	95.62
IPERS	122.19
Liberty Bank & Trust	197.83
Waste Systems Corp.	316.00
Waste Systems Corp.	1221.73
Winnebago Telephone	17.92
Larsen Plbg & Htg., Inc.	287.62
Feed - Rite Controls	10.00
Hack Chemicals	67.10
Peoples Natural Gas	12.21
League of Iowa Municipalities	199.00
Watertower Paint & Repair	700.00
Matt Parrott & Sons	25.07
Doug's Small Engines	1139.95
Steffes Construction	4454.36
Worsley Electric	453.47
LGI	104.85
Fertile Library	1800.00
IRS	61.96
Total	14382.06

Total Receipts 4146.5

HELP CLEAN OUR PARK



The Town Council has designated Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11, with rain dates of September 17 and 18 as park clean up dates. This is really a pre-clean up as the leaves will not have fallen by that time. Leaf clean up will come later. Tractors, trailers and loaders have been lined up to help with these tasks so let's hope mother nature cooperates too!! SO---MARK YOUR CALENDER.

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Post Office History



J. MAXINE SCOBEE

Postal clerk at Fertile wins excellence honor

J. Maxine Scobee, clerk at the Fertile post office, recently received the U.S. Postal Service's first north central Iowa "Pride in Excellence" award.

One postal employee from each of 60 first, second and third class post offices in north central Iowa, including all Summitland post offices, were eligible for the competition.

Mike Purcell, postmaster at Fertile, entered Mrs. Scobee in the competition with a letter to the postmaster at Mason City.

Recommendations from all area postmasters were reviewed by a committee of three postmasters, who selected Mrs. Scobee for the top honor.

The award citation praises Mrs. Scobee for outstanding performance and "best representing the postal service in retailing postal products with courtesy, with a proper attitude, with cooperation and a desire to help and to be of service."

Mrs. Scobee said she didn't know Purcell had entered her in the competition.

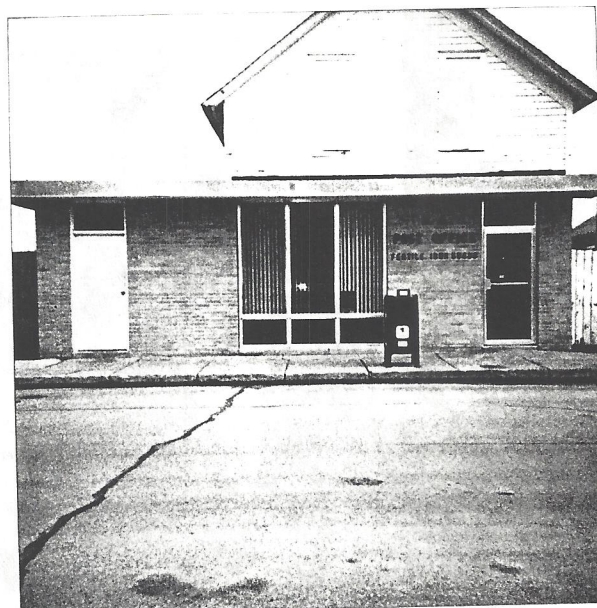
"I don't know what he said in that letter," she said, "but it really must have been a dilly."

The awards program will be repeated by the Postal Service at six-week intervals.

Maxine Scobee retired September 30, 1988, after working in the Postal department over 31 years and as a postmaster 9 years. She was hired as assistant clerk and Ella Seglem was the clerk. Those were the days when seven cents mailed a letter and three cents a post card. Through the years she continued to work part time working at various local post offices - spending nearly one and a half years at the Forest City office. When Mike Purcell retired Maxine was appointed Postmaster of Fertile, Iowa her hometown.



Dean Haugen is retiring as rural mail carrier for the Hanlontown route on Sept. 3. He was honored at a retirement coffee on Aug. 22 at the Hanlontown Community Center. At the party he received a 30-year safety award and a million mile plaque for 30 years accident-free for non-preventive accidents over that period. Dean started carrying mail on Nov. 29, 1959 at the Hanlontown post office and had a route of 57 miles with an approximate 190 customers on the route. When he retires, his route will cover 83 miles and he will be serving 290 customers.





Club observes anniversary

Fertile Garden Club observed its 40th anniversary Aug. 10 with a tea party at the community center in Fertile. Members of the club are, seated from left, Edna Pederson, Vera Humphrey, Ruth Wolf, Danette O'Toole, Ethel Tuttle and Gloria Kirschbaum. Standing were Linda Shahan, Alice K. Kingland, Synnova Hoffman, Alice O. Kingland, Carolyn Nedved, Marion Pitkin, Joyce Larson, Doris Novak, Mildred McGrath, Pat Oswald, Celeste Christensen and Elaine Patton.

The Fertile Garden Club held their monthly meeting in the Community Center August 10 with 19 members and one former member, Vera Humphrey, in attendance. A formal tea was held in honor of the 40th anniversary of the club. Ruth Rovang gave the thought of the day. Memories were shared by older club members about activities of the club in years gone by. A lunch was served by the officers, Linda Shahan, Elaine Patten, Gloria Kirschbaum and Pat Oswald. Chi Christianson and Alisha Shahan performed a dance routine, which was enjoyed by all. The room was beautifully decorated by the officers.



CHARTER MEMBERS:

Ruth Wolfe
Vera Humphrey
Edna Pederson

Garden Club (cont)

Forty years ago the following ladies of the area organized the Fertile Garden Club: Violet Hall, Dorothy Aspland, Mayte Davis, Synneva Elthon, De la Haugen, Evelyn Haugen, Vera Humphrey, Laura Jacobson, Hilda Johnson, Grace Lee, Gertrude Lindquist, Gunhild Myhre, Edith Ouverson, Ruthie Ouverson, Edna Pederson, Myna Smith, Arlene Stevens, Hazel Stokke, Katie Thovson, Janet Van Den Bosch, Esther Varberg, Mildred Wolford and Ruth Wolfe.

"Congratulations!"

A daughter, Leah Marie, was born on August 14, 1993 to Mike and Karen VanDen Bosch of Iowa City, Ia. Grandparents are Maynard and Joyce Calgaard and Jean VanDen Bosch all of Fertile, Butch VanDen Bosch of Lake Mills, Ia. Great-grandmother is Jeanette VanDen Bosch of Manly, Ia.

With Sympathy


Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bob and Kathy Query on the death of Bob's father, Bill Query, of Mason City who passed away on July 22, 1993 at North Iowa Mercy Health Care Center in Mason City. The Bob Query family are residents of Fertile.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Ellis "Tim" Johnson of Mason City, who passed away on August 5, 1993 at North Iowa Mercy Health Care Center in Mason City. "Tim" attended school at Fertile. He is survived by a brother Elmer who resides at the IOOF Home in Mason City.


Word has been received of the death of Norville Olson of Marion, Ia., who passed away on July 27, 1993. He was the son of the late Bennie and Pearle (Pederson) Olson. He lived in Fertile in the mid '40's and owned and operated a hardware store with Willard Thovson. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Les and Doris Burtness on the death of Les' sister, Dorothy Holland, who passed away on August 17, 1993.

Word has been received of the death of Donald Oredsen of Hot Springs, Ark. He graduated from the Fertile High School with the class of 1936. He was the son of Marius Oredsen.



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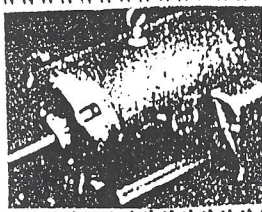
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Girls 4-H News

The Fertile Grant Livewire 4-H Club did very well at the North Iowa Fair this year. Everyone went home with a handful of ribbons!

Abbey Almeliem 5 blues, Katie Anderson 3 blues, Emily Daggett 2 blues & 2 reds, Sarah Daggett 3 blues, Emily Kingland 8 blues, Kellie Knudson 2 blues & 1 red, Arlene Lee 7 blues & 1 red, Barb Lee 5 blues & 1 red, Megan Levad 5 blues, Laura Lovik 7 blues, Nicole Midtgaard 3 blues, Rachel Midtgaard 3 blues, Stacy Monsen 2 blues & 2 reds, Sarah Peters 3 blues, Emily Suby 4 blues, Stacy Suby 4 blues & 3 reds, Tiffany Severson 3 blues, Katy Evans 5 blues, Emily Evans 4 blues & 2 reds.

Arlene Lee and Emily Suby got a purple on their working exhibit and will be going to the Clay County Fair. Nicole Midtgaard got a purple on her photo and on her clothing selection. She was also considered for taking her high chair to state, but it didn't go. Sarah Daggett's things also got a couple purples. Her photo and drawing will go to State Fair.

Abbey Almeliem came in first in her calf division and received a blue. Arlene Lee got 5 blues on her sheep. Barb Lee 4 blues & 1 red on her shhep, Megan Levad 3 blues & 3 purples on her sheep. She also received a reserve champion title for an individual market lamb. Megan also got 5 reds for her hogs.

Overall our club did excellent! At the Little Olympics Wednesday night, our club received the Sportsmanship award. We got pizza and pop as our award.



"Happy Birthday to someone who will be 40 yrs on Sept. 14th"

An Open House 40th Wedding Anniversary for Donald and Marilyn Severson will be held on September 26, 1993 from 2 to 4 at the Family Lutheran Church.

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Alpha Ritter Markell

----- LIST of NEW BOOKS -----

The Valiant Gunman #14 - Gilbert Morris
 Heart of the Wilderness - Janette Oke
 Under the Eastern Stars - Linda Chaikin
 Love Can Build a Bridge - Naomi & Wynonna Judd
 The Cat Who Went into the Closet - Braun
 ... About Allergies - Terkel
 Old Order Amish: Their Enduring Way of Life
 Baseball Books about every team
 Angel by Barbara Taylor Bradford
 Maybe (maybe not) by Flughum
 Star Flight by Phyllis Whitney
 Streets of Larado by Larry McMurty
 Vanished by Danielle Steel
 & Lots of Books from these Series:

- Sweet Valley High
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- Sweet Valley Kids
- Baby-sitters Club
- Baby-sitters Little Sister
- Books by Pike, Stine, & Cooney

New Videos-----

- Home Alone 2
- The Secret Garden
- The Never Ending Story
- The Black Stallion
- The Lorax
- Anansi the Spider

1 1/2 years summer library program was a big success. We read books about Anansi the Spider from Africa, made large paper spiders, played games; such as a water balloon toss that turned into a exciting water balloon fight, gave out prizes that included school supplies, candy, free soda from Hardees in Forest City, & made crayon banks from recycled material.

92 kids attended the 5 week program.



Summer Library Program 1993
 T-Shirt Winners: Ryan Shropshire,
 Tara Hansmier, Chi Christensen, &
 Amanda Ray.

The Fertile Public Library has hired Nancy Suby as new assistant librarian. She will be starting Sept. 1, & we look forward to having her work with Cheryl & the library board.

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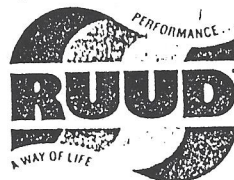
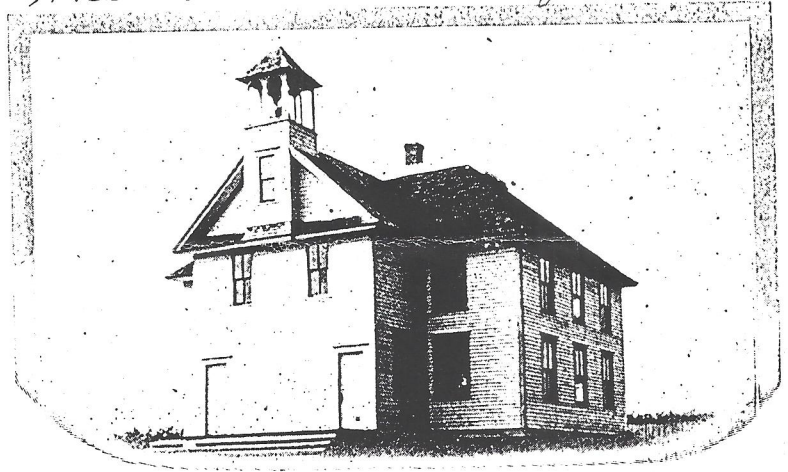
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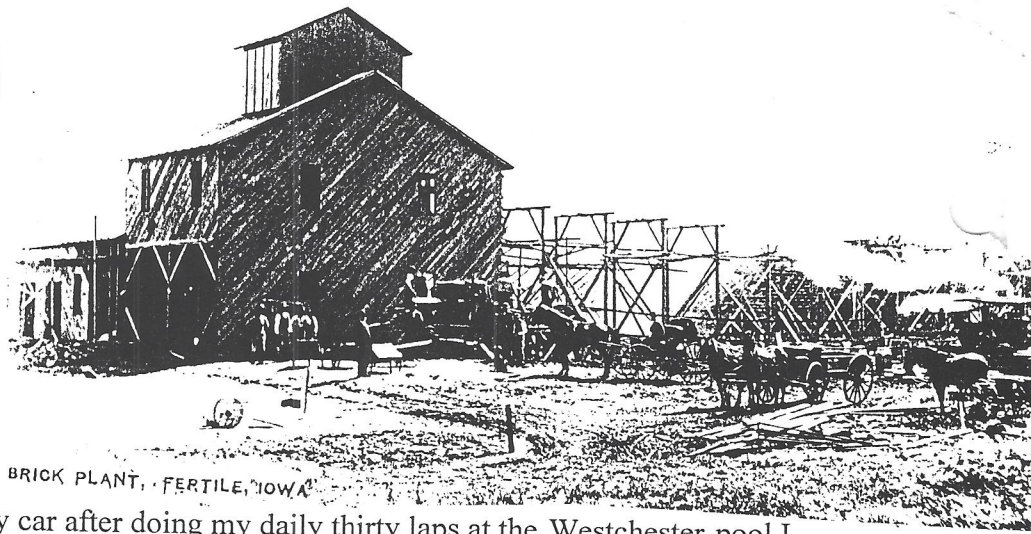
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Claybanks

Neil L. Kuns



On the way back to my car after doing my daily thirty laps at the Westchester pool I met a young mother and her two children who were preparing to go swimming. The kids had apparently changed into their swim suits in the back seat of the car, and were excited about getting into the water. "Are you going swimming?", I asked, not to elicit an answer, but to measure their enthusiasm. "Yes!", they replied in unison, and headed off toward the pool.

The whole scene took me back fifty-five or more years to the first time my mother took Dale and me swimming at Claybanks, east of Fertile on the old river road. The clay had been dug for a brief period of time for the short lived Fertile Brick and Tile Company. In those days a few crumbling walls of the buildings still rose above the pasture grasses north of the swimming hole. There was not enough high quality raw material available to keep the enterprise going, and so it had already taken its place in the old photograph albums as a memory of what once was.

Claybanks was located on a bend of "Lime Creek" as the Winnebago River was called in the thirties. The river had cut into the sandy clay banks of the hills to the west and south, and had left a soft shoal of sand on the bottom and along the east bank.. In the middle of the summer the waters were rarely high, and this became a pleasant and safe place for people to "bathe", as Grandma Carr used to call "swimming". Mom parked the car in the pasture off the road, and we walked into the woods toward the river. As we approached we could hear the shouts and laughter of those already in the water. Some were paddling around in old inner tubes, and others just splashing. The sound echoed off the clay banks of the other side of the creek, and the sun filtered through the leaves of the trees overhead. The air was soft with the warmth and the smells of summer.

This was a make-shift swimming hole and there were no changing facilities. I recall standing behind a tree and my mother holding up a towel to shield my nakedness while I hurried out of my clothes and pulled on a navy blue woolen swim suit. It itched, and when it was wet it smelled and was hard to get off. In the expectation of swimming none of that mattered one bit. It was in reality some time much later that I really learned to swim -- in the creek on the south side of the park, and above the dam, but, that's another story.

Oh, the pure pleasure of being in the water on that day. The sand was warmed by the sun. The current of the river was languid, and there were no deep pools or desperate people to threaten the idyllic hours we enjoyed there. If we were lucky we found an agate, whose color came out when we put it in the water. Perhaps the discovery of the day was a clam shell or the sight of a soft-shelled crab or small fish or minnow which would swim by. But to be able to splash to your hearts content without being told, "Stop, or you'll get all wet!", that was enough all by itself.

I'm sure the two little tots who went to the Westchester pool the other day had a pleasant time, but I doubt if they will treasure such fond memories in fifty-five years as I have of that day at Claybanks.

JELLO SALAD

Recipe =

- 2 pkg. lime jello
- 2 cup boiling water
- 2 3oz pkg cream cheese
- 1 cup crushed pineapple (drained)
- 1 cup celery diced
- 1/2 cup nuts chopped
- 1/2 cup cut up marachino cherries
- 1 cup cool whip or 1 pkg dream whip

Mix jello and water, chill till slightly thickened. Whip cream cheese and pineapple till smooth. Add it plus celery, nuts, cherries to jello. Fold in cool whip. Put in 9 x 13 pan and chill. Apprx. 12 servings.

Kathryn (Walker) Rogers

KIDS

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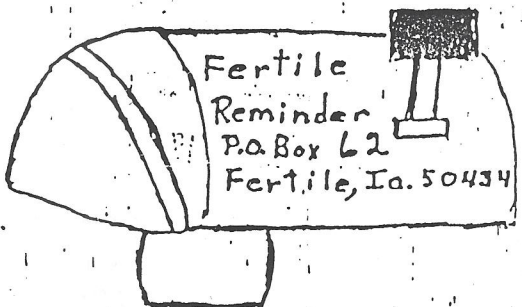
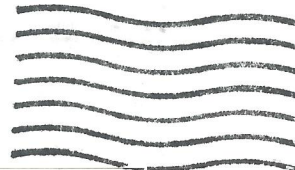
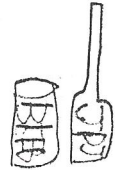


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