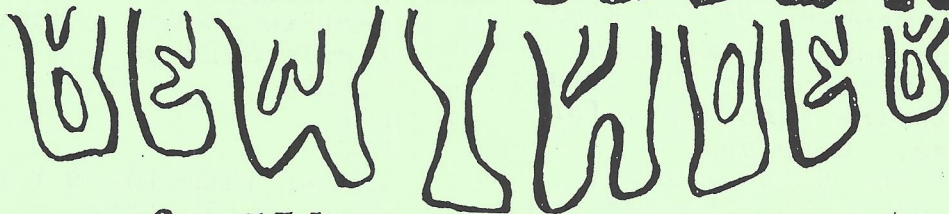


Sept 1994

FERTILE



REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| Sept 5 | 7:00 | Labor Day
Firemens Meeting |
| Sept 6 | 12:00
7:00 | Senior Citizens Dinner
Council Meeting |
| Sept 7 | | Recycle Day |
| Sept 11 | | Grand Parents Day |
| Sept 13 | | Garden Club
School Board Election |
| Sept 20 | 12:00
7:00 | Senior Citizen Dinner
Library Meeting |
| Sept 23 | | 1st Day of Autumn |

Any Coming Events
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BACK TO SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Aug. 2, 1994 with Mayor Elthon presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed possible library board appointees.

Council heard a plan to remove some of the blacktop on the footbridge and repair or replace boards from the top.

Motion to continue the legal action on the removal of the sign on Highway 9. Carried.

Mike Dahn and Larry Shropshire reported on new members of the Fire Dept. Costs for various expenses were reported. Motion for the city to pay \$5,000 to the fire dept. for start up expense. Carried.

Reported that the ditch west of Pat Zobel's needs to be finished and the weeds cut.

Council will advertise for someone to mow the lagoon. Felland reported approximately 20 loads of rip-rap for the lagoon are available at Forest City Ready Mix. They will load it and the city will haul it.

Council discussed street sign that need to be replaced and possibly have removable speed bumps to slow cars going through town. Mayor will check with city attorney on liability.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Fire Dept. will hose down Main Street so it can be cleaned.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Les Zearing	\$675.98
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	289.80
Interstate Power Co.	729.80
Treas. - State of Iowa	97.39
IPERS	182.10
Treas. - State of Iowa	16.42
Liberty Bank and Trust	259.42
Waste Systems Corp.	1537.73
WCTA	43.36
Peoples Natural Gas	23.93
Feed - Rite Controls	15.00
Pronto Market	8.31
Ia. League of Municipalities	199.00
Fertile Lumber & Hdwe.	82.65
Marv's Service	101.70
NIACOG	76.40
LGI	30.75
BMC	897.30
Larsen Plumbing & Htg.	11.72
Worsley Electric	47.40
Fertile Library	2105.00
Terry Elthon	305.87

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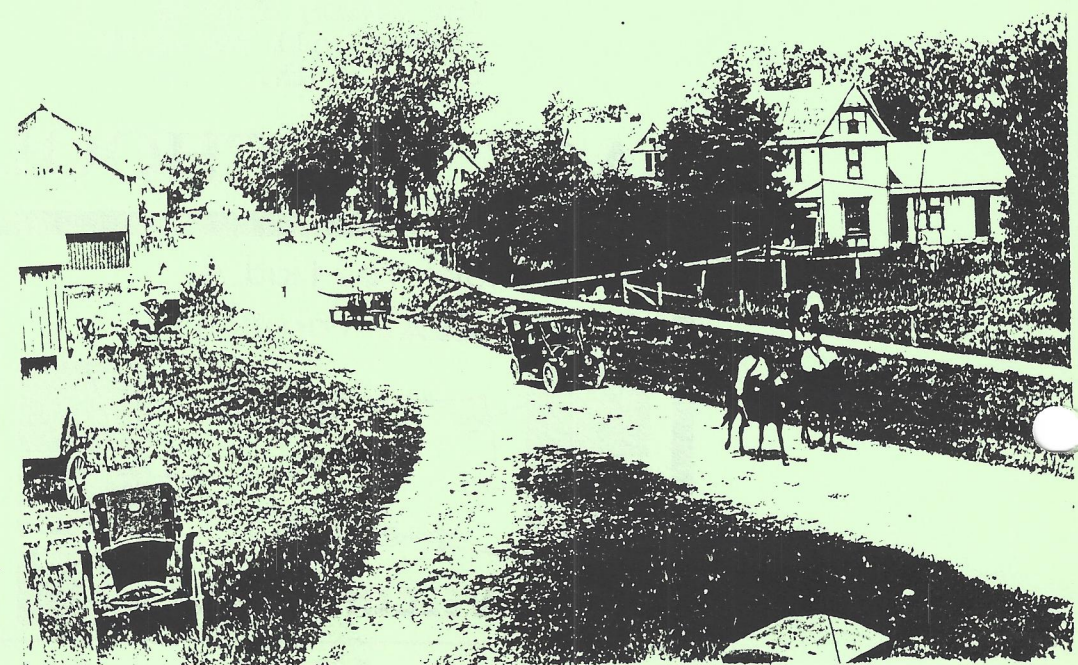
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*Ans on
page 6.*



The Grant LiveWires 4-H Club report these fair results:

4-H food and nutrition State Fair qualifier: Nicole Midtgaard; 4-H science: Katie Anderson; child development: Rachel Midtgaard; 4-H style review: Megan Levad.

Other 4-H winners in home improvement, clothing, photo, etc. were: Abby Almelién, 1 purple and 4 blue; Anna Almelién, 3 blue and 1 red; Katie Anderson, 2 purple and 2 blue; Emily Kingland, 1 purple and 4 blue; Katherine Kingland, 4 blue; Arlene Lee, 8 blue, 3 red; Barb Lee, 1 purple, 3 blue, 3 red; Megan Levad, 2 purple, 3 blue, Laura Lovik, 6 blue, 2 red; Stacy Monson, 3 blue; Emily Suby, 3 blue; Stacy Suby, 1 blue; Nicole Midtgaard, 1 purple, 2 blue; Rachel Midtgaard, 2 purple, 3 blue.

Sheep: Megan Levad was senior sheep showman with 5 purple and 1 blue; Arlene Lee, 6 blue, 2 red and Barb Lee, 6 blue.

Dairy Cattle: Katie Anderson Champion Brown Swiss with 1 purple, 1 blue; Abby Almelién, 1 red; Anna Almelién, 1 red.

Guinea pigs: Abby Almelién, 1 blue; Anna Almelién, 1 blue.

Pigs: Megan Levad, 3 blue, 1 red; Arlene Lee, 4 red, 1 blue; working presentation, Arlene Lee; and participation ribbon, Emily y.

Scare crow: Arlene Lee, Laura Lovik and Emily Suby-merit ribbon.

Bucket of flowers: Emily and Stacy Suby, blue; Arlene and Barb Lee and Megan Levad.

Little Olympic: Arlene Lee, Emily Suby, Anna Almelién and Katherine Kingland and Judy Levad-first place in Surprise relay.

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On September 13, 1994, we are given the privilege to elect 3 directors to the Forest City Community School Board.

I am a candidate to serve as director from District 2, which includes the town of Fertile and surrounding area. My wife, Lila, and I have a child in each building center this year. With the increased involvement of our children in the school system, I feel now is the time for me to take a more active role in the leadership of our school.

I ask for your support and your vote on September 13.

Thank you,
Arlyn Midtgaard

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BOYS 4-H NEWS

The Fertile Valley Farmers 4-H Club report these fair results:

Evan Almelién - a blue ribbon on his Home Improvement Project, a red on clothing selection and a red on his calf.

Isaac Almelién - a red on his calf.

Andy Anderson - a blue on crop production and a blue and a red on his sheep.

Josh Anderson - a woodworking project, a jewelry box, was selected to go to the Iowa State Fair. He also received a red on his dairy project.

Jesse Faber - 2 blue ribbons on Visual Arts projects. Grand champion pony receiving 2 purple ribbons and a trophy. Also received the Jr. Horsemanship Award and 2 red ribbons in Pony Western Pleasure.

Tyler Levad - 2 blue ribbons, one for Home Improvement and one for his bee keeping project.

Nate Lovik - 2 blue and 1 red in photography, a blue in clothing selection, a blue on survival kit, a red on woodworking project, and a blue for clothing selection for the Style Show and Fashion Review.

Fertile Valley Farmers next meeting will be August 20th at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Nate Lovik, Reporter

LETTERS

To Thelma, Lois and others of the "Reminder";

All my life I have heard about Fertile, Iowa from my Grandfather, Gustav Johann Daley. I am sure glad that I made the trip the last part of June.

The first thing we did when we reached Fertile was to have breakfast at the Fertile School House. I was with Alpha Markell, Mildred Meldow and Roger Ritter. Alpha and Mildred are the last of the "P.J. Ouverson Girls". There were seven daughters of Peter J. and Turine (Trena) Ouverson. Trena's maiden name was Daley. She is my grandfather's sister. Roger is Alpha Markell's son.

I can still smell that great breakfast with the good Iowa pork sausage. What a breakfast!

You have a nice clean town - everyone keeps their yards mowed and neat. No graffiti or debris around like here in California. What a pleasant sight!

I was very interested in seeing my great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gunder K. Daley's house. I met Mrs. Vesta Kuns who lives in the house today. Mrs. Kuns was very nice to let me see her home where my grandfather, Gustav Johann Daley was born in 1881.

Across the street from Mrs. Kuns' house is the shop where my great-grandfather, Gunder Daley had a blacksmith and wagon shop since 1870. Mrs. Kuns told me that her husband had a business there, later.

Then we visited the Old Fertile Mill and met Lee who showed us the mill and later her home where Mildred and Alpha were born - the original home of Pete and Trena Ouverson. Thanks, Lee, for your hospitality.

After visiting Fertile, we visited the Brush Point Cemetery where most of the Daley family is buried. I found the grounds of the cemetery were kept very neat and trimmed. I wish to thank those who are responsible for this.

I believe the people who live in Fertile have a great potential for their town to be a commuting town for other nearby towns such as Clear Lake, Mason City and others. "Your best kept secret."

During my visit to Fertile, I also visited my cousins in Clear Lake, Jim and Alpha Markell, Mildred Meldow and the family of Roger and Marilyn Ritter. I wish to thank all of them for their great hospitality.

I do hope to visit again someday and to the gals at the Reminder - keep up the great work on your newsletter! I really enjoy reading about what goes on in Fertile, Iowa in the Reminder.

Art Bass
Modesto, Ca.

Thanks for the Reminder. We enjoy every issue; they bring back memories of our years in the Fertile area-- and we are proud of our Fertile Iowa heritage. Keep up the good work. Again, thanks.

Joseph and Silence (Seglem)
Levang

Please renew my subscription. It's such fun to read and hear about old friends.

Jan (Ritter) Kitchen
Des Moines, Ia.

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CLASS OF 1959

On Saturday July 23, members and former members of the 1959 graduating class of Fertile High School and their spouses met for the class's thirty-fifth reunion. The reunion took place at the Diamond K Supper Club in Clear Lake. Members of the class who attended include the following: Larry Burtness, Dia Hunter Coon, Nelda Ouverson Frahm, Judy Haugen Hall, Jerry Hill, Loren Hoffman, Lyle Knudson, Ed Kirschbaum, Gary Ouverson, Donna Pitkin Ouverson, Neal Luker, Beverly Tweed McNeese and Donna Vaage Nelson.

Neal Luker, master of ceremonies, welcomed everyone including the special guests, the former teachers and members of the graduating class of Fertile High of 1958 who live in the vicinity. Teachers who attended were Mrs. Sylvia Evans and her husband Emerson, Mr. Ed Stalker and his wife Donna and Mr. Charles Stalker and his wife Veronica. Graduates of the class of 1958 who attended included Janet Thompson Burtness, Lloyd Knudson, Larry Frahm and Larry Nelson.

Diana Coon gave the table prayer. Following a delicious meal, the teachers and classmates told a little about themselves, their children, their spouses and their jobs. Donna Nelson and Neal Luker read letters from former teachers who were unable to attend; letters were read from Paul Embretson, Mr & Mrs Howard Drevs and Arnold Gaumnitz. Prizes were then awarded for a variety of accomplishments. The class decided to hold their fortieth reunion on the third Saturday of July of 1999. The committee to plan for the next reunion includes Nelda Frahm, Beverly McNeese and Judy Hall. Neal Luker, Donna Nelson and Gary Ouverson planned the 35th reunion.

The Taste of Paste

Neil L. Kuns

February 21, 1994

Yesterday I brewed a pot of a new coffee a friend had given to me the day before. It was Amaretto Decaf from the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters in Vermont. I'm sure with a name like that it must be expensive. A wonderful aroma arose as I opened the bag and ground the beans. Even as it was brewing the smell was alluring and captivating. I kept thinking, "This reminds me of something from my childhood," and then, as I sipped the blend, it hit me. The stuff smells like the white paste we used in grade school.

My teacher for both first and second grades was Miss Helen Davies. I have a full cup of memories of her and the events of those formative years. One recollection from the first day of school is etched in my mind. First graders sat on the north side of the second story room, near the windows and the fire escape, and second graders were on the south side. Lorraine Evenson, even shyer than I was, sat on the back seat, second row from the window. During that first morning she fell off the seat of her desk and began to cry. Miss Davies consoled her, and soon all was well.

Art was a big part of the curriculum in those days. The school subscribed to a magazine which had full-page, seasonal line drawings of Santa, snow men and the like. We could make our own copies of these and color them. Miss Davies always seemed amused but cooperative when I shyly asked, "Can I have a piece of tracing paper, please?" Tracing paper was any which was thin enough to see through to that bold design when we laid it atop the magazine. At Thanksgiving time every child colored a Pilgrim or an Indian, and these were put on the window for display. We didn't always have to trace our own art project. Sometimes the teacher would draw the design with a purple indelible pencil, and then make copies on the gelatin "duplicator". Copies were quite pale by the end of the run.

When the project called for assembling different colors of construction paper, as in Christmas tree chains for instance, we would get paste out of the large mouthed gallon paste jar. This was white when moist, and a chunky pale yellow when it dried. It always smelled so good -- like cherries or, perhaps, amaretto (although I had never heard that word at that early age). We would get a glob of paste on another piece of paper and return to our desks with the raw material of creativity. There, in the back of the room, and while the teacher was giving attention to the second graders, I, and probably every other first grader, was overcome by the temptation to taste the paste. Although some of the kids ate it regularly, I was never that hungry and could never develop a taste for the delicacy. It was a little like my Green Mountain Amaretto Decaf -- it didn't taste as good as it smelled. Besides, Miss Davies had told us not to eat the paste.

Chippie, the parakeet, never saw it coming. One second, he was peacefully perched in his cage. The next, he was sucked in, washed up, blown over.

Chippie's owner decided to clean Chippie's cage with a vacuum cleaner. She removed the attachment from the end of the hose and stuck it into the cage.

The phone rang, and she turned to answer. She had barely said "Hello" - when "sssopp", Chippie got sucked into the hose!

The bird owner gasped, put the phone down, turned off the vacuum and opened the bag.

There was Chippie - still alive! - but stunned!!

Since it was covered with dust, she grabbed him and raced to the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held Chippie under the water.

Then, realized Chippie was soaked, she did what any compassionate bird owner would do - she reached for the hair dryer and blasted the poor bird with hot air!

Poor Chippie never knew what hit him!

A few days after the trauma, the reporter who had, initially, written about the happening contacted the owner to see how Chippie was.

"Well", she replied "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore - It just sits and stares! (The end)

Hasn't this happened to you? Not a similar incident, but times when you've done the complete opposite, if you had stopped to think?

I know of a woman, who was hurrying to go on a bus tour, stepped into the shower with her pajamas on.

This article of Chippie is in the beginning of a marvelous book "In The Eye of The Storm" by Max Lucado. Read it.

This now is a true story. My friend called the other night. She is disabled by arthritis. She sits in a wheel chair, has a cellular phone beside her in the chair.

She went to church. As the pastor was mid-way in his sermon, the phone rang.

She wondered why the secretary didn't go to answer it. It rang again. Everyone was staring at her! It rang again. She realized it was her phone. She shut it off and the pastor continued.

Enough confusion -

Maxine Rye

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who called, sent cards, brought food, and your prayers at the time of my mother's death. Everything was really appreciated and it helped to know we have such great friends. God bless all of you.

Andy and Pat Oswald & family

A sincere thanks to all who showed kindnesses to me following surgery and since returning home. Special thanks to neighbors for delicious food, phone calls and visits. Fertile is surely the nicest place in which to live.

Marlys Clark

We would like to thank everyone who called, sent cards, brought food, your many prayers, and also for your visits at the time of our grandson's death due to an accident. Everything was greatly appreciated and it helped so much to know so many people cared. May God bless each and everyone of you. Thanks again.

Gene & Lois Low & family

Thanks to friends and relatives for cards, phone calls, gifts, flowers and plants I received for my 90th birthday party. Special thanks to Roger and Goldie for the open house and anyone else who helped to make it enjoyable. I will always remember it.

Lovilla Felland



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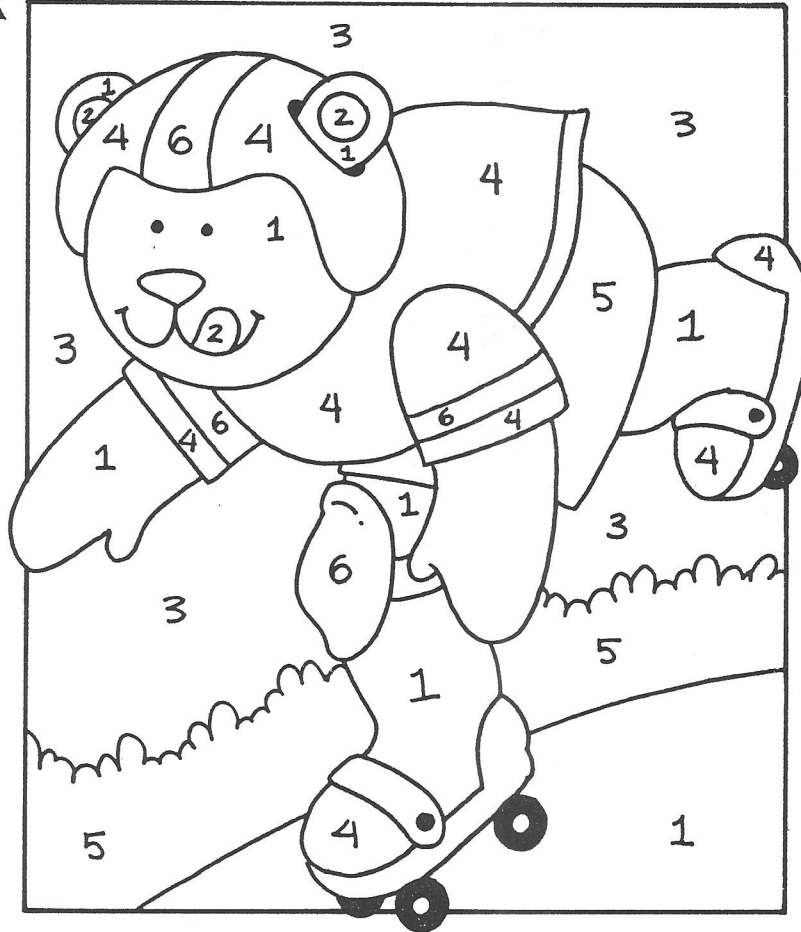
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Little Jimmy, a second grader, came home from school and reported that he was having trouble with his eagles. "Your eagles?" questioned his mother. "Yes, Mom," he said - "Eagles" like two plus two eagles four."

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of clothes I wore. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child..



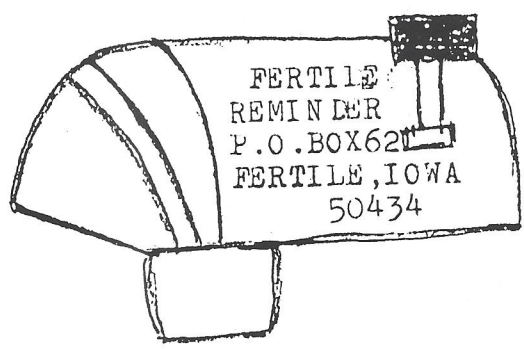
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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Carl and Celeste Christensen on the death of Celeste's mother Patricia Peterson of Burnside, Ia. who passed away at Mary Greely Medical Center in Ames, Ia on July 18, 1994.

Word has been received that Darlene Ouverson Anderson passed away on July 30th. A memorial service was held in Minneapolis, Mn on August 4. Darlene was the daughter of the late Dewey and Hazel Ouverson and attended grade school in Fertile. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

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