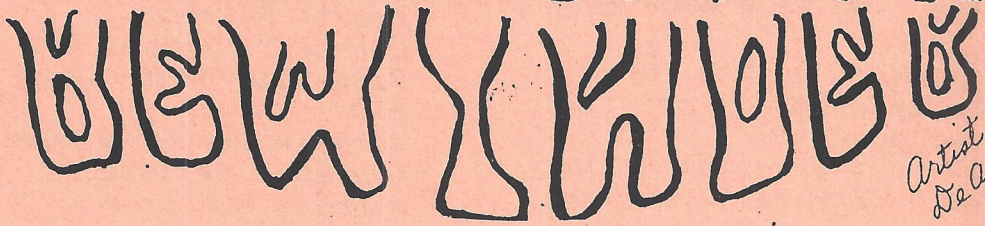


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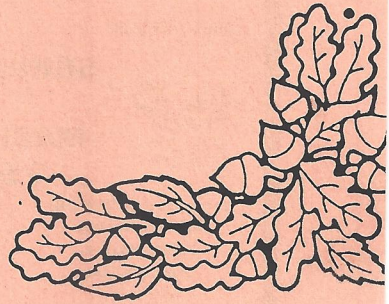
*Artist
DeAnn Mosser*

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 21 Craft Sale--Hanlontown Luth. Church
- Oct 21 Fertile Craft Sale 9:00-1:00
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 1 Recycle
- Nov 4 Thanksgiving Supper (CANCELLED)
- Nov 6 Firemens Meeting 7:00
- Nov 7 Senior Citizens Dinner (CANCELLED)
- Nov 7 Election Day at School House
12 noon to 8 PM
- Nov 11 Veterans Day (Fly your Flag)
- Nov 14 Garden Club
- Nov 18 Boys and Girls 4-H
- Nov 14 Senior Citizens Dinner 12:00
- Nov 21 Library Meeting 7:00
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Community Service
At Center--7:00
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day



Happy Thanksgiving



CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Sept. Balance Sheet
Expenditures

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Oct 3, 1995 with Mayor Elthon presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on possible tax abatement for a property in town.

Further discussion on work to be done on Gary Anderson's ditch. He will be notified in writing of the work the city will do on the ditch.

Cement near the fireplace has been finished. Fertile Beautification Group paid towards the cement work.

Discussion on old building at the Community Center. No bids have been received yet.

Locks on log cabin in the park and the door on the basement of the fire barn will be replaced.

Ron Fox will be the Fertile animal control officer. Dogs will be picked up and held three days. He will notify the owner. They may pick up their dog and pay the \$20 charge. His phone number is 927-4608.

Motion to install the fire hydrant under the water tower the next time the water tower is cleaned. Carried.

Discussion on an increase in Les Zearing's wage. Will be discussed at an informal meeting Oct. 17 at Goldie Felland's place at 7 PM.

Date and time for park cleaning will be set, and people will be notified.

Dave Low was present to discuss the videoing of sewer system. Work will be done the week of Oct 23. Cost is 95¢ per ft. Approx. 1700 ft. will be done.

Motion to have Les pick up a radio for the city truck. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Les Zearing	\$ 774.68
David Low	301.40
Janice Hare	264.80
Interstate Power Co.	594.22
Treas.-State of Ia.	141.62
IPERS	152.07
Liberty Bank & Trust	346.87
Waste Systems Corp.	1458.68
WCTA	30.36
Peoples Natural Gas	9.99
Brock White	25.06
Brown Supply Co.	125.40
Marv's Service	124.19
Iowa Prison Industries	68.30
Farmers Co-op Elevator	23.00
Pronto Market	27.38
Garner Equipment Co.	9.95
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
BMC	287.41
Fertile Lumber & Hdwe	73.31
Ouverson Skidloader	336.00
Worsley Electric	157.12

Total 5342.62

Revenues	
General Fund	3307.71
Road Use	2373.01
Sewer	2327.00
Water	3240.26

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Election for Mayor and City Council seats will be Nov. 7th from 12 noon to 8 PM. at the Fertile Community Center.

Nomination papers have been taken out by Ray Sandifer and Terry Elthon for Mayor. Henry Thompson has taken out papers for a seat on the Council.

Two more seats for council members remain open to be voted on.

The City of Fertile will also be voting on whether or not the city should be authorized to change the library ordinance in relation to the board, term of office and expenditures.


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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dennis and Nancy Faber on the death of Dennis's father, Dennis Faber of Forest City who passed away on September 21, 1995.

IDA MORSE
1924-1995

Ida Morse, 70, of Fertile died Sunday, Oct. 8, 1995 at the North Iowa Mercy Center East, Mason City, Ia.

She was born Oct. 24, 1924, in Ventura, the daughter of Addison and Elina (Bach) Cooley. She graduated from Ventura High School in 1942. She worked at the Clear Lake Bakery and then the Clear Lake Mirror.

She was married to Harry Morse on Dec. 22, 1945 in Ventura. They lived in the North Iowa area until moving back to Fertile in 1962 where she has lived ever since. Her husband preceded her in death in 1963.

She operated Lime Rock Cafe in Fertile and also was a well known cook in the area. She enjoyed doing all types of crafts and made dog booties for Libby Riddles' dog sled in Iditarod Dog Sled Race in Alaska.

She is survived by seven children, Sandy Nordahl and her husband, Dave, of Rake; Steve and his wife, Geri, of St. Paul Park, Mn; Tim and his wife, Kathy, of Colorado Springs, Co.; Scott of Anchorage, Alaska; Pat and his wife, Elida, of Clear Lake; Jon and his wife, Debbie of Anchorage, Alaska; Elin and her husband Harold of Fertile; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister and brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Troy Burke, and three brothers.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Word has been received of the death of Gertie Evans of Northwood, Ia., formally of Fertile, who passed away on October 15, 1995 at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood. Our sympathy to the family.

The Senior Citizens met in the Senior room of the Community Center with 15 present. Dinner consisted of ham loaf, potatoes, fruit salad, cherry tart with ice cream. Our guest, Betty Chapin, gave blood pressure tests and also gave a talk on forgetfulness. After the business meeting Peggy read a poem. The next meeting is October 3rd.

Ruth Rhodes, Reporter

BOYS 4-H NEWS

Fertile Valley Farmers met on September 16, 1995 at the Community Center with eight members and three leaders present. Meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge. Election of officers was held. New officers for '95-'96 are: Pres., Nate Lovik; Vice-Pres., Evan Almelien; Sec'y/Reporter, Todd Severson and Treasurer Jesse Faber. Meetings were planned for the year. Host was Jesse Faber. Next meeting will be held on Sept. 30th and we will meet again Oct. 14th to prepare for the Fertile Craft/Bake Sale on Oct. 21st.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club met Tues. Oct. 10, 1995, at the home of Gloria Kirschbaum.

Each member was asked to bring a can of food for the Food Bank.

Roll Call was answered by a special party that they remembered.

We voted for all officers to continue for the coming year.

Guest day was discussed for Nov. Each member is to bring a guest. Door prizes will be given.

Gloria Kirschbaum gave a lesson on her garden and other country gardens.

Reva Anderson gave the thought for the day and read 2 seasonal poems.

They also celebrated Ethel's birthday and gave her a memory book. Dannette O'toole read a poem to Ethel for her birthday.

We played games that our mothers had taught us as children.

Next meeting will be Guest Day Nov. 14th at the Church of Christ in Fertile. Joan Kaasa will give the lesson about Christmas ideas.

Reporter, Ethel Tuttle

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A daughter, Racheal Marie, was born on September 26, 1995 to Dan and Theresa Thomas of Minneapolis, Mn. Grandparents are LuVerne and Sue Lee of Fertile.

THANKS to all who sent cards and came to our "anniversary party". Was great to see and hear from so many friends of the past! (Not 1)

Stanley & Phyllis Pederson
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CONGRATULATIONS - Kris Ouverson, daughter of Harold and Ruth Ouverson of Fertile, received her masters of science of degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on Aug. 31, 1995. She received her degree with majors in the areas of nurse educator, pediatric nurse practitioner and family nurse practitioner with minors in public health and family social sciences.

THANK YOU to my friends and family for your prayers, cards, visits and telephone calls while I was in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless each of you.

Kenneth Gudmonson

She is a 1981 graduate of Forest City High School, received her bachelor of arts degree from Minnesota Bible College in 1985 and her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Winona State University in 1988. She has worked as a registered nurse at Mayo Medical Center St. Mary's Hospital's pediatric unit since 1988 as well as being employed by Samaritan Bethany Home Health Care Services in Rochester, Mn.

F B & I Report:

The shelter house cement project has now been completed in the park. A special THANK YOU to these people who were involved. Terry Elthon, mayor; Henry Thompson, council; Larry Shropshire, council; James and Alvira Lovick; Virgil Lovik; Virgil Ouverson; Tom Sheimo and Eugene Hall. Volunteer time is a must in a small town. We thank each one of you for the time given.

F B & I Committee

She is a member of the Southeast Minnesota Nurse Practitioners Group, Minnesota Cancer Pain Initiative, the Association for Care of Children's Health, Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses and Sigma Theta Tau International, an international nursing honor society. She was also included in the 1991-92 edition of Who's Who in American Nursing.

Just a big thank you does not express all the feelings I have for you wonderful people in and around Fertile, and from parents and students who had such nice memories of our days together (in those ten years). Thank you for your kind thoughts. You all helped make my 90th a great super party. Isn't God good to us?

Love,
Ethel Tuttle

She currently resides in Rochester, Mn. and continues to work at Mayo Medical Center in the pediatric unit. She will also begin a temporary part-time position with Winona State University teaching pediatric nursing this fall and winter.

NOTICE: The Annual Turkey Supper scheduled for Saturday, November 4th has been canceled. Reason, too many of the regular volunteers are not able to help this year. The Center belongs to the community and is used by many groups. If it is to be kept open we will need more volunteers to get the job done. Plan now for volunteering for the first Saturday in November and we will have a supper next year. Also volunteer for our other fund raisers during the year to help keep the Center open.

Community Center Board

Robert & Emelia Pederson are celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary Oct 20th - If you care to send them a card their address is -

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Happy Thanksgiving

Toilet Tipping

Neil L. Kuns

October 21, 1994

Halloween is a mere ten days away. Ads from stores selling movie and video-inspired costumes for the little children who will go door to door for treats on that enchanted evening have struck a nostalgic note in my "noodle." I remember how we were able to persuade our parents to purchase papier-mache masks for us to wear as a disguise in the early days. They cost something like 15 cents each. Later, grotesque latex masks made it even more fun to assume a very scary pose. For costumes we made do with an old sheet if we were ghosts, or an over-the-hill hat and old clothes stuffed with straw when we affected the likeness of a scarecrow. Things really were much more simple in those days.

Inevitably the uncomplicated pleasures of childhood soon evolved to more involved plots and plans for our amusement. On the first day of November when we saw someone's toilet tipped over or transported to the front steps of the school house we longed for the day when we would have the freedom of movement and muscle to do something similar. Thinking back, one wonders why that kind of mischief held such a mesmerizing fascination for young minds. It certainly takes no brains and not that much brawn to tip over a toilet! But the big kids were doing it, and everyone wanted to be *big* as soon as possible, or *sooner*, if possible.

I remember tipping my first outhouse. We did it and ran, giggling giddily as we retreated. It was exciting only because it *seemed* we really weren't supposed to do it. There were certain "rules" or conventions which we scrupulously followed. They were unwritten, unspoken and unbroken. No one ever tilted a toilet other than on Halloween, and we never tipped over a backhouse which belonged to one of the widows in town. Somehow we knew this wouldn't be tolerated by our parents or the powers that be.

These limitations did give rise to some creative thinking as to ways to *bend* the rules without breaking them. One Saturday evening, for instance, we decided to lift a toilet and merely move it back about three feet, thus exposing the pit. A rumor circulated afterward that the man of the house came home late that night after spending enough time at a bar with a bottle to blur his vision and his judgement and that he fell into the pitfall. It was embarrassing enough to be drunken without admitting to the other indignity, and we were never sure that it really happened.

A second instance of tampering with the taboos occurred over at Hanlontown. One of "Hanlon's" humorless citizens let it be known that he would shoot anyone who tried to tip his toilet. He also noised it about that he had an eight-gauge shotgun loaded with buckshot which would be his weapon of choice. Hunters might use a little four-ten or a twenty gauge for small animals. They might even step up to a twelve gauge to increase their fire-power, but an *eight* gauge! This was a **big** gun and buckshot was used on **big** game. For several years his tactic of intimidation worked. It also worked on our imaginations. One year we reasoned that Halloween *actually* started at one minute past midnight on the 30th, and that we could do our mischief at that time without violating the stipulations. We also guessed that the man with the gun would be sound asleep at such an ungodly hour. We were right. Silently we crept up on the "crap-house" from its back side and heaved it over. Since we were from Fertile we never heard anything about it after the act, but we felt the satisfaction of having slipped through a loop-hole in the "law."

Those rustic retreats of yesterday are long gone, but among my many memories of such utilitarian architecture are these events from my immature years when the most exciting thing one do with a toilet was to tip it over.

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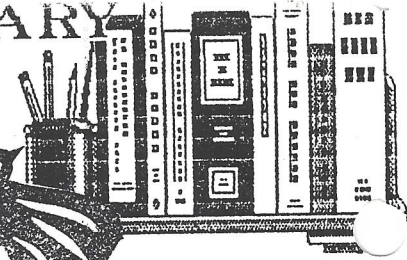
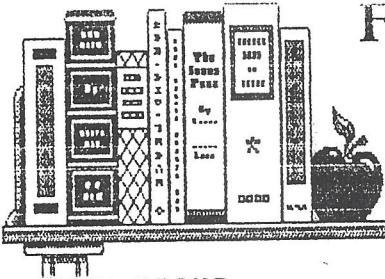
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Morning, Noon & Night - S. Sheldon
The Oath - Frank Peretti
Iced - Carol Higgins Clark
Legacies - Janet Dailey
Carousel - Belva Plain
Beauty From Ashes - Eugenia Price
Daughters of England - Phillipa Carr
Gump & Co. - Winston Groom
Calvin & Hobbes 10th Anniversary Book
30 young adults came to see Pogo the Umbrella Cockatoo on Sept. 30. Stories about Cockatoos were read by Lee Briggeman. Pogo entertained by saying hello, drinking Coke out of a glass, & eating a dirt cupcake. Thankyou to Jane Briggeman, (Pogo's Mom), Lee Briggeman, & especially Pogo for a fun & educational morning.

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LIBRARY FRIENDS

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Our Memorial Christmas Lights will be lit November 25th. There will be no program for this event this year. Last year was so beautiful it is still fresh in our minds.

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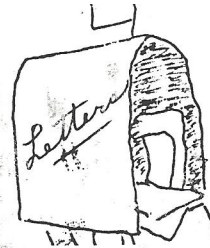


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Gyda Hovland Pererson
Lake Mills, Ia.

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Sat., Oct. 21
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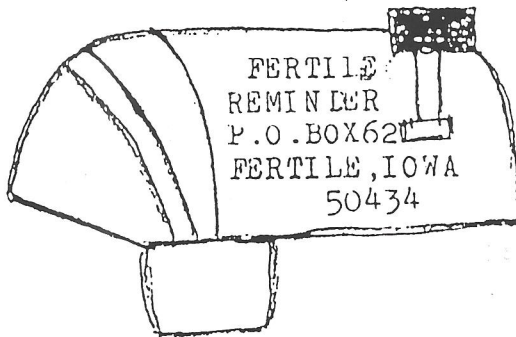
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