

JULY 2003

FERTILE REMINDER



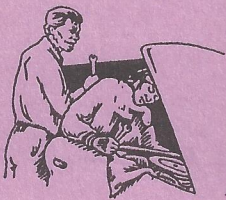
COMING EVENTS

July 1	Senior Citizens Dinner City Council Meeting	12 Noon 7 PM
July 7	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 PM
July 8	Garden Club Tour to Decorah and the Seed Savors. Meet at Comm. Ctr	9 AM
July 15	Senior Dinner	Noon
July 19	Boys and Girls 4-H	
July 21	Library Board Meeting	7 PM
July 22	Re-cycle Day	

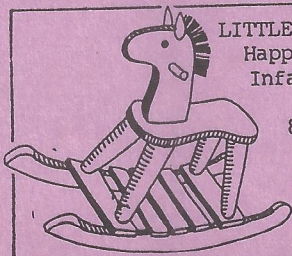
Fertile City Council

The Fertile City Council met June 3, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Tammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Melanne Bang, Richard Bruns, Tad Miller. The minutes were declared approved as presented. Win-Worth-Betco explained the signature required of Mayor Russell in support of the Urban Renewal Area near Hanlontown. Hall moved, Miller 2nd, to sign the Urban Renewal Application. Passed. Steve Miller of Northwood, Iowa, spent an hour explaining the Casino project for Worth County. Citizens present questioned Mr. Miller about the casino. Berg moved, Hall 2nd to accept the information on the Casino presented by Mr. Miller. Passed. Don Elbert requested a building permit, Miller will work with Mr. Elbert on the permit. The bid for two insulated overhead doors and openers for \$3,150.00 was accepted from Advanced Door of Forest City, Iowa. Moved by Hall, 2nd by Bang. Passed. The Mayor reported that a new bridge on 1st Street South will be constructed by the county in 2004. Bruns moved, Hall 2nd to approve expenditures. The standing committee reports were given. Goldy Felland volunteered to solicit money for picnic tables for the park and Flags for Main Street. A special election is planned for June 24 concerning the Casino issue. Voting will be at Fertile City Hall. The Tractor Ride will be in Fertile July 23. They will eat lunch in the Park. Everyone is invited to inspect the tractors parked on Main Street. The annual Fertile Celebration will be August 9 and 10. Allowable burning ended May 31. Reminder: When paying the utility bill, pay the net amount unless it is past due. Anything paid after the 25th is past due and you should pay the gross amount. Meeting Adjourned. Gloria Kirschbaum, City Clerk

May Revenue	
Property Tax	1,498.15
Water/Sewer/Garbage	8,656.97
Street Revenue	1,923.61
Local Option Tax	1,093.48
TOTAL	\$13,172.21
May Expenses	
Tom Kirschbaum	349.33
Dave Low	301.49
Gloria Kirschbaum	295.28
Dennis Ganz	212.76
Sewer Acct	1,483.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	698.46
IPERS	242.90
WCTA	53.10
Waste Systems	1,666.50
Alliant	527.02
Sales Tax	157.16
Aquila	60.60
Post Office	96.26
LGI, sewer/water	70.25
Hawkins	180.00
Crescent Moon	60.00
RVS, Utility bills	41.30
Basic Materials, roadstone	140.06
Lawnmower, NCSS	2,547.50
Petty Cash	25.00
Nettleton Excavating	1,895.00
Cherry Tree Builders	21,584.76
Larson's Mercantile, paint, park	33.88
Staples	27.13
Herb Olson, sewer	339.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34,561.94



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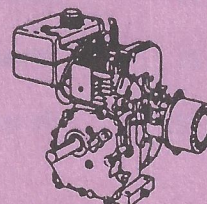


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Rowing Up The River

Neil L. Kuns

June 9, 1995

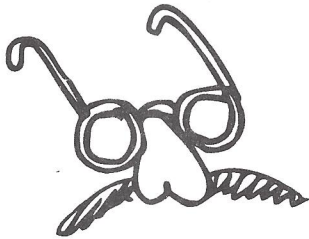
The old saying has it that we never miss the sun until it no longer shines. This is true about much more than the sun. When we were children we romped in the river in ways almost too numerous to mention. We waded in it, skipped stones over its surface, and looked for soft-shelled crabs under the stones while we were wading and looking for flat stones to skip. We fished in its waves with everything from cane poles baited with live worms to fly rods with fancy tied flies. We speared rough fish and seined for minnows in its waters. We swam in it in the summer and skated on its icy surface in the winter. We hiked along its course and cooked out on sand bars beside its banks. We watched birds and muskrats work for their living in its liquid flow. Rarely did the river run so low that there was nothing we could do along its banks for entertainment. Still, we tended to take it for granted and assumed it would always be there and be clean enough for us to enjoy. Thinking about it now, so many years later, I appreciate the Winnebago River all the more.

One other pastime that was pure pleasure and only a little work was rowing up the river with Teed and other friends in his dad's old rowboat. We always made slow progress rowing upstream against the current, but that didn't matter. In those lazy summer days we were in no hurry. Time still moved slowly during our youth. Days didn't start dashing by until much later in life. We enjoyed listening to the calls of the wild, and looking for large wading birds such as the great blue heron or the egret. We liked to watch them standing on one leg and patiently waiting to spear a fish with their beaks. If we came too close or became too noisy our feathered friends took to the sky, their six-foot-wide wings slowly flapping in the air.

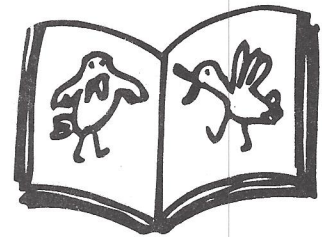
Depending on how energetic we felt on a given day we might row upstream as far as the rapids. This was about the limit of the water backed up by the dam downstream. Here the river became shallow, rocky and difficult to navigate. The bottom of the boat often scraped against the rocks and sometimes even hung up on an under-water boulder. When we couldn't rock the boat off the submerged stone one of us got into the water to lift it off the obstacle.

Facing the unexpected creates unforgettable events in a person's life. One day Teed had "borrowed" two of his dad's cigars, and we were rowing up the river, expecting to smoke them well out of sight of anyone in town. About the time we arrived at the mouth of Beaver Creek one of us (I won't say which) had an urgent nature call. We pulled the boat up onto the sand bank, confident that we could find privacy among the weeds (no problem) and also find in this oft-frequented fishing place some discarded paper on which to wipe. For some reason there was *no* paper to be found (problem!). Nature's call would *not* be ignored and finally had to be answered. Whichever of us it was with the necessity removed the cellophane from the cigar, broke the stogie in two and used it in place of toilet tissue. The "mother of invention" left us no other option other than to use nettles.

Rowing down the river always went quicker because we were working with the current. We liked to pull hard on the oars and go as rapidly as possible. Sometimes we sat side by side, each with an oar, to double our power and go even faster. It was hard to make swift or even straight progress that day. We were still laughing over our problem and the way we had finally solved it.



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Why do birds go to the Library?

Answer: To look for bookworms!

Why do Children come to the Library?

Answer: To read & have fun!

Laugh it up @ the Library this July for our Summer Reading Program. Each week for an hour and a half we'll play games, read, do a craft have a snack and laugh.



Please pre-register your child on Monday, June 30, at the library from 6:30 - 7:30.

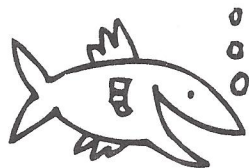
During the month we'll meet on the 9th, 16th, 21st, and 30th at 1:30. Prizes will be awarded weekly. See you there.

NEW BOOKS

- Double Impact - Tess Gerritsen
 - Engaging the Enemy - Nora Roberts
 - Blood Orchid - Stuart Woods
 - Beneath a Harvest Sky - Tracie Peterson
 - A Cold Heart - Jonathan Kellerman
 - The Davinci Code - Dan Brown
- We have also received 43 new large print books.

AUDIO BOOKS

- Irish Trilogy - Nora Roberts



VIDEOS

- Two Weeks Notice - Sandra Bullock
- 8 Mile - Eminem
- Serving Sara - Mathew Perry
- Road to Perdition - Tom Hanks
- I Spy - Eddie Murphy
- Banger Sisters - Goldie Hawn
- Analyze That - Billie Crystal
- The Tuxedo - Jackie Chan
- Drum Line - Nick Cannon
- Master of Disguise - Dana Carvey
- Back to the Secret Garden - The Wild Thornberries Movie
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HONESTY

My son Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met at the beautiful home of Kathy Kirschbaum with Betty Theilen as co-hostess. We started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eighteen members answered Roll Call.

Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Amanda Waddington reported on plans for the Wm. Rhodes Park. She will be working with the Fertile City Council and Don Lee of the Mason City Men's Garden Club.

Diane Schulze picked up the plants for the flower barrels in front of business places in Fertile. Pat Lohman & Penny Miller planted them. We will be asking the business places to water the plants, as it a big job to have one person do it.

Evelyn Elthon has been in contact with Chuck Hall on the "Daffodils for Landscaping". Evelyn, Penny & Amanda met with Chuck earlier in the evening at the 'Foot Bridge' where we would like to plant some. Pat Oswald will contact the Purcell Family if we can landscape around the 'Fertile Sign' that is along highway 9.

The Fertile Day Float Committee met immediately following the meeting to plan the float. This is our 50th Anniversary of the Garden Club.

Diane Schulze discussed the flyer she is working on, that will tell about the Garden Club. This flyer will be put in the bags that will be distributed to the Tractor Drivers on July 23rd.

Pat Oswald reported on the Albert Lea Art Center's Annual Garden Club Tour to be held on Friday & Saturday, June 27-28, 4-8 p.m. Friday & 10-4 p.m Sat. Tickets are \$8. In advance. She will need to know by June 23rd. As to how many tickets to order.

Next month's meeting will be on July 8, with a tour to Decorah and The Seed Savors. A sheet was sent around for those going, to sign up. We'll meet at the Comm. Center at 9 a.m. to share rides.

One birthday was noted - Elaine Patten on June 2nd. We sang Happy Birthday to her.

Pat Lohman had the "Thought of the Day. We closed by singing the Table Prayer, followed by a delicious lunch served by the hostesses.

Pat Oswald, Reporter



ANNIVERSARY MILLER - 25 YEARS

Daniel & Penny (Waddington) Miller were united in marriage July 16, 1978 at Fertile Lutheran Church, Fertile

The couple will celebrate their 25th anniversary with an open house on Sunday, July, 13, 2003 from 4 - 7 Pm at the Church of Christ, Fertile.

Their children, Heather Schulze and her husband, Joshua, Clear Lake; Joshua Miller, Fertile, and two granddaughters, Ellie & Brooke Schulze will be hosting the event.
EVERYONE WELCOME

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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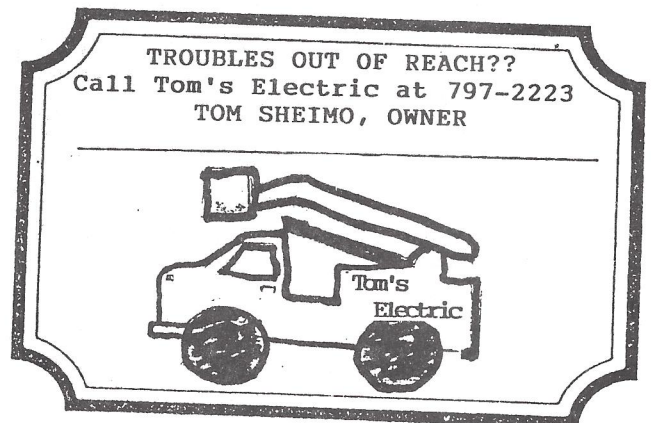
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WITH SYMPATHY

SPENCE M. ABRAMS 1905 - 2003

Spence M. Abrams died May 12, 2003, at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake, IA. Funeral services were held May 16, 2003 at the Evangelical Free Church in Clear Lake with Rev. David Wiersbe officiating. Burial was at Grant Center Cemetery in rural Clear Lake.

Spence M. Abrams was born at Bird Island, Minnesota, the son of Otto and Hanna Abrams. He received his education in schools in Minnesota and Iowa. The family moved to Swaledale in 1915. As a young man Spence began working for farmers in the Swaledale-Clear Lake area and drove school bus for a year.

On March 7, 1930, he married Vera VanHoosen. The couple worked in the Clear Lake area for many years until January 1, 1944 when they moved to their present home in rural Clear Lake.

Spence was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Clear Lake.

Spence is survived by his children and their spouses: Spence Abrams Jr. and wife Janice of Clear Lake, Arlyn Abrams and wife Janice of Beresford, South Dakota, Vonnie Pederson and husband Sever of Westland, Michigan and Jenny Copeland and husband Tim of Bradford, Vermont; 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two half-brothers, Melvin and Francis and two half-sisters, Margaret and Arlene.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Vera, his step-mother, Mattie Abrams, a brother Ivan, a sister Jewell, an infant sister, two half-brothers, Alfred and Don and a half-sister, Dorothy.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle".

CLARENCE O. TORKELSON 1935 - 2003

Funeral services for Clarence O. Torkelson, 68, of Albert Lea, MN were held at Assemblies of God Church in Albert Lea, MN. Burial was in Ellington township Cemetery in Forest City. Clarence died June 3, 2003 at his home.



Clarence O. Torkelson, the son of Clarence and Othelia C. Torkelson, was born April 12, 1935, in Thompson. He lived most of his life near Fertile where he attended country schools and Fertile Community School.

On Feb. 24, 1962, he was united in marriage to Janice E. Brozik in Garner.

He farmed in the Fertile area for many years before moving to Albert Lea seven years ago.

He loved being with his grandchildren; music, especially playing the guitar; and reading.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, of Albert Lea; children, Kevin Torkelson and wife, Lori and children of Ottumwa; Wendy Torkelson of Minneapolis; Kristen and husband, Kevin Oldenkamp, and children of Clarks Grove, MN; Renee and husband, Rod Batzlaff, and children of Brooklyn Center, MN; mother, Othelia, of Forest City; brothers and sisters, Margie Sogard, Bernice Voelker, Carrol Torkelson, Ronald Torkelson and his wife, Lucille; Leslie Torkelson and his wife, Paulette, Roger Torkelson, Wayne Torkelson, and Marsha and her husband, Mark Brunsvold; and many nieces, nephew and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence M. Torkelson; sister, Margie Helen in infancy; brother-in-law, Kenneth Sogard; niece, Lisa Tate; and nephew, Hollis Torkelson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

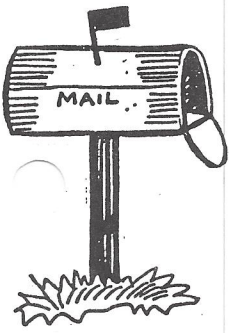
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Dear Reminder Staff,

Enclosed is a check to renew our subscription. We really enjoy keeping up on the news about Fertile. We retired full time to Mesa, AZ several years ago and have learned to survive the summer heat (112 today). My cousin, DeEtta Thovson Twedt, another Fertile grad, lives a few blocks from us. It's a small world.

Thanks.

Paul & Carole Thovson

Dear Staff,

I enjoy reading the reminder. Keep up the good work.

Warren Thompson

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription. I really enjoy the paper and the great job you all do getting the news together.

Thanks again and keep up the good work.

As ever,
Glen Miller

Dear Ladies,

Thank you, ladies, for the reminder that my subscription is due. Keep on keeping on!

Joan Schultz

Dear Friends,

Please renew my subscription.
Thank you!

Mary Anderson



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July 12, 2003

10:00-12:00 AM

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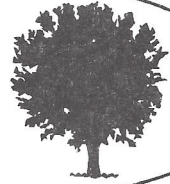
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WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- July 9, 2003 Child Immunization Clinic at Manly City Hall from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appt needed.
- July 17, 2003 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office. No appt needed.
- July 21-25 & Jul 28-Aug 1 Day Camp (2 weeks) for 5th & 6th graders, 1:30 - 3:30 at the Manly City Hall STILL HAVE OPENINGS! Call 641-324-1741 to register or for more information.
- July 22, 2003 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Ch., Northwood from 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Foot Clinics available at Worth County Public Health Office. All as needed for an appointment. 324-1741

60TH CLASS REUNION HELD

Sunday, June 1st, the class of 1943 held their 60th class reunion at the "Butcher's" Cafe in Fertile. A birthday cake was presented to Dale Purcell for his 78th year.

After eating, sharing pictures and momentos, they all went to the new footbridge for pictures, then to Ardis's to watch a video of an All School Alumni, plus other class reunions that Roy Calgard had taken. Had fun and refreshments!

Those present with their spouses were:

Dale and Rozella Purcell of Lakeland, FL
Marguret (Norem) Sweers, Brandon, FL and her son
Jean (Boos) Steenblock, New Hampton
Merridy (Zirbel) Hill, Mason City
Arden & Fern Midtgaard, Fertile
Roy and Beverly Calgaard, Joice
Warren and Shirley Thompson, Sioux Falls, S. D.
Cleo (Humphrey) and Bob McKim, Mt. Pleasant.
Phyllis Peterson, Lake Mills
Ardis Sheimo, Fertile

THANK YOU!

A Big "Thank You" to all who made my birthday extra special. You're all the best "Cafe Family" I ever could ask for. A special thanks to Goldie, Lois and Evelyn for making my cafe brighter.

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Fertile Community Center

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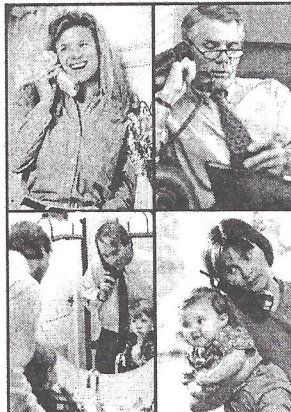
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TOPPING

- 12 oz. Chocolate chips
- 1 1/3 cups chunky peanut butter.

Melt chocolate chips, add the peanut butter. Spread over cooled crust.

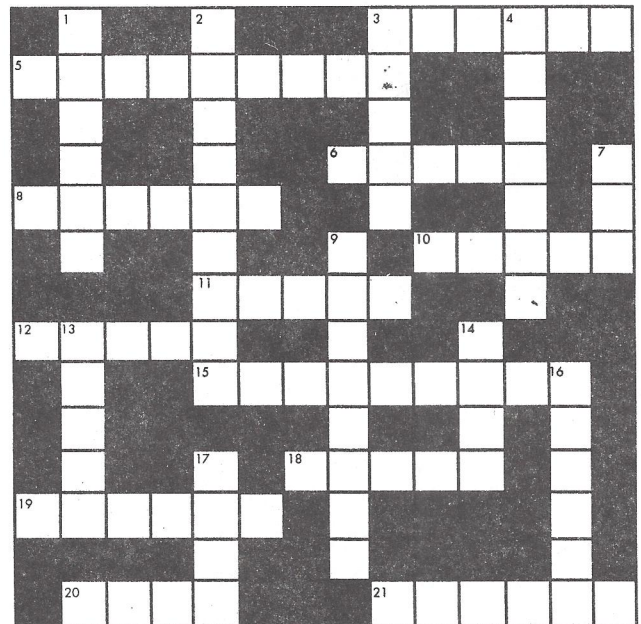
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Thought provoking thoughts !

- > How do you tell when you are out of invisible ink?
- > If everything seems to be going well, you obviously overlooked something.
- > Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now!
- > What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- > Why do psychics have to ask for your name?
- > Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.
- > A conclusion is the place where you get tired of thinking!

KID'S KORNER



The world of plants

Across

3. A prickly desert plant. (6)
5. You might kiss under some at Christmas! (9)
6. A fertile place, with water and plants, in a desert. (5)
8. The green parts of a plant where all its food is made. (6)
10. A prickly evergreen - a Christmas symbol. (5)
11. A common forest tree - sounds like a sandy seaside place. (5)
12. A "thorn" of a 3 across. (5)
15. A common wild plant with a yellow flower. (9)
18. A tree - its leaf is the emblem of Canada. (5)
19. The normally brightest part of a plant which holds its pollen. (6)
20. What a tree's trunk is made of, or a place full of trees. (4)
21. Its leaves have three parts. If you find one with four - you're lucky! (6)

Down

1. One of the seasons, when very little grows. (6)
2. Part of a garden, where you grow a mixture of plants. (9)
3. An evergreen tree with very fragrant wood. (5)
4. A prickly plant - the emblem of Scotland. (7)
7. A climbing plant - a symbol of Christmas. (3)
9. Pollution which falls from the sky and damages trees. (4,4)
13. Part of a 19 across. (5)
14. Grapes grow on it. (4)
16. A plant whose leaves can give you a nasty sting. (6)
17. The part which contains a new young plant. (4)

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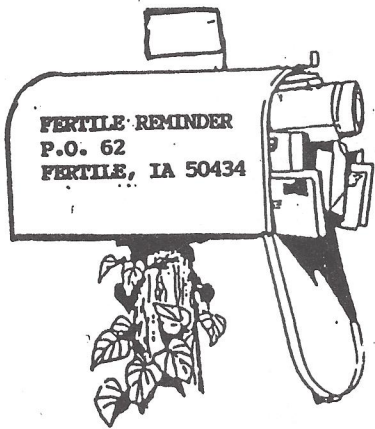
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**WILL ARRIVE IN FERTILE,
ON**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2003

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE ARE IN NEED OF 20 PICNIC TABLES TO USE IN THE PARK.

ALSO . . .

PANS OF BARS TO SERVE 350- 450 PEOPLE

WORKERS TO HELP SERVE THE FOOD.

DONATIONS TO HELP BUY THE FOOD. (SPONSORS)

Money will go to help the

Fertile Fire Department

and

Fertile Public Library

If you are willing to help, contact the Library on Mon, Wed, Fri. or Sat.

**SERVING PORK SANDWICHES,
WATERMELON,
BARS.**

For those furnishing bars, please bring them to the City Hall by 9 a.m. Building is open at 7 a.m.

MAIN STREET WILL CLOSE AT 9 A.M. NO CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK AFTER THAT TIME.

Do you have a yard or driveway someone could park in. Put a sign out stating "Friendly Parking"

July 23 is Patriotic Day - Please fly your flags.