

# FEBRUARY 2003

# FERTILE REMINDER



## COMING EVENTS

|         |                       |      |
|---------|-----------------------|------|
| Feb. 3  | Fire Dept. Meeting    | 7 PM |
| Feb. 4  | Senior Dinner         | Noon |
| Feb. 4  | City Council Meeting  | 7 PM |
| Feb. 15 | Boys & Girls 4-H      |      |
| Feb. 17 | Library Board Meeting | 7 PM |
| Feb. 18 | Senior Dinner         | Noon |
| Feb. 25 | Re-cycle Day          |      |

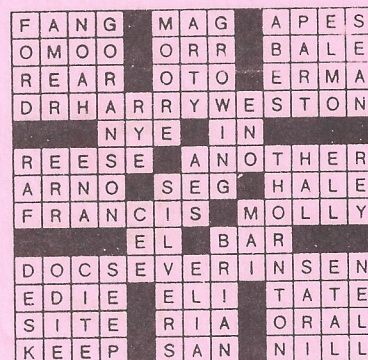
## Fertile City Council


The Fertile City Council met November 5, 2002 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Tanya Olson, Jeff Berg, Tad Miller. Absent Richard Bruns, Tammy Hall.. Also present Tom Kirschbaum and Terry McCarthy of Yaggy Colby. The minutes were declared approved as presented. McCarthy reviewed with the council progress on the 5 year Sewer Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Plan. The council and McCarthy will be dye-testing the sewer system November 18, 2002. The Community Center sale is targeted to be complete by November 15, 2002. The burning of leaves and yard waste has been extended to December 1. Berg moved, Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept Nettleton's offer to place the rock along the south river bank in the park at no charge. The rock was donated to the town of Fertile by Basic Materials. Olson moved, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> to hire Hare Electric to put up the Christmas street light decorations and remove them the first week of January. Passed. Tom reported the compost pile at the lagoon site is being abused. **ONLY YARD WASTE AND LEAVES MAY BE PLACED AT THE SITE** Continued dumping of other materials at the site will mandate the closing of the compost site. Please do not put any thing but yard waste and leaves on the pile so the citizens of Fertile may continue to have this service. Olson moved to approve expenditures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Miller.. Passed. Committee Reports were given.. Meeting Adjourned.

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| October Revenue     |                    |
| Property Tax        | 10,485.86          |
| Water/Sewer/Garbage | 9,676.46           |
| Street Revenue      | 2,645.51           |
| Local Option Tax    | 1,093.48           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$23,901.31</b> |
| October Expenses    |                    |
| Tom Kirschbaum      | 543.82             |
| Dave Low            | 301.49             |
| Gloria Kirschbaum   | 272.45             |
| Sewer Acct          | 1,483.00           |
| Water Acct          | 1,474.00           |
| FICA                | 343.33             |
| IPERS               | 151.46             |
| Basic Materials     | 285.67             |
| WCTA                | 52.94              |
| Waste Systems       | 1,666.50           |
| Alliant             | 574.38             |
| Sales Tax           | 131.41             |
| Aquila              | 44.32              |
| Crescent Moon       | 120.00             |

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| LGI                  | 8.40               |
| Larsens Plb.         | 83.60              |
| US Post Office       | 23.83              |
| Iowa Withholding Tax | 116.00             |
| Petty Cash           | 25.00              |
| Fertile Library      | 2,500.00           |
| Fertile Fire Dept    | 1,250.00           |
| Office supplies      | 200.01             |
| Hawkins              | 5.00               |
| RVS Software update  | 60.00              |
| NCSS                 | 59.85              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$12,608.06</b> |

**THE COMPOST AND BURNING PILE AT THE LAGOON SITE IS MEANT FOR YARD WASTE AND TREE BRANCHES. IF THE DUMPING OF OTHER REFUSE CONTINUES, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DISCONTINUE THIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.**





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The Fertile City Council met December 3, 2002 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Richard Bruns, Sammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Tad Miller. Absent Tanya Olson. Also present Tom Kirschburn, The minutes were declared approved as presented. The Community Center has been sold to Joe Elthon who has taken possession. Miller moved, Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> to extend the maintenance contract with Water Tower Paint and Repair, represented by Tom Street, to maintain the water tower. Passed. The water tower outside will be painted in 2007 for a cost of \$18,363.00 and the inside will be painted in 2007 or 2008 for a cost of \$24,355.00. Tom Stefany 1<sup>st</sup> Gabrielson Insurance of Clear Lake presented a city insurance proposal to the council. Brian Nettleton gave an update on the sewer repair construction needed on East Main. Because of water problems the work can not be done this winter. Bruns moved to approve expenditures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Miller.. Passed. Committee Reports were given. Meeting Adjourned.

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| November Revenue      |                     |
| Property Tax          | 2,716.80            |
| Water/Sewer/Garbage   | 7,896.67            |
| Street Revenue        | 2,311.66            |
| Local Option Tax      | 1,093.48            |
| Community Center Sale | 2,525.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$ 16,543.61</b> |

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| November Expenses          |                    |
| Tom Kirschbaum             | 1,137.56           |
| Dave Low                   | 301.49             |
| Gloria Kirschbaum          | 278.66             |
| Dennis Ganz                | 508.03             |
| Sewer Acct                 | 1,483.00           |
| Water Acct                 | 1,474.00           |
| FICA                       | 217.59             |
| IPERS                      | 122.66             |
| WCTA                       | 52.51              |
| Waste Systems              | 1,666.50           |
| Alliant                    | 577.83             |
| Sales Tax                  | 174.00             |
| RVS, Utility Bills         | 41.09              |
| Aquila                     | 106.39             |
| Municipal Management       | 470.00             |
| Crescent Moon              | 120.00             |
| LGI                        | 103.92             |
| Larsens Plb.               | 124.35             |
| Water Tower Paint 1/2 Pymt | 7,983.00           |
| Hawkins                    | 10.00              |
| Hare Electric              | 54.00              |
| Worth County Recorder      | 32.00              |
| Brian Nettleton            | 600.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$17,638.58</b> |

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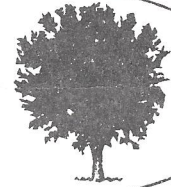
The Fertile City Council met January 7, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Richard Bruns, Tammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Tad Miller. Absent Tanya Olson. Also present Tom Kirschbaum, The minutes were declared approved as presented. Members of the Fertile Library Board gave a report to the council and made a request for the 2003-2004 budget. Fred Hare reported repair is needed on some of the street lights. The council will explore options to repair/update the street lights. The city council will have a special meeting to work on the 2003-2004 budget Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 PM at Fertile City Hall. A Resolution of Adjustment of Current City Budget was moved by Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruns. Passed. This is to implement the transition to the new reporting forms required by the state effective FY 2003. Budget requests were received from the Fertile Little League and The Fertile Fire Department. The Fertile Beautification and Improvement requested money be included in the park budget to landscape the ends of the walking bridge. Berg moved, Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> to order \$10,000 in materials to have on hand to repair the sewer system. Passed. Work will begin as soon as weather permits. Berg moved, Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> to make \$10,000 in street improvements this summer. Passed. Berg moved to approve expenditures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hall... Passed. Committee Reports were given. Meeting Adjourned.

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| December Revenue    |                     |
| Property Tax        | 2,432.95            |
| Water/Sewer/Garbage | 9,821.41            |
| Street Revenue      | 2,342.12            |
| Tax Replacement     | 2,055.21            |
| Local Option Tax    | 655.61              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$ 17,307.30</b> |
| December Expenses   |                     |
| Tom Kirschbaum      | 1,574.38            |
| Dave Low            | 301.49              |
| Gloria Kirschbaum   | 327.52              |
| Sewer Acct          | 1,483.00            |
| Water Acct          | 1,474.00            |
| Post Office         | 46.00               |
| FICA                | 516.94              |
| IPERS               | 255.05              |
| WCTA                | 55.98               |
| Waste Systems       | 1,666.50            |
| Alliant             | 465.33              |
| Sales Tax           | 152.80              |
| Jack Ouverson       | 150.00              |

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Jim's Lawn & Trimming     | 265.00             |
| Aquila                    | 177.31             |
| Hare Electric             | 351.02             |
| Brian Nettleton Exc       | 1,150.00           |
| Thompsons Garage          | 18.94              |
| Berry & Casperson         | 577.00             |
| Hawkins                   | 5.00               |
| Ia Dept of Transportation | 12.84              |
| Richard Bruns             | 277.05             |
| Tammy Hall                | 277.05             |
| Tad Miller                | 240.11             |
| Tanya Olson               | 277.05             |
| Jeff Berg                 | 277.05             |
| Joyce Russell             | 611.75             |
| LGI                       | 43.91              |
| Ermer Insurance           | 100.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$13,130.07</b> |

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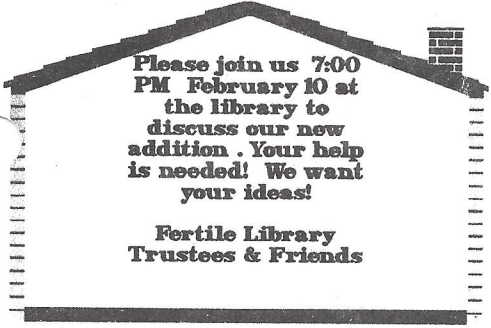
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### NEW BOOKS

The Jasmine Trade - Denise Hamilton  
Summer Pleasures - Nora Roberts  
Blessings - Anna Quindlen  
Jackdaws - Ken Follett  
Wind Rider - Connie Mason  
Peace Like a River - Leif Enger  
Dangerous - Nora Roberts  
Texas Bride - Leigh Greenwood  
Prey - Michael Chrichton  
Kitchen Privileges - Mary Higgins Clark  
Portrait of a Killer - Patricia Cornwell  
The Last Gunfighter: Reprisal - William W. Johnstone  
The Penwyth Curse - Catherine Coulter  
Truly Madly Manhattan - Nora Roberts  
Whispers at Midnight - Karen Robards  
To Tame a Renegade - Connie Mason  
With These Hands - Louis L'Amour  
Badger Boy - Elmer Kelton  
Simple to Sew slipcovers & Cover-ups - Pamela Hastings

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Pronto, Jane Briggeman.

### Library News

About forty kids visited the library for Santa Day! They all sat on Santa's knee and received a candy cane and gift from one of Santa's elves. There were lots of treats for kids of ALL ages. The morning ended with the winning names being drawn. Jane Ramon won the TV/VCR. A complete list of winners is at the library. Thanks to all who helped sell tickets and helped with the party. We raised over \$500 for library projects. And we can't forget, **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO SANTA.**

We have joined the GreenLibraryProject Recycling Program. We can collect laser & inkjet printer cartridges, cell phones and pagers and raise funds for our library. Just drop them off here. This will not only help the library but also teach our community valuable lessons about the variety of materials that can be recycled as well help us develop life long patterns of recycling. Start saving today.

**HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR!**

### AUDIO BOOKS

Hopalong Cassidy - Clarence Mulford  
War Party/Horse Heaven - Louis L'Amour  
The Art of Deception - Ridley Pearson  
May There Be a Road - Louis L'Amour  
Fighter's Fiasco - Louis L'Amour  
With These Hands - " " "  
Hot Ice - Nora Roberts  
Black Water - Doug Allyn

### NEW VIDEOS

Attack of the Clones : Star Wars II  
Men in Black II - Will Smith  
Black Hawk Down - Tom Sizemore  
High Crimes - Morgan Freeman  
Bandits - Bruce Willis  
Kate & Leopold - Meg Ryan  
Anna & the King - Jodie Foster  
Clockstoppers - Michael Biehn  
Tailor of Panama - Pierce Brosnan  
I am Sam - Michele Pfeiffer  
Jock - Sean Gallagher  
Bert & Ernie Word Play

### THANK YOU for donating to the Santa Fund!

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Tree Builders, Crescent Moon.

## *A Letter From Denmark*

*Neil L. Kuns*

*January 21, 1995*

My mother and father met at a church youth group in Forest City, Iowa. Dad lived near that town and Mom has always lived in Fertile, Iowa, fifteen miles distant. Perhaps it was to be nearer the one he loved that my father worked one winter for George and Agnes Nelson on their farm south of Fertile. A warm relationship developed between the older Danish couple and my parents which continued after my parents' wedding and well into my childhood. Dad called Mrs. Nelson "Ma" and my mother and I called her "Aunt Agnes" although we were not related. Agnes always mispronounced her "V's" so she called my mother "Westa," rather than Vesta. George had a tendency to be down and grumpy, but Agnes was always up and happy -- almost "chirpy," like a little bird. She was a generous soul, and liked to give Mom little gifts like glass vases or beads. My younger brother and I often received gifts of hard candy. We enjoyed visiting their farm.

Getting to their house was sometimes an adventure. Most of the country roads in the area were graveled, but the Nelsons lived north of a narrow lane off a rutted dirt road. In the summer months it was dusty, but soon after spring thaws or rains the fine black dirt turned into slippery gummy mud. It was a gooey mess! If the car wasn't steered into the right rut it could easily slide off into the ditch. Timing was everything in getting to Aunt Agnes' house.

During one visit to the Nelson farm in 1942 or '43 Agnes told us of having received a letter from Denmark. She had immigrated to Iowa from that tiny kingdom, and still had close family members living there. The Second World War was raging in Europe, and Denmark was occupied by the German army. The letter related how difficult living conditions had become and that it was an ordeal to find enough to feed the family. The letter read, "All the good food is gone." The next sentence was censored. Being both curious and resourceful Agnes tried to figure out what her relative had written which caught the censor's eye. Even though the words were **blacked** out Agnes was able to make them out by holding the letter up to the light. Her usually mild-mannered relative had written, "*The damn Germans get it all.*"

Americans were also living with shortages and the rationing of food, clothing and gasoline. Some of the goods we usually would have enjoyed were scarce, and we had a hard time finding everything we wanted. Still the deprivations moved people to express discontent only when another family in town hoarded some scarce item such as sugar or flour. We all knew the commodities were needed for the war effort and everyone wanted the war to be won as soon as possible. That was one difference in attitudes toward shortages in occupied Europe and America. We were in sympathy with the efforts to win the war, but the Danes and other overrun peoples were not in sympathy with the Nazi regime which was waging the war. People are still willing to sacrifice for a cause with which they agree and are still quick to complain when they must forego personal comforts for a purpose with which they are not in sympathy.

We all felt sorry for but were unable to do anything to help the good folk who had written the letter from Denmark.



# WITH SYMPATHY

**GEORGE O. LEGGE**  
1912 - 2002

George O. Legge, 90, of Belmond, died peacefully at his home in Belmond on November 25, 2002.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. on November 25th at the Belmond United Methodist Church with Rev. Mike Druhl officiating.



George Oliver Legge was born May 5, 1912 on his parents' farm in Wright County, the son of William and Mary Legge. He attended Clarion-area rural schools.

George was united in marriage to Edna Mae Mason on Dec. 23, 1933. He was a farmer and was engaged in full-time farming until his retirement in 1972.

Those left to cherish the memory of his life include his daughter, Pat, and her husband, Andy Oswald of Fertile; grandchildren, Annette Oswald, and her friend, Rollie O'Donnell, and her son, Mason Oswald, all of Joice; Randy Oswald and his wife, Patti, and their children, Josi and Cody Askvig, all of Hanlontown; Terry Legge and his wife Sue and their children, of Grimes; Mike Legge and his wife, Monica, and their children of Garner; Robert Legge and his wife, Ruth and their children, of Garner and Lisa Legge and her husband, Craig Lassig of Minneapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Edna Mae ... July 1994; son James; great-grandson Matthew Legge, and seven brothers and sisters.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**JERRY DAVID HAUGEN**  
1934 - 2002

Funeral services for Jerry David Haugen were held at Richards-Loy & Clapper Stockwell Chapel in Stockwell, Indiana on October 15, 2002. Pastor Sam Justice of Dayton United Methodist Church officiated.

David Haugen was born March 2, 1934 in Mason City, Iowa, son of Mort Haugen and Evelyn Wescott Haugen.

David attended grade school and high school at Fertile and graduated in 1953.

David survived by his wife of 47 years, Patricia Reid Haugen; two daughters, Tammy Sipple (husband Wes) of Stockwell, IN; Penny Kaufman (husband Tim) of Lafayette, IN; two sons, Timothy Haugen (wife Helena) of Lafayette, IN; and Paul Haugen (wife Kathy) of Stockwell, IN; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dean Haugen (wife Carol) of Fertile.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dennis Haugen.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**DALE E. HYDE**  
1932 - 2002

Dale E. Hyde, 70, of Fertile, died December 9, 2002 at his home.

Funeral services were held December 12th at the Fertile Church of Christ, with Pastor Curt Gallmeyer and Dennis Ganz officiating.



Dale E. Hyde, son of Lynn and Vera (Wescott) Hyde was born on a farm north of Clear Lake. He was baptized in the Congregational Church in Clear Lake.

He attended country school and graduated from Ventura High School in 1951.

He enlisted in the United States Navy and served for four years as a medic.

Dale was married to Sheilah Lynch in Vancouver, Canada in 1955. They returned to Iowa in 1956 following his discharge from the Navy, living near Fertile where Dale began farming.

Dale enjoyed the outdoors, particularly taking pleasure in raising livestock and hunting. He developed an interest in buffalo and began raising them in 1976, which brought many guests to the farm with whom he enjoyed visiting.

Survivors include his six children, Delia Hyde, of Laguna Beach, CA; Donna Reed and her husband, Doug of Niceville, FL; Pat Hyde of Fertile, June Lackore and her husband, Kevin, of Forest City; Jeff Hyde of Alcova, WY and Jamie Hyde of Forest City; seven grandchildren; a sister, Wilma Knop and her husband, Ron, of Ventura; and several nieces and nephews.

Dale is preceded in death by a son, Michael; a daughter, Debra; three brothers, Earl Hyde, Walter Bill Hyde and Larry Hyde; a sister, Linda Marshall; and his parents.

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# WITH SYMPATHY

**LOIS S. OTIS**  
1926 - 2002

Lois S. Otis, 76, of Forest City, died Nov. 18, 2002, at her home in Forest City



Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2002 at St. James Catholic Church in Forest City with Rev. Jerry Blake officiating. Burial was at St. James Catholic Cemetery in Forest City.

Lois Otis was born March 23, 1926, at Crystal Lake, the daughter of Edmund and Emily (Mortenson) Sorenson. Her mother died early in Lois's life and she went to live with her uncle and aunt, Albert and Carrie Sorenson.

As a child she was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist church. Lois graduated from Crystal Lake High School in 1943.

She married Harold John Swalve on March 11, 1946. To this union, sons, Douglas and Dennis were born. Harold died on August 15, 1950.

On Sept. 25, 1951, Lois married Mervin Thomas Otis. Together they had a daughter, Susan Marie. Mervin and Lois farmed in rural Forest City until 1966, when they moved to Forest City, where Lois still lived.

Lois will be greatly missed but always remembered by her daughter, Susan Ouveison and her husband, Lowell, and their daughter, Amanda, of Joice; her sons, Dennis Swalve of Denver, CO and Douglas Swalve of Oklahoma City, OK, and his children.

Also left to cherish her memory are brothers Kenneth Sorenson and wife, Leona, of Crystal Lake, Wilbur Sorenson and wife, Arlene, of Rochester, MN; sister, Doryce Hanna of Woden and Elizabeth Barnum and husband, Ed, of Blaine, MN; and many other relatives and friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her husbands, Harold Swalve and Mervin Otis; and her parents.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**OLGA OUVERSON**  
1922-2002

Olga Ouveison, 80, of Hanlontown died on December 9, 2002 at the Muse Norris Hospice in Mason City.



Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on December 12th at the Fertile Church of Christ with Rev. George Johnson officiating. Burial was at Grant Cemetery in rural Clear Lake.

Olga Marie Earlina Ouveison was born on July 16, 1922 on a farm in Mountrail County, ND, the daughter of Ole and Mary (Anderson) Johnson. She received her education there and after moving with her family to Iowa, graduated from Kensett High School. She attended Mankato State College and received her teaching certificate. She taught in country schools for a year.

She married Francis Ouveison on December 26, 1943 at his parents' home. The couple made their home in Fertile for a short time before moving to their present farm northeast of Fertile.

Olga was a dedicated and active member of her church, serving as secretary, treasurer and pianist for many years. Her creative outlets included cooking for her family. She loved to fish and treasured time spent with her grandchildren

Olga is survived by her husband, Francis; and three children, Craig Ouveison of Hanlontown, Joyce Hagen and husband, Leon, of Hanlontown, Dr. Richard Ouveison and wife, Dr. Anna Ouveison, of Madison, SD; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Evelyn Johnson, of Mason City and Elvira Olson and husband, Russell, of Fairfax; two sisters-in-law, Silence Johnson of Fertile and Marian Multer of Slayter, MN; a brother-in-law, Loris Scobee of Fertile.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Helmer, Walter, Aloph and Earl Johnson; and three sisters, Hazel Lundt, Florence Sanderson and Nora Mogk.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

## Fertile Church of Christ

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### Sunday

9:00 - Sunday School (for all ages)

10:00 - Fellowship Time

10:15 - Worship Service

5:15 - Evening Family Activities

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

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Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a race car not called a racist?

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?



## WITH SYMPATHY

### CARL C. LARSEN 1919 - 2003

Carl C. Larsen, 83, of Fertile, died January 1, 2003 at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills.



Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on January 4th at the Fertile Lutheran Church with Rev. Marlin Snyder and Rev. Merlin Norris officiating. Burial was in North Prairie Cemetery near Scarville.

Carl Christian Larsen was born on Dec. 24, 1919, to Lauritz and Annie (Olson) Larsen in Felton, MN. He grew up and received his education in Felton. He attended Waldorf College in Forest City and played in the college band.

On June 29, 1941, he was united in marriage with Alice Solomonson at North Prairie Lutheran Church.

Carl served with the 27th Photo Squadron during World War II and saw overseas duty in the British Isles. Carl played in a band called the "Lightnings", entertaining troops throughout England and France.

Following his honorable discharge, he spent seven years in Forest City working for Olson Furniture.

In 1953 the couple moved to Fertile where they made their home and Carl was part owner of a local hardware store.

Carl and Alice founded Larsen Plumbing and Heating in 1958 where he worked until his retirement in 1985. He continued to work part-time until 1995.

Carl was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church where he served on various committees and was chairperson for many years. He also served on the board of directors of Community State Bank in Clear Lake, was a member of the Clear Lake VFW and a charter member of Fertile Lions Club. Carl served many years with the Fertile and Forest City Community School districts.

In his spare time, Carl enjoyed camping, fishing and building model airplanes with his grandsons.

Carl passed away January 1, 2003, at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills where he had lived for two and a half years, suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Carl is survived by his wife of 61 years, Alice; a daughter, Nancy, and son-in-law, Dennis Faber, of Fertile; three grandsons, Tim Faber and his wife, Brooke, of Fort Meyers, FL, Tom Faber of Rochester, MN and Edward Faber of Fertile; two sisters, Josephine Larsen and Lorraine Diederichs of Minneapolis; three brothers, John (Betty) Larsen of Fargo, ND; Harold Larsen of Moorehead, MN and Kenneth (Lois) Larsen, of Sarasota, FL; and a brother-in-law, Bob Chesley of Brunswick, Maine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Carl will be sadly missed by friends and family. Our deepest sympathy.

## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held their Christmas meeting on December 10th at 6 PM at the Rose Cottage Tea Room in Clear Lake. We enjoyed a three-course dinner which was nicely served.

Roll call was answered by 19 members by telling our favorite Christmas carol. All the beautiful old carols were named, with Silent Night being the favorite. Penny Miller passed out song sheets with many Christmas carols, and we all enjoyed singing the old Christmas songs. These songs will never grow old and will be passed down from generation to generation.

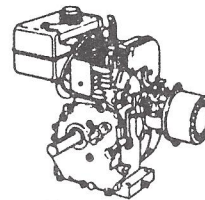
Donna Ouverson read the Christmas Story of Jesus' birth. We must keep "Christ" in Christmas. Many people don't even know why we celebrate, and why Christ was born as a babe in Bethlehem.

We had our gift exchange and secret pals were revealed. It was fun finding out who had been remembering us over the whole year.

The Garden Club will not be meeting until April 2003. In the coming months we will be enjoying the seed catalogs and making plans for the beautiful gardens we will be having next year.

We would love to have you come and join us. Contact any of the Garden Club members.  
Fern Midtgaard, Reporter

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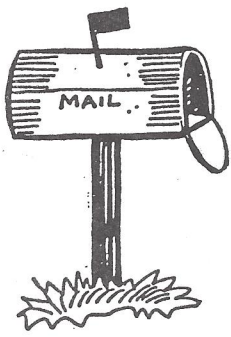
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Hi Friends,

I'm so thankful all of you work so hard to put together news from Putsy. It's still my town. I love it all -- the memories just don't get any better. And the footbridge -- what a beauty.

Love and prayers,  
Marian Midthgaard

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Dear Friends,

"Hi" to everyone I ever knew in Fertile, and CONGRATULATIONS to Marian Midtgaard.

The December trivia that all the continents begin and end with the same letter can be true only if North and South are omitted from the two Americas.

Keep up the good work - I enjoy the Reminder a lot.

Wayne B. Humphrey

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Hi!

Please renew my subscription. I look forward to receiving it every month.

You gals do a terrific job. Thank you!

Dell Wright

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Dear Fertile Reminder Workers,

I enjoy the Reminder even more when I am in New Mexico than when I was at home. I get news in it that I don't get any other way.

Vera Humphrey

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Hi!

Thank you, Ardis, Lois, Jean, Evelyn, Dolores and Pat for the interesting Reminder. Job well done!

Thanks!

Sincerely,  
"Cookie" and Rose Suby

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Fertile Reminder:

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year to each of you ladies for giving so freely of your time in order to bring so much pleasure to so many of us.

Dear Friends,

Please renew our Fertile Reminder. We enjoy it very much.

Leo & Jeanette Zobel

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Dear Reminder Friends,

Enclosed find check to continue reminder subscriptions.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Doris Oswald

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Dear Gals,

Keep up the good work. We enjoy keeping in touch with our "home town" news.

Lanny & Sandy Jenkins  
(Purcell)

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## Worth County Public Health

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- January 28 **Child Immunization Clinic** at Northwood Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.
- February 10 **Foot Clinic** at Worth County Public Health Office. Call for an appointment at 324-1741
- February 11 **Foot Clinic** in Manly. For appointment, call Worth County Health at 324-1741

**Foot Clinics** available at Worth County Public Health Office. Call as needed for an appointment.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Brooke Lauren, daughter of Joshua and Heather Schulze, sister of Ellie, of Clear Lake was born on January 2, 2003. Grandparents are Dan and Penny Miller of Fertile and Jody and Glen Thada of Garner. Great-grandparents are Earl & Donna Miller of Clear Lake, Betty Waddington of Hanlontown, Blanche Schulze of Fertile, and Ruth Furness of Lake Mills. Brooke is the great-great-granddaughter of Luella Low and Corrine Miller.

# COOK'S KORNER

# KJD'S KORNER

## PEANUT MALLOW BARS

- 1 package yellow cake mix [18-1/4 oz]
- 2 tbsp. Water
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg

## PEANUT TOPPING -

- 1 pkg. [10 oz] peanut butter chips
- 2/3 cups light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 2 cups crisp rice cereal
- 2 cups salted peanuts

Mix first 4 ingredients until blended [batter will be thick]. Spread in 13x9 cake pan. Bake 350° for 22-25 minutes. Or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Sprinkle with marshmallows. Bake 2 minutes longer. Place on wire rack to cool.

In a large sauce pan, combine the peanut butter chips, corn syrup & butter; cook & stir over medium heat until melted and smooth. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla, cereal & peanuts. Spread over marshmallows. Cool completely. Cut with a sharp knife.

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>If the sky falls tomorrow—have clouds for breakfast.

>It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs!

>No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.

>Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.


>The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.

>The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

>Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

>Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Phyllis Diller's "husband"
  - 5 Short for magazine
  - 8 "Planet of the \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 12 Herman Melville novel
  - 13 Hockey's Bobby Block of hay
  - 15 "\_\_\_\_\_ Window"
  - 16 Siouan
  - 17 Humorist Bombeck
  - 18 *Empty Nest* role (3 words)
  - 21 Comedian Louis
  - 22 *Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ Common*
  - 23 28 Down's role
  - 26 \_\_\_\_\_ *World*
  - 31 Italian river
  - 32 Segment (abbr.)
  - 33 Plays Della Street
  - 34 Genie or Arlene
  - 36 Actress Ringwald
  - 37 Elevated train
  - 38 *Cheers*, e.g.
  - 39 *Tonight's* conductor (2 words)
  - 47 Mrs. Poole of *The Hogan Family*
  - 48 Wallach
  - 49 *Soap* family name
  - 50 Location
  - 51 Estuary
  - 52 Evangelist Roberts
  - 53 Retain
  - 54 "\_\_\_\_\_ Francisco"
  - 55 Refuse (Shakespearean)

- DOWN**
- 1 Corky in *Murphy*

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- Brown**
- 2 American (abbr.)
  - 3 Grandson on *The Van Dyke Show*
  - 4 Becky of *Roseanne*
  - 5 Mary Tyler \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 Affectedly artistic
  - 7 \_\_\_\_\_ *Pains*
  - 8 Vigoda and Lincoln
  - 9 Role
  - 10 "St. \_\_\_\_\_'s Fire"
  - 11 Connery
  - 19 "The Catcher in the \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 20 Wine (prefix)
  - 23 Actor Vallone
  - 24 Make a mistake
  - 25 Spain's last queen
  - 26 Agricultural engineers (abbr.)
  - 27 Amelia of *Paradise*
  - 28 *Designing Women's* Holbrook
  - 29 Building wing
  - 30 "The Bridge of San Luis \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 32 Sgt. Bilko
  - 35 Third letter
  - 36 Britt or Zetterling
  - 38 Played Judge Hardcastle
  - 39 "\_\_\_\_\_ Set"
  - 40 Garfield's pal
  - 41 Quote an authority
  - 42 Leak
  - 43 Kazan
  - 44 Woman's dress in India
  - 45 And others (Lat. 2 words)
  - 46 *Gimme a Break!* star (Answer on another Page)

>The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war and other emergencies.

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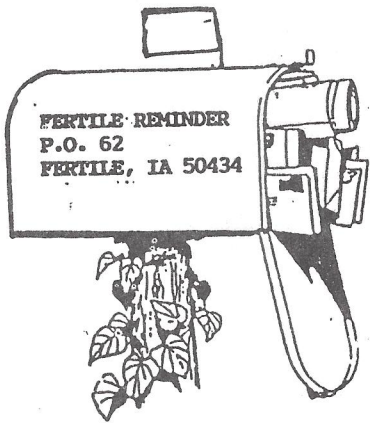
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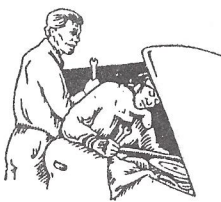
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