

# SEPTEMBER 2003

# FERTILE REMINDER



## COMING EVENTS

Sept. 1	LABOR DAY	
Sept. 2	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	Garden Club	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Senior Dinner	Noon
Sept. 20	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Sept. 23	Re-cycle Day	

The Fertile City Council met August 5, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Tammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Richard Bruns, absent Tad Miller, Melanne Bang. The minutes were declared approved as presented. Kristen Andersen, representing the FB&I, requested that Block 100 of West Main Street be closed for the street dance to be held Saturday Night August 9. Permission granted. Joyce Russell was appointed as Winn-Worth Betco advisory Board representative. Moved by Berg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hall. Passed. Reports were given by the Mayor, city man and clerk. Berg moved, Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve expenditures. Standing committee reports were given. Meeting Adjourned.

**July Revenue**

Property Tax	516.41
Water/Sewer/Garbage	8,758.14
Street Revenue	2,204.25
Local Option Tax	1,093.48
Misc	2,617.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,189.54</b>

**July Expenses**

Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,188.95
Gloria Kirschbaum	284.87
Dennis Ganz	367.89
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	435.83
IPERS	226.75
WCTA	56.86
Waste Systems	1,666.50
Alliant	634.09
Sales Tax	166.75
State of Iowa Withholding	46.00
Aquila	42.62
Post Office	134.57
LGI, sewer/water	9.00
Hawkins	5.00
Crescent Moon	232.50
DNR Water Supply Fee	46.14
Ia League Of City Dues	209.00
Ia Rural Water Dues	175.00
Farmers Elevator	19.99
Water Tower Paint, 2 <sup>nd</sup> pymt	7,983.00
Basic Materials, roadstone	1,060.29
Utility Equip.	385.33
Petty Cash	25.00
Fertile Fire Dept	1,250.00
Fertile Library	2,425.00
NIACOG, dues	162.00
Larsen's Plbg	8.70
Thompsons Garage	82.35
Tweeten Stump Removal	385.00

Display, US Flag poles	366.00
NCSS	447.33
Evangeline, St.	302.12
Ia One Call	11.80
SA-SO	95.63
Advanced Door	3,150.00
Municipal Supply, Meters	885.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,415.35</b>

Yard waste burning is allowed during September and October.

For Sale: Old Street Signs and Trophies from Fertile High School. 797-2121

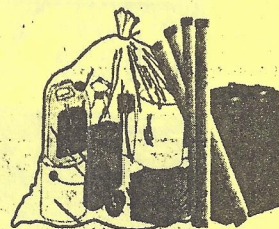
City Council and Mayor nomination papers may be filed starting August 25. Filing Deadline is 5PM September 28 at City Hall.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

One Day Collection Event

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Central Disposal Systems, Inc., a Waste Management Company, has arranged for a free collection day for all residents who have household hazardous waste for disposal. Areas eligible for the program are the rural residents of Worth, Winnebago, and Hancock counties and the towns of Lake Mills, Scarville, Leland, Thompson, Fertile, and Rake.

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The items listed below will be accepted for disposal at no charge to you. Each participating household will be mailed one (1) Household Hazardous Waste Kit to fill up with their household hazardous materials to bring to the event. Besides the contents of the Kit, residents may also dispose of up to 2 auto batteries and 4 fluorescent tubes.

Items which may remain outside of the Kit (Bring all other waste outside the Kit)		Examples of items which MUST be placed inside the Kit	
Material	Maximum Amount	Poisons*	Elemental Mercury
Fluorescent Tubes	4	Solvents*	Fungicides*
Auto Batteries	2	Paint*	Metal Polishes
		Aerosols	Used Oil and Filters
		Cleaners*	Cresote* 1

\*All liquids must be in containers of five gallons or less. Containers are measured by capacity, not content.

**MATERIALS THAT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED:** We will not collect needles, ammunition, explosives, asbestos, gas, cylinders or any materials in unlabeled containers or in containers that leak. If you have questions about proper disposal methods for non-acceptable items please call the hotline at 800-449-7587. Also, home-based businesses or other small businesses are not eligible for free disposal. Businesses may participate but on a paid basis. Businesses should call 1-800-449-7587 for a free price quote and appointment.

Questions? Call 1-800-449-7587

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\*Date will be rescheduled if minimum participation levels have not been achieved.

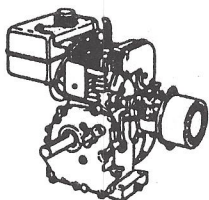
## FB & I News

The Fertile Day Celebration had perfect weather. A good time was enjoyed by everyone. The parade had many floats and Sig's band provided music. The Forest City Girls Softball Team, which included girls from Fertile, served as the Grand Marshall of the Parade. The team had just returned from playing in the State Tournament. The color guard, old cars, race cars, tractors, horses, fire engines, clowns, Fertile Garden Club and businesses were represented, also several politicians. Thank you to everyone who participated or came to watch. Following the parade, the footbridge dedication took place. Dennis Ganz served as the MC. Sig's Band provided music and comments were given by several guests. Mayor Joyce Russell cut the ribbon, after which beverage and treats were enjoyed by the large crowd who attended. Saturday afternoon a tractor pull, softball and volleyball tournaments were held and a street dance in the evening. Sunday the Fertile Fire Department served a delicious breakfast in the park followed by a Community Church service at 10:00 AM. The softball tournament concluded Sunday afternoon. The new sidewalk connecting the footbridge to Main Street is in and the Fertile Garden Club plans to plant the area next to the sidewalk. The FB & I is in the process of placing the Inch Our Way to the Bridge recognition near the bridge entrance. Thank you to everyone who worked and/or supported the FB&I during these years as we raised the funds for the footbridge. We hope everyone will enjoy it for many years to come.



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## FLAGS ON MAIN

Corrine Miller - 1 flag in memory of Verle Miller.

Thanks a bunch. I've had many great comments on the flags. They do look wonderful. Thanks to all.

Goldie Feland

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## WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

August 25-26 Senior Health Clinics at Church of Christ in Fertile. Call Carol at 797-2247 to schedule appointments.

August 26 **No Child Immunization Clinic today at Methodist Church, Northwood.** Call office at 324-1741 to schedule appointment.

Sept. 3 & 4 Senior Health Clinic at Bethany Lutheran Church at Joice. Contact PHN office at 1-800-765-1388 for an appointment.

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

**THANK YOU**, Fertile for a nice day and reception. Here are the results of the tournaments:

### CLASS A:

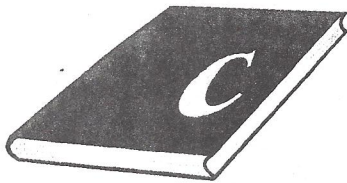
Dewey Johnson, Elmore  
Marvin Engstler, Garner  
Bob McKee, Marshalltown  
Andy Winter, Buffalo Center  
Frank Kohler, Mason City  
Barney Anderson, Osage  
Don Brandau, Charles City

### CLASS B:

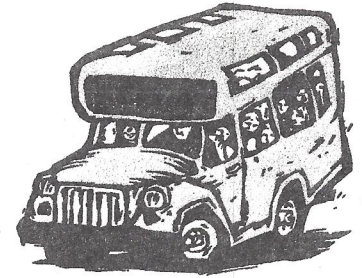
Bob Block, Sumner  
Russ Martin, Clarksville  
Ken Strohman, Fertile  
Dick Walker, Cambridge  
Bob Walter, Eldora

### CLASS C:

Marian McKee, Marshalltown  
Bill Grimstead, Osage  
Bill Vijars, Eldora  
George Christianson, Nora Springs  
Richard Clark, Forest City



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### NEW BOOKS

Cadence - B.J. Hoff  
Blind Side - Catherine Coulter  
Seizure - Robin Cook  
To the Nines - Janet Evanovich  
Untamed - Nora Roberts  
From This Day \_ Nora Roberts  
Blithe Images - Nora Roberts  
The Pursuit - Lori Wick  
Deadwood - Matt Braun  
A Summer Affair - Susan Wiggs  
Justice Gun - Lyle Brandt  
The China Bride - Mary Jo Putney  
Late for the Wedding - Amanda Quick  
Worth the Risk - Jayne Ann Krentz

### AUDIO BOOKS

To the Nines - Janet Evanovich  
Exit Wounds - J.A. Jance

### VIDEOS

Daredevil - Ben Affleck  
Escanaba In Da Moonlight - Jeff Daniels  
Animal Farm - Kelsey Grammer  
The Hot Chick - Rob Schneider  
Half Past Dead - Steven Seagal  
Shangai Knights - Jackie Chan  
The Recruit - Al Pacino  
Gangs of New York - Daniel Day Lewis



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**We appreciate you all!**

**Fertile Public Library  
Fertile Fire  
Department**

### Library News

**Laugh it Up at the Library** summer reading program was filled with stories, crafts & games. It also included a visit from Buttons the Clown. Buttons read a story & made balloon animals for everyone. She even had a bubble gum chewing contest. Thank you Buttons for coming to visit us! The last program was "Afternoon at the Improv." All attending told their favorite joke, gave a skit, or just did something funny. Wil Kirschbaum won first place for his knock knock joke. A big thank you to the judges - Goldie Felland, Ruth Rhodes, & Maxine Rye. The afternoon ended with an ice cream social. Sherry Kingston did a wonderful job planning & organizing Laugh it Up. We really appreciate her donating her time & talents for us. Thank you Sherry!

## PUTSY By Donald E. Rye

As I read the "Fertile Reminder" it stimulated memories of my youth. My initial recollections were of the War Years when automobile use was severely restricted and our infrequent drives would usually be to farms near Fertile, or into Fertile to visit friends and relatives of my parents.

My parents were Harlan Nelson Rye and Grace Johanna Raun Rye, who were born and raised in the Fertile area and now share, with many of my relatives, Brush Point Cemetery.

Subsequent to the War Years, many trips were made to Fertile. In the spring when the river was high due to the thaws, we would enter the park by driving over the cement slab that was usually covered by shallow but rapidly moving water, and walk to the dam. We would stand for considerable time enjoying the sound and power of the water tumbling over the dam, creating large collections of foam on the river's surface.

Being out of school in the summer, I was permitted to stay a few days with relatives. My rod, reel, and tackle box were always part of the meager belongings that I brought with me. Upon arrival I selected a place to fish. My favorite spot was below the dam on the mill side on the stone wall. Frequently I shared this location with an elderly gentleman.


Although few fish were caught, the quiet setting with the water slipping over the top of the dam created a feeling of serenity that made drowning worms worthwhile. The silence between the old fisherman and myself was occasionally punctuated with a suggestion or encouragement.

When the day's fishing had ended I returned to my host relative's home, Eva Rye Faulken. When asked if I knew who my fishing partner was, my response was, I don't know! If my memory serves me correctly she said, "Gert or Gerd Orcutt. I was later to learn his family was one of the founding families of Fertile and that his roots were in another century. Imagine, an octogenarian and a preteen sharing a place and time which seemed to provide equal rewards to both parties.

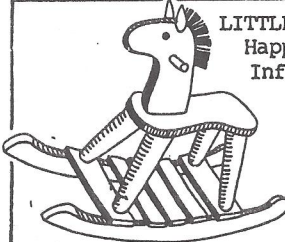
Another of my memories was observing pickle processing. If the older boys weren't working, they would collect around the area and likely make suggestions which were easy to ignore. All seemed

to have nicknames and were able to turn boredom into fun and laughter. Names I recall were the Elthon boys, my relative James Sanderson, and boys my age like Dick and Jerry Jenkins. Their tolerance of my presence was the basis for rich memories for a Forest City kid who came to visit.

Thank you for triggering my memories through your "Reminder". I view with some sadness that today's youth will likely never enjoy similar experiences. God bless Fertilities past and present, and be assured "Putsy" will always be special to me!



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I am very unique. I mean really unique. How many half-German, half-Ethiopian, lowans born in not-so-famous Moorhead, Minnesota who look Puerto Rican are there in the world?

My life started in a very quiet town on a very quiet street. Then, I moved to Iowa and found out the real meaning of quiet! I had always thought my mom's home town was incredibly small having only 700 people, that is until I settled in Fertile, Iowa, population 350 and getting smaller! I was never bored in this secluded hamlet (Get it - Iowa? Hogs?...sorry, very corny!!) I spent most of my time walking my dog and playing with my Barbies. I like to think that these formative years spent with non-judgmental, non-humans resulted in my vivid imagination, nonchalant independence, and creative resourcefulness. Then, as a teenager we moved!

It was in the oddly named Scottish town of Dunedin that I realized how atypical I was. I was always the only person of color in a sea of blonde, Iowa Norwegians but I never really noticed. *And* no one else seemed to notice either. My skin, like my curly hair, was a descriptor not a category. Until, I moved to Dunedin.

Because of my life experience, color-blind perspective, and my "café latte" hue, it was difficult for others to categorize me. Was I Puerto Rican because I didn't wear a weave or have a 'tude? Was I a deaf Hispanic because I didn't respond to "Hablas Espanol?" Was I a sun-ripe, sun-worshipper ("Hey...nice tan")? Not only am I atypical, I'm un-categorical!! Like a unique blend of coffee.

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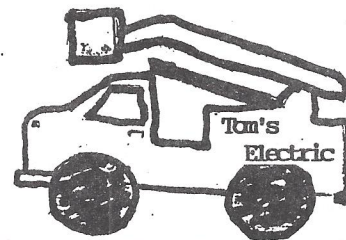
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**STANLEY L. ZIRBEL**  
1918 - 2003

Stanley L. Zirbel, 85, of 23798 Finch Ave., Clear Lake, died July 20, 2003 at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Mason City.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on July 23rd at the Christian Church in Clear Lake with Rev. Mark Young officiating. Private graveside services were held in Clear Lake Cemetery with military honors by the Clear Lake V.F.W.

Stanley was born May 17, 1918, the son of George and Petrea (Back) Zirbel, in Grant Township, Cerro Gordo County where he lived his entire life.



He graduated from Fertile High School in 1935. He was in the United States Army from June 11, 1942 - Oct. 11, 1945, as part of the 312th Medical Battalion, serving in the European Theater under Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army. Following his military service he returned to the family farm where he farmed for many years.

On July 13, 1943, he was united in marriage to Kathryn "Kit" Merwin in Clear Lake, celebrating their 60th anniversary a week ago.

He spent much time in public service. He was a member of the Fertile Co-op Dairy Assn, Worth County DHIA, Fertile and Forest City School boards, Cerro Gordo 4-H Youth Council and Secretary-Manager of the North Iowa Fair from 1976 to 1984. He helped organize the Fertile Valley Farmers 4-H Club, serving as one of its first leaders.

He loved spending time with young people. His hobby was gardening. After retiring, he worked part-time at Clear Lake Krieger's Greenhouse.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, of Clear Lake; five daughters and their husbands: Jan and Fred Hare, of Fertile, Jim and Kren Weld, of Clarion, Amy and Keith Van Note of Minneapolis, MN, Jill and John David Murray, of Burnsville, MN and Eileen Zirbel of Rochester, MN; a sister, Merridy Hill, of Mason City; four grandsons, four granddaughters; five great-granddaughters; a great-great-granddaughter; and a wonderful extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, a Nelson; a granddaughter, Merry Weld Dick; and an infant daughter.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**JACQUELINE (HUMPHREY) LOGAN**



Jacqueline (Humphrey) Logan passed away August 5, 2003 at her home in Sun City, Arizona. Her funeral was held at sunset on Aug. 8th at the Arrowhead Memorial Gardens Community Church of Joy in Glendale, AZ.

Jackie is survived by her husband James; one son, Brad and wife Patricia Logan; one daughter Deon Logan and 2 granddaughters, Kendyl and Sydney Logan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis & Viola (Anderson) Humphrey. Jackie graduated with the class of 1956 from Fertile High School.

Our deepest sympathy to her family.

## THANK YOU

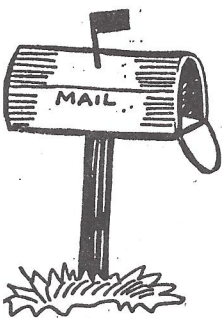
*Thank you to all who remembered me with cards, calls, visits, and food while I was in the hospital and since I returned home. I really appreciated all of your concerns for me. Betty Suby*

*Thanks to my family and you dear friends for your expressions of love and concern by your visits, cards, gifts, kind words and most of all, your prayers, that sustained me during my 18 day hospital stay. God is good! I appreciated it all! In Jesus love, Ardis Sheimo.*

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Sincerely,  
Norman Brue

Dear Staff:

Please renew my Reminder for another year. I like to read the "Putcy" news. You do a great job!

Sincerely,  
Helen (Suby) Sparby  
Iowa City, IA

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for the reminder that my subscription is due.

You are doing many people a great favor by publishing the paper that brings back many memories of growing up in Fertile.

We really appreciate it so much.

Sincerely,  
Arlene Ingebritson

Dear Ladies,

Here is payment for another year's subscription. We really enjoy the paper. You all do great work.

Janice Asche

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for your faithful work. We enjoy keeping up.

Floyd & Lois Zobel

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. Keep up the good work.

Russ Faulken

Dear Editors,

Thank you for your great efforts! My subscription has expired so I wish to renew it for another year.

The Fertile Reminder keeps me up on your local news. My husband, Don, and I are planning a trip to Iowa in October to visit our families and to attend the 100th anniversary of Waldorf College in Forest City and to visit the North Iowa Heritage Park. Many "Holtan" family members attended Waldorf College, especially during the first fifty years.

Sincerely,  
Norma Holtan Walkeley

## **Fertile Garden Club**

*Fertile Garden Club met on August 11, 2003 at the home of Linda Ackerman, daughter of Reva Anderson. Hostesses for the evening were Reva Anderson and Penny Miller. Twenty members and guest Linda Ackerman were present for the meeting. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Gloria Kirschbaum gave the lesson on Hostas which originated in China and Japan in the 1800's.*

*A wedding invitation was given to the club by Kristin Walston who will be married on October 4.*

*Discussion was held on the club planting the walkway to the bridge in Fertile. This was tabled until a further meeting.*

*The 50th. Anniversary of the Garden Club will be held on October 14, at the Church of Christ. This will be our Guest Night. Committees were set up for this special event.*

*Thought for the day was given by Lois Anderson. Three birthdays this month were celebrated.*

*The next meeting will be September 9th at the home of Elaine Patten.*

*We closed by singing the Table Prayer.*

*Pat Oswald, Reporter*

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# COOK'S KORNER

We went to a "Nordic Fest" for my family in Rio, IL in June and this was one of the dishes we had at the pot luck. Many of us copied this one!!

## "Pineapple Scalloped"

- 3/4 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 Beaten Eggs
- 1 can Crushed Pineapple (15 oz can)
- 1/4 cup Milk
- 4 cups bread crumbs (1/4 cup saved back for the crumb topping)

Mix all together and put in a 9x9 lightly greased cake pan. Sprinkle on 1/4 cup bread crumbs for topping. Bake for 1 hour at 350°.

It is very tasty and something different to take to a pot luck.

## "GARLIC TOAST"

Italian Bread—individual loaves or Sub Rolls. Slice 1/4 inch thick. Lay bread on a jelly roll pan. Brush butter or oleo on one side. Sprinkle with garlic powder in the amount you want for flavor.

Bake for 15-20 minutes at 350°. Cool and store in glass jar. Good with spaghetti & meatballs, lasagna etc.

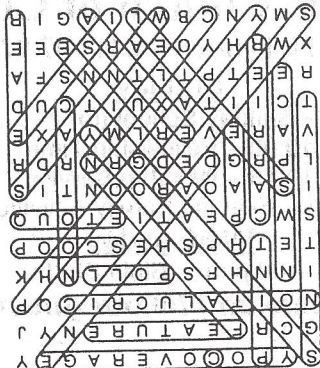
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>A satisfying class reunion is one where you discover all your former classmates have as big of problems as you do.

>A harried housewife sighed, " I have so many problems that if something terrible happened to me, it would be at least two weeks before I could get around to worrying about it.

>Congress is unpredictable. You never know what urgent problem they're not going to do anything about.

>Answers are what we have for other people's problems.




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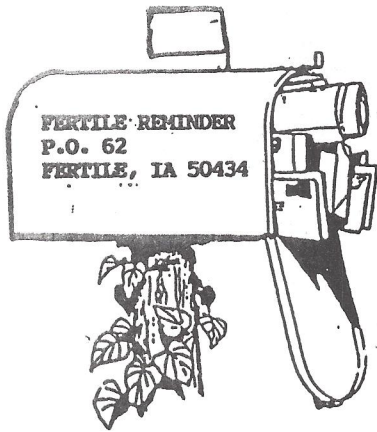
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# 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

Attend the 53<sup>rd</sup>

Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>



6:30 p.m.  
Lake Mills High School Gym

704 East Main - Lake Mills, Iowa

## FERTILE DOWNTOWN CAFE

TUESDAY NIGHTS - TACOS 5-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

FISH FRY OR BBQ RIB SPECIAL

With Salad Bar - 5 - 8 p.m.

OPEN - Monday thru Saturday

5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"Where friends meet friends!"

Will open nights for meetings, parties, rehearsal dinners.

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## FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

602 W. WASHINGTON ST., PO Box 215

FERTILE, IOWA 50434-0215;

Phone Number: 641-797-2767

Summer Schedule: 9:00 AM Worship Services

## Fertile Church of Christ

502 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street - 641.797.2784

### 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

**Come and be our guest.**