

JULY 2004

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| July 5 | Fire Department Meeting | 7 p.m |
| July 6 | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| | City Council Meeting | 7 p..m. |
| July 13 | Garden Club | |
| July 14 | DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES | |
| July 17 | Boys and Girls 4-H | |
| July 19 | Library Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| July 20 | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| July 27 | Re-cycle Day | |

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Warren Bruns, Fertile City Maintenance person, Jeff Berg, Council Member and back up person for Warren on the Maintenance, for all the things they did to help the people in Fertile when the flood water came on 5-21, 22, 23.

I also wish to thank the Fertile Fire Department and Dwight Burns, Fire Chief, Hanlontown Fire Department and Jamie Sorenson, Fire Chief, for all their help in pumping out basements and working really hard on Sunday to help the people of Fertile, also Gloria Kirschbaum - City Clerk, Kristin Anderson, Jane Ramon - Downtown Café, for making the lunch for the Fire Departments and getting it down to the Fire Station for them to have a lunch, and also Janet Burtness for the cake for desert, also Rick Scholbrock, Mayor of Hanlontown for coming over and offering any help that might be needed.

I also want to thank Basic Materials-Dan Ouverson, LaHarv Construction, Brain Nettelton, Mark Tuttle for the pumps they furnished to help pump down the manholes and houses. We would have had a lot more damage if we could not have gotten these pumps.

Also thank you to Sheriff Gentz for coming down and helping with everything. I declared Fertile as a disaster as of Sunday Morning and am asking for State and Federal Emergency Assistance. Thank you to all who worked and helped out, it was greatly appreciated.

Joyce Russell, Mayor of Fertile

If you have problems with your furnace or hot water due to flooding you can contact FEMA for assistance.
1-800-621-3362 (for hearing- or speech-impaired 1-800-462-7585)

Clean Up Kits are available at the American Red Cross, 525 1st St NE in Mason City. If you have breathing difficulties that may be aggravated by mold and mildew or infant children, it is recommended you find other shelter until the affected rooms are cleaned. If you have no other housing options, contact the Red Cross at 641-424-2454.

The Salvation Army may be able to provide a dehumidifier. Contact them at 424-5574.

For information on other resources, contact the United Way of North Central Iowa at 641-423-1774.

FERTILE ALUMNI BANQUET

The Fertile City Council met 7PM, June 1, 2004, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Gail Shropshire, Melanne . . . g. Absent Tad Miller, Tammy Hall.. Berg moved to approve the May minutes, Bang 2nd. Passed. The Mayor reported the driving bridge on 1st Street S contract has been let and work will be done this summer. Shropshire moved to approve expenditures, Berg 2nd, passed. Monthly reports were given. Berg moved to adjourn, 2nd Shropshire. .

Meeting adjourned.

A building permit is required **BEFORE** any structure or building is erected, reconstructed, altered, repaired, or occupied. A fee of \$10.00 is charged. Ordinance 7-1-4.A. Council member Tad Miller is the building official.

May Revenue

Property Tax	895.41
Water/Sewer/Garbage	10,582.43
Street Revenue	2,242.29
Local Option Tax	1,095.83
Misc.	170.00
TOTAL	\$14,985.96

May Expenses

Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,338.32
Coria Kirschbaum	295.28
Dennis Ganz	97.51
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	345.20
IPERS	194.58
Ia Assc. Miun. Utilities	331.40
Deckers Sporting	170.15
Hare Electric	56.00
WCTA	55.98
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	595.48
US Post Office	60.00
Aquila	160.57
LGI	9.80
Hawkins	118.17
Municipal Supply meters	375.00
Kirkwood Com. College, Brusns	300.00
Basic Materials, road stone	69.68
N. Ia. Media, public notice I	6.11
Crescent Moon, port-pots, park	120.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 9,803.72

The Fertile Alumni Banquet was held at Paradise Parties in Clear Lake on June 12, 2004. 185 members were present. Gladys Field Almelien, class of 1930, was the oldest female graduate present. Leighton Humphrey and Max Nye, class of 1939, were the oldest male graduates present. Former class members came from as far away as Fresno, California, New York City, Lakeland, Florida, Netarts, Oregon and Vermont.

Twenty-eight members have passed away in the past three years.

The class of 1954 provided the entertainment, led by Marcie Oakland Osmundson. They wore black top hats and red leis and looked like Broadway stars. They did a terrific job and put on a good show. Rev. Russell Osnes led the table prayer.

We discussed the need to find a permanent home for all of our graduation pictures formerly housed in the Fertile school. Many possibilities were discussed, but for now they are in Ruth Ouverson's home.

A huge thank-you goes to the members of the committee that made the banquet a success: Roy and Beverly Calgaard, Dean Haugen, Darlene Rodberg, Joan Scobee Norem and Mary Rodberg.

It was decided to meet again the second Saturday in June of 2007 at Paradise Parties in Clear Lake. Harlan Rodberg agreed to remain as president.

Yesterday is gone, a memory.
 Tomorrow yet a mystery.
 Deal only with today, a gift
 called the present.

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Regardless of wht this
 day brings, thank God.
 An untouched day awaits
 you tomorrow.

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What is a family, after all,
 except memories...haphazard and
 precious... as the contents in the
 catch-all drawer in the kitchen.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U. S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view--it is Moses and he is holding the Ten commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see on the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Building and Monuments in Washington, DC.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "the Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our policial institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ouselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.!"

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law....an oligarchy....the rule of few over many.

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said , "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

HOW, THEN, HAVE WE GOTTEN TO THE POINT THAT EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE FOR 220 YEARS IN THIS COUNTRY IS NOW SUDDENLY WRONG AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

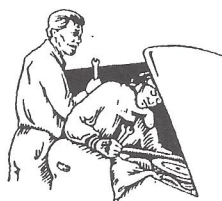
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Windy, the Well-Driller

Neil L. Kuns

June 15, 1995

"You never miss the water 'til the well runs dry." Not many wells ran dry in Fertile, Iowa, my tiny home town. It rains a lot in the region, and most of the water sinks into the soil rather than running off. Well drillers usually struck water after thirty to forty feet of drilling. Before the 1940's people had to pump their water by hand, and not every house had its own well. Because good water was so abundant most homeowners with wells were willing to let their neighbors pump all they needed. When electric pumps became popular and affordable in the 40's many of these private wells were fitted with the new equipment. This called for the removal of the old cast-iron hand pumps. These wells didn't run dry -- they just went under cover -- but the result was the removal of the water supply for their neighbors without a well. Shutting off the water turned on a fountain of business opportunities for those who had the equipment and also knew how to drill a well.

In the years after I left Fertile the town's own Frank Orcutt tended that fountain, but during the 30's and 40's the townspeople had to import this talent from Hanlontown, three miles down the road. The driller's name was George Davis, but everyone called him Windy. He was never at a loss for words, and having nothing to say usually didn't keep him from saying it. Some such talkative types are called blowhards. Windy blew soft to medium. His wind was more of a zephyr than a blizzard, more of a breeze than a gale. The kids in town liked him, probably because he was never too busy talk to them about what he was doing. He did seem to know what he was doing.

Windy the well-driller got the job when the people who lived at the corner Mill and Main Streets decided to put down their own well. He maneuvered his machine into position so the well would be in the desired place close to the house. Mr. Davis' machine depended on gravity to drive the heavy drill bit into the ground and the through the layers of limestone. The going was easy through the first few feet of loose loam. When the bit hit the stone things slowed down, but progress continued. Windy drained water into the hole to help wash out the pulverized rock. He baled this slurry of water and rocks from the well with an attachment on the rig, and studied this waste as it drained out of the bale. As long as it looked like limestone he kept drilling. When limestone gave way to gravel he knew he had reached the porous vein in which fresh water flowed, and his work was almost done.

Both the well driller and his equipment fascinated me. In the weeks after he drilled that well I made a small working wooden model of the machine, complete with wheels, belts, boom and the reciprocating arm that lifted and dropped the drill bit. Our family moved two or three times after I made the model, and as other interests occupied my mind I lost track of the little model. Several times in recent years I've searched the closets of my Mother's home for the model, but I have never located it. Wouldn't it be funny if one day I found it in an antique shop, an example of a primitive toy? Who knows? -- maybe it is still out there someplace. You never miss the water well-driller until you can't find it.



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 Friday 9:00 am - Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 PM
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Read!

NEW BOOKS

- The Case of Crooked Letters - Lori Copeland
- Hold Tight the Thread - Jane Kirkpatrick
- Humor Me - Barbara Johnson
- No Man's Land - William Johnstone
- Navy Brat - Debbie Macomber
- Patience - Lori Copeland
- Three Weeks with My Brother - Nicholas Sparks
- True Courage - Dee Henderson
- Yellow Rose - Gilbert Morris
- Sacrifice - Beverly Lewis
- Secrets on the Wind - Stephanie Grace Whitson
- Proper Care & Feeding of Husbands - Dr. Laura Schlessinger
- Beyond the Horizon - Connie Mason

AUDIO BOOKS

- Showdown at Two-Bit Creek - Ralph Compton
- Vengeance Rider - Ralph Compton
- Reckless Abandon - Stuart Woods

NEW VIDEOS

- Master & Commander - Russell Crowe - DVD
- The Last Samurai - Tom Cruise DVD
- Something's Gotta Give - Diane Keaton DVD
- Rundown - The Rock
- Return to Dodge - James Arness DVD
- The Last Apache - James Arness DVD
- To the Last Man - James Arness - DVD

Join us for a rip-roaring good time this summer as we set out on an adventure of a lifetime!

WHEN: Every Wednesday beginning July 14th and ending August 4th.

TIME: 1:30pm through 3:00pm

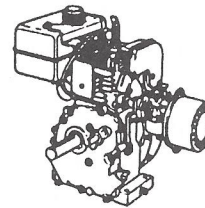
WHERE: The Fertile Public Library

WHO: All Children between 3 and 12 years of age.

WHY: For the fun of it!!!

Each week we will enjoy a book, do a craft or activity and have a snack. Each child who participates will receive a certificate of achievement, be eligible for one of our numerous prizes and have a lot of fun! The main goal of our reading program is to get children reading during the summer months and have fun doing it. We will have a log for each child to record his/her reading minutes and books. Each week during the program we will award prizes to the children who have completed the desired number of minutes read or the number of books asked to read. If you plan to attend please let Nancy know. Thank you!

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Dear Ladies,

I had a light stroke, but it won't keep me from enjoying
the "Putsy"news.

Marvin Rye

Dear Ladies,

Please renew my subscription for another year. I enjoy
reading all about Fertile.

Arlis (Thovson) Higgins

Dear Ladies,

Keep up the good job! We enjoy the Reminder and pass
it on to my parents. Thanks!

Clete & Carolyn

Dear Ladies,

Please renew the Reminder for another year. Enjoy
reading the news from the Fertile area. Keep up the good
work!

Marlys Pederson

Dear Reminder Staff,

Thank you for the reminder that \$6.00 is due for another
year of the Reminder. You are appreciated for your work.

Sure would like to attend the Alumni Banquet on the 12th;
always a joy to see everyone. Washington holds me here
these days.

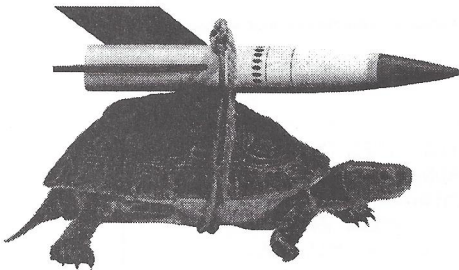
Have a happy summer.

Joan (Sheplee) Schultz

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WITH SYMPATHY

LANA "LANNIE" K. HANSON

1940 - 2004

Lana (Lannie) K. Hanson, 63, of Fertile, died May 26,
2004 at Mercy Medical Center in Mason City.



Funeral services were held May 29, 2004
at the Fertile Lutheran Church in Fertile with
Rev. Clarence Baalson officiating. Inurnment
was in Oakland Cemetery in Forest city.

Lana K. Hanson was born in Mason City
on June 22, 1940. She was the daughter of
Lenus and Katherine Hanson. She was
baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

She graduated from Forest City High School in 1958 and
continued her education at Waldorf College.

Lannie spent many years in the food and beverage
industry.

During the past 20 years, she worked intensively raising
funds for worthy causes, most often with fire departments and
law enforcement. She was especially proud of a drug
awareness program she developed called "Kids Talk to Kids."

Lannie is survived by her husband, Earl Kilen of Fertile;
her children, Jerry Abramhamson and wife, Julie and their
children, Jessical Bennedict and Jennie, Jeremy and Jacob
Abrahamson; Stephenie K. Abrahamson and her children,
Sheyanne Oudekerk and Sara Jo O'Connell; Kenneth Kimes
and wife, Sharon and their daughter, Grace Kimes; Timothy
Kimes and wife, Shari and their children Nicolle and Katie
Kimes; and an adopted son, Rance J. Amen; six great-
grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Sonya and Rev.
Gerald Dyste, and her loyal Schnauzer, Muffin.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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- July 14 Child Immunization Clinic at Manly Town Hall
3 -5 p.m. No appointment necessary
- July 15 Child Immunization Clinic at Northwood.
3 -5 p.m. No appointment necessary.
- July 21-22 Senior Health at Joice Bethany Lutheran
Church. Call 1-800-765-1388 for appointments.
- July 21 Free Blood pressure checks at Joice. No appt.
- July 27 Child Immunization at Northwood Methodist
Church. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.. No appointment nec.
- If you have any questions, please call Worth County Public
Health at 641-324-1741

Dear Community Organization:

Worth County Public Health is happy to offer you the opportunity to have one of our SHIIP volunteers come and speak to your group about the Medicare changes taking place this year. The title of our program is "Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Cards - What's in it for You." Our trained SHIIP volunteer will discuss several of the new changes, in particular the "Medicare-approved" drug discount cards available in May of this year. As a SHIIP sponsor we want to make sure that Medicare consumers in our community stay informed and have access to the most accurate and up-to-date information.

SHIIP was created in 1990 and is a service of the State of Iowa Insurance Division. The service is free, confidential and unbiased. We are scheduling programs now to educate consumers regarding the coming changes. To schedule a speaker for your group, call Jean Ellingson at 641-324-2030.

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THANK YOU

To all our friends,

It would be an unbearable time for all of us if it weren't for your help, care and sympathy. Lannie was an amazing lady, full of strength and love, and she appreciated good friends.

We thank you for all your support!

The family of Lannie Hanson

RECOGNIZING our Fertile Fire Department, Hanlontown Fire Department, Mayor Joyce Russell, Cityman Warren Bruns and many others behind the scene for their quick response by helping so many people in need during the flooding of so many homes in our area. **HATS OFF TO ALL OF YOU!**

FAMILIES OF LESTER BURTNES

Thanks to all who helped us dry out our basement on the morning of May 23rd.


James & Alvera Lovick

I would like to thank everyone for the many ways you remembered me when I had heart surgery.

Dean Haugen

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COOK'S KORNER

I went to a Tupperware Party awhile back and they now have pans and bowls that you can use in the microwave and they fixed the following two recipes.

Oreo Cookie Dessert (Very rich!!)

- 1 package Oreo Cookies (3 row package)
- 1 jar Hot Fudge Topping (12.25 oz.)
- 1 can Cherry Pie Filling (approx. 1 lb.)

Break up all but 6 of the Oreo cookies in a glass or Tupperware (micro safe kind) 9x 7x 2"+

Pour 1 can Cherry Pie Filling over the crumbled cookies. Spoon on the Hot Fudge and spread around. Crumble the last 6 cookies over the top and cover with plastic wrap. Poke a fork through the wrap a couple times and put in the microwave. I have a 1000 watt and I bake it for 8-10 minutes at full power. If you have a larger oven, cut the power to 70%

Apple Pie Dessert

- 1 package Archway Golden Oatmeal (15 cookies)
- 1 jar Caramel Topping (12.25 oz)
- 1 can Apple Pie filling (1 lb. can) (approx)

Crumble all but 5 of the cookies into a 9x7 glass or microwave safe pan. Pour apple filling over the top. Spoon the Caramel over the top and spread it out. Crumble the other 5 cookies over the top. Microwave for 8-10 minutes at full power if 1000 watt. Go to 70% if higher wattage.

These recipes only take a few minutes to make if you have unexpected company coming and not much time. They are delicious with ice cream on top while they are still warm!!

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Or take care of tomorrow until it is here. So the best thing for you and for me is to make today as sweet as can be.

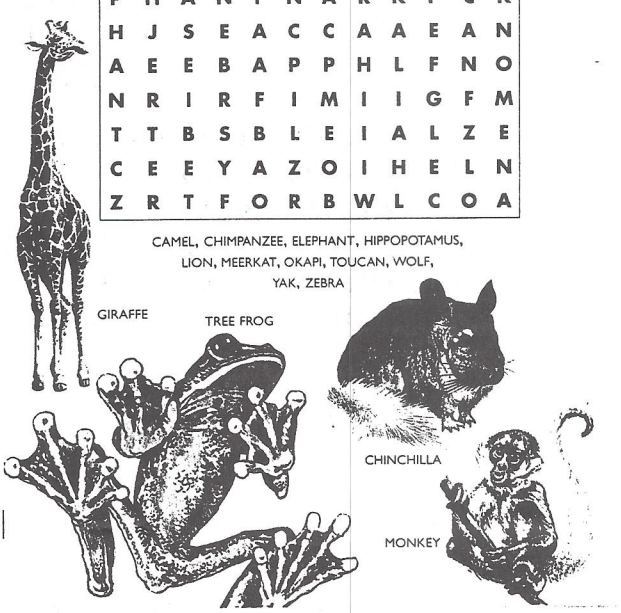
FUN KORNER

Animals in hot climates ...

There are 15 animal names hidden in this puzzle. Twelve of the animals live in hot places such as deserts, tropical grasslands and rainforests. But the other three belong in cold climates - which ones are they?

S	U	M	A	T	O	P	O	P	P	I	H
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CAMEL, CHIMPANZEE, ELEPHANT, HIPPOPOTAMUS,
LION, MEERKAT, OKAPI, TOUCAN, WOLF,
YAK, ZEBRA

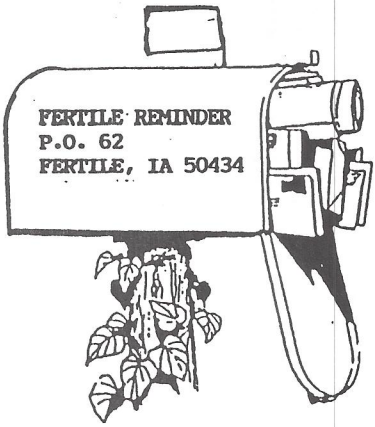


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