

OCTOBER 04

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| Oct. 4 | Fire Department Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Senior Citizens Dinner
City Council Meeting | Noon
7 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | 150-Year Committee Meeting | |
| Oct. 12 | Garden Club | |
| Oct. 14 | REMINDER DEADLINE | 5 p.m. |
| Oct. 16 | Boys & Girls 4-H | |
| Oct. 19 | Senior Citizens Dinner | Noon |
| Oct. 26 | Recycle Day | |
| Nov. 6 | Turkey Supper at Old School House | |

The Fertile City Council met 7PM, September 7, 2004, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Paul Youngers, Melanne Bang, Gail Shropshire. Absent Tad Miller. Bang moved, Berg 2nd to sign a resolution designating Forest City Ambulance as ambulance provider for Fertile. Passed. Residents may go to the Sheriff's office and designate another provider. The city claims to FEMA have been approved and the City is waiting for the Check. The small red mill was discussed. Kay Olson offered to donate concrete to construct a base. It was decided to store the mill over the winter until the summer of 2005. Chris Andersen reported on the FB&I meeting held concerning the 150th celebration. Mayor Russell is Chairperson, Gloria Kirschbaum is assistant Chair and Rhonda Prescott is Secretary. Youngers moved, Bang 2nd to designate August 4, 5, & 6, 2006 as the date for the Fertile 150th celebration. As a fund raiser for the '06 celebration, a turkey supper is planned for November 6, 2004. Ruth Ouverson and helpers are planning the event to be held at the former Fertile Community Center. Joe Elthon has donated the use of the building. The Mayor's report was given, the driving bridge work is beginning. First Street South will be closed during construction of the new bridge. The city attorney is handling the concerns of the old cable company. Plans are to electrify the bridge lights this month. The clerk's report was given, Berg moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve the 03-04 Street Financial Report. Passed. Warren reported vandalism in the park. Names of residents of Fertile were painted inside the log cabin. A barrier is to be constructed to prevent persons from entering, but will still allow people to look inside. As of July 1, 04, ATVs are illegal to be driven on any street, street parking, or any public property. Persons observed driving an ATV on City property or Streets will be reported immediately to the Sheriff's office. Youngers moved to approve expenditures, Shropshire 2nd, passed. Monthly reports were given. Berg moved, Bang 2nd to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

August Revenue

Property Tax	82.98
Water/Sewer/Garbage	10,308.23
Street Revenue	1,365.29
Insurance payment	12,179.88
Local Option Tax	1,587.41
TOTAL REVENUE	\$25,523.79

August Expenses

Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,110.45
Gloria Kirschbaum	333.71
Grant Russell	411.66
Jeff Berg	67.50
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	434.59
IPERS	225.19
WCTA	60.47
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	856.13
US Post Office	92.00
Aquila	38.35
Crescent Moon, port-pots, park	120.00
Hawkins	5.00
Hare Electric	12,679.88
Law's Tree Service	1,155.00
Stecker Electric	667.91
State of Ia Treasurer, sales tax	210.24
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,572.57

FB&I Sesquicentennial Committee

The 1st meeting of the Fertile Sesquicentennial committee was held Thursday, September 2nd at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Fourteen people were present for the first meeting. A date of August 4th - 6th, 2006 was suggested and brought before the City Council. This date was approved at the September meeting of the City Council. The second meeting was held Monday, September 13th, with 17 people in attendance.

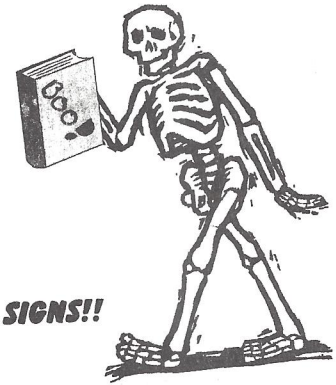
Fundraising ideas were discussed and will be ongoing. A turkey dinner is planned for Saturday, November 6th at the School House Apartments. Ruth Ouverson is heading the committee organizing the dinner. Many residents have volunteered but more are needed. More information and flyers to be available as the date gets closer.

The sesquicentennial committee is having a **contest for a slogan** for the 150th Birthday Celebration. Entry forms can be picked up at the Downtown Cafe. All entries need to be turned in by November 4, 2004. Entries can be placed in the bill slot located on the front door of City Hall or mailed to Chris Andersen, Box 21, Fertile, IA 50434. All entries will be voted on by the committee and the winner will receive two \$10 gifts certificates to the Downtown Cafe.

The committee is looking for new members and ideas. We will be meeting the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall, so come and join the fun of planning the biggest Birthday Fertile has seen yet!



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NEW BOOKS


Trace - Patricia Cornwell
 The Presence - Heather Graham
 Laughter from Heaven - Barbara Johnson
 The Marriage Wish - Dee Henderson
 44 Cranberry Point - Debbie Macomber
 Murder List - Julie Garwood
 Hot Streak - Susan Johnson
 Bright Eyes - Catherine Anderson
 A Case of Nosy Neighbors - Lori Copeland

NEW DVD'S

Miracle - Kurt Russell
 Peter Pan - Jason Isaacs
 Starsky & Hutch - Ben Stiller
 Butterfly Effect - Ashton - Kucher
 Cold Mountain - Nicole Kidman
 Calendar Girls (VHS) - Helen Mirren
 Once Upon a Time in Mexico - Antonio Banderas
 In Hell - Jean-Claude Van Damme

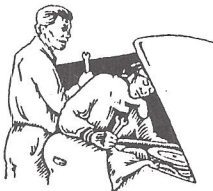
AUDIO BOOKS

Bourne Legacy - Robert Ludlum
 White Hot (Cass) - Sandra Brown
 Body Double (CD) - Tess Gerritsen



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Graffiti

Neil L. Kuns

October 18, 1994

Gang-related teen age "tagging" is a major problem in many of the cities of our fair country. Misguided "muralists" steal or purchase paint in spray cans and proceed to "tag" buildings, signs, buses, fences and walls with their names, gang logos or symbols. It is an exasperating problem which only gets worse when the owner of the defaced property doesn't promptly paint over the scribbles. Some cities in Southern California are addressing the problem by collecting and combining partially emptied cans and containers of unused paint. This provides a service to people who might otherwise have a problem disposing of the toxic waste. The resulting blend of the remnants turns out to be a dense battleship gray which will cover anything. This paint is given to building owners and organizations who use it to conceal the graffiti. It is an ingenious idea which helps to solve two of society's problems.

Not every new idea turns out so well.

During my growing up years in Iowa "trick or treating" on Halloween was a popular pastime. By the time we were teenagers we were less interested in pocketing the "treats" than in pulling off the "tricks." One mildly mischievous trick was "soaping" windows, the 1940's version of graffiti. We would buy or borrow a bar of Ivory soap and write on store or car windows. It was risky business to contaminate a man's castle with unwanted decoration, and many home owners hadn't replaced their screens with storm windows this early in the season. We knew better than to soap the screens. That caused them to rust, and would have been destructive and not tolerated. Most homes escaped the soaping.


Gunder and Mrs. Hegney owned and operated the hardware store across the street from the bank building. It had large plate glass display windows and the front of the building was right on the sidewalk. It was an easily accessible target for soaping and got "treated" every year. Most people realized that if they tried to wash off the soap they were in for a lengthy chore, but that the soap would rub off quite easily with crumpled newspaper. Apparently Gunder hadn't heard about this solution, and was sick and tired of trying to wash off the mess. This was when he came up with the bright idea of coating the window with raw linseed oil to foil the "soapers." He carried the oil in bulk for sale in the store, and brushed it onto the window "slick as a whistle." Oil made his windows impossible to soap. "Aha! I fooled them this time," he may have said to the "missus."

Fool us, he did, but he fouled up himself at the same time. After a couple of days in the bright sunshine and arid autumn air the oil dried to a tough wrinkled film that was nearly impossible to remove from the plate glass. It wouldn't wash off easily with water or any other solvent, and finally had to be laboriously scraped off with a razor blade. As I said, not every idea is as brainy as it seems to be when it first flashes across our minds. The Hegneys never oiled their windows again, and the kids in Fertile seemed to take it easy on those big plate glass panes on subsequent Halloweens. Maybe he did fool us after all.

WITH SYMPATHY

FRANCIS J. OUVERSON
1921 - 2004

Francis J. Ouverson, 83, of Hanlontown, died August 31, 2004.



His funeral was held Saturday, August 4, 2004 at the Fertile Church of Christ, with Rev. Curt Gallmeyer and Dr. George Johnson officiating. Burial was in Grant Cemetery, south of Fertile.

Francis John Ouverson, the son of John and Elizabeth (Robison) Ouverson, was born July 21, 1921 at Fertile. He graduated from Fertile High School and farmed with his father and brother in the Fertile area. On December 26, 1943, he married Olga Johnson at his parents' home in Fertile. They lived all their life in rural Hanlontown, where they farmed.

Francis enjoyed his children, horses, fishing and gardening. His top priority was being a faithful follower of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and sharing his faith with others, especially his family.

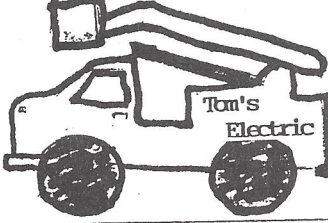
He was a member of Harvest Time Church in Mason City.

Francis is survived by his three children, Dr. Richard (Dr. Anna) Ouverson of Madison, SD; Joyce (Leon) Hagen of Hanlontown; and Craig Ouverson of Hanlontown; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Morris Scobee of Fertile; four sisters-in-law, Marian (Ralph) Mulder of Slayton, MN; Evelyn Johnson of Mason City; Elvira (Russell) Olson of Cedar Rapids; and Silence Johnson of Fertile; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olga, Dec. 9, 2002; his parents; a brother, Allen Ouverson; and two sisters, Mavis Hall and Maxine Scobee.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- Oct. 20, 2004 Flu/Pneumonia Clinic at Public Library, Joice from 3 - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 20, 2004 Senior Health Clinic at Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice from 8:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20, 2004 Free Blood Pressure Checks at Senior Health Clinic at Joice Bethany Lutheran Church.
- Oct. 21, 2004 Alzheimers Support Group Meeting at Maple Court Commons at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 21, 2004 Child Immunization Clinic at Northwood Office 1 - 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary.
- Oct. 26, 2004 Child immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood. 1 - 5 p.m. No appt. necessary
- Nov. 2, 2004 WCPH will offer the following clinics on voting day from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. at the following locations:
Grafton Public Library, 201 4th Ave, Grafton
Manly Fire Station, 333 South Grant, Manly
Bethany Lutheran Church, 201 Frank St., Joice
Bethany Lutheran Church, 600 5th St, Kensett
Hanlontown Bank Museum, Hanlontown.
Church of Christ, 3493 Eagle Ave, Fertile
Worth County Public Health Office, 95 9th St. North, Northwood.

If you have any questions, please call Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388.

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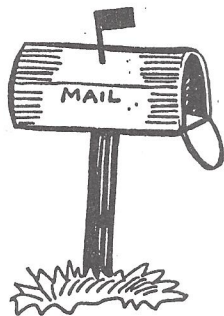
(or by appointment)



"Back-To-School" Open House, Aug. 21
Bolan Fall Market, Sept. 24, 25, 26
Pumpkin Decorating & Hayrides, Oct. 16
Country Shops Holiday Tour, Nov. 6 & 7
Christmas Coffee, Dec. 11



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Darrell & Marilyn Bang

Dear Ladies,
Thank you once again for the good
job you ladies are doing. Enjoy the
reminder very much.

Mary Ouverson Homerding

Dear Ladies,
Keep up the good work.
Russ Faulken

Dear Ladies,
I always enjoy the the Reminder that reminds me of the good
times growing up in Fertile.
Enclosed is my check.
Arlene Ingebritson

Dear Ladies,
Love getting Reminder. So sorry to hear about the deaths of
close friends and relatives.
Gladys Westland

150 Years!!

The F.B.&I. is looking for
someone to come up with a
slogan for the sesquicentennial
celebration that will be held
on August 4-6, 2006. The
winner will receive two \$10
gift certificates to the
Downtown Café. The slogan
will be used during the
advertising campaign that we
will conduct throughout the
next two years to get
prepared for the party.
Entries can be dropped off at
the Fertile City Hall or mailed
to Chris Andersen, Box 21,
Fertile, Iowa, 50434.

THANK YOU!!

I want to thank Florence Nye for taking me to Emergency.
She practically carried me out of the house. I wish to thank
my daughter, Julie, for sacraficing her nursing duties to come
immediately, to my granddaughter for her love shown - to all
my friends, neighbors and relatives that came, called, sent
flowers, and gifts. I am so thankful to my Lord that I am able
to be at my daughter's to recuperate.

Keep me in your prayers!

Maxine Rye

It is four months today (Sept. 1st) since my daughter and
sons had my 85th birthday party at the Cafe. Such a joyous
occasion and so many attended from out of town! Why am I
worthy of this? Memories! I can see each face and
remember something of the past. This all an 85-year old has
is memories! Thank you again!

Maxine Rye

A special thanks to all my employees, Mom, Chuck , Dad
and Goldie for helping out, and yes , thanks to Al - for
everything.

THANK YOU to all my great customers for the flowers,
cards, gift certificate and prayers. You are all so special to
me.

And a special thanks for Ruth B. Ouverson for washing
my towels. It was a great help.

Jane Ramon

FUND RAISER

A Turkey Supper is planned for Saturday,
November 6, 2004 at the school building,
formerly the Fertile Community Center. The
supper is being held to raise funds for Fertile's
150 Birthday which will be celebrated on August
4, 5 & 6, 2006. If you would like to help in
buying the turkeys and other food items, please
send money to Rhonda Prescott or give to Joyce
Russell or Gloria Kirschbaum. Carolyn Nedved
will be calling for pies and Goldie Felland will be
needing help with making the dressing.

We need 24 people to cook the turkeys. If you
are interested in cooking a turkey, please call
Ruth Ouverson at 797-2267.

We hope to hear from you soon.

CONSIDER THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED!!

We were before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the Pill.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens, before panty hose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married FIRST and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

In our time, closets were for clothes - not "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jeanne, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was the back of the Palace Theatre.

We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt and guys wearing earrings.

For us, time-sharing meant togetherness - not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word!

In 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "Making Out" referred to how you did on an exam. Pizzas, McDonald's and instant coffee and tea were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Bordens sold ice-cream cones for a nickle or a dime. For one nickle you could ride a bus, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two post-cards. You could buy a new Chevy for \$600, but who could afford one? A pity, too, because gas was only 11 cents a gallon.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was Grandma's lullabye and AIDs were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had! AND we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby! No wonder we are so confused, and there is such a generation gap today. BUT WE SURVIVED.

author unknown

Ole was staggering home from the tavern one night, weaving from side to side. The Lutheran minister saw him and in a Good Samaritan impulse, offered to guide Ole to his home. As they approached the house, Ole suggested that the minister go inside for a moment. He explained, "I vant Lena to see who I have been out vith."

Two Norwegians at the funeral of their friend Nels. "He sure looks good," said one. "He should," remarked the other, "ye just got out of the hospital.

What's black and blue and lies on the sidewalk" The guy who tells too many Norwegian stories.

2006 IS FERTILE'S 150th BIRTHDAY

We need ideas and help for all committees. Even if you don't live here now, we need your help on computers and telephones & committees. We can all work together and make this a great celebration. Send your ideas to the Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA. , 50434; or call Jane Ramon at 641-797-2510 or 797-2511; or Gloria Kirschbaum at 641-797-2121.

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

No one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?

Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Fertile Garden Club met for its monthly meeting at the home of Gloria Kirschbaum with co-host Mary Ann Wellik. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Penny Miller by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and then singing the Table Prayer. A delicious lunch was served and the meeting was held during lunch. Pat Lohman gave the Lesson on "Preparing beds for Winter". The Secretary and Treasurers' reports were given. The old business consisted of Pop Machine moving, which is on hold. The Christmas Party was discussed. Mary Anderson offered to have it in her home and the club will pay for the food. Each member is to bring a goodie for dessert. The town entered the Park Contest on Landscaping and they want to get the pond cleaned up. 2 from ISU and 1 from UNI were the judges. They toured the spring plantings that the Garden Club did.

Guest Night will be October 12 at the Church of Christ. Discussion was held on the 150th Anniversary of Fertile in 2006. Style of clothes, hats, parade, etc. Mary Ann Wellik gave the Thought of the Day for Bev Steffensen. *Pat Oswald, Reporter Pro-tem*

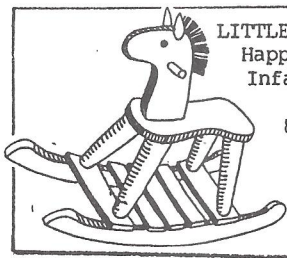
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Before you die, give.

William Arthur Ward

REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY

There's a little fellow named Junior who hangs out at the local grocery store. The manager doesn't know what Junior's problem is, but the boys like to tease him. They say he's two bricks short of a load.

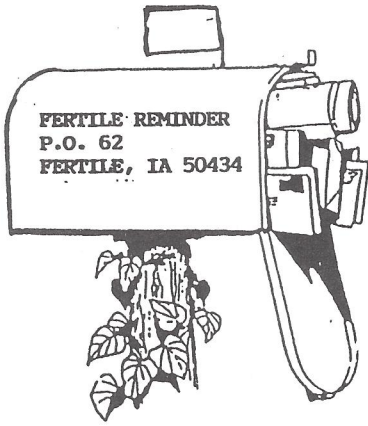
To prove it, sometimes the boys offer Junior his choice between a nickel and a dime. He always takes the nickel, they say, because it's bigger.

One day after Junior grabbed the nickel, the store manager got him off to one side and said, "Junior, those boys are making fun of you. They think you don't know the dime is worth more than the nickel. Are you grabbing the nickel because it's bigger, or what?"

Junior said, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd quit doing it!"

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