

# JUNE 2005

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

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|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| June 2  | FB&I Meeting            | 7 p.m. |
| June 6  | Fire Department Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| June 7  | Senior Dinner           | Noon   |
|         | City Council Meeting    | 7 p.m. |
| June 18 | Boys & Girls 4-H        |        |
| June 20 | Library Board Meeting   | 7 p.m. |
| June 21 | Senior Dinner           | Noon   |
| June 28 | Re-cycle Day            |        |



The Fertile City Council met 7:00 PM in regular session, May 3, 2005, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Paul Youngers, Tad Miller, Jeff Berg. Absent Melanne Bang, Gail Shropshire. Berg moved, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the March minutes after amending. A lengthy discussion was held on the sewer and excess rain that is currently causing problems. The watertower inspection indicated the condition of the tower was good, the council is requesting a delay of two years before the scheduled painting is done. The original work plan was for the year 2007. Water tower inspection is done on an annual basis. The Lee complaint was discussed. Sandifer's water bill was tabled until the June meeting. The PIM/sidewalk issue was tabled until the June meeting. Monthly reports were given. The Fertile Fire Department received a grant for \$750.00 towards the purchase of a self-containing breathing apparatus. The grant from Iowa Network Services also included sponsors Winnebago Cooperativae Telephone Association, Fred Hare and Mayor Joyce Russell. The Water Quality Report for the City of Fertile is available at City Hall and the Fertile Library. Youngers moved to approve expenditures, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Berg remarked on the missing street sign on West Washington, the missing survey stake on the City/ Berg property. Youngers moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Miller. Meeting adjourned..

**April Revenue**

Property Tax	16,078.15
Water/Sewer/Garbage	12,828.14
Street Revenue	1,220.41
Street Const. 28E	1,426.35
Local Option Tax	1,131.30
Misc.	26.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$32,710.35</b>

April Expenses	
Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,285.24
Gloria Kirschbaum	347.33
Dennis Ganz	53.19
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	406.60
IPERS	207.90
WCTA	59.36
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	806.16
Post Office	46.00
Aquila	449.63
Thompson's Garage	73.29
Warren Bruns, NIACC	99.00
Pronto, gas	5.02
Menards	50.42
CL Farmers Lumber Co	152.08
LGI	80.30
Larsen Plumbing	457.68
Jeff Berg	70.00
National Waterworks	799.50
Hawkins	10.00
Yaggy Colby	1,118.90
NCSS Lawnmower	2,000.00
City Insurance	10,434.00
Fertile Library	2,175.00
Fertile Fire Dept	1,250.00
Water Tower Inspection	1,250.00
State of Iowa	10.00
Street Signs	122.29
Midwest Pipe	45.00
Lawnmower Seatbelt	49.53
Joyce Russell, supplies	54.93
Collegiate Pacific, park	228.00
Mike Christensen, Lagoon Fence	
FEMA	1,487.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$30,787.84</b>





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### NEW BOOKS

A Good Yarn – Debbie Macomber

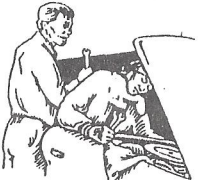
True Believer – Nicholas Sparks

A Land of Sheltered Promise – Jane Kirkpatrick

Mother of Prevention – Lori Copeland

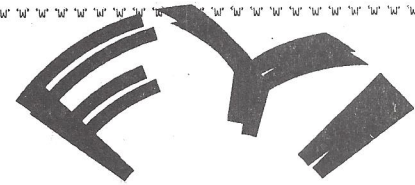
Gypsy Lover – Connie Mason

Superstition – Karen Robards



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### Fertile Public Library 2004 Stats

Books Read:

Adults - 4294

Childrens - 2480

Videos Watched - 5286

Audios Listened to - 553

Magazines Read - 1867

Camera Check Out - 26

Total Circulation - 14,506

### Fertile Pictorial Directory

For our 150th celebration, the FB&I committee has been offered the services of Steph's photography to create a Pictorial Directory of Fertile. This includes country families, folks who have lived in Fertile, and grew up in Fertile. If you or your family would like to be in the pictorial directory, call Steph Ewing - (641) 430-8311. YOU WILL NOT BE CALLED. Everyone is responsible to call Steph to set up an appointment to have your picture taken. Pictures will be available to purchase also, if you so desire. Weather permitting - pictures will be taken outside. Suggestion: color coordinates your family. Steph is planning to take the pictures the end of May first part of June. Several have already called and set up their appointments, THANKS!!! Call Steph as soon as possible to set up your appointment. Remember - WE ARE NOT CALLING YOU TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. CALL STEPH EWING - 641-430-8311.

# Fertile Volunteer Fire Department

## May 2005

The Fertile Volunteer Fire Department would like to update you on things that have happened in the past two months. In the month of March we applied for five grants to different organizations in and around the area. So far, we have received monies from INS Charity Grant program to purchase one Self Containing Breathing Apparatus. As of May, we have \$3,700.00 for bunker gear. We received monies from Tannahill's, Schissel, Waddington's and Novak's toward bunker gear. This will buy 2 ½ sets of bunker gear. Thank you for your gifts of money and to those who have donated in the past. Your support is greatly appreciated. Donations are still accepted.

Brian Fairchild has resigned from the fire department as of March 2005. Thanks Brian for your years of service on the fire department. Three of our firefighters finished an Instinct Command class held in the Hanlontown Fire Department twice a week for six weeks. It was also stated, all rescue calls are non - public information and "the right to privacy act" protects an individual. No firefighter can release any information to anyone without the family's permission. The fire department aided in several rescues and two fires since that last update.

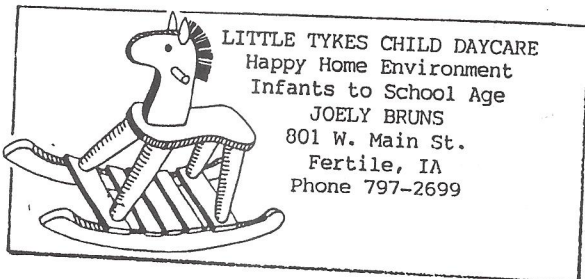
As you may have noticed, we have replaced the red lights on the outside of the building and plans are being made to paint the fire department this spring. We have purchased a **thermal image camera** that will help the firefighters see hot spots, which are invisible to the human eye.

**Again, we would like to thank everyone for your support.**

Fertile Volunteer Fire Department

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## WITH SYMPATHY

MAYVIS D. SHEIMO  
1923 - 2005

Mayvis D. Sheimo, 81, Garner, formerly of Willow Point, Mason City, died April 20, 2005 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit, Mason City,



Funeral service was held April 23, 2005 at Fertile Luthern Church with Rev. Merlin Norris officiating. Interment was at Brush Point Cemetery, Fertile.

Mayvis was born Dec. 7, 1923 on the family farm in rural Fertile, the daughter of Tollef and Eleanor (Teigen) Felland. She attended schools in Fertile.

Mayvis married Erling Keith Sheimo March 21, 1942 in Princeton, MO and they lived in Fertile. They lived in Buffalo Center from 1955 to 1962, when they moved back to Fertile.

She was a homemaker and waitress for many years at the Center Cafe and the A&W Cafe in Buffalo Center, Lime Rock Cafe in Fertile and Carol's Cafe, the Regatta and the Half Moon in Clear Lake.

After retiring, she worked part-time at McDonald's in Clear Lake. Mayvis loved to sew, quilt, make stuffed animals for grandkids, the outdoors and gardening. She was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church, Fertile.

Mayvis is survived by four children: Marsha (Richard) Smith of Longmont, CO, Pamela (Gene) Hartman of Buffalo Center, Paulette Quame, Ventura and Jeff (Cheryl) Sheimo of Clear Lake; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; one sister, Sharon (Dennis) Jenkins of Longmont, CO; and two sisters-in-law: Ardis Sheimo of Fertile and Shirley Sheimo of Garner.

Mayvis was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1994; sisters Naomi Hope and Kathleen Schlawin; a brother, Ordean "Bud" Felland; son-in-law, Greg Quame and great-grandson, Travis Owen Dotseth.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

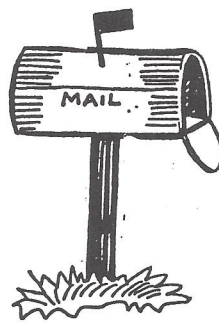
## CARD SHOWER

There will be a card shower for Doris Oswald who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on June 5th. You may send her a card at 4 - 3rd St. N. W. - Apt. #549, Mason City, IA 50401.

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Dear Ladies,

I enjoy the Putsy news. Hope maybe to get back to where I was born once again.

Marvin Rye

Dear Girls,

Thanks for all the work on the Reminder. We enjoy each copy of it.

Ray & Lorraine Bakke

Dear Reminder Staff,

Enclosed is a check to renew my subscription. As usual, you gals are doing a fantastic job of keeping us informed as to the goings on in Fertile.

Shirley (Nissen) McIlhatton

## THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all who sent me cards, gifts, and for phone calls on my 86th birthday.

It was great! I pray to live another 2 years to see my granddaughter graduate.

In Christ,

Maxine Rye

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## RELAY FOR LIFE

Walkers will put on their shoes, pinks will take flight and all involved will take part in a ceremony to honor those affected by cancer.

It will all happen as a part of the 2005 American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Worth County, which will take place on June 18 from 2-10 p.m. at the Northwood-Kensett Athletic Field. Last year's Relay for Life raised more than \$28,000 to aid in the fight against cancer. Relay organizers hope to raise even more this year.

For anyone who wants to help meet that goal, there are plenty of opportunities to do so. The 2005 Relay For Life of Worth County is currently looking for someone to fill the role of entertainment/activities chair.

The flying pigs that land in lawns every year are a big part of the donations that the Relay generates. Coordinators for the portable porkers are needed in several Worth County communities. Anyone who wants to volunteer to supervise the donations and travels of a pink pig in their community should contact Shirleen Julson at 324-1694.

Anyone who would like to organize a Relay team should contact Jean VanVeldhuizen at 324-2769. For more information about the 2005 Relay for Life of Worth County, contact Relay chair Tom Schuller at 324-1771 or 324-2158 during the evenings.

The Relay for Life of Worth County's pink pig populations has once again been let free from their pens and will soon be showing up in lawns and yards.


Once the pesky pigs have taken up residence, they can only be removed by a \$5 donation to the American Cancer Society. Donors will then have the opportunity to choose the next destination of their porcine visitor.

Those who would like to avoid a visit from the pink pigs can take out "Pig Insurance." A \$5 donation will insure that the donor's yard will remain pig-free.

"Pig Insurance" in Worth County is available by contacting the following pig representatives: Bolan - Linda Nydegger at 748-2385, Joice and Fertile - Jane Ramon at 797-2511, Grafton-Mary Rohlfen at 748-2743, Hanlontown-Dean & Dianne Garnas at 896-3016, Kensett-Rita Ulve at 845-2523, Manly-Dennis and Charlene Hauser at 454-2430 and in Northwood-Shirleen Julson at 324-1694.

## WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 95 9th St. North Northwood, IA 641-324-1741

- May 24 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Children under 6 years of age may receive a free lead test at this time.
- June 14 Grafton Nail Care Clinic. This can be for hands or feet. Please call for appointment at 1-800-765-1388.
- June 16 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office in Northwood from 1 - 5 pm. No appointment is necessary. Children under 6 years of age may receive a free lead test at this time.
- June 28 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appt is necessary. Children under 6 may receive a free lead test at this time.
- July 13 Child Immunization Clinic at Manly Town Hall from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Children under 6 may receive free lead test at this time.



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10:00 — FELLOWSHIP TIME.  
10:15 — WORSHIP SERVICE.

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## A GOOD REMEMBRANCE

By George Kisner  
Class of 1948

My first years of school were in a country school house. It was a small, one room school house with two outdoor toilets out back. One was designated "Boys" and the other "Girls". There was one teacher (always a lady) and eight or ten students, depending on the size of the families on the tenant farms. The grades were from one to eight with frequently only one to a class. Our farm was about one and one half miles from the school by the road or about half the distance if we walked across the fields. The children always walked to school back then. I was only five years old at the time, but my two older sisters looked after me and probably even carried me if I whined enough.

One day in the very late fall, a sudden blizzard struck. There were no radios at the time, so there was no advance warning whatsoever. It soon became so bad we could scarcely see to the corner of the road which was only about 300 feet away. Our young teacher (only about 20 years old) was very concerned and did not know what to do. It was very apparent to her that she could not just send the children out into the storm to go home. We children thought it great fun and ran from window to window watching the snow pile up into huge drifts. Just at the time, a big wagon pulled by two large horses appeared out of the snow. It was our father! He quickly put out the fire (a pot bellied stove) in the school and loaded everyone into the wagon. All children dressed warmly at the time, but our poor teacher always had to wear a dress and light stockings. Our father had thought of that and had a blanket to put around her and took her home first. We children huddled together in the straw in the wagon, protected from the wind by the sides of the wagon box. When the neighbor children had all been delivered safely to their homes, the snow was blowing so bad our father could not see at all. He just loosened the reins on the horses and told them to take us home. Then he got down in the box with us children. Our two faithful horses, Flory and Bess, wanted nothing better than to get home to their warm barn with plenty of hay and oats. After a bit we peered out over the wagon, and sure enough, we were coming up the long driveway to our house. Our father stopped in front of the house and let us out and then took the horses to the barn. We ran in the house and told our Mother about the fun that we had! Those were truly good times to remember with strong mily ties.

## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB Plant Sale a Success!

The Fertile Garden Club held their Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Break on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at the City Hall in Fertile.

Members came on Friday night and set up their plants and marked the prices. Members planted the pots on main street.

Each member brought bars, cookies or open face sandwiches for the Coffee Break. Hostesses were Fern Midtgaard and Teresa Smith. All members were assigned jobs. A May Basket Exchange was held and is always enjoyed by all.

There was a short business meeting at the conclusion of the morning. The Pledge of Allegiance started off the meeting. Amanda Waddington conducted the meeting. Roll call was "What's your favorite thing to do on Saturday A.M." Weeding schedule was discussed. Photo of the Garden Club will be taken for the Centennial Memory Book. Date to be announced.

Door prizes were won by Ronda Prescott. & Kay Olson. June meeting will be held here at City Hall with Ginny & Bev as hostesses.

Pat Oswald, Reporter



**FERTILE DOWNTOWN CAFE**  
**TUESDAY - Taco Nite**  
**5 - 8 p.m.**  
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**"YARD OF THE MONTH"**  
The Fertile Garden Club will be sponsoring a "Yard of the Month" contest in **May—June—July**. This is for all people living in the city limits of Fertile. A nice sign will be put in the yard of the winner.  
So, spruce up those front lawns and be a winner. Make Fertile the "Prettiest place by a Dam Site."



## *Nothing To Sniff At*

*Neil L. Kuns*

*June 20, 1995*

Several months ago I bought a tube of airplane glue for some minor repairs I was making. It didn't seem to have the holding power I had remembered from childhood. What it lacked in stick it more than made up for in stink. The label explained that a noxious odor had been added to the formula to discourage young people from "sniffing" the glue. We used to joke about some people merely smelling the cap from a whisky bottle and becoming tipsy. In our innocent days of youth we smelled something only to tell what it was and if it was good or spoiled. Sniffing glue or any such thing to get a "high" was unheard of in those days. At least we hadn't heard of it in the hinterland. Today kids inhale aerosol paint propellants, computer component cleaning sprays, laughing gas and the like for whatever thrill it may give them. Regretfully, the thrill sometimes kills them, or cooks their brains, leaving them mentally impaired for life. What a pity. What a waste!

Working in a garage in the wintertime presented its hazards. Exhaust from a running car engine could make a person nauseous or worse. Carbon monoxide can kill you if it becomes concentrated enough. Dad devised flexible tubes that slipped over the cars' tail pipes and vented the exhaust to the outside. This helped immensely. Another activity in an auto repair shop that presented respiratory risks was painting a car. The preferred coating in the 1930's was lacquer because it gave a lustrous finish to a car when the job was done. In order to spray the lacquer on smoothly Dad had to dilute it with a thinner he called "banana oil." This solvent smelled sweet but was both toxic and flammable in high concentrations. Good ventilation was a must if one was to maintain good healthy lungs.

Smoke from either acetylene or electric welding was enough to make a worker wheeze or something worse. The smell of hot metal and melting flux didn't attract anyone. It was nothing anyone wanted to sniff. The welder had to stay there and take it, but he didn't have to like it.

Then there was the aroma of gasoline. When we pumped gas in those days the fumes from the tank were not recaptured, as is now mandated in California. Evaporated and spilled gasoline perfumed the area around the pumps. We were quite careful with this very combustible fuel around open flames, but because it cost only twenty-five cents a gallon, we were *not* very careful about spilling it elsewhere.

One day "Dickie" Peterson bought a penny's worth of gas at Rodberg's Station east of the mill. Whoever pumped the gas probably thought nothing about it. Maybe he wanted it to clean some grease off a lawn-mower or to burn some rubbish. The station attendant went back to work and young Peterson sat down on a bench in front of the garage. He liked the smell of gasoline and sat there sniffing it from his glass jar. Sometime later Dean Haugen happened by and said, "Hey, Pete. What are you doing?" Dean tapped him on the shoulder and he fell over, nearly asphyxiated by the fumes. Fortunately, he recovered and everyone in town learned a lesson from the scare.

Inhalants are nothing to sniff at. By that I mean we should take them seriously. Even the helium from a party balloon can be harmful if overdone. Breathing it from a tank can cause death by asphyxiation. One way to "keep your nose clean" is to watch what you smell.



# COOK'S KORNER

I am in need of recipes. How about you cooks out there helping me out? Send your recipes to: Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434. Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

## SCALLOPED POTATOES From Nelda Halverson

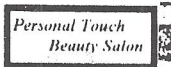
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups Half & Half
- 1 cup milk
- 3 cups diced ham
- 1 large onion (chopped)
- 5 cups sliced potatoes

Make white sauce. Microwave ham for 1 minute and drain off liquids. Fold in ham, onions and cheese into white sauce. Pour mixture over potatoes. 9x13 buttered pan. Cover with foil and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Uncover dish and stir in sides & bake additional. 60 minutes or more or until tender.

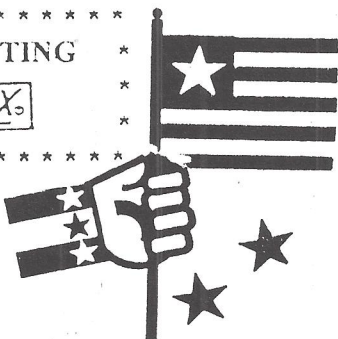
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- >Life is like an onion, you peel one layer at a time & sometimes you weep.
- >Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.
- >Even though the teeth be false, let the tongue be true.
- >Jumping to conclusions is not half as good exercise as digging for facts.
- >History teaches, but doesn't guarantee the future.
- >When you're up to your neck in trouble, try using the part that isn't submerged.
- >The best way out of a problem is usually straight through it.
- >The greatest remedy for anger is delay.
- >Humans, like horses, can't kick and go forward at the same time.

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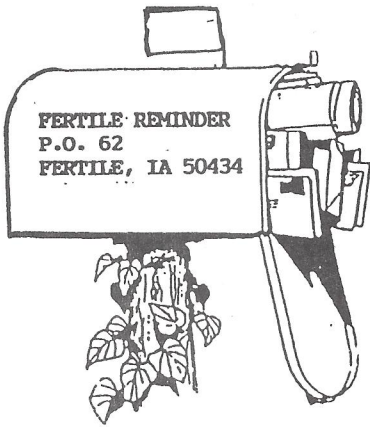


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