

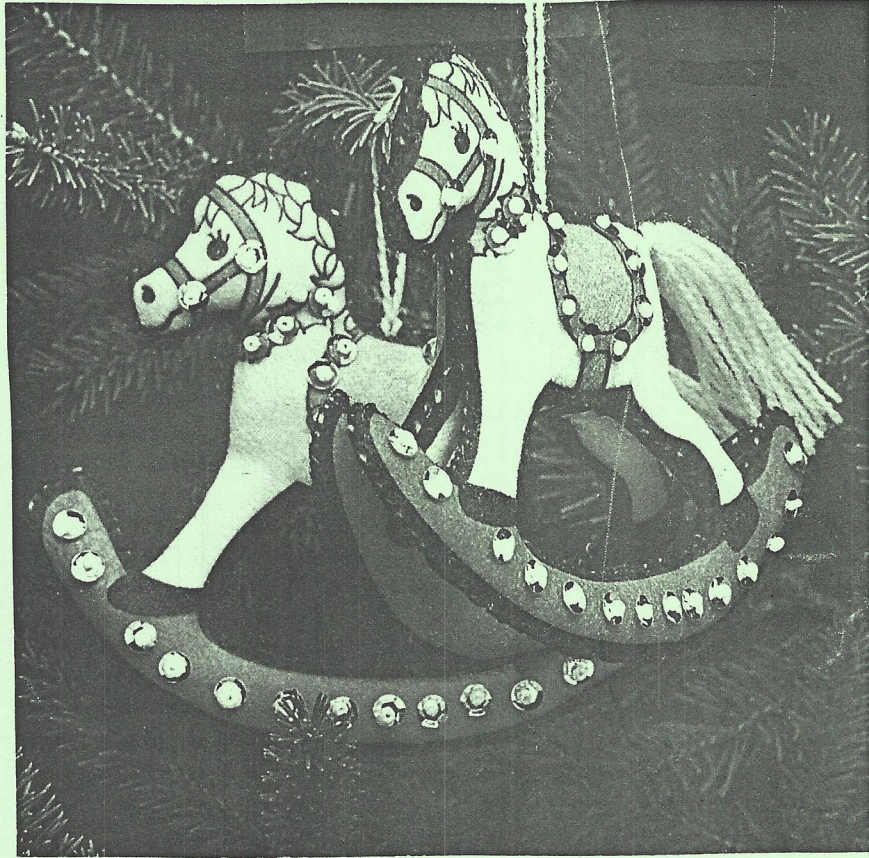
# Fertile Reminder 1987

Dec.

Crocheted items

Knitted items

Stocking stuffers



Lefsa

Wood items

Paintings

Avon

Door prizes

Come to the Craft Fair  
Fertile Community Center  
Sat. Nov. 21<sup>st.</sup> 9<sup>AM</sup> to 2<sup>PM</sup>  
Lunch all day  
Turkey noodle soup, Chili, Middles & Rolls



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Everywhere you go, you hear people saying, "I can't believe how fast the time is going". And now when we are entering into the holiday season it will seem to go even faster.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are times when we wish for loved ones to be close to us. Memories of special friends come to mind and what a joy it is to get the mail and to learn all is well with them. It is a time to share a part of ourselves with others. Somehow during the holidays the heart becomes more mellow and at least for a time one is more aware of the plight of those around us who are not as fortunate as we. Would that a magic wand could be waved and Peace On Earth Good Will to Men could truly become a reality!

I would like to share this Christmas recipe found in an old magazine.

Take a cold December night, add generous parts of snow, stir in icicles until you hear a clear, gentle tinkle in the air. Now mix in the wonder of a child, the love of a family, a generous handful of friendship and set near the chimney to keep warm. When bubbly and light, add a sprig of holly, the sound of sleigh bells, the scent of a baking fruit cake and a pinch of fragrant fir. This will be ready to serve when it glows with brightness and radiates love. Pour over it the light of the Star in the East, garnish with visions of hope and peace and serve with carols for all humankind.

We, of the Fertile Reminder, wish for you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving. May each of us take time to count our many blessings. May each of us remember the true meaning of Christmas as we each go about our separate ways.

May you and yours have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas. May the New Year be kind to you and to your loved ones.

L.V.N.

## "GOD BLESS US EVERYONE"

...so says Dickens Tiny Tim in a Christmas Carol, which has become so popular a blessing that we know it almost as well as the Merry Christmas Greeting.

But the blessing is more than a greeting. It is a deep-from-the-heart invocation that all people - no matter who or what they are - be touched by His divine love.

## A CHRISTMAS WISH

Oh God! At this Christmas season  
Give to the rulers of nations...wisdom to meet the crisis of the world;  
To the men of the world...steadfastness and courage in daily living;  
To the women of the world...patience and understanding in all their endeavors;  
To the youth of the world...visions and insight to choose the right goals;  
To the children of the world...faith and trust in the wonder of life around them;  
To those in the sunset years...memories echoing through time, warming their hearts with the golden glow of days that were;  
To those who are troubled...contentment and release from disturbing shadows;  
To those who doubt...blessed assurance of brighter days ahead and the eternal dawn that never fails;  
To those who sorrow...comfort and solace that time alone can bring;  
And to the world writhing in turmoil and war...the peace that comes with compassion and understanding that was born that night in Bethlehem so long ago.

## QUIZ FOR THE MONTH

Answers are Christmas Carols and found on another page.

1. Move hitherward the entire assemblage of those who are loyal in their belief.
2. Listen, the celestial harbingers produce harmonious sounds.
3. Nocturnal hours whose stillness is unbroken.
4. An emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere.
5. Adorn the buildings.
6. Exalted heavenly beings to whom we have harkened.
7. During the nocturnal hours when guardians of ovine quadrupeds survey their charges.
8. Twelve o'clock on a clement night witnessed its arrival.
9. The Christmas preceding all others.
10. Small municipality in Judea southwest of Jerusalem.



We hope everyone will be able to attend our Turkey Supper, Nov. 14th and also the Craft Fair, Nov. 21st. All proceeds from the Turkey Supper and from the luncheon the day of the Craft Fair, go to support the Center.

r new roof is finished, Thanks to Gene Hall.

We will be having a bake sale table and White Elephant sale the day of the Craft Fair to earn money to heat the gym this winter. We are hoping to find some one to be in charge, so the gym can be open every Sat. for the kids. All donations for the sale are welcome. Bring to the Center Friday or before 9 a.m. on Sat. Cliff Peterson is in charge of the White Elephant and Bake Sale.

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THANK YOU to John Schissel, Clet Nedved and Kenneth Strohmman for the work they did at the Community Center. They boarded up windows that had been broken and took the basket ball hoop down to have it welded. All three of them have done repairs at other times and we thank them for it. Clet, Carolyn, and Gen also cut and sprayed weeds around the building this summer. We also thank Randy Shropshire for mowing this summer.

Concerned Citizens of Fertile

There is a charge for advertising in the Reminder. \$1.00 for the first 15 words and 5¢ for each additional word. Please pay Florence Nye.

STORK NEWS

Tim and Brenda Hennigar are the Parents of a baby Boy, born Nov. 3. He has been named Cody Russell.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The Senior Citizens of Fertile had their Annual Fall Fair, Sat. Oct. 31st, serving pan-cakes from 7 A.M. to 1 P.M. and having craft, produce, bake tables and also a snack table. A drawing for 5 hams and 5 turkeys, was held at 1 P.M. with the following people winning: Hams - Dale Hyde, Fertile; Ken Hyde, Fertile; Maynard Calgaard, Hanlontown; Rick Kuns, Clear Lake; Floyd Clarke, Clear Lake. Turkeys: Delores Sandifer, Fertile; Vesta Kuns, Fertile; Melody Morse, Fertile; Ron Allen, Joice; Grace Narvesn, Manly.

THANKS to all who donated and helped in any way. We do appreciate it all.

The Reminder thanks Greg Nedved for designing our covers and making posters for us. We also thank Loretta Nye for her articles and poems each month.

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Hours for Surplus Distribution as of Jan.1988,  
will be from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

CITY ELECTION RESULTS

At the City Election on Tuesday, Nov.3, Loren Hoffman was re-elected Mayor and Lonnie Bailey, Clifford Petersen and Ken Strohmman were elected to the City Council for four year terms. Lance Burtness was elected to the Council for two years, the remainder of the unexpired term of Tom Kirschbaum. The Mayor's term is also a two year term.

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OCTOBER BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

Evelyn Knudsen	\$ 282.26
David Low	303.11
Dick Sheimo	636.48
Janice Hare	240.71
Waste Systems Corp.	700.65
Ipers	134.75
Treas-State of Iowa	71.61
Winn. RTA	219.42
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	32.87
Interstate Power Co.	535.67
Vesta Kuns	33.25
Fire Chief Magazine	18.00
Baker & Taylor	32.25
Christian Bookstore	18.76
Doubleday	10.12
Better Homes & Gardens	21.17
Newsweek	39.00
Summit	24.15
North Iowa Tire	517.07
Matt Parrott & Sons	24.20
Pronto Market	7.46
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	9.00
Marv's	59.51
Treas-State of Iowa	100.74
First State Bank	930.15
Postmaster	22.00
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	1,535.00
TOTAL	\$6,661.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,906.56



COUNCIL NEWS

GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile City Council met Nov. 10th with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Hare, Nye, Peterson, Sandifer, and Burtness present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mayor Hoffman swore in Lance Burtness as council member for the remaining two years of the term vacated by Tom Kirschbaum.

It was reported that the brush was cut south of the park and more gravel was added to the edges of old highway 86 by the county.

Council discussed a stop sign for the south end of the access road to Fertile Feeds (grain div.). Stop sign will be installed.

Motion to install a street light on the north side of Main St. across from the Old Mill Antiques. Carried.

Dave Sperry of NIACOG was present to discuss codifying the city's ordinances. He will have the approximate cost for the Dec. meeting and work will begin at the Jan. meeting.

City received a dog complaint on a dog running loose. Owner will be notified.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be held Tues. Dec. 1, 1987 at 7 PM. at the Fertile Library.

GIRLS age 9 and up who are interested in joining a girls 4H Club can call  
797-2225 Barb Seglem  
797-2717 Sue Lee

WIN A 1988 TEMPO. HELP KEEP THE DOORS AT THE ROBERTELLE CENTER OPEN.

FOREST CITY, IOWA. The Robertelle Center for Alcohol and Chemical Dependency today announced a unique fund-raising effort. A limited raffle for a 1988 Ford Tempo Automobile. The Center is offering only 300 tickets for this raffle. The price per ticket is \$100. The lucky number will be drawn at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17 and the winner will be notified that evening by telephone. Tickets may be purchased from the Robertelle Center at 525 North Fourth Street in Forest City, or from any member of the Board of Directors. You may call 515-582-3779 if you want a ticket. Someone will then contact you.

The Fertile Garden Club met Tues. Nov. 10th at the Fertile Community Center.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gloria Kirschbaum. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was "A Tree Memory" answered by 15 members.

Election of officers was held for 1988. The officers elected are as follows:

- President--Fern Midtgaard
- Vice President--Lorna Petersburg
- Treasurer--Penny Miller
- Secretary--Viola Buckley
- Corresponding Secretary--Doris Novak

Lessons for the day were "Trees We Live With" by Edna Pederson, "Houseplants" by Fern Midtgaard, Thought for the day by Alice Kingland.

Edna Pederson and Harriet Ouverson were hostesses.

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COMPLETE FARM SALE  
Saturday Nov. 28, 10:00 A.M.  
Merle Tuttle, Owner

The Robertelle Center was formerly known as Chemical Dependency Services and was founded in 1980 in response to a drunken driving incident in Forest City. In 1986 the Center was renamed in memory of Sister Mary Robertelle, the original director. The Robertelle Center is an independent no-profit organization and receives no direct funding from any governmental body. it relies on contributions from city and county governments, industry, organizations and individuals. With the elimination of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds and the downturn in the local economy, the Center is facing difficulties in paying their expenses. Thus the fund raising efforts. The Center's physical facility was donated by an individual in Forest City. As a result 84% of the Center's annual budget can be devoted to supplying a variety of community and client services. The Robertelle Center serves communities, individuals, and families in Winnebago, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Worth and Kossuth Counties. The Center's services are based in education and directed to the chemically dependent and their families, either still suffering from active dependence or those in recovery. The Robertelle Center does not charge for it's information or services, but does accept donations and contributions.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Answers to Quiz....

1. "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"
2. "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
3. "Silent Night"
4. "Joy to the World"
5. "Deck the Halls"
6. "Angels We Have Heard on High"
7. "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks"
8. "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
9. "The First Noel"
10. "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Christmas Is The Time For --  
Home and family

Sharing and remembering and loving  
Kitchen smells and eating well  
Gifts and decorations  
Brotherhood and love and the smiles  
of children

Giving - giving of presents, of  
course, but more, the giving  
of ourselves.

And remembering the Christ Child!

## Swiss Vegetable Medley

(Ready To Bake In Just 5 Easy Minutes)

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| 1 bag (16 oz.) frozen broccoli,<br>carrots and cauliflower<br>combination,<br>thawed and drained | 1/3 cup sour cream                                    |
| 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed<br>cream of mushroom soup   | 1/4 teaspoon Durkee Ground<br>Black Pepper            |
| 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded<br>Swiss cheese   | 1 jar (4 oz.) chopped pimiento,<br>drained (optional) |
|  | 1 can (2.8 oz.) Durkee<br>French Fried Onions         |

Combine vegetables, soup, 1/2 cup cheese, sour cream, pepper, pimiento and 1/2 can Durkee French Fried Onions. Pour into a 1-quart casserole. Bake, covered, at 350° for 30 minutes. Top with remaining cheese and onions; bake, uncovered, 5 minutes longer.  
Preparation time: 5 minutes **MAKES 6 servings.**

**MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS:** Prepare as above. Cook, covered, on HIGH 8 minutes; turn halfway through. Top with remaining cheese and onions. Cook, uncovered, on HIGH 1 minute or until cheese melts.

## Frozen Cranberry Parfait Pie

### Crust:

- 1/3 cup Butter Flavor Crisco
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

### Filling:

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 jar (14 oz.) cranberry-orange sauce

For Crust: Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine cracker crumbs and brown sugar and mix well. Stir in melted Butter Flavor Crisco. Press mixture into ungreased 9-in. pie plate. Bake at 350°F for 10 mins. Cool completely before filling.

For Filling: Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Whip cream until soft peaks form. Beat in sugar and vanilla. Gradually add whipped cream to cream cheese and beat until smooth and creamy. Fold in cranberry-orange sauce. Spoon into cooled crust.

Freeze several hours or overnight. To serve, remove from freezer and let stand for 15 mins. at room temperature. Garnish with additional whipped cream if desired. Cut in wedges with sharp knife. Makes one 9-in. pie.