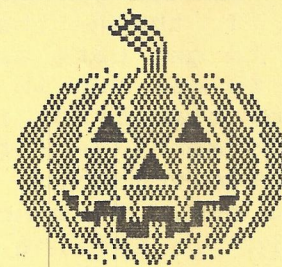


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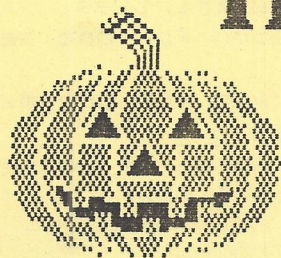
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OCTOBER

HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN



1989

Dear readers of the Fertile Reminder--

As I am writing this, it is a typical fall morning. The neighborhood is quiet as the youngsters are off to school. I think they were all anxious to get back as they were anxious to get out in the spring. We have many blackbirds in our yard in the early mornings - they are busy hunting for something to eat and then they are off. Some how I think their "built in" is telling them something.

Time out to get the fly swatter and get the pesky fly! I can remember life on the farm when we would have many flies and they always seemed to congregate on the back screen door and especially in the fall when they could feel the warmth and smell the good aromas coming from the kitchen. Do you remember the strips of newspaper or oilcloth we used to fringe and fasten to the top of the door? We hoped the flies would be stopped by the fluttering of the strips as we gingerly went through the door. I can remember when we were serving threshers and before it was time to eat my Mother would say, "Girls let's try to get some of these flies out before the men get here". Armed with dish towels, we began at the back of the room and waving our towels vigorously, we worked our way toward the door where my Mother would quickly open the screen door and shoo them through. We would repeat this several times and surprisingly we had good success.

And do you remember the evil smelling spray we used to spray the cows with before we started to milk them? If we didn't, we were apt to get a smart slap across the face with the cow's tail as she swept it back and forth to try and dislodge the flies. I know they must have bitten through their thick hide as every once in awhile there would be a sudden kick and if you weren't on the look out you just might have a bucket of spilled milk!

Now we have so many sprays to use on insects and so it is easy to keep them under control. Now we are all wondering if we'll have an onslaught of Box Elder bugs this year. However, for me, my big concern is if we get a mouse in the house so I have my trusty traps set. They can send me into orbit and I have been told that I can move with the speed of lightning should I see one!

I am closing with this little poem entitled "Prime Time". I am certain that most of us can relate to it.

May you and yours enjoy these days of autumn with their bright colors, warm days and cool nights.

Until next time -  
L.V.N.

### **Prime time**

As a country child of nine or ten,  
Long grown, I can remember when  
Huge, hearty men came in to eat,  
Fresh from the task of threshing wheat.  
Between the hash browns and the pie  
You should have seen the butter fly;  
The laden plates and platters clear  
And jugs of coffee disappear,  
While womenfolk beamed at the sight  
Of so much healthy appetite.

It seems a far, heroic time  
When labors matched the season's rhyme  
And satisfaction was a goal  
Unblemished by cholesterol  
Or shadows of an early grave.  
When no one had a microwave  
Or feared to bite, as we do now,  
An unwashed apple from the bough,  
When sunlight held no dark alloy  
And life was full of natural joy.

They can say all they want about being over the hill. It still beats being under it.

Anyone who calls a rose by any other name is probably pruning. ■

### QUIZ FOR THE MONTH

Answers found on a back page - the answers are all about "apples".

1. A World War Two song.
2. A person precious in another's sight.
3. Fermented cider.
4. Part of an old adage.
5. A dance of the thirties.
6. Slang expression for one seeking a favor.
7. A special spread for bread.
8. As Amercian as \_\_\_\_\_
9. A slang expression of nonsense.
10. Arkansas state flower.

### **Let's face it**

When you find your lost pencil attached to your ear  
Can it be our worst fear has come true -  
That you've reached that certain time in your life  
When the pencil is sharper than you?



### District Beef Queen

Jamie Weld, 18-year old daughter of Jim and Karen Weld of rural Clarion was crowned District Beef Queen Tuesday evening, Aug. 2, at the Gold Key Restaurant in Hampton.

Being crowned District Beef Queen gives Jamie the right to represent Wright, Franklin, Worth and Cerro Gordo counties at the State Beef Queen contest in January.

Weld will be a freshman at Central College this fall.

Jamie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zirbel, rural Clear Lake.

### OCTOBER

This month the trees begin to make  
Their autumn alterations;  
October brings the turning leaf  
In flaming variations!

Triumphant beauty clothes the hills  
The mountains are ablaze!  
There's splendor everywhere to see  
These autumnal days!

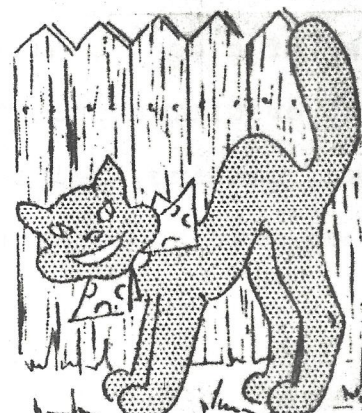
Then one day soon the whistling winds  
Will hustle - bustle by,  
Sending leaves a sprawling with  
A wistful, wind-swept sigh!

This month the trees begin to make  
Their autumn alterations;  
October brings the blowing leaf  
In flaming variations!

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*   CRAFT SALE       CRAFT SALE   *
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*BRUE'S ANNUAL SALE OF WOODEN CRAFTS*
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*PLACE- FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER  *
*   DINING ROOM                    *
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*DATE-  OCTOBER 7, 1989            *
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*TIME-  8AM TO 4 PM                *
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*MANY NEW, ORIGINAL, INTERESTING  *
*AND USEFUL ITEMS.                 *
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*A CONTRIBUTION WILL AGAIN BE GIVEN *
*TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER.          *
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*SENIOR CITIZENS WILL SELL COFFEE  *
*AND BARS.                           *
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*   STAN AND ERMA BRUE              *
*   FERTILE, IOWA   50434            *
*   PHONE 797-2741                   *
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"PUTSY" POSTAL INFO



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Lobby                      Window  
Mon.-Fri.            7:30am-12:15pm  
7:15am-4:30      1:30pm- 4:15pm  
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7:00am-5:00      7:30am-9:30am

**United States  
Postal Service**

Need a gift in a hurry or just not having any idea what gift would be needed and useful. The Post Office may be the place to shop.

Stamps can be used by everyone. We have books of stamps priced at \$3 and \$5. Rolls of 100 stamps are \$25.

A group of 10 post cards tied together with a pretty ribbon not only looks nice but makes an excellent small gift for only \$1.50.

For the men on your shopping list, (Paula Worsley gave me this gift idea) Purchase a duck stamp needed for hunting cost \$12.50. He'll probably like it better than another shirt.

Most children like stamps. Stamp collecting kits start at \$2.50. These kits cover many subjects. Animals, birds, flags, cars, foreign countries.

A must for anyone who has an interest in stamps is the Postal Service Guide To U.S. Stamps. Costing \$5, this paperback book is considered the best reference available by stamp collectors. All stamps pictured are in color, listed by Scott No., value, date of issue, and description.

So next time you need to buy a gift remember your Post Office, down town "Putsy".

Your Postmaster

*Bonnie Beck*

CHAPTER 2 - ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL

*The following items were taken from the Fertile City Code.*

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

3-2.0106 BOTHERSOME ANIMALS. It shall be unlawful for a person to keep within the city such bothersome animals as barking dogs, bees, cattle, horses, swine and sheep which tend to disrupt the peace and good order of the community.

3-2.0108 ANNOYANCE OR DISTURBANCE. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise; or, by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

August Balance Sheet  
Expenditures

Evelyn Knudson	254.64
Cheryl Benson	58.98
Lennie Knudson	18.50
vid Low	301.87
Janice Hare	239.73
Dick Sheimo	485.23
Waste System Inc.	738.60
IPERS	139.65
Treas. State of Ia.	98.07
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	35.42
Interstate Power Co.	670.60
Winnebago Co-op Telephone	15.30
Ideals	17.95
Saturday Evening Post	12.97
Field and Stream	13.94
Outdoor Life	13.94
Christian Bookstore	22.32
Ray Bakke	425.00
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Univ. Hygiene Lab	30.00
Total	3653.73
Total receipts	2463.42

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Senior Citizens Menu

Aug. 3 - Cubed beef over mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, carrot salad, lemon cake with lemon sauce, bread, butter, coffee, and milk.

Oct. 17 - Scalloped potatoes, meat-loaf, broccoli, tossed salad, apple pie, bread, butter, coffee, and milk.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make our Golden Wedding Anniversary Open House a special day.

Thank you for the cards, gifts, flowers and warm wishes.

Glen & Marcella Purcell

A sincere thank you for the prayers, cards, gifts and visits while in the hospital and at home. Also, to the Church of Christ for their cards and prayers. Come and see me.

Ethel Tuttle

Council News

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Sept. 5, 1989 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Peterson, Hansmeier, Strohman, Burtness, and Sandifer present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on playground equipment at the ball diamond and park. Letter received from the insurance company recommending that monkey bars be removed at the ball diamond and that all equipment have cushioning material underneath.

List for junk car ordinance has gone to the lawyer for enforcement.

One or two electrical hookups for camping will be added in the park next spring.

Request was received to check with Farmers Home to see if water and sewer could be extended to the houses south of the river.

Installation for cable TV should begin within 2 weeks.

Motion to extend the terms of the library board members who have terms expiring from June to January to comply with terms of library ordinance in new code. Carried.

Council discussed fences and animals within city limits.

Council discussed graveling and grading the alleys.

Stop sign will be put in the middle of the 4 way stop on Main St.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Next council meeting will be held Tues. Oct. 2, 1989 at the library.

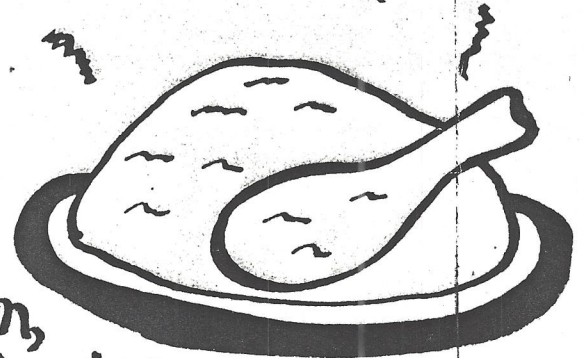
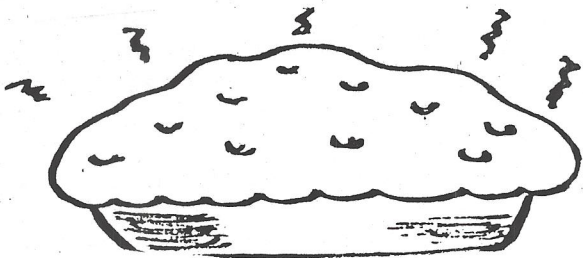
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# ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

saturday  
november 4<sup>th</sup>

serving 5-7:30 P.M.



turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, corn,  
cranberries, rolls, coffee, and homemade pies.

**ADULTS -- \$5.00**  
**Children 10 & under -- \$2.50**

The reminder received a letter from Anna Kimble who at one time lived in Fertile but now resides in Phoenix, Arizona. Although she has been gone from the Fertile area a long time, she still enjoys keeping in touch and has enjoyed receiving the Fertile Reminder. She will be 95 years old Dec. 21st and says she suffers from Arthritis which comes and goes so she doesn't get around too much. Some of her family live in Arizona also. Anna has 28 great grandchildren. If anyone is interested in writing to her, the address is:  
Anna Kimble  
3120 W. Wetherfield  
Phoenix, Arizona 85029



## List award winners from area fairs

Grant Livewires 4-H Club met Sept. 16. Roll call as "what I liked best about the fair." It was answered by nine members, two leaders and one visitor.

Abbie Almellen won the diary herdsmanship award at the North Iowa Fair. At the Iowa State Fair Carrie Seglem got a blue on her piano stool and Jodi Ouverson a red on her cookies.

Carrie Seglem gave her working exhibit on "paper folding." She gave it at the Clay County Fair.

The club is planning a family night for November. Club decided to attend county awards night and the county Halloween party in October. Luncheon was served by Barb and Carrie Seglem.

FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Fertile Community Center Board met on Sept. 6th. New board members elected were: Kay Olson, Mary Petersen, and Randy and Denise Eischeid.

Projects being planned are: turkey supper on Nov. 4th and a craft fair with a bake sale on Nov. 11th.

We would like to remind everyone that the building may be rented for family gatherings as well as showers, receptions, and etc. Plan ahead and book the date you want now.

We need new ideas for money making events, so if you have any, our next meeting is Sept. 27th at the center.

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The Fertile Community Center would like to thank the girls 4-H club and their leaders Barb Seglem and Sue Lee for planting and taking care of the flowers on the west side of the building. Also, thanks to Randy Shropshire for keeping the grass mowed all summer and Don Nelson for trimming and cutting the bushes around the building.

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ANSWERS TO THE "APPLE" QUIZ

1. Don't sit under the apple tree
2. Apple of one's eye
3. Applejack
4. An apple a day .....
5. Big apple
6. Apple polisher
7. Apple butter
8. Apple pie
9. Applesauce
10. Apple blossom

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BRIDAL SHOWER

An open house bridal shower for Laura Buchannan, bride to be of James Freeborg of Tioga, North Dakota, will be held on Saturday, September 30th, from 9 am to 11 am, at the Fertile Church of Christ.

Laura is the daughter of Jane Ramon and the granddaughter of Ed Buchannan.

Everyone is welcome.

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Maybe you can't fool Mother Nature but she can't go from summer to winter without a fall nor from winter to summer without a spring!

FUN AND GAMES

LADIES- Mark your calendars for Sept. 28th at 1:30 pm.

Come to the Senior Citizens Center for fun and games.

500! UNO! SKIP-BO! or ??????  
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CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, and gifts sent to me while I was in the hospital and after returning home. It was all very much appreciated.

Marcella Mitchell

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STORK NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Tuttle are the parents of a baby girl born August 25th. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and has been named Rachel May.

Grandparents are: Pat tuttle of Fertile, Larry Tuttle of Joice, and Gene and Donna Lackore of Garner. Great grandparents are: Ethel Tuttle of Fertile, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Reindl of Manly, Ethel Lackore of Hayfield, and Agnes Robinson of Forest City.

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Hauge of Forest City are the parents of a baby boy born Aug. 11th. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and has been named Mathew Ryan.

Grandparents are Arnold and Helen Hauge of Fertile.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Millard are the parents of a baby girl born August 22nd. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and has been named Ivy May. Grandparents are: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Hagen and Mr. & Mrs. Chester Millard of Northwood. Great grandparents are: Mr. & Mrs. Chester Millard, Sr. of Mason City and Gertrude Wagner of Mason City.

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NOTICE!!!!

Volunteers needed to help at the up-coming fund raisers at the community center.

"Americans trust in God. You can tell by the way they drive."

A pessimist can hardly wait for the future so he can look back with regret.

Thank the following merchants for making it possible for us to publish the Fertile Reminder. Their ads help us to purchase the paper, ink, labels, and other supplies. We still need to hear from you to pay postage and other expenses.

LARSENS' PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2219	FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2262
		Grain Division	
		For Complete Grain Buying,	
		Selling, & Storage	
JORDAN INSURANCE AGENCY	797-2700		
AMERICAN FAMILY			
Auto-Home-Business-Life			
		BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE	797-2647
		Delicious Food	
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE	797-2437	Call For Reservations	
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OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	OUIVERSON OIL	797-2267
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			797-2440
PRONTO MARKET	797-2220		
MARV'S SERVICE	797-2677		
RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES	797-2681		
FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2242		
Complete Livestock Needs			
Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food			
WORSLEY ELECTRIC	797-2494		
Katolight Generators			
Sales & Service			
FOREST CITY COW PALACE	582-4646		
FIRST STATE BANK	896-2265		