

SEPTEMBER 2002

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Sept. 3	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 PM
Sept. 9	Fire Dept. Meeting	
Sept. 10	Fertile Garden Club	7 PM
Sept. 15	Library Board Meeting	7 PM
Sept. 17	Senior Dinner	Noon
Sept. 21	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Sept. 24	Recycle Day	

Fertile City Council

The Fertile City Council met August 6, 2002 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Persons Tad Miller, Richard Bruns, Tanya Olson, Tammy Hall. Absent Jeff Berg. Also present were Shane Wegner, Goldie Felland, Don Sunne, Sheriff Genz. The minutes were declared approved as presented. A short discussion about the Community Center was held. As of this time no money has been received. Surveying of the property must be completed. The Mayor requested a safety fence be erected at the entrances to the footbridge until a permanent railing is constructed. Basic Material donated two loads of rock to the Wm. Roads Park. A building permit was issued to Mary Anderson to construct a garage. Miller moved, Bruns 2nd. Passed. Sheriff Genz then answered questions from the council and citizens regarding enforcement of the new city ordinances. The sheriff stressed that anyone should call the Worth County Sheriff department to report anything of a suspicious nature. **The number to reach the sheriff's department is 1-800-458-1234.** Someone is at the phone 24 hours every day. The Annual Street Finance Report was reviewed. Bruns moved, Miller 2nd to approve the report. Hall moved to approve expenditures, Miller 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

July Revenue	
Property Tax	750.54
Water/Sewer/Garbage	9,646.06
Street Revenue	2,446.89
Local Option Tax	1,505.70
Insurance Rebate	1,043.00
TOTAL	15,392.19
Expenses	
Tom Kirschbaum	738.85
Dave Low	301.49
Gloria Kirschbaum	278.65
Sewer Acct	1,483.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	694.19
IPERS	219.57
Basic Materials	157.71
WCTA	53.48
Waste Systems	1,666.50
Nelson Petroleum	121.50
Northwood Anchor	24.60
Larsen Plumbing	25.23
Alliant	588.58
NIACOG	162.00
Sales Tax	175.72
Ia Withholding Tax	204.00

US Post Office	48.50
Aquila	29.29
Tom Sheimo Electric	394.49
Midwest Wheel	53.93
Carescent Moon	120.00
Hygenic Lab	180.00
DNR	46.44
LGI	24.50
Iowa One Call	1.20
Fertile Library	2,500.00
Fertile Fire Dept	1,250.00
NCSS	136.85
US Post Office	120.00
TOTAL	13,274.27
Gloria Kirschbaum, City Clerk	



FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Mary Ann Wellick on August 13th with Mary Ann and Rhonda Schulze as hostesses.

We had the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of our flag and country.

Roll call was answered by 19 members, with the call entitled "Memories of the canning season." It was very interesting. The memories were of our mothers and grandmothers raising vegetables and canning. The many hours they spent over a "hot stove" preparing food for the winter months! Before "super markets" and "frozen foods" life wasn't easy.

Betty Theilen had a lesson on "Canning Basics" which was very interesting. Betty still cans a lot and brought pickles and relish for us to taste. She also showed us peaches she had canned that were picked from her own tree.

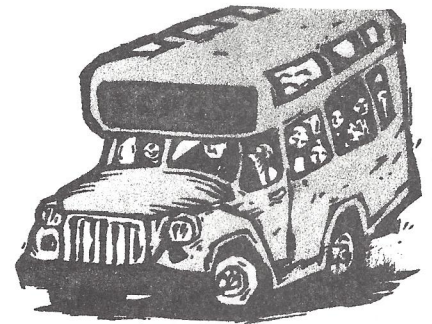
Our business meeting consisted of talking about our "Guest Day" which will be held at 7 o'clock on September 10th. Our guest speaker will be Kyle Winter on the topic of "Winter Landscaping" and "Landscaping for Your Home." Wouldn't you like to come?

The table prayer was sung and a delicious lunch was served.

Fern Midtgaard
Reporter



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NEW BOOKS

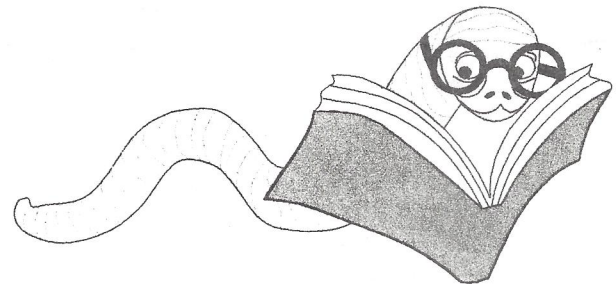
Alaska - Tracie Peterson
 Eleventh Hour - Catherine Coulter
 Beach House - James Patterson
 Her Father's House - Belva Plain
 Dark Stranger - Heather Graham
 The Rescue - Lori Wick
 Written on the Wind - Judith Pella
 Undying Love - Al & Joanna Lacy
 Quilts are Forever - Kathy Laman Cusa
 The Runaway Quilt - Jennifer Chiaverini
 The Cross Country Quilters - " "
 Round Robin - " "
 Mount Vernon Love Story - Mary Higgins Clark
 Enemies Within - Pat Schultz
 Weekend Projects - Debbie Travis
 Debbie Travis' Painted House
 Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs 2002
 Window Basics - Better Homes & Gardens
 Style on a Budget - " "
 Bathroom Planner - " "
 Cutting Your Family's Hair - Gloria Handel
 Recipes From Iowa with Love - Peg Hein

AUDIO BOOKS

Her Father's House - Belva Plain
 Brazen Virtue - Nora Roberts
 Honest Illusions - Nora Roberts
 River of Hidden Dreams - Connie May Fowler
 To Catch a King - Jack Higgins
 The Silent Cradle - Margaret Cuthbert
 Love Her Madly - Mary Ann Tirone Smith

NEW VIDEOS


Lord of the Rings - Elijah Wood
 John Q - Denzel Washington



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to Sherry Kingston for giving a great summer reading program. The reading club members traveled to a different country every Wednesday afternoon in July. They ended in Greece for the Library Olympics. All members received program certificates & gold medals. Join the Winner's Circle Read will be ending August 23. Be sure to check for your name on the weekly winner's list. And thanks to all of you for another great summer at the library.

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WITH SYMPATHY

ANNA M. METHUS

Anna M. Methus, 78, of Rogers AR, died July 10, 2002 at her home. She was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Fertile, IA to Lewis and Carolyn Rye.

She moved to Rogers in 1980 from Lake Crystal, MN. She graduated from Fertile High School and was a grocery-store clerk for many years. She served in the Navy Waves during World War II, stationed in Washington, D.C. She was preceded in death by one son, Rodney.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon Methus, to whom she was married Oct. 10, 1946; one daughter, Bobbie Bliss of Marietta, GA; one brother, Norman Rye of Fertile; one grandson, Adam Bliss of Marietta.

Memorial services were held July 15th at Peace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jane Mar officiating. Burial will be later in National Cemetery at Fayetteville.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



Pansy S. Jones, 82, of 110 1/2 Main, Fertile, Iowa died Tuesday July 16, 2002 at the Mercy Medical Center North Iowa, Mason City, Iowa. Funeral services will be Friday July 19, 2002 11:00a.m. at the Fertile Lutheran Church, Fertile, Iowa with Rev. Dennis Ganz officiating. Graveside services will be 1:30p.m. at the Memorial Park Cemetery, Mason City, Iowa. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:00-8:00p.m.

at the Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, Clear Lake, Iowa. Family suggest memorial to Pansy Jones Memorial Fund.

Pansy was born June 17, 1920 in Reeve Twp. Franklin Co., Iowa the daughter of Charles R. and Lizzie (Mutzel) Savage. She graduated from Garner High School.

Pansy married Donald Jones Dec. 23, 1941 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. They lived in Clear Lake where she was the first meter maid in Clear Lake in the late 50's. She and her husband owned and operated Jones Standard Station in Clear Lake until their retirement in the early 70's.

She enjoyed spending their winters in Apache Jct. Arizona area and the summers visiting their children in Iowa. She moved back to Fertile June of 1993. Pansy was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church.

Pansy will be sadly missed by her four children Connie Barlow and her husband Kaye, Tempe, Arizona, Donna Simpson and her husband John, Clear Lake, Iowa, Susan Reineke and her husband Ed, Forest City, Iowa and Bob Jones and his wife Brenda, Fertile, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren, several great grandchildren and one sister Donna Axelsen, Clear Lake, Iowa. Her parents, husband Donald, two grandsons Dale Simpson and Joel Haugen and one brother Devere Savage preceded her in death.

THELMA O. TRUSTEM

1922 - 2002

Thelma O. Trustem of Fertile died July 27, 2002 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City.



Funeral services were held July 31, 2002 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Joice with Rev. Bill Peters officiating. Burial was in Concordia Cemetery, rural Joice.

Thelma Odelia Trustem was born April 11, 1922, on per parents' farm near Joice. Thelma was the fifth child of Thor and Olinda Rinden. She was baptized at home and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Elin Luthern Church. She graduated from Joice High School in 1940.

Thelma was united in marriage to Everette Trustem at Bethel Lutheran Church south of Joice in 1943. Together, they farmed north of Hanlontown for a number of years. She also worked many years at Bowen Food Center and Winnebago Industries in Forest City. After retiring, Thelma moved into the town of Fertile.

Thelma truly enjoyed gardening and baking.

She is survived by three brothers, Oscar Rinden of Joice, Arthur Rinden of Spencer and Marvin Rinden of Joice; two sisters, Helga Anderson of Lake Mills and Viola Ausenhuis of Mason City, along with many nieces and nephews.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Everette; her parents; one sister, Gudrin Furness; and one brother, Theodore Rinden.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

BRIAN VAN DEN BOSCH

1954-2002



Brian Van Den Bosch was born November 25, 1954 in Mason City, IA, the son of Donald and Norma (Oswald) Van Den Bosch.

He graduated from Ames High School in 1973. He married Denise Wierson on March 29, 1974 in Ames. He served in the U. S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Denise; two daughters, Lori Belden of Olathe, Kansas and Jami Van Den Bosch of Des Moines; his granddaughter, Jocelyn Belden of Olathe, KS; his mother, Norma Van Den Bosch of Ames and one brother, Paul Van Den Bosch of Denver, CO.

He is preceded in death by his father, Donald, and two brothers, Bruce and Mark.

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Up in the Air

Neil L. Kuns

September 24, 1993

My first recollection of seeing an airplane was over the pasture north of the mouth of Beaver Creek. Grandma Carr and I were on our way to the creek to trap minnows for a fishing expedition. She told me it was probably a mail plane (it probably *wasn't*) because Air Mail was new in those days. I remember hollering at the top of my lungs, "Give me a ride!", but the yellow bi-plane just kept flying away into the west. A few years later when I tried nailing five inch lengths of lath together to make a toy airplane I made sure to paint it *yellow*, like the first one in my memory.

During my high school years I became interested in photography and spent some of my hard-earned money to buy a 35 millimeter camera. It was a used, German made, folding bellows *Balda Jubilette*, with a scratch on the lens. I shot everything in sight, and read my "How to take Good Photos" book from cover to cover. Unlike one of the bachelor farmers in the area who also had a 35 mm camera and took pictures for awhile but gave up when he "ran out of things to shoot" (as he told me), I could always see a picture, waiting to be taken.

After I saw my first aerial photograph the desire arose to take some pictures of the whole town of Fertile from the air. I began to talk about it at home, and Dad told me Alf Prestholt, a farmer who lived a couple miles east of town, had a plane and might be willing to take me up if I asked him. I went out to see him, explained what I wanted, and was delighted that he was willing to help me up. We set the day and time.

Early one summer evening I drove out to his pasture airstrip, and helped him pull his *yellow* Piper Cub out of a shed. He checked it out, set the brakes, invited me to get into the front seat, propped the engine to start it, climbed in and off we went, bumping along the pasture until it gained enough speed to take off. What exhilaration!

We climbed to about 1500 or 2000 feet as we headed west toward town. Sunlight was failing and I had to shoot quickly. This camera had no built-in light meter, so I had to estimate the exposure time. It also had to be recocked after each shot. The engine of the Piper was so loud that I couldn't hear the shutter click, and I was so excited that I couldn't remember cocking the shutter after any of the shots. It turned out that habit was ingrained enough to take care of all this and every exposure was good. After twenty-five minutes I knew what Fertile looked like from up in the air.

During the 1960's I learned to fly and got my private pilot's license. I have hundreds of hours at the "stick", and have also flown tens of thousands of miles in commercial air liners, but not one of those flights was as exciting as the day Alf Prestholt "gave me a ride".

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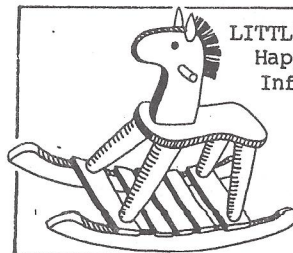
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JESSICA O. GILLETTE
1923 - 2002

Funeral Service for Jessica O. Gillette, 79, of Lafayette, WI was held Monday, August 5, 2002 in the Mae Rowan Ecumenical Center at Lakeside Nursing Home in Chippewa Falls, WI. She died July 30th at Lakeside North Nursing and Rehabilitation in Chippewa Falls after a courageous battle with cancer.



The Rev. Gerald Mann of Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation officiated, assisted by Rev. Russ Osnes of Forest City and Rev. Barry Boyer of First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery at Hallie, WI.

Jessica O. Gillette, the daughter of Pearl and Bennie Olson, was born May 8, 1923 in Little Cedar.

February 28, 1942 she was united in marriage to Roy "Bud" Gillette in DePere, WI. They had lived in the town of Lafayette and resided on Lake Wissota since their marriage.

Jessica worked at Presto Industries for a short time, and then, in 1959, joined the staff at Chippewa Valley Technical College as the secretary at the Chippewa Falls Campus. She retired in 1988.

Survivors include two children, Lynne (Ron) Krueger of Chippewa Falls and Scott (Cindy) Gillette of Eau Claire, WI; two brothers, Robert Olson of Tucson, AZ and Bennie Olson of Santa Barbara, CA; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Olson of Forest City and Beverly Olson of Cedar Rapids; along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, on April 13, 1989; her parents; one sister, joy Grinnel; and two brothers, Cecil and Norville Olson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

WORTH COUNTY TRANSIT
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Worth County Transit is pleased to have the opportunity to serve you. Due to the numerous governmental cuts to balance the state budget, we will have to make some changes in our local service.

We will continue with the same fares as last year. We will continue to honor silver advantage and cancer tickets.

We must, however, have more passengers on each bus when we commute. We are required to reduce the number of trips we make. To be able to continue to provide the same level of service, we will have a more scheduled run system. We ask that you use this schedule when you plan your appointments and outings. This will reduce the amount of time you should need to ride on the bus and the length of time you will wait to be transported home.

The following is an outline of the times the bus hopes to follow. Keep in mind that the more riders that are scheduled in an area will cause the drivers to be off schedule from time to time. This is an approximate time that we aim for to get into Mason City: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Return trips are anticipated out of Mason City at:
8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

The final bus will leave Mason City around 3:45 to transport home. This route will be a longer ride, as it will go through Fertile before coming into Northwood. We realize this will times be an inconvenience and we hope to make this transit as smooth as possible.

Our dispatchers at Worth County Transit will assist you with an appointment change if necessary so your needs can be met. If you need to leave the Worth or Cerro Gordo County area, our dispatchers will line up linkage with that county transit service to assist you. We look forward to serving you in the next year!

WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- August 27th Child Immunization Clinic at Northwood Methodist Church 9 am-3pm No appt. needed.
- Sept. 11th Child Immunization-Manly Town Hall 3-5 p.m. No appointment necessary.
- Sept. 19th Child Immunization Clinic at Northwood office 1 - 5 p.m. No appointment necessary.
- Sept. 24th Child Immunization at Northwood Methodist Church 9 - 3. No appointment necessary.

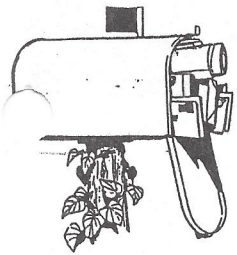
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NOTICE!! If any of you readers know of the death of a person who grew up in the Fertile area and/or graduated from Fertile High School, please let us know. We rely on the Mason City Globe Gazette, Forest City Summit and word-of-mouth for our information and we might miss some that you readers would like to know about.

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Dear Ladies,
 Please renew my subscription to the Fertile
 Reminder. Thank you.
 Esther Hudson (Oswald)
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Dear Friends,
 We so enjoy receiving the Fertile Reminder
 each month.
 Carol Kleveland
 * * *

THANK YOU



RELAY

THANK YOU to all that donated money, purchased
 luminaries, or worked to help make the WORTH
 COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE another success in
 helping to raise money to fight cancer.

God Bless You.

Worth County Relay for Life Committee

P.S. The latest count of money received is almost at
 \$42,000 for our county. The local committee here in
 Fertile want to thank all who participated and gave
 towards this goal.

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We would like to thank everyone who came to BINGO
 and the Street Dance at Fertile Days. A special thanks to
 Ron Eldridge for filling in as the drummer and to the rest
 of the Eldridge Gang for passing the hat and helping with the
 Street Dance. We hope everyone had fun and will remember
 that Fertile Days is for all of Fertile and will always be proud
 of Fertile Days and help.

Earl & Lannie Kilen

SENIOR CITIZENS are constantly being criticized for every
 conceivable thing. We know we take responsibility for all we
 have done and do not blame others, BUT, upon reflection, we
 would like to point out that it was NOT the senior citizens
 who took:

- The melody out of music,
- The pride out of appearance,
- The romance out of love,
- The commitment out of marriage,
- The responsibility out of parenthood,
- The togetherness out of the family,
- The learning out of education,
- The service out of patriotism,
- The religion out of school,
- The Golden Rule from rulers,
- The nativity scene out of cities,
- The civility out of behavior,
- The refinement out of language,
- The dedication out of employment,
- The prudence out of spending, or
- The ambition out of achievement,

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience
 and tolerance from personal relationships with others!!

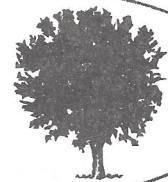
Does anyone under the age of 50 know the lyrics to the
 Star Spangled Banner? Just look at the Seniors with tears in
 their eyes and pride in their hearts as they stand at attention
 with their hands over their hearts.

Remember.....inside every older person is a younger
 person wondering what happened!

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The winner of the annual Fertile Days softball tournament, held August 9-11, was G&H, while Slingers Chiropractic came in second. Down Town Café came in third, All-Stars came in fourth, and Schukie came in last. The winners received \$400 for 1ST and \$100 for 2ND. Ronnie Miller of Forest City was crowned the home run champion. The concession stand raised \$1,100, which will be put towards a new electronic scoreboard. If you would like to give a donation make your checks out to : **The Fertile Scoreboard Committee**
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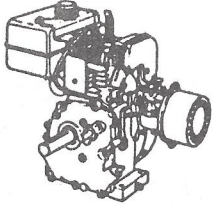


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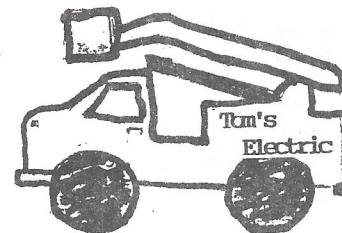
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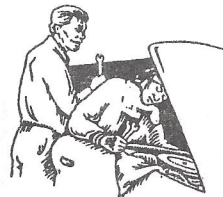
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It has come to our attention that some people are concerned about which ambulance service will respond to their address in an emergency. When our wonderful 911 system was set up, a decision was based upon response time, mileage and training for the responding ambulance service we use.

For some individuals, an alternative preference may be requested based upon personal choice; you have the option of doing this. In our Fertile Fire District a 911 emergency call for medical assistance will alert the dispatcher to page out our department along with ambulance service. A predetermined ambulance service is automatically dispatched unless the caller requests another. We have continuing service with Snell's and the Forest City Ambulance services, with no complaints.

In the 911 computer system, you address and/or phone number displays information, allowing the dispatcher to determine which emergency services are needed for your specific crisis. If you are unsure of who will respond, contact the Sheriff's Department using their **Non-Emergency phone number** and ask their dispatcher to verify for you. In **Cerro Gordo County** that number is **641-421-3000**, for **Worth County** that number is **1-324-2481**.

In the event that your address is currently set up for a non-preferred ambulance service of your choice, you may switch the predetermined service to one you prefer. This may be done for any one address, for or by the current tenant/property owner only. Contact your County EMS Director to make these changes for you, the Sheriff's Department can help you reach them.

As always, please feel free to contact a Fertile Fire Department Volunteer for more information. We are happy to serve you, and again, **Thank You for your continued support.**

Thank you to all for coming to our fundraising breakfast in the park on August 11. Your support is appreciated. Fertile Fire-Department Volunteers.



FERTILE LIBRARY BOARD AND LIBRARY FRIENDS

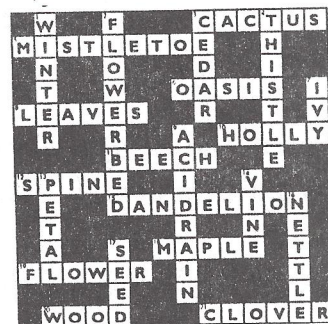
Member of the Library Board and Library Friends have been working hard to raise money for the support of the Library and putting money away for the **Building Fund**. We have recently served food at two household sales and then we served the Tractor Pull on Fertile Days.

To all the people who donated bars, money and food for these events—we say a **BIG THANK YOU**.

Those donating money, pop and ice for Fertile Days were -
 RV Mobility - Bruce & Evelyn Holton; Burtness Plumbing and Heating; Loris Scobee; Earl & Lannie Kilen; Dick & Paula Worsley; Gail's Beauty Shop; Miller Diesel - Penny & Dan Miller; Thompson Garage, money & pop; Pronto - pop; Food and Fuel - Loren Hoffman ice. Special thanks goes to Harold Book for the use of his camper at the tractor pull. It really helped to be under the awning, and have a place to keep the food cool. Thank you to Linda Levang and Randy Pederson for all their help

I am afraid I would miss someone if I tried to list all those who furnished bars/ money and baked rolls for the sales and the tractor pull, so just know **you are greatly appreciated**. We keep calling on you to bake, and you never refuse -you are great.

We thank all of you who came and supported us at the tractor pull. Thank you to the Jennings' Bros. for asking us to serve at the household sales. We are gradually inching our way up in our saving accounts toward the new addition on the Library. We will be starting after the first of the year for the 'big push' to raise the rest of the money. by Pat Oswald, Chm. Of Library Friends



TAKE A STROLL ACROSS THE FERTILE FOOTBRIDGE

The Foot bridge was installed Monday, July 29, 2002. It is a prefabricated bridge from The Continental Bridge Company, Alexandria, Minnesota, North America's largest manufacturer of prefabricated bridges. It is made of atmospheric corrosion resistant steel, which gives it a natural rustic look. It is ideally suited for parks and is appreciated for its low maintenance requirements. The decking is a natural select hardwood. No treating of chemicals is required.

The Fertile Beautification and Improvement (FB&I) group and volunteers raised the money for the bridge through various fundraisers, grants and donations to "Inch Our Way To the Bridge".

Funds expended as of August 1, 2002

Abutment Work	\$ 2,068.10
Crane	2,287.50
Continental Bridge	22,900.00
TOTAL	\$27,255.60

Remaining bridge funds and future donations to the project will be used to landscape the entrances to the bridge. Recognition of the donors to the "Inch our way to the Bridge" will be placed by the bridge.

The "Inch Our Way to The Bridge" fund raiser will continue until October 1, 2002.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THE FOOT BRIDGE PROJECT. THANK

YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED ENDLESS HOURS AT FOOD STANDS, CUTTING TREES, PREPARING FOR THE BRIDGE AND HELPING ON THE DAY THE BRIDGE WAS INSTALLED. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED MONEY AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE "INCH OUR WAY TO THE BRIDGE".

FB&I News

The Fertile Day Celebration was once again blessed with beautiful weather. The parade was all we had hoped for, the kid's games were fun in the park, the softball tournament was a success, a sand volleyball tournament was held and everyone enjoyed the tractor pull at the grain bin site. Bingo was played at City Hall and the street dance went from 7:00 PM to nearly midnight. After a week of high river water and threats of rain, Sunday turned out to be nearly perfect allowing the Firefighter Breakfast to be held in the Park. The highlight of the weekend was the Community Church Service in the Park. Sunday the softball tournament continued until nearly 7:00 PM. A kiddy tractor pedal pull was held on Main Street at noon with participants ages 4 to 83. The Fertile Beautification and Improvement thanks everyone for attending and supporting the events of the weekend. Randy Pederson and Linda Levang ran the grain bin tractor pull, Chris Andersen ran the softball tournament, Lannie Hanson was responsible for Bingo and the Street Dance. Kristen Andersen did the kid's games in the park and Russells and Strohmans were in charge of the parade. Pat Oswald coordinated the church service in the park. Food stands were ran by the Friends of the Library, The Little League, and the FB&I. Thank you for all your help. **REMINDER: Inch Our Way to the Bridge" fundraiser will continue until October 1, 2002.**

COOKS' CORNER

This recipe comes to us today from Betty Theilen of Fertile - Betty's pickles are known and loved by all who have had the opportunity to taste them!

SWEET PICKLE RELISH

- 3 quarts cucumbers—chopped
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped red pepper (for color)
- 1/3 cup pickling salt
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 cups vinegar
- 2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon tumeric

Put onions and peppers in a pan, stir in salt and 1 1/2 quarts water. Let stand 3 to 4 hours. Drain. Heat sugar, celery seed, tumeric and vinegar. Boil for 10 minutes. Stir every so often while cooking. Seal in sterile jars.


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GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED --

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-o to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt
- 3) Families are like fudge . . . Mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

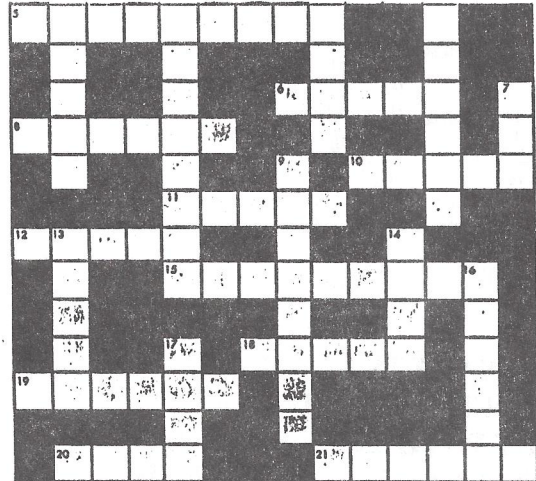
GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED --

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3 year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hid a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.



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The world of plants -FUN CORNER -



Across

3. A prickly desert plant. (6)
5. You might kiss under some at Christmas! (9)
6. A fertile place, with water and plants, in a desert. (5)
8. The green parts of a plant where all its food is made. (6)
10. A prickly evergreen - a Christmas symbol. (5)
11. A common forest tree - sounds like a sandy seaside place. (5)
12. A "thorn" of a 3 across. (5)
15. A common wild plant with a yellow flower. (9)
18. A tree - its leaf is the emblem of Canada. (5)
19. The normally brightest part of a plant which holds its pollen. (6)
20. What a tree's trunk is made of, or a place full of trees. (4)
21. Its leaves have three parts. If you find one with four - you're lucky! (6)

Down

1. One of the seasons, when very little grows. (6)
2. Part of a garden, where you grow a mixture of plants. (9)
3. An evergreen tree with very fragrant wood. (5)
4. A prickly plant - the emblem of Scotland. (7)
7. A climbing plant - a symbol of Christmas. (3)
9. Pollution which falls from the sky and damages trees. (4,4)
13. Part of a 19 across. (5)
14. Grapes grow on it. (4)
16. A plant whose leaves can give you a nasty sting. (6)
17. The part which contains a new young plant. (4)

LIFE'S LITTLE WONDERS - -

- >Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you cannot drink & drive?
- >Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- >How does the driver of the snowplow get to work in the mornings?
- >Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- >You know that little indestructible black box that is used on planes, why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?

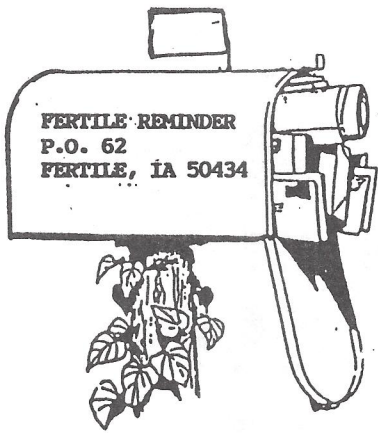
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