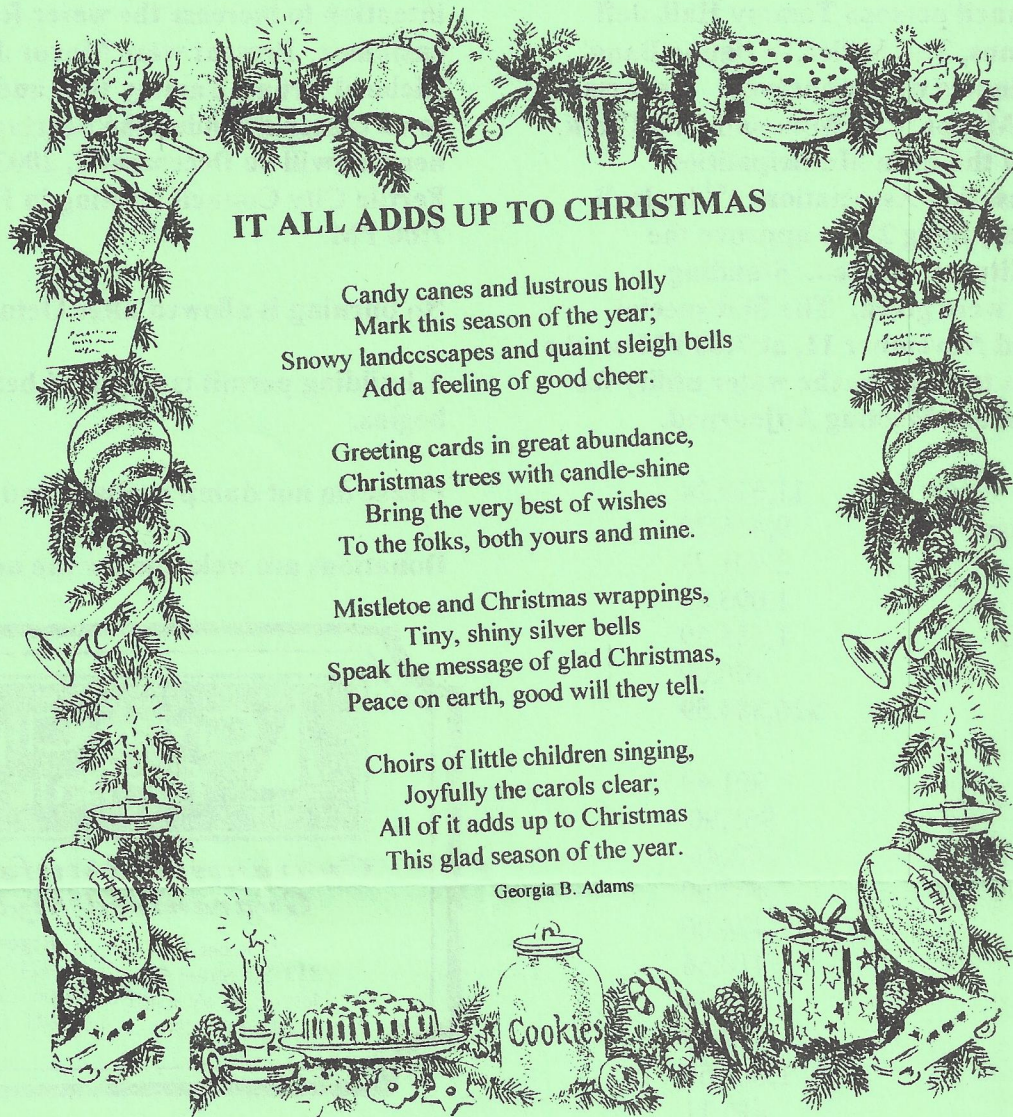


# DECEMBER 2003



## IT ALL ADDS UP TO CHRISTMAS

Candy canes and lustrous holly  
 Mark this season of the year;  
 Snowy landscapes and quaint sleigh bells  
 Add a feeling of good cheer.

Greeting cards in great abundance,  
 Christmas trees with candle-shine  
 Bring the very best of wishes  
 To the folks, both yours and mine.

Mistletoe and Christmas wrappings,  
 Tiny, shiny silver bells  
 Speak the message of glad Christmas,  
 Peace on earth, good will they tell.

Choirs of little children singing,  
 Joyfully the carols clear;  
 All of it adds up to Christmas  
 This glad season of the year.

Georgia B. Adams

## COMING EVENTS

- |         |                         |        |
|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| Dec. 1  | Fire Department Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 2  | Senior Citizens Dinner  | Noon   |
|         | City Council Meeting    | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 9  | Garden Club             |        |
| Dec. 15 | Library Board Meeting   |        |
| Dec. 16 | Senior Citizens Dinner  | Noon   |
| Dec. 20 | Boys & Girls 4-H        |        |
| Dec. 23 | Re-cycle Day            |        |
| Dec. 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY           |        |

The Fertile City Council met November 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Tammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Richard Bruns, Tad Miller, Melanne Bang. The September minutes were approved. Reports were given by the Mayor, City Man and City Clerk. Berg moved to join the Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hall. Passed. Hall moved, Bang 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the September expenditures. Passed. Standing committee reports were given. The first special hearing will be held November 11, at 7:00 PM on the Council's intention to increase the water utility fee by \$5.00 per customer. Meeting Adjourned.

**October Revenue**

Property Tax	11,529.24
Water/Sewer/Garbage	9,466.20
Street Revenue	2,601.73
Local Option Tax	1,095.83
Crescent Moon LLC	1,585.59
Misc	106.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,384.59</b>

**October Expenses**

Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	965.90
Gloria Kirschbaum	272.46
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	410.66
IPERS	218.44
WCTA	59.53
Waste Systems	1,666.50
Alliant	616.11
Sales Tax	176.69
Aquila	40.34
Post Office	86.87
LGI, sewer/water	759.00
Hawkins	5.00
Crescent Moon	120.00
Ferguson	294.02
Farmers Co-op Elevator	258.48
Top of Iowa Co-op	69.54
Fertile Fire Dept	1,250.00
Fertile Library	2,425.00
Thompsons Garage	215.36
Ia One Call	45.20
RVS	111.30
Hare Electric	118.72
Petty Cash	25.00
State of Iowa Withholding	179.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 13,831.61</b>

November 11, 2003, at 7:00 PM the Fertile City Council held the first hearing on the Town Council's intention to increase the water fee by \$5.00 per customer. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Richard Bruns, Tammy Hall and Jeff Berg. One town citizen attended the hearing. The second hearing will be December 2, 2003 at the regular Fertile City Council meeting in Fertile City Hall, 7:00 PM.

No burning is allowed after October 31.

A building permit is required before any building begins.

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## WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- Nov. 20, 2003 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office for 1 - 5 p.m..  
No appointment necessary.
- Nov. 25, 2003 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
No appointment necessary.
- Nov. 25, 2003 Blood Pressure Clinic at Northwood Senior Center from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.  
No appointment necessary.
- If you have any questions, please call Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741 or (800) 765-1388.

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## THANK YOU!

The family of Forrest Roberts would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, love and support at the passing of our loved one. Thank you, too, for the many cards, calls, visits and food brought in. We appreciate so much everything you did for us.

God bless you all.  
Viola and family

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I would like to thank everyone who voted for me at the election for Mayor on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. I will continue to work on improving Fertile and working with the Council and the people of Fertile.

Thank you.  
Mayor Joyce Russell

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

We at the Fertile Reminder would like to congratulate Marjory Sanderson Baker Mason on her upcoming 100th birthday. Some of you may remember that she taught school in Fertile for a short time many years ago. She informed us that she will be 100 years old on December 14, 2003. She said "It will be a big time, including a party and a motor cycle ride. I think of Fertile often."

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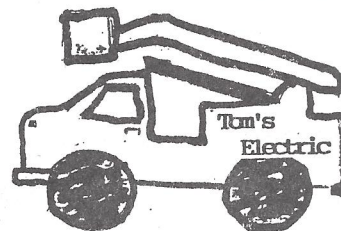
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 for the food tasteth so good.  
 The ice cream and cookies, they comfort me.  
 When the table is spread before me, it exciteth me,  
 for I know I shall dig in.  
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## AS YOU GO THROUGH LIFE

*author unknown*

Don't look for the flaws - as you go through life;  
 And even when you find them,  
 It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind,  
 And look for the virtue behind them;  
 For the cloudiest night has a tint of light  
 Somewhere in its shadows hiding,  
 It is better by far to look for a star,  
 Than the spots on the sun abiding.  
 The world will never adjust itself  
 To suit your whims to the letter;  
 Some things go wrong your whole life long  
 And the sooner you know it the better.  
 It is folly to fight with the infinite,  
 And go under at last in the wrestle;  
 The wiser man shapes into God's plan,  
 As water shapes into a vessel.

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Fertile Garden Club  
 50th. Anniversary  
 October 14, 2003

By Pat Oswa

The Fertile Garden Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary with Guest Night. Seventeen members and 10 guest were present. Fern Midtgaard has been the present member longest. Roll call was to introduce your guest. Six of the guests were former members, Ardis Sheimo, Carolyn Nedved, Ruth Ouwerson, Rosemary Tannahill, Bev Calgaard & Silance Johnson.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the first meeting 50 years ago (1953) was read to the enjoyment of all. The Treasures Report was read and approved.

Planting of the daffodils will be held on Sat. Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Meet at the Church of Christ parking lot and bring the lilies you want to donate.


The Christmas Party will held at Margie's by Music Man Square on Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

The November meeting will be held Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Anderson with Mary Ann Wellik as co-hostess. Election of officers will held. Bring food for the Forest City Food Bank. Disbursements of funds, writing of Christmas Cards will be done and a new member list made up.

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## BLANKETS

Do you have some old blankets? The Fertile Fire Department could use them when they go out on rescues. Contact one of the firemen or give to Dan over and Frank's Repair in Hantontown.



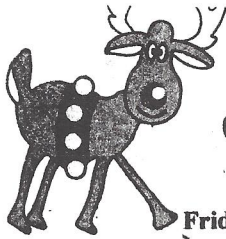
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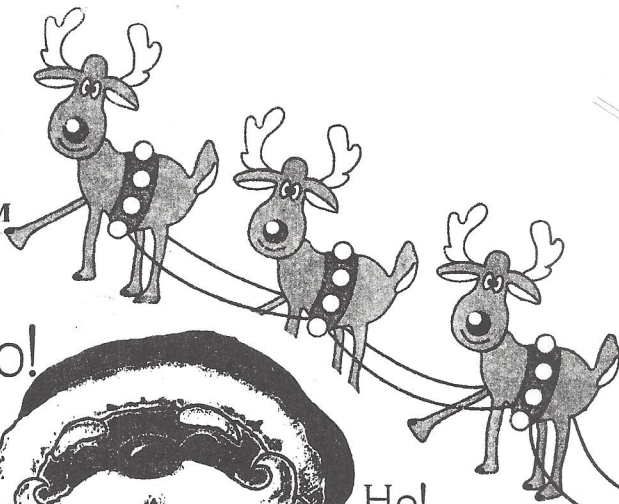
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## Joke Machine Answers

- 1) e, 2) l, 3) i, 4) c,
- 5) d, 6) h, 7) b, 8) g,
- 9) k, 10) f, 11) a, 12) j



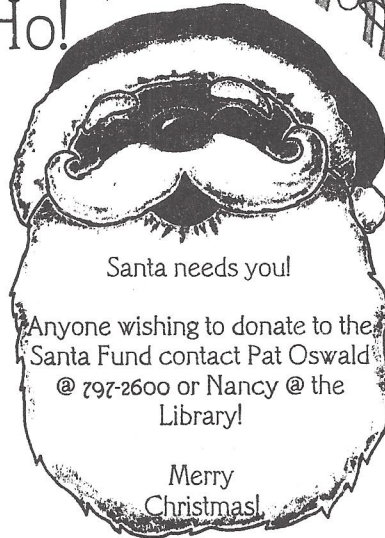
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Ho!

Ho!



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**NEW BOOKS**

- Law for Hire: Defending Cody - Bill Brooks
- Guns in the Desert - Luran Paine
- The Burning - William Johnstone
- Whispers in the Wind - Al & Joanna Lacy
- Safe Harbour - Nora Roberts
- The Betrayal - Beverly Lewis
- Blacklist - Sara Paretsky
- Dirty Work - Stuart Woods
- East of Eden - John Steinbeck
- Forever & Always - Jude Deveraux
- Holly - Jude Deveraux
- Key of Light - Nora Roberts
- Lawless - Nora Roberts
- Out of the Dark - Sharon Sala
- Patterns of Love - Robin Lee Hatcher
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- Shepards Abiding - Jan Karon
- Snow Bride - Debbie Macomber
- South Beach Diet - Arthur Agatston
- Perfect Evil & Split Second - Alex Kava
- Until You - Bertrice Small
- Once Upon a Midnight - Nora Roberts
- Also donated to the library:  
 Alex Jensen Mystery Series by Sue Henry  
 China Bayles Mysteries by Susan Wittig Albert

**AUDIO BOOKS**

- Safe Harbour - Nora Roberts
- Blow Fly - Patricia Cornwell
- Freefall - Kyle Mills

**VIDEOS**

- Just Married - Ashton Kutcher
- The Hunted (DVD) - Tommy Lee Jones
- The Hours - Nicole Kidman

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The Monster Mash Halloween Carnival was a big hit. Over 100 people attended. Loot bags were filled with prizes and candy bars. Everyone decorated their own cupcake and there was also a photo op for anyone daring to pose in Goblins Gulch! Thank you to the Fire Department for letting us use the Fire Station. And of course a **BIG** thanks to all those who volunteered & donated to make it a great evening.

**ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE OR SELL TICKETS CONTACT NANCY @ THE LIBRARY. THANKS!**

**SANTA DAY!**  
 Saturday, December 6  
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 10 - 12 AM

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 For Kids 10 & Under

**Drawing @ 11:00**  
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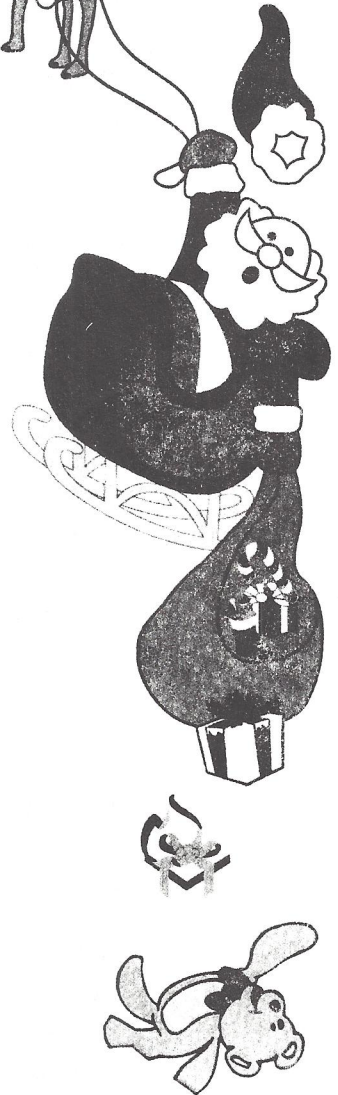
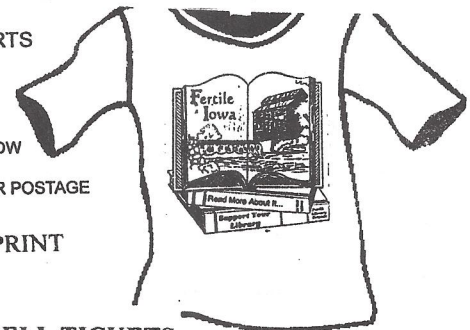
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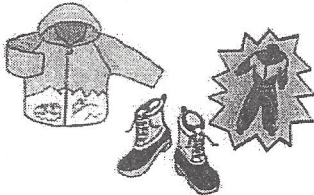


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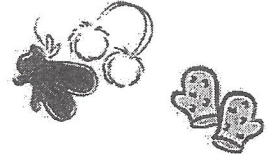


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# COOK'S KORNER

## PECAN BARS

1 Package Yellow Cake Mix  
 (take out 2/3 cup of mix for filling)  
 1/2 cup melted oleo  
 1 egg  
 Mix until crumbly Press into a greased 9/13 cake pan and bake at 350° for 15-20 minutes  
**FILLING -**  
 2/3 cup cake mix  
 1/2 cup brown sugar  
 1 1/2 cups dark corn syrup  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 3 eggs  
 Beat on Medium speed for 1-2 minutes.  
 Pour over baked crust. Sprinkle with pecans and return to oven for 30-35 minutes. Cool  
 Also good with a dab of whipped cream!

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### "Think You Know Everything? Think Again

- >A Dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- >A Cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- >A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- >A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- >A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds.
- >A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- >Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- >All 50 states are listed on the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5. Bill.
- >Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- >The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable."
- >The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- >Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance!
- >Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

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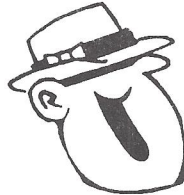


# KID'S KORNER

Cliches are often the basis of a good joke. In this game, you can match cliches with the punch line to create a joke. Match the straight lines to the punch lines.

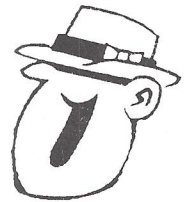
### Straight Lines


1. Corduroy pillows:
2. I drive way too fast
3. Early bird gets the worm
4. I'm not cheap, I'm
5. I'm gonna live forever:
6. If you aren't making waves,
7. Mind like a steel trap:
8. When everything's going your way ...
9. I'm not in my right mind,
10. Beauty is in the eye
11. Laughing stock:
12. Everyone has a photographic memory...

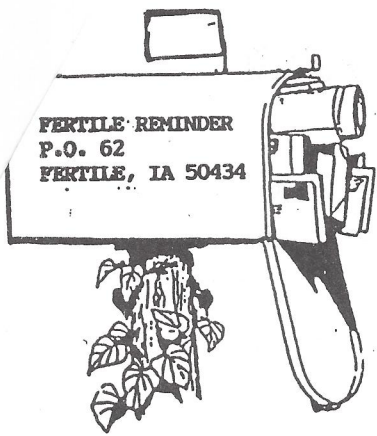


### Punch Lines

- a. cattle with a sense of humor.
- b. rusty and illegal in 37 states.
- c. on special this week.
- d. so far, so good.
- e. they make headlines
- f. of the beer holder.
- g. you're in the wrong lane.
- h. you aren't kicking hard enough.
- i. but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- j. some just don't have any film.
- k. but my left mind's getting crowded.
- l. to worry about cholesterol.



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