

# OCTOBER 2003

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

Oct. 6	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	Senior Citizens Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
Oct.. 14	Garden Club	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Oct. 20	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Senior Citizens Dinner	Noon
Oct. 25	Shower for Lorelei Jennings	10 - 12
Oct. 28	Recycle Day	

The Fertile City Council met September 1, 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. Berg moved, Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the August minutes. Passed. Report was given by the Mayor, including the smoke testing of the sewer, a request of the Senior Citizen group and the successful Fertile Celebration. A copy of the Smoke Testing results is available at the Fertile Library. Hall moved, Bang 2<sup>nd</sup> to appoint John Greve of Northwood as City Attorney. Passed. Richard Bruns, sewer and water committee, reported a plugged transfer tube at the lagoon. Bruns said no dumping of concrete or other garbage is allowed at the lagoon site. Clay will be used to plug the rodent holes at the lagoon. The sewer work on the east side of town will be begin in October. The clerk reviewed the Annual Street Report. Talks are continuing with WCTA concerning damage done to the alleys during the WCTA cable installation. Bruns moved, Berg 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve expenditures. The Fertile Garden Club is planning to plant daffodils and other flowers at the corner of Highway 9 and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Discussion of an entrance sign and options for the site took place. Robert Clark, Traffic Tech, for the Iowa DOT will meet with Fertile to determine placement of a sign. No action on a sign was taken at this time. Berg moved, Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve expenditures. Passed. Standing committee reports were given. Meeting Adjourned.

**August Revenue**

Property Tax	432.47
Water/Sewer/Garbage	9,725.97
Street Revenue	2,561.17
Local Option Tax	1,093.48
Misc	418.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,231.46</b>

**July Expenses**

Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,338.36
Gloria Kirschbaum	301.48
Dennis Ganz	383.27
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	455.76
IPERS	241.35
WCTA	56.47
Waste Systems	1,666.50
Alliant	715.75
Sales Tax	162.76
Aquila	35.01

Post Office	83.00
LGI, sewer/water	44.25
Hawkins	5.00
Crescent Moon	120.00
Water Tower Paint & Repair	1,320.00
Farmers Elevator	156.56
Basic Materials, roadstone	356.19
Zeidler Concrete, curb stops	126.00
Hare Electric	987.00
Misc	33.07
Vorlund Construction	5,580.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,610.27</b>

Yard waste burning is allowed during September and October.

City Council and Mayor nomination papers may be filed starting August 25. Filing Deadline is 5PM September 18 at City Hall.

Vandalism in Wm Rhodes Island Park has been reported to the Sheriff's Department. Lights have been broken. If suspicious activity is observed, please call the Worth County Sheriff office. 1-800-458-1234. Someone will answer the phone at any time of the day or night.

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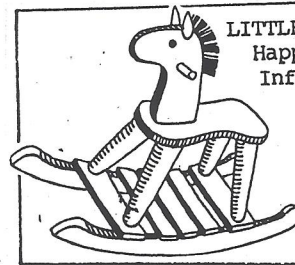
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Randi Snyder, Hanlontown, will be offering piano, voice, and organ lessons starting in September. Call or stop by the parsonage in Hanlontown to set up a preliminary appointment. Lessons will be held at the church, times and prices will vary according to age level.

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## Baloney!

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Most people think that the most attractive feature of Wisconsin cuisine is its cheese. When the Badgers represented the Big Ten in the Rose Bowl a couple years ago, many of their fans unabashedly represented themselves as "cheeseheads" by wearing plastic cheddars on their heads. Californians thought it was bizarre. On the other hand, Californians think Wisconsin cheese is delicious. They are right.

For me a better representation of tasty treats from "America's Dairyland" is the German and Polish sausage, baloney and wurst that is available there. Small neighborhood butcher shops still do a brisk business in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and many other cities and towns in the state. The old Schockinger's Meat Market in La Crosse is now known as Breidels, but changing the management and name has not changed the way it smells or the wonderful taste of their wieners and baloney. Until city inspectors decided it was unsanitary the market still had sawdust on its floors. We visit my in-laws there a couple times a year, and never miss sampling their spicy, smoked specialties.

Up until the time I was ten Mort Haugen ran a meat market and baloney business on Main Street in Fertile, Iowa. It too had sawdust on the floor and a wonderful smoky smell in the store. Mort's wieners were wonderful, and his ring baloney was relished all over northern Iowa. One of the secrets of the sweet smoky taste of his meats was the inclusion of a bit of apple wood to the smoke-box while the meat was curing. Mort bought the meat and ground it. He seasoned it, stuffed and cooked it. After he smoked his product he loaded it into his delivery truck, and peddled it to grocery stores all over the area. His was a very busy schedule.

Occasionally I happened to be in the shop when Mort was stuffing the sausages. The ground meat was stuffed into the casings, which were most often the intestines of butchered animals. Of course the entrails had been thoroughly cleaned, but knowing what that natural product had been before it became a part of wieners or baloney took a little getting used to. I didn't especially like the looks of the links as they were squeezed out of the stuffer, either. They looked like giant worms crawling out of an apple. But when the time came to eat the meat, any squeamishness went up in smoke. It made little difference whether Mom served the ring baloney hot or cold, in thin slices or thick chunks. The flavor was delicious. In those days no one ever cared or even thought about fat content or cholesterol. Taste was the only thing that mattered.

When the Second World War started one of the first local casualties was Mort's meat market. Meat and gasoline rationing made it difficult for him to continue. Soon the business folded, and left us with only fond memories of the meat that made Mort famous, at least around Fertile, Iowa. The most appropriate thing I can say about that loss is, "Baloney!"

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### THOMPSON'S GARAGE

Henry Thompson, Prop.

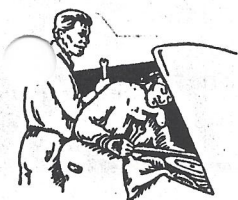
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## OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be an Open House Bridal Shower for Lorelei Jennings, bride elect of Matt Olson, on Saturday morning, October 25th from 10 - 12, at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church.



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### Sunday

9:00 - Sunday School (for all ages)

10:00 - Fellowship Time

10:15 - Worship Service

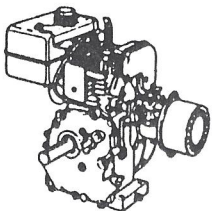
5:15 - Evening Family Activities

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

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## BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

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### WORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Sept. 23 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment necessary.
- Sept. 29-30 Lipid Blood Panel for Worth Your While Participants. Call 324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388 for appointment.
- Oct. 1 & 2 Nail Clinic - Maple Court. Call 324-1741 for appointment.
- Oct. 1 Senior Health Clinics at United Meth. Church, Northwood. Call for 324-1741 for appointment.
- Oct. 8-9 Nail Clinic - Manly City Hall. Call 800-765-1377 for appointment.
- Oct. 15 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office 1-5 p.m. No appointment necessary.

#### FLU & PNEUMONIA CLINICS:

- Oct. 15 Public Health Office, Northwood 9-5
  - Oct. 20 Kensett City Hall 8-10:30
  - Oct. 20 Manly Senior Center 12:30 - 5
  - Oct. 23 Fertile Church of Christ - 9 - 12
  - Oct. 23 Hanlontown Comm. Ctr 1:30 - 4:30
- We will file Medicare for you if your policy has Part B coverage. All non-medicare covered injections will be \$20 each. Worth County has secured funding to offer child care providers (of Worth County) free flu or/and pneumonia injections. Funding also allows us to make injections available at no cost to high risk children under the age of 18 years old.

If you have any questions, please call Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741 or 800-765-1388.

### Fertile Garden Club

Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Elaine Patten on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Ginny Lovik was hostess with her Mother. 16 members and two guests were present. Our guests were the grand daughter & great grand daughter of Elaine. (Ginny's daughter & grand daughter Haley).

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mary Anderson gave a presentation on "Fall Decorating". Mary likes to find things on sale and set up some very beautiful arrangements that did not cost very much.

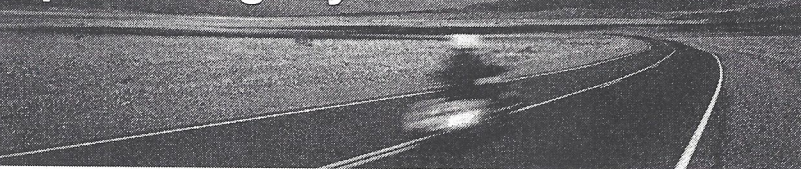
Roll Call was "Favorite Fall Decoration". The Secretary & Treasurer's Reports were given & approved.

Discussion was held on the City Sign and where it will be moved. 100 daffodils will be ordered, after checking the price. These bulbs will be planted around the sign and by the bridge. Discussion was held on the landscaping from the sidewalk to the bridge. Plans were made for the 50th. Anniversary of the Fertile Garden Club to be held on Tuesday, October 14, at the Church of Christ.

Donna gave the thought of the day. We closed by singing the table prayer. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses.

*Pat Oswald, Reporter*

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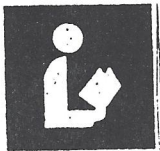
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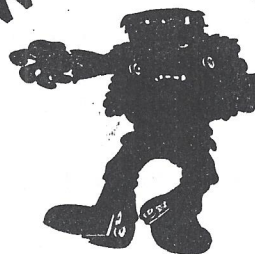
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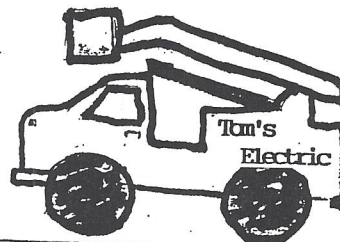
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# COOK'S KORNER

From the "More-with-Less Cookbook, Memmonite Central Committee of Akron Pennsylvania 21st. Printing May 1980.

## Mashed Potato Casserole

Serves 6-8 400° 20 minutes

Preheat oven to 400

Cook and mash

3-4 large potatoes

Add: 1/3 cup sour cream or yogurt

1 tsp. Salt

dash of Pepper

1/2 tsp. Sugar

1/4 cup Margarine

Add just enough milk to bring to proper consistency and beat until fluffy.

Add: 1/8 tsp. Dill seed

2 tsp. Chives, chopped

1 cup cooked spinach, well drained & chopped.

Place in greased casserole and top with

1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese.

Bake 20 minutes.

May be made a day or two ahead and refrigerated or make a double recipe and freeze half to add to the future oven meal.

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## COATING MIX FOR OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

Makes 2 1/3 cups mix. 350° for 1 hour.

Combine in a bowl:

2 cups dry bread crumbs

1 tsp. Salt

1 1/2 tsp. Paprika

1 tsp. Celery salt

1/4 tsp. Pepper

1 tsp. Poultry seasoning (optional)

1/4 cup vegetable oil

Blend ingredients with fork or pastry blender until well mixed. Keeps un-refrigerated in tightly covered container.

### Ready to use.

Put 1/2 cup of Coating Mix in plastic or paper bag. Moisten chicken pieces with water or milk and shake on piece at a time in bag. Add more mix as needed. Lay chicken skin-side up in greased and bake 1 hour or until tender. Can be used for fish fillets also.

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| 2. ARISE       | T E E B W S B E S S U U V | PAPER         | 25. ROUSE   |
| 3. AWAKEN      | E F O W U A W A I I T N T | 21. OVER-     | 26. SHOWER  |
| 4. BACON       | E R B O O S K C C E Z T S | SLEEP         | 27. SUNRISE |
| 5. BATH        | T E R A P H R E G O O E A | 22. PERCOLA-  | 28. TOAST   |
| 6. BREAK-FAST  | H S Y A T E S D N U N S O | TOR           | 29. TOUSLED |
| 7. BRUSH TEETH | S H P L X H E A S P C I T | 23. REFRESHED |             |
| 8. BUNS        | U E P E R C O L A T O R H |               |             |
| 9. CEREAL      | R D A W N A E A S A F N G |               |             |
| 10. COFFEE     | B S S E R D E M N R F U I |               |             |
| 11. DAWN       | T S A F K A E R B I E S L |               |             |
| 12. DAYBREAK   | O K A E R B Y A D S E V O |               |             |
| 13. DRESS      | U P U A L A R M P E T K O |               |             |
| 14. EARLY      |                           |               |             |
| 15. EXERCISE   |                           |               |             |
| 16. GET UP     |                           |               |             |
| 17. JUICE      |                           |               |             |
| 18. LIGHT      |                           |               |             |
| 19. MARMA-LADE |                           |               |             |




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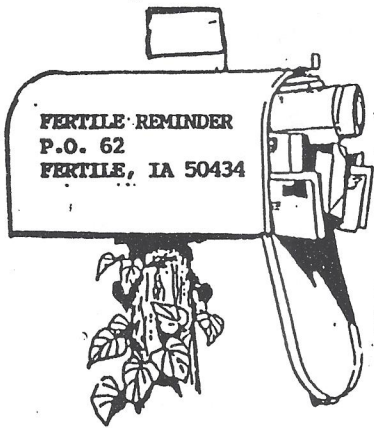
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*Where does the trail lead?*

Near the baseball fields with lonely bases I once ran...to the old, rotting school that used to be inhabited.

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