

September 2004

# FERTILE REMINDER



## COMING EVENTS

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|----------|-------------------------|--------|
| Sept. 6  | LABOR DAY               |        |
| Sept. 7  | Senior Citizens Dinner  | Noon   |
|          | City Council Meeting    | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 13 | Fire Department Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | REMINDER DEADLINE       | 5 p.m. |
| Sept. 18 | Boys & Girls 4-H        |        |
| Sept 21  | Senior Citizens Dinner  | Noon   |
| Sept. 28 | Recycle Day             |        |

The Fertile City Council met 7PM, August 3, 2004, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Paul Youngers, Melanne Bang. Absent Gail Shropshire. Miller moved to approve the June minutes, Youngers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Youngers moved, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> to designate the Forest City Ambulance as ambulance provider for Fertile. Residents may go to the Sheriff's office and designate another provider if they wish. Passed. Tom Morris of WestCom, discussed the cable service Fertile has had for the past fifteen years. Mr. Morris said he was unaware of the problems Fertile has experienced and said they would be corrected. He requested WestCom to be an alternate provider for cable TV. No action was taken. The City Attorney is reviewing the request. The Mayor reported City Insurance has paid for the Sewer vandalism, \$13,000.00 for a new pump. Two Catchers have been installed to prevent items reaching the pumps. The new pump also includes a grinder. The three-year-old pump is being repaired to have available as a back-up. The city claims to FEMA have been approved and the City is waiting for the Check. The Mayor has been attending county meetings regarding the Emergency Management position. A sharing agreement for the position is being considered with an adjoining county. The Morse Property was discussed and actions considered to remedy the problems with the property. Mayor Russell has been informed the driving bridge will be replaced this fall. Work will begin in several weeks. Bang moved to approve expenditures, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Monthly reports were given. Melanne Bang, chair of the events for Fertile Fun Days, gave a report on planned activities. Berg moved, Youngers 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Thank you to everyone who planned, participated, or attended the activities of Fertile Fun Days.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

### July Revenue

Property Tax	361.16
Water/Sewer/Garbage	11,088.80
Street Revenue	2,385.96
Local Option Tax	1,587.41
Building permit	10.00
Senior Citizens, donation	1,100.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,533.82</b>

### July Expenses

Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,375.23
Gloria Kirschbaum	230.81
Dennis Ganz	190.59
Grant Russell	470.00
Fertile Library	2,175.00
Fertile Fire Department	1,250.00
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
IDNR operator certificate	60.00
FICA	481.35
IPERS	236.16
WCTA	113.09
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	804.72
NIACOG Dues	162.00
Viking Paper Products	52.98
DNR Water Supply Annual fee	45.59
US Post Office	37.00
Aquila	114.30
LGI	97.05
Crescent Moon, port-pots, park	120.00
Thompsons Garage	20.97
CL Farmers Co-op	147.93
Ia League of Cities, dues	209.00
Water Tower Paint	1,250.00
Election Poll Workers	244.10
Jeff Bredeson, Construction	1,133.56
Ia Rural Water Dues	175.00
Larsen Plumbing	109.93
Hare Electric	219.72
Iowa One Call	22.60
State of Ia Treasurer, withholding	162.00
State of Ia Treasurer, sales tax	535.37
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,350.54</b>



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Dear Fertile Reminder Staff,  
 Each month I look forward to receiving the Fertile Reminder. It brings back memories of my grade school and high school experiences.

Beverly (Bell) Beck

Dear Ladies,

Dwaine & I enjoy the Fertile Reminder very much. You gals do a great job. Thanks!

Dwaine & Janice Asche

Dear Ladies,

I always enjoy the Reminder, especially the last one. It was so good to hear or read pluses for Iraq-- sent by a medic. Makes a person feel this is true. I surely hope so!!

Sincerely,  
 Viola Rye

Dear Ladies,

Thanks for the years of good reading

Betty Fankell Raymond

Dear Reminder Gals,

Thanks so much for the good work you do each month on the Reminder.

Betty Theilen

Dear Reminder Ladies,

I guess my subscription expired. Please renew.

Thanks,

Wayne Humphrey

Dear Friends,

Always happy to see the Reminder in my mailbox.

It was nice to see and talk to old friends at the Alumni Reunion in June. Hope I can make it to the next one.

Esther Hudson

Dear Fertile Reminder,

Thank you so much for sending me two copies of your paper. We needed your paper because we are going to use it as a prop in one of our plays in the Fringe Festival at the Illusion Theater. The play is called THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S WIFE and it takes place in Fertile. There is only one actress in the show. Basically the plot is about her life with her first husband, and he was a funeral director. I'm not sure which town in Iowa she is from, but when she was writing the play she chose to place it in Fertile, IA because she liked the name. There should be an article about the show in the Mason City paper, I believe. If you want to know more about the show, you can look it up on the web at

[www.fringefestival.org](http://www.fringefestival.org).

Thank you!  
 Melissa Olson

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Sponsors of the Bingo at Fertile Days -  
 Fertile Library, MBT of Clear Lake, Fertile Lutheran Church, Downtown Café, Shryock Racing, Hejna Racing, Tami Ramon & K.G.L.O., Kevin Knudson Racing, Ryan Rueter Racing, Great Clips & Pronto.

## 2006 IS FERTILE'S 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

**We need ideas and help for all committees. Even if you don't live here now, we need your help on computers and telephones & committees. We can all work together and make this a great celebration. Send your ideas to the Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA., 50434; or call Jane Ramon at 641-797-2510 or 797-2511; or Gloria Kirschbaum at 641-797-2121.**

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WITH SYMPATHY

**SOPHUS F. PETERSON**  
1915 - 2004

Sophus F. Peterson, 89 of 1005 First Ave. S. died July 16, 2004 at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake.



Funeral service was held July 23, 2004 at the United Methodist Church in Clear Lake with Rev. Jan Burnett officiating. Interment was at Clear Lake Cemetery.

Sophus Fredric Peterson was born Jan. 4, 1915 in Grant Township, rural Clear Lake, the son of Fred Theodore and Sophie (Monk) Peterson.

Sophus graduated from Fertile High School in 1932 and also graduated from Waldorf College. He taught country school in Grant Township. In 1939 he graduated from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, then taught for three years at Hartley. He earned his masters degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

From 1942 to 1946, Sophus served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He received training at Pinellas Air Force Base in Florida, Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, Valley Forge Military Academy, PA, and then Yale University, New Haven, Conn., where he received his commission as a lieutenant.

Sophus married Dorothy Eileen Witter on Nov. 24, 1944 at the Methodist Church in Storm Lake.

Following his military service he continued his lifelong love of teaching at Storm Lake and Roosevelt Junior High, Mason City and at North Iowa Area Community College.

Sophus is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Clear Lake; one daughter, Nancy Eileen and her husband, Thomas McCarthy, of Orlando, FL; two sons, Robert William Peterson of Clear Lake, and Fredric Ralph Peterson and his wife, Joan Elizabeth, of Freeborn, MN; four grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy and her husband Eivind Pedersen, of Omaha, NE; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Peterson of Napa, CA and Edith Peterson of Clear Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Harvey Peterson and Rev. Stanley Peterson, Napa, CA.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

**JEAN C. STEENBLOCK**  
1925 - 2004

Jean C. Steenblock, 78, of New Hampton died August 5, 2004 at Lake City Medical Center in Lake City, MN of a sudden illness.



Funeral services were held August 9, 2004 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in New Hampton.

Jean Caroline Steenblock was born October 22, 1925 at Ladysmith, Wisconsin, the daughter of Lloyd and Esther (Bechtel) Boos.

The family moved to Camby, MN and later settled in Fertile, where she graduated from High School.

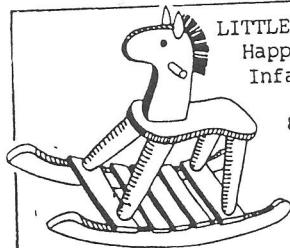
Jean was married to Dale V. Steenblock on April 20, 1945, at the Reformed Church in Meservey. Following their marriage they lived and farmed near Goodell, and later near New Hampton where they farmed until their retirement. They moved to New Hampton in 1978.

Jean was employed at St. Joseph Hospital in Hampton and later worked at Great Plains Supply for a number of years.

Jean is survived by a son, Randall (Kathy) of Ingram, TX; three daughters, Delores (Greg) Stibal of Cedar Falls, Judy (Don) Jenn of Omaha, NE and Gloria (Gary) Hoth of Lake City, MN; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, James (Florence) Boos, Sr. of New Hampton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dale, on June 19, 1998; a sister, Dorothy Sanderson; and three brothers, Donald and Jerry Boos and Robert Robinson.

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**VIOLA M. LAAVEG**  
1918 - 2004

Viola M. Laaveg, 85, of 361 S. Pennsylvania, Mason City, formerly of Belmond, died suddenly August 6 at home.



Funeral services were held August 10th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belmond

Viola was born to Olaf and Lena Larson on the family farm near Park River, North Dakota on December 13, 1918.

She was raised on the North Dakota prairie and graduated from Walsh County Agriculture and Training High School in 1935. She attended business school and worked as a secretary. She also attended the Moody Evangelical Bible School in Chicago.

Viola married Oscar Laaveg September 11, 1943. After his ordination, she was a Lutheran pastor's wife and homemaker until retiring to Belmond in 1982. They served parishes in Kindred, ND, Canton SD, Rapid City, SD, Helmar, IL, Camrose, Alberta, Canada, Belmond, Cylinder and Fertile, IA. She has lived in Mason City the last 5 years.

Left to cherish her memory are sons, Dr. Sterling Laaveg and wife, Rita of Mason City, Paul Laaveg and wife, Nancy of Purcellville, VA, Joel Laaveg and wife Gina of Clear Lake, IA, Lee Laaveg and wife, Denise of Forest City; several grandchildren and one great-grandson; sister Pearl Lofsgard and husband Eugene of Park River, ND.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar; parents; brothers, Ernest, Norman and Harry; sister, Myrtle Berg.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



Garden Club News

The Fertile Garden Club met on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Fertile City Hall with sixteen members present. Roll call was our favorite summertime hobby. Pat Oswald gave the lesson on vines and Betty Theifen gave the thought for the day. Mary Anderson and Pat Lohman were the hostesses.

Our next meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fertile City Hall with Gloria Kirschbaum and Mary Ann Wellik as Hostesses.

**GYDA G. PETERSON**  
1912 - 2004

Gyda G. (Hovland) Peterson was born on June 28, 1912, in rural Fertile, Iowa, the daughter of Martin and Elsey (Levad) Hovland. She attended school in Fertile and was baptized and confirmed at Elm Free Lutheran Church west of Fertile. Her mother died when Gyda was only 15. Gyda helped her father run the family home and she cared for her siblings.

On February 14, 1923, Gyda was united in marriage with Kenneth A. Peterson at her parent's home. The couple moved to Detroit, Michigan where Kenneth worked for a short time before the family moved back to Fertile and opened Peterson's grocery. Gyda and Kenneth's son Richard Wayne Peterson was born on February 27, 1936.

Gyda helped at the store and took her turn driving the family car which served as a school bus for the Fertile. In 1942, the family moved to Lake Mills, IA, after Kenneth accepted a job with the U. S. Postal Service.

Following Kenneth's return from the service, he and Gyda became part owners of Veteran's Oil Company. The family enjoyed taking short trips throughout the Midwest and attending special events for family and friends.

Gyda was a member of the Lake Mills Synod Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary for over 55 years. Gyda lived the past two years of her life at the Lake Mills Care Center and greatly appreciated the good care she received. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her son, Richard W. (Dick) Peterson and his wife, Zelda of Rochester, MN; four grandchildren and their families, Lori and Archie Benike and their children, Joseph and Ethan of Minneapolis, MN, Scott and Dolly Peterson of Minneapolis, MN, Susan and Greg Spellacy and their children, Aaron and Joshua of Mankato, MN and Thomas and Kelly Peterson and their children, Alexander (Zander) and Riley of Mankato, MN; her grandchildren's mother, Doris Peterson of Mankato, MN; a sister, Neva Lien and her husband, Sanford, of Albert Lea, MN; brother, Arlo (Red) Hovland and his wife, Ruth of New Orleans, LA; three step grandchildren and their families, Julie and Roger Bisbey and their children, Jessica, Paul, Erica, and Scott of Rochester, MN, Sallie and Tom Suby-Long and their children, Rachel, Sarah, and Rebecca of Highlands Ranch, CO, and Robb Suby of Johnston, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth on February 23, 1989; a sister, Beulah (Suby) Felland; and three brothers, Homer (Babe), Juner (Robb) and Marvin (Guben) Hovland.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

## CLASS OF 1959 FORTY-FIFTH REUNION

The Fertile High School class of 1959 held its forty-fifth reunion July 9 - 11 in Fulton, Illinois, hosted by Neal and Jane Luker. Classmates gathered at the Luker home Friday evening for coffee and conversation. Those attending included Gary and Pat Ouverson, Paul and Carol Ouverson, Gary and Chery Hall, Larry and Janet Burtness, Larry and Nelda (Ouverson) Frahm, Gale and Beverly (Tweed) McNeese, Larry and Donna (Vaage) Nelson, Jerry and Donna (Pitkin) Ouverson, John and Diane (Hunter) Coons, and the Lukers. Howard and Beverly Drevs, former teachers, also attended.

On Saturday the classmates toured the Fulton Fiber Mill which is capable of cleaning and processing wool and hair and making them into yarn; the mill is one of only sixty in the United States. From the mill the class went to Heritage Canyon which is located in a vacant quarry. The quarry is the site of a village that one would have found in the 1860's. All thirteen buildings are filled with authentic items that would have been found in the particular building in the 1800's. There are also a covered bridge and a swinging bridge. A picnic lunch was then served in a house overlooking the Mississippi River. After lunch the classmates went to De Immigrant, Fulton's authentic Dutch windmill, which was brought to America in 1999 and was dedicated in 2000. The windmill is a completely functioning mill; corn, rye, buckwheat and wheat are ground and the flour is sold in the gift shop at the base of the mill. The rest of the afternoon was spent as each couple wanted; some visited lock and dam #13 which is just north of Fulton.

At 5:30 the class met at the Best Western Frontier Motor Lodge in Clinton for dinner. After dinner each classmate told a little about his or her children and grandchildren. The class then were guests of Lukers who took them to see "Oklahoma" which was appearing on the stage of the Clinton Area Showboat Theatre, a professional summer stock theatre. Following the performance, the class returned to the Luker's home for dessert and conversation. At that time Gary Hall read a letter that had been read at Judy (Haugen) Hall's funeral.

On Sunday morning the classmates assembled at the Luker's home for coffee and conversation. After most classmates left, a couple of classmates and the Lukers drove to Moline, Illinois to tour the John Deere Commons.

The class plans to get together again in five years or earlier. The committee for the next reunion will be Nelda Frahm, Diane Coons and Gary Ouverson with the Lukers as backup. The committee who planned the forty-fifth reunion included Donna Nelson, Paul Ouverson and Neal Luker. Donna Nelson, Beverly McNeese and Janet Burtness also contributed refreshments for the classmates to enjoy.

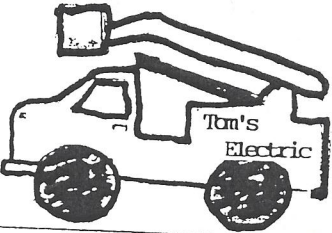
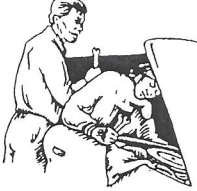
## WORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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- Sept. 8 Child Immunization Clinic at Manly Town Hall from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. No appt needed.
- Sept. 8 Senior Health Clinic will be held at Public Health Office at 95 9th St. N, Northwood Call 324-1741 for appointment.
- Sept. 15-16 Senior Health Clinic will be held at Public Health Office. Please call for appointment.
- Sept. 16 Child Immunization Clinic at Northwood Office 1 - 5 p.m. No appointment needed.
- Sept. 16 Alzheimers Support Group meeting at Maple Court Commons at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary. Children age 6 and under may receive a free lead test at this time.

For an appointment at a Nail Clinic, please call the Public Health Office for a location, date and time in your area. If you have any questions, please call Worth County Public Health at 641-324-1741 or 1-800-765-1388.

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## *Little Wild Church in the Brown Wood*

Neil L. Kuns

September 30, 1994

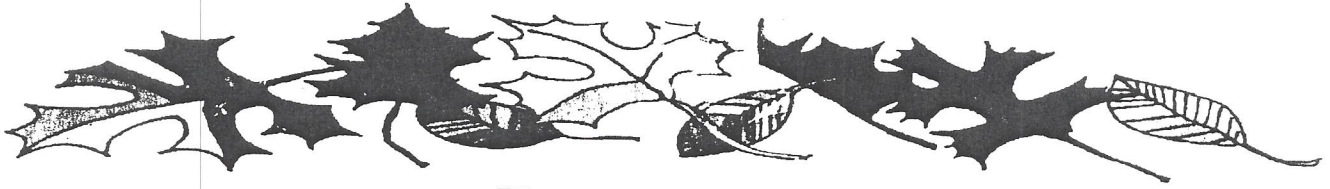
For longer than I can remember there have been at least two churches in Fertile, Iowa. The Lutherans worshipped in the west end of town, and the Christians in the east. Sometimes there was a third in mid-town, the Mission Hall, but although that group held Sunday school on a regular basis their worship services were intermittent. The Lutherans were the most staid of the three congregations. Some Mission Hall adherents thought they were more pious than anyone else in town, but others in their fellowship regularly proved this to be a misconception. The Christian Church was occasionally alive, but "enjoyed" too many part-time preachers during the thirties and early forties who were apparently "decaffeinated." They couldn't keep their audience awake.

Inspid faith, like flavorless food leaves hungry people longing for something more tasty. Into Fertile's "faith-famine" came another congregation, offering excitement, life and the "real thing." From several of the churches in the area a few people gravitated to a small wooden building setting south of the limestone quarry. If they ever had a name they didn't publicize it well enough to impress it on my memory. Shouting and lying on the floor in various stages of spiritual or emotional ecstasy were regular expressions of whatever it was that possessed them or they possessed. Because of their Pentecostal preaching and practices everyone in town who wasn't attracted to their frenzied form of reverence referred to them as the "holy-rollers."

Sixty miles down-stream another small Iowa town named Nashua was known as the home of the "Little Brown Church in the Wildwood." It is a decorous little church with Congregational roots. We took their name, re-arranged the adjectives, and used it to refer to our excitable Pentecostal group as the "Little *wild* church in the *brown* wood."

Because the reported routines of this group were so radically different from anything the teen-agers in town had ever experienced we decided to see for ourselves if they actually *did* what was rumored. Conveniently they met on other nights than our own churches. This enabled us to investigate. None of us would have been caught dead actually going *into* their worship services, but one night we were *almost* caught *looking* in on their services through the windows of the building. A car-load of us who were tooling around town in Marlowe Floy's '35 Ford had coasted to a stop and, with our lights off, had parked on the road nearby. We quietly eased our way through the trees until we could look into the windows. Sure enough, people were lying on the floor in the center aisle. Amazed by the confirmation of the rumors we had received, we nervously giggled or laughed loudly enough to reveal our presence. They noticed us over their own noise, and charged for the door to disperse us. None of us had intended to disrupt their devotions, but inadvertently we had done so. In an effort to get away from the riled-up "rollers," we *ran* back through the trees toward the road and jumped into the seats or onto the running board of the car. Marlowe's driver's side wing window was broken. I reached through to grab onto something to steady myself as the car lurched away, and the jagged glass raked across a knuckle on my right hand. This was the only real harm suffered that night by either the "Christians" or the "lions."

I still carry a half-inch long scar on the second knuckle of my right thumb as a souvenir of that enlightening evening. Ask me about it sometime, and I'll show it to you.



**FERTILE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday 9:00 am - Noon & 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 am - Noon

**NEW BOOKS**

- Sense of Evil - Kay Hooper
- Flash Point - Sally John
- Bait - Karen Robards
- Born O'Hurley - Nora Roberts
- Beach Girls - Luanne Rice
- Deadly Aim - Patricia Rutherford
- War at Fire Creek - Cameron Judd
- One False Move - Alex Kava
- Day of the Dead - J. A. Jance
- Atkins Diabetes Revolution - Robert C. Atkins, M.D.
- Woman Power - Dr. Laura Schlessinger
- The Last Stand of the Tin Can Soldiers - James D. Hornfischer

**NEW MOVIES**

- 50 First Dates - Drew Barrymore (DVD)
- Paycheck - Ben Affleck (DVD)
- Mystic River - Sean Penn (DVD)
- Catch that Kid - (DVD)
- Along Came Polly - Ben Stiller (DVD)
- Haunted Mansion - Eddie Murphy (DVD)
- Antwone Fisher - Denzel Washington (VHS)
- League of Extraordinary Gentlemen - Sean Connery (VHS)
- George of the Jungle 2 - (VHS)


**LIBRARY NEWS**

Another Fertile Day's weekend has come and gone! The parade was lots of fun. Thank you **Bobbi Elbert & Sheila Enderson** for designing our *Discover New Trails* float & helping throw candy. Thank you **Randy Pederson** for letting us serve lunch at the Tractor Pull. This opportunity helped us raise money for library projects. Many thanks to all who baked bars, cookies & cupcakes. They were delicious. When customers came to order food they wanted to start with the desserts first! I would have too! When you see the people listed below please give them a pat on the back and say GREAT JOB. They were setting up by 7 A.M. & many were still there for late afternoon shutdown: **Marilyn Bang, Bobbi Elbert, Sheila Enderson, Brenda Jones, Dawn Millard, Elin Miner, Shorty Miner, Pat Oswald, Betty Suby, Brad Suby.**

The Summer Reading Program *Discover New Trails...Read* concluded August 4. Sherry Kingston did a wonderful job again this year. We got to explore like Lewis & Clark, pan for gold, play games, do crafts & ended with cooking hot dogs over an open fire. Lots of prizes were given for minutes read. Stop by & see the pictures posted of all participants who did read & discover new trails at their library.

**AUDIO BOOKS**

- R is for Richochet - Sue Grafton (CD)
- One False Move - Alex Kava - (CD)
- Reckless Abandon - Stuart Woods (CD)
- Hunting Fear - Kay Hooper (Cass)
- Dance With Me - Luanne Rice (Cass)
- Plan of Attack - Dale Brown (CD)
- Ride the Dark Trail - Louis L'Amour (Cass)
- Hondo - Louis L'Amour - (CD)



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# COOK'S KORNER

I am in need of recipes. How about you cooks out there helping me out? Send your recipes to: Fertile Reminder, Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434.

## CHOCOLATE MINT BROWNIES

1 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/2 cup butter or margarine (softened)  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 4 eggs  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 1 can (16 oz.) chocolate flavored syrup  
 1 cup sugar  
 Bake for 25 minutes in 350° oven  
 Cool.

### FILLING -

2 cups confectioners sugar  
 1/2 cup butter or margarine (softened)  
 1 tablespoon mint extract  
 3 drops green food coloring  
 Spread over cooled brownies.

### TOPPING -

1 package (10 ounces) mint chocolate chips  
 9 tablespoons butter or margarine.  
 Melt over hot water.  
 Spread over the top of mint filling & chill until set.

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### "From the Past"

> "Wall-to-wall" was once a magical term in homes in the 50's, everyone covered their hard wood floors with. Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors!

> "Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now it means almost nothing. Now we take the term "worldwide" for granted.

> Shopping Math— A man will pay \$2. for a \$1. item. A woman will pay \$1. For a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

> How to stop people from bugging you about getting married. - Old aunts will come up to you, poking you in the ribs and cackling, "You're next". They will stop asking you if you do the same thing to them at funerals. (not really funny!)



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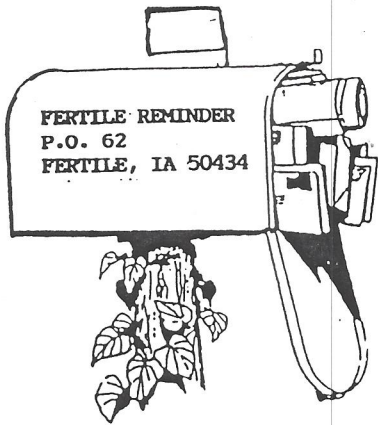
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