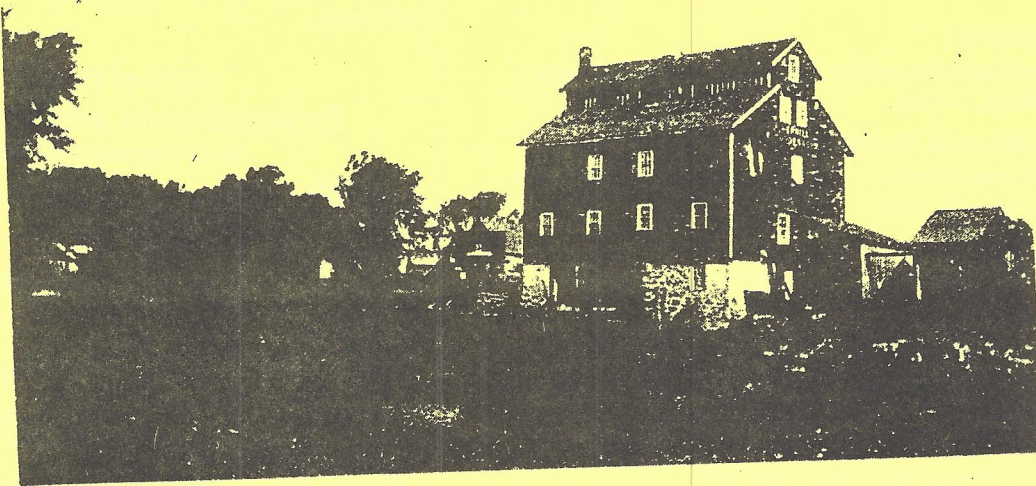


FERTILE REMINDER

APRIL 2007



Old Fertile Mill . . .

The picture of the Fertile Mill was taken about 1898 and shows the original log dam built in 1859 and washed out in 1929.

Forest City **COMING EVENTS** Summit

75 YEARS AGO
March 3, 1932

Rumors for several weeks that Leo H. Elthon, a farmer near Fertile, would be a candidate for state senator of the 41st district composed of Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth counties is confirmed by Mr. Elthon making such an announcement in the papers of the district.

April 2	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
April 3	Senior Dinner	Noon
April 8	Easter Sunday	
April 10	Garden Club	7 p.m.
April 12	Re-cycle Day	
April 14	Farmers Auction at Roger Jennings Farm	9 a.m.
April 16	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
April 17	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
April 21	Boys and Girls 4-H	
April 26	Re-cycle Day	

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, March 20, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Gail Shropshire, Loren Hoffman, Warren Bruns and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were: Council Member Patrick Renchin and Tad Miller.

3.) Minutes Approval.

- *Berg motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the February minutes.* Motion Carried.

4.) Swearing in of Loren Hoffman

Loren Hoffman was sworn in to fulfill the vacant council seat. His term expires January 1st, 2008.

5.) Fertile Garden Club

- The Fertile Garden Club submitted a \$500.00 request for landscaping this spring.
- Questions were addressed in regards to last summer's vandalism.
- *Hoffman motioned and Shropshire 2nd to grant \$500.00 for the spring landscaping.* Motion Carried.
- The Garden Club also asked if they could hold a raffle as a fundraiser. The council approved of the raffle.
- The Garden Club will hold their annual plant sale on May 5th.

6.) Mayor's Report

- The City sold the old snow plow.
- Governor Vilsack declared Worth County as a disaster area during the recent storms. Because of his declaration, the city was able to obtain a generator to power City Hall. City Hall can now be used as a storm shelter, if the power goes out in the City.
- The Library roof was leaking and the ceiling in the restroom collapsed. Heat tape was installed in the gutters to fix the problem.
- WCDA will award this round of grants on April 16th, 2007 at the Comfort Inn & Suites near the casino. The awards ceremony is by invitation only due to the limited space.

7.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the February financials.
- A new public hearing on the City Budget has been set for April 3, 2007 at 7:00 at City Hall. The previous public hearing was canceled due to publication errors. The budget has also had minor changes due to updated insurance information.

8.) City Maintenance Report

- We have started inspecting manholes to find the remaining leaks in the sewer system.
- Brian Nettleton will resume construction as soon as the ground is solid enough to be tracked on.
- The sewer project is scheduled to finish mid to late summer.
- Roads will be patched as soon as the ground settles.

9.) Approve General Expenditures

- *Shropshire moved, Berg 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

10.) Committee Reports

- Berg suggested that we raise the stop signs for better visibility.
- In 2008 the county will begin to re-assess all property values within Worth County.

11.) Other Business

- The request was made to post minutes in the cafe. May and Mayor Russell said they would look into that option.

12.) Next Meeting

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, April 17th, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

13.) Adjourn - *Shropshire moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of February 28, 2007

Type	Name	Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Allied Insurance	-155.00
Bill Pmt -Check	CarQuest	-10.11
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-50.24
Bill Pmt -Check	Mason City Red Power	-7.85
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-129.09
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-116.89
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-127.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Fiala Office Products	-543.02
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	-160.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Treasurer - Worth County	-1,530.00
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-66.57
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-81.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-690.03
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.07
Bill Pmt -Check	Larry Elwood Construction	-257.4
Bill Pmt -Check	PSI	-68.28
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,905.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-96.26
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-10.78
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-765.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-54.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-836.28
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-1,050.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-39.49
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-242.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-160.04
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County Sheriff's Office	-76.41
Check	Post Office	-111.00
Check	Chris Brunsvold	-1,950.00
Deposit		3,484.86
Deposit		4,811.03
Deposit		3,513.29
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	54.88
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,411.26
Deposit		33.98
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	1,481.17
Liability Check	IPERS	-267.89
Liability Check	IPERS	-268.04
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,304.34
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-299.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-643.37
Total General Fund Checking		1,657.07
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		60.05
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		60.05
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.42
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.57
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.57
TOTAL		1,723.11

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Two Alone – Sandra Brown
Lightning & Lace – Diann Mills
White Chocolate Moments – Lori Wick
Manhunting – Jennifer Crusie
Highland Warrior – Connie Mason
Heartbreak Hotel – Jill Marie Landis
Troublesome Creek – Jan Watson
Monday Morning Faith – Lori Copeland
Grave Risk – Hannah Alexander
McKetricks's Pride – Linda Lael Miller
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Legacy of the Force/Bloodlines – Karen Traviss
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Web of Evil – J.A. Jance
NCIS/Paid in Blood – Mel Odom
Dodge City – Matt Braun
Large Print-
The Edge of Winter - Luanne Rice

DVD's

Flicka – Tim McGraw
Casino Royale – Daniel Craig
The Illusionist – Edward Norton
Against the Giants

Library News

Thank you to ALL of you responsible for making this Soup & Sandwich Luncheon another success: **Betty Suby** for making those great roast beef sandwiches, **Everyone** who baked the delicious bars for dessert, **Butchers Steakhouse** for the use of their restaurant, **Downtown Café** for selling raffle tickets, donating gift certificates & closing during lunch, **Ruth Rhodes** for donating the beautiful afghans, **Thrivent Financial Chapter 31176** for matching funds up to \$500 & to all of you attending. Jim Rye won the large afghan, Jane Ramon the baby afghan, Lola Bruns the Cookbook Gift Basket, & Dawn Millard, Maxine Rye, Evelyn Elthon, Viola Roberts, Dennis Ganz & Nancy Suby won Downtown Café Gift Certificates.

Easter Egg Hunt



Audio Books

Shop Girl – Steve Martin
Black – Ted Dekker
Red – Ted Dekker
White – Ted Dekker
Remember When – Nora Roberts
Plum Lovin' – Janet Evanovich



FERTILE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Fertile Fire Department has had a lot of changes this past year. First, we would like to thank those who made our breakfast on August 13th a great success. The fire department raised \$1,400. We would also like to thank those who have donated in the past few months. We don't like to mention names as we don't want to forget anyone. We appreciate all donations! We have also received grant monies from INS Charity Grant, Hanson Foundastion, just to name a few. Each fire fighter has new protective gear when going out on a fire call or rescue.

We are working on purchasing Self-containing Breathing Apparatuses. As of December, we have four complete sets. Our goal is to have one for each fire fighter. Each SCBA costs \$1,800. The SCBA's the fire department has are 15 years old, very heavy and need to be replaced. It is vitally important that each fire fighter has their own SCBA.

The fire department men serviced all the fire trucks, swamp buggie, pump truck with water canon, grass buggie, tanker/pumper truck. The fire department was painted, new outside lights were installed, thorough cleaning, shelving installed and much more. In the past year, the fire department has been on approximately 50 fire calls and rescues. Dan Miller and Dwight Bruns attended a meeting on the criteria and application for being a Fire Fighter. Fertile Fire Department updated and amended to their application to meet government and state regulations. Bruce Waddington, Josh Miller, Dan Lee, Mike Dahn, Dwight Bruns, Jeff Berg and Dan Miller attended a Haz-mat training in November. All fire fighters were to attend a training at the Ethanol Plant in November also.

Thanks to Josh Miller who was instrumental in getting a new/used fire truck for the department. Cherry Valley Fire and Rescue Department in Cherry Valley, Illinois gave the fire department their truck as they were replackng it with a bigger one for their department. The truck is in excellent condition and they wanted to help another fiure department, so they donated it to Fertile. **THANK YOU CHERRY VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT!!!** The fire department is very excited about this new addition. Our goal this year is to replace our tanker/pumper truck (\$49,000), a generator (\$1,750), and boxes and roller trays (\$7,500). Our tanker/pumper truck is in dire need of replacing. It is not always dependable. The boxes and rollers are for the new fire truck to organize and have easy access to our storage area on the side of the truck. We do appreciate any and all donations to help with these costs.

Election of officers was held at the January meeting with: Jeff Berg (Fire Chief), Josh Miller (Ass't Fire Chief), Dan Miller (Treasurer), Mike Dahn (Secretary), Bruce Waddington (Maintenance Supervisor), Dan Lee, John Jordan, and Dwight Bruns (Medical, Safety and Training).

Anyone interested in being on the fire department, please contact one of the fire fighters. We have ery few men who are in town during the day when a fire or rescue occurs, so we can use men who are around town during the day. If you are on a night shift - we can use you!

The department is planning on taking Fire Fighter One training this year. We are putting together another medical bag to have in the grass buggie truck for quicker response time to a call. We are looking to upgrade the jaws of life (spreader and the cutter).

The Fertile Fire Department meets the first Monday of every month. Meetings are lead by Fire Chief Jeff Berg. 3/10/07

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PATRICIA J. PATRICK

1934 - 2007

Patricia J. Patrick, 72, of Inver Grove Heights, MN, died March 15, 2007 in Woodbury, MN



Patricia Jean Burke was born July 31, 1934 in Mason City, to Hollis and Violet Burke. The family lived in the Clear Lake area, and she graduated from Fertile High School.

She married David Brue in Fertile in November 1954. They lived in Guam during his Navy tour and later in Clear Lake, Windom, MN and Mankato, MN. They had two sons before divorcing. Patricia worked in retail sales at department stores in Mankato, and, after moving to St. Paul's Lower East Side, in downtown St. Paul.

She married Richard J. Patrick on Jan. 15, 1966 in St. Paul, MN. They had two sons and lived on St. Paul's West Side until 1985, and in rural Millerville, MN until 1991, before moving to Inver Grove Heights.

Patricia worked for several decades at Wilder Nursing Care, later Health East and spent much free time at their place on Lake Osakis, MN. Since a debilitating stroke in December 2003, she lived in assisted living or nursing care, most recently at Woodbury Health Care Center.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; sons, Michael Brue, Alvarado, MN; David Brue, South St. Paul, MN; Scott (Michelle) Patrick, Mendota Heights, MN, and Steven Patrick, Inver Grove Heights, MN; six stepsons; brothers Bill (Anne) Burke, McGregor, IA and Larry Burke, Joice, IA; sisters, Karen (Ron) Hintch of Hampton and Sandy (Duane) Hepperly of Mason City; sisters-in-law, Irene Thomas, Alexandria, MN, Mary Ann Black, Carlos, MN and Millie (Jack) Sigfrid, Rogers, MN; grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jack; brothers-in-law Bill, Frank, Clarence, LeRoy, Toby, Harold and Alfred; daughter-in-law, Carol Graham Brue; and nephew Christian Burke.

Funeral services were held March 19 at the Roberts Funeral & Cremation Chapel in Inver Grove Heights, MN. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery, Mendota Heights.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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LUELLA JENKINS

1922 - 2007

LuElla Jenkins, 84, of Sioux City, formerly of Clear Lake, died March 15, 2007 at the Holy Spirit Retirement Home in Sioux City, IA



Funeral services were held March 20, 2007 at Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake. Interment was in Memorial Park at Mason City.

Luella was born on Nov. 29, 1922 in Anita, IA, the daughter of Curtis and Alina Moore. She graduated from Forest City High School.

LuElla married Norman Jenkins on Oct. 19, 1941 in Princeton, MO. They lived in Fertile, IA. She drove school bus for Forest City School. In 1965 they moved to Clear Lake. She worked at the Clear Lake High School as secretary for Dr. Huntington for more than eighteen years, retiring in 1984.

LuElla was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and Tina Rebekah Lodge No. 105, Clear Lake.

She is survived by her son, Tim Jenkins, Sioux City; daughter-in-law Melodi Jenkins, Sioux City; and her three grandchildren of Sioux City.

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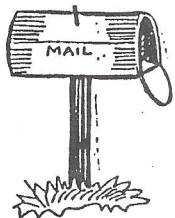
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FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Fertile Garden Club met on Tuesday, March
13, 6:30 p.m. at the Fertile Church of Christ for their
annual potluck to start the new year out. Fifteen
members were present

President Ginny Lovik called the meeting to
order and welcomed our four new members - Elin
Miner, Ronda Prescott, Sandy Price and Joan Sunde.
Each member gave their name and told a little bit
about themselves. We then sang the Table Prayer
followed by delicious food. Hostess for this meeting
were the our 2007 officers - Ginny Lovik, Evelyn
Elthon and Betty Theilen.

Following the meal, we said the Pledge of Al-
legiance. We sang happy birthday to the members
who had birthdays since January 1 through the end of
March. The 50th. Wedding Anniversary of Pat &
Andy Oswald was announced.

Our president read the Constitution/By-laws
of the club as required by the by-laws when there are
new members. Money making projects were dis-
cussed with the Annual Plant Sale being our major
fund raiser. It will be held on May 5, 2008. Garden
of the Month was discussed and we voted to take a
break for at least a year.

Bev Steffensen gave the Thought for the Day.

Pat Oswald, Reporter



FROM THE IOWA FARM TO THE PHILIPPINE FIELD

By Dick Varberg

FARM CHORES

The barn was a wonderfully cozy place in the wintertime. While most of the other farm buildings were cold, the barn was warm because of the warmth produced by the animals. The animals were a very important part of our livelihood and we would often become quite attached to them. We usually had between six and ten milk cows that we milked by hand. We would sit on a one legged stool while milking. Milking cows by hand is a great way to develop one's arm and hand muscles. When farmers would shake hands, they would usually test each other to see who had the best grip. We would also pull fingers to see who had the strongest fingers.

After milking the cows we would take the milk to the separator room. Here we would pour the milk into a container on the top of the De Laval Separator and then crank this machine by hand. If cranked at the proper speed, rich cream would come out of the upper spout and the skimmed milk out of the lower. We would save some of the skimmed milk for our own consumption, and the rest we would feed to the calves, pigs, and chickens. Of course the cats and dogs also got their share. Some of the cats would not wait until we had finished milking so, if they begged loud enough, we would squirt the milk directly from the cow into their mouths. To our delight, they usually got more on their faces than in the mouths.

One of the exciting times on the farm was harvest time. The first harvest crop on our farm was oats. Before combines became popular in our area, we used a threshing machine to separate the grain from the straw. This meant that the oats first had to be cut and tied into bundles. A machine called a binder did this. These bundles then had to be piled in a special way called "shocking." Each shock was composed of six bundles stacked in pairs leaning against each other. A seventh bundle was used as a cap to hold the shock together and keep off the rain. Shocking was backbreaking tedious work and, unless one wore long sleeves, resulted in scratched arms for the one doing the job. The shocks if properly done could remain in the field for several weeks and be rained on several times without damage to the grain.

Threshing was a fun time of the year as usually eight to twelve farmers would work together and form what was known as a threshing crew. The owner of a threshing machine would be contracted to bring his threshing machine that was pulled by a large tractor. This machine was brought from farm to farm doing what we called "custom work". What a thrill it was to see that big machine coming down the road followed by six or seven hayracks and two or three grain wagons all pulled by horses. When the threshing machine was in place it was disconnected from the tractor and then a long belt was used to power the threshing machine from a pulley at the side of the tractor.

My father and I were often asked to stack the straw. The threshing machine had a large blower that blew the straw back and forth in a semicircle out of its backside. It was our job, using pitchforks, to see to it that the straw ended up in a beautiful pile called a straw stack. The secret was to stack the straw in such a way that it would not tip over and that it was always higher in the middle than on the sides so that as the stack settled, the straws would all be slanting downward towards the outside of the stack. In this way the rain would run off and not rot the straw. The straw was used as bedding for the animals during the long winter months. People who,

like myself, had no store bought mattress for their bed also used some of it. We would fill a large especially made sack with fresh straw each fall and this served as our mattress. It was called a "straw tick" and, if properly made and filled, made a satisfactory substitute mattress. When the straw became matted down, it had to be emptied and refilled.

Hay would be harvested several times during the summer and fall. We would usually get two or three cuttings on each field. My father usually seeded a mixture of clover and timothy. Others seeded alfalfa. When the clover was in bloom it smelled so sweet and this was a signal that it was soon time to mow the hay. After mowing the hay with a six-foot sickle mower we would rake it into rows with what was called a side-delivery rake pulled behind the tractor. After the hay was dry we would hitch the hay-loader to the back of the hayrack and, pulling both of these with our F12 Farmall tractor, would begin "putting up" hay. The hay-loader had an ingenious system of using a series of revolving forks and pushers to get the hay from the ground up into the hayrack. One person would stand in the rack using a pitchfork to level the hay interspersed with slings -- the ropes used lifting the hay into the barn. I remember driving the tractor for this operation when I was so small my feet could not reach the clutch pedal of the tractor. To overcome this difficulty, my father rigged a pulley on the front of the tractor and, by running a rope from the clutch through the pulley and back to the front of the hayrack, he was able to stop the tractor when he wanted. I now wonder how he dared to trust such a small boy with this job.

We stored most of our hay in the large upper room of the barn called the haymow. Our barn had a rail system along the peak of the roof and a large door at one end. Through a special system of ropes and pulleys the hay could be lifted from the hayrack in "slings" up into the haymow. By pulling a trip rope it could then be dropped at any place along the rail. It was often my job to level the hay and push it back to the edges of the barn. It was hard work but it always made me feel secure when the haymow was full of hay when winter arrived. The cows would not go hungry

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who came to help me celebrate my birthday. Also thank you for all the cards, gifts and greetings. Special thanks to LaVerne Brattrud for his music. Very Special Thanks to Jane & Al for hosting my party at the Downtown Cafe.

Amil Johnson

Bless You All!

Words can't express our thoughts for all that's been done for us. We can't mention names because of leaving someone out. Especially for putting in the new shower. (What a job!) It's a great blessing.

Then there's all the good food that everyone has brought in - in abundance - for which we were thankful for the freezer. It was all so tasty & extra good.

Thanks for Hare's for fixing the high-line. We have been warm. Thanks to Brattrud of Hanlontown for fixing the appliances that could be fixed.

Hope we can be helpful to someone someday.

Our love to all!

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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. Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

Shrimp and Scallop Lasagna

- 12 lasagna noodles
- 3 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp. Flour
- 2 1/2 cups half & half
- 1 cup grated Romano cheese
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. Pepper
- 1 1/2 approx. Sea scallops, cut in half or quartered if very large
- 1 1/2 pounds, approx. of shrimp, peeled & deveined or frozen cooked & no tails.
- 1 pound, approx. imitations crab meat.
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan Cheese
- And enough Mozzarella to cover the top.
- Preheat oven to 375°. Spray 13x9 pan
- Cook noodles as directed on box. Drain & set aside.

In a LARGE Skillet—Melt butter and cook onion over low heat until soft, about 5 min. **Add** garlic & cook 1 min. over medium heat stir in the flour with a whisk, then gradually stir in half & half, allowing the sauce to thicken slightly (thicken to consistency of whipping cream), add salt and pepper & add Romano and Parmesan cheeses. Stir well.

ADD scallops and cook for 3 to 4 minutes. **THEN ADD** shrimp and cook until they turn pink. Add imitation crab meat. Shut off heat. Spoon about 2 tbsp of sauce from the skillet into the prepared pan just to cover the bottom. Cover the bottom with 4 noodles side by side. Spoon 1/3 of the sauce over the noodles, distributing half of the seafood evenly. Do 3 or 4 more layers more. Do not put any seafood on the top., just sauce

Tuck in any edges of the noodles, so all are coated with sauce. Top with Mozzarella. **Bake 20-25 min. uncovered until bubbly. Allow to sit for 10 minutes before serving.**



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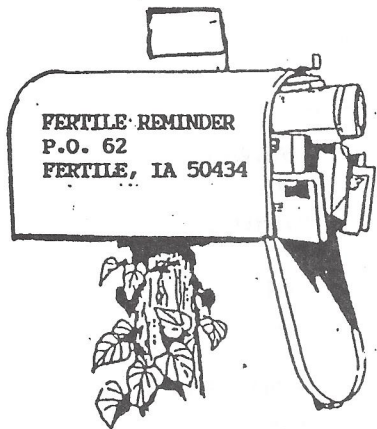
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