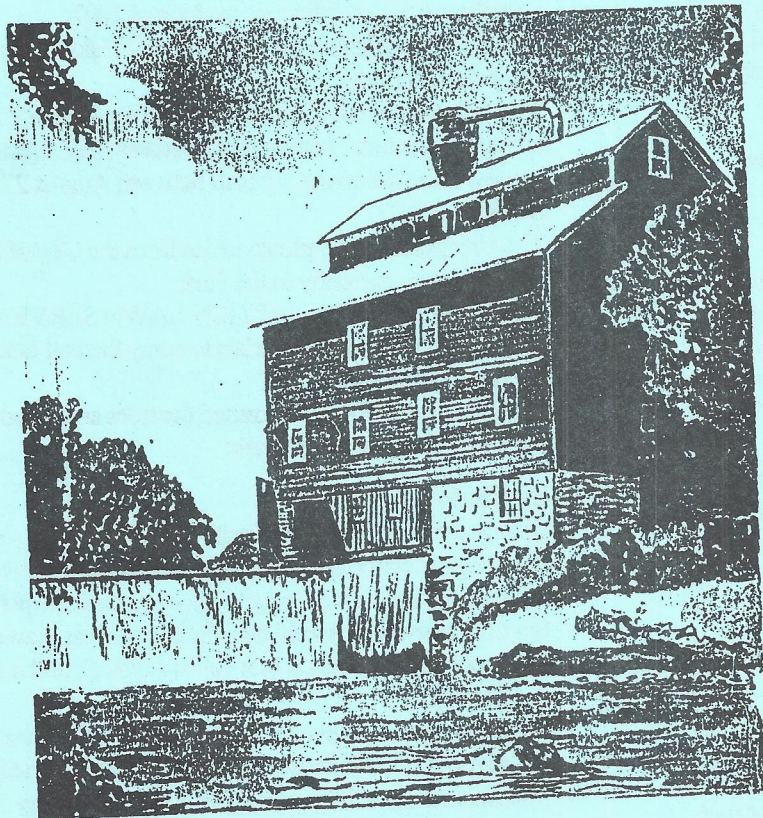


# AUGUST 2007

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

Aug. 2	Recycle Day	
Aug. 3 - 5	<b>FERTILE DAYS</b>	
Aug. 5 - 9	Church of Christ VBS	6 - 8 p.m.
Aug. 6	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Aug. 7	Senior Dinner	Noon
Aug. 16	Recycle Day	
Aug. 20	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Aug. 21	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.

### Fertile Days!!

**Saturday, August 4, 2007**

Parade-10:30 A.M. Theme-"Take me out to the Ballgame" Line-up off of Highway 9 at Waupaca

Baseball Dedication-Following parade

Community Meal

Kids hit, run, and throw contest-1:00 P.M.

Kids Games

Home Run Derby-3:00 P.M.

Softball Game- Town vs. Country-4:00 P.M.

Dance-8:00 P.M.

**Sunday, August 5, 2007**

Fire Fighters Breakfast in the Park-7:00 A.M.

Church in the park-10:30 A.M.

Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull-Main St.

Bed Races

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

### .) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 19, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

### .) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Loren Hoffman, Patrick Renchin – 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the meeting, Gail Shropshire, City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.

### .) Minutes Approval.

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

### .) Alliant Energy – Franchise Fee Options

- May reported that a number of the metro cities in Iowa have opted to impose a Franchise Fee on non-city owned utilities. The fees are placed against utility usage and collected by the utility company. The fees are then used by the cities to subsidize their General Fund – *Library, Little League, Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Police Service, Parks, etc.*
- The City's 25 year contract with Alliant Energy is currently up for renewal. May suggested that the council consider placing a small fee (.0025) in this year's contract so that the option can be available anytime within the next 25 years.
- Rich Mengas and Rebecca Gisel from Alliant Energy attended the council meeting to offer their advice. They mentioned that one city within our area has opted to add the fees.
- The consensus of the council was to keep the contract as it is now, without the Franchise Fee option.
- **The City will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 7:00 at City Hall in regards to the 25 year contract with Alliant Energy.**

### .) City Security Cameras

- At the request of the Council, May presented two initial proposals for camera and security equipment. The proposed equipment would monitor the ball fields, Rhodes Island Park, and Main Street. The video from the feeds would be maintained for up to 2 months and would feed directly to City Hall and to the Worth County Sheriff's Department. Any illegal activity captured though the system would be burned to DVD and used if legal action were to be taken.
- The system would be funded through grant monies.
- The council requested that May investigate additional equipment vendors, the installation costs and to verify maintenance costs and warranty information.

### .) Tom Kirschbaum

- Tom requested that the City investigate why the water he drains from his spring is backing uphill into his neighbor's property.
- Warren will investigate and notify Tom and the Council.

### .) Mayor's Report

- Within the first two weeks after installation, a giraffe leg has been stolen from the kids' playground. The City is replacing the leg as it exists to protect kids from the bolts below.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, River Street, State Street and Park Street will receive all new black top with monies from the sewer project. Heartland asphalt will be moving in their equipment and starting the road repairs this week.
- The city is receiving two more bids for the blacktopping of the remaining roads in town. The City expects to be able to replace 3-4 roads per year over the next 3-4 years.
- Two homes within City Limits have been turned over to the attorney for failure to comply with safety ordinances. The homes had previously received letters requesting their compliance to the ordinance by June of 2007.
- The City is garnishing the wages of one resident for failure to pay past water bills.
- This fall, two 4 year Council seats and the Mayor's 2 year seat are up for election. Interested candidates may register and receive information at City Hall between August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The City purchased 8 picnic tables from the City of Hanlontown. The tables are currently in the Park.
- A BIG THANKS TO HAUGEN LAWN SERVICE for donating the time and materials to spray the ball fields, and along the north river bank!
- Buck and Joyce Russell trimmed the trees and weed whacked at the water plant and in the park.

### 8.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the End of Fiscal Year financials.
- May suggested the creation of a new "Administrative Allocation" account in order to allocate shared expenses that are too time consuming to allocate during the year between funds. May assured the Council that this is a typical, and legal, accounting tool.
- *Hoffman moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the creation of an Administrative Allocation Account.* Motion Carried
- The final report will be published in the Forest City Summit as well as posted at the Library, Post Office and the Downtown Café'. The full report will be available at City Hall.
- *Hoffman moved, Berg 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

### 9.) City Maintenance Report

- Bruns reported that the burn pile has been completely cleaned up at the lagoon. He also mentioned that Waupaca Woods is in the process of offering branch shredding – more will be announced when it is ready.
- The dike in the Park is in the process of being sloped by Bruns and Nettleton Excavating. This will allow for easier maintenance. Dave Haugen has agreed to seed the dike once it has been completed.
- Bruns requested the approval to purchase a set of forks for the skid loader. These will allow the City to move picnic tables and other large objects as necessary.
- *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve up to \$500 for the purchase of forks for the skid loader.* Motion Carried.

### 10.) Committee Reports

- **Parks** – The tree stumps in the center of the park are going to be pulled out and/or ground. The stumps along the river bank cannot be removed as they are part of the system holding the river bank in place.

- **Weeds & Garbage** – The County Weed Inspectors are presently working with residents to clean up the noxious weeds within City Limits.

**11.) Next Meeting**

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, August 14, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

- 12.) Adjourn** – *Hoffman moved, Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn.*  
Meeting adjourned.

**City of Fertile  
Expenditures and Revenues  
As of June 30, 2007**

Type	Name	Paid Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>General Fund Checking</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-719.39
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-242.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Decker Sports	-51.98
Bill Pmt -Check	DNR/Operator Certification	-60.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-8.07
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-302.13
Bill Pmt -Check	IMWCA	-1,903.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-767.25
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-83.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-180.23
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-266.37
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-62.41
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-18.58
Bill Pmt -Check	USDA	-35,188.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-112.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-140.19
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-287.67
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-4,980.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa League of Citites	-239.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-19.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-96.35
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Sand & Gravel, Inc.	-2,160.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-27.41
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-85.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-2,671.12
Bill Pmt -Check	Ace Hardware	-20.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-809.44
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-295.26
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-208.87
Bill Pmt -Check	Recreation Creations, Inc.	-19,208.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-190.43
Bill Pmt -Check	City of Hanlontown	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-758.67
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-86,419.97
Bill Pmt -Check	Simmering-Cory, Inc.	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Burness-Lundgren Plumbing & Heating, Inc	-24.08
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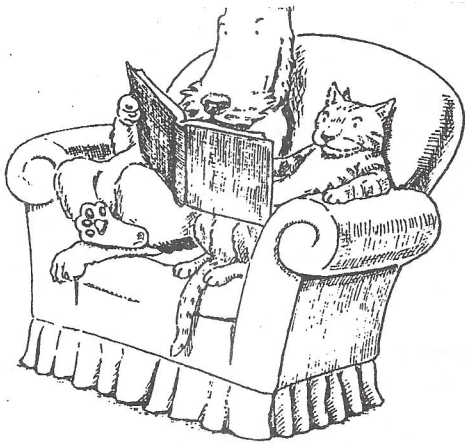
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-416.41
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-1,825.01
Check	Iowa Finance Authority	-8,747.51
Check	Appel, Jerry & Paula	-150.01
Check	US Post Office	-131.21
Check	Cherry Tree Builders V	-3,274.01
Check	Premier Polysteel	-6,116.41
Check	Vorland Masonry & Concrete	-11,055.01
Check	Bidne, Kevin	-87.01
Check	US Post Office	-41.81
Deposit		1,663.27
Deposit	Worth County Development Authority	34,124.00
Deposit		9,964.60
Deposit	IFACWSRF	7,221.72
Deposit		67,054.55
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,851.56
Deposit	IFACWSRF	27,232.97
Deposit		38.79
Liability Check	IRS	-1,526.46
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-163.00
Liability Check	IPERS	-868.94
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,274.32
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-735.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-454.94
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-636.00
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-626.00
<b>Total General Fund Checking</b>		<b>-53,868.83</b>
<b>Total General Fund Accounts</b>		<b>-53,868.83</b>
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		
Deposit		57.74
<b>Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		<b>57.74</b>
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		3.07
<b>Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		<b>3.07</b>
<b>Total Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		<b>3.07</b>
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>		
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		2.08
<b>Total Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		<b>2.08</b>
<b>Total Water Revenue Accounts</b>		<b>2.08</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-53,805.94</b>

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High Profile – Robert B. Parker

Northern Hearts - Paige Lee Ellison

When Day Breaks – Mary Jane Clark

Nineteen Minutes – Jodi Picoult

The Overlook – Michael Connelly

The Quickie – James Patterson

True Light – Terri Blackstock

The Spinster Brides of Cactus Corner –  
Frances Devine

It Happens Every Spring – Catherine Palmer

Summer Breeze – Catherine Palmer

Coral Moon – Brandilyn Collins

Midnight Sea – Colleen Coble

Lost in the Wild – Cary J. Griffith

I Feel Bad About My Neck – Nora Ephron

### Large Print

Sophie's Dilemma – Lori Wick

Where Willow's Grow – Kim Vogel Sawyer

Refining Emma - Delia Parr

### DVD's

Seraphim Falls – Pierce Brosnan

The Simpson's Complete Ninth Season

Barbie in the 12 Dancing Princesses

Letters from Iwo Jima – Ken Watanabe

Bailey's Millions – Dean Cain

Music & Lyrics – Hugh Grant

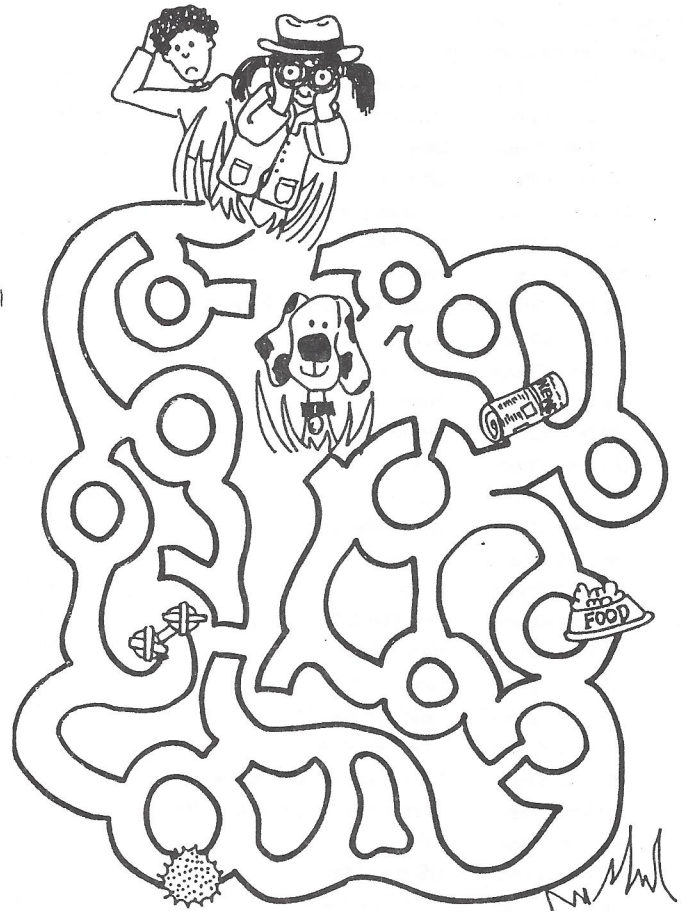
Walking Tall the Payback – Kevin Sorbo

The Painted Veil – Edward Norton

Pan's Labyrinth - Sergi Lopez

## Maze

Help Detective Sarah find Ryan's lost dog.



### BOOKS ON CD

Lean Mean Thirteen – Janet Evanovich

Bungalow 2 – Danielle Steel

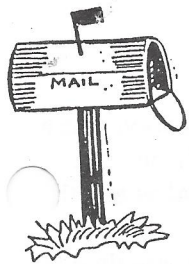
Double Shot – Diane Mott Davidson

### Library News

Get a Clue @ Your Library concluded the end of June with 32 children attending. Each week was a different theme, dinosaurs, Egypt, outer space & Peter Pan. We read books & poems, did crafts & played games. Thank you Amanda Henniger for doing such a good job with the program.

Get a Clue (about anything) @ Your Library!





Dear Ladies,  
 Thank you for your good reporting. I enjoy all the news. I look forward to reading what's going on in my hometown.  
 Thanks for the good work.  
 Lyle Lindquist

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- August 6, 2007 Manly Senior Center Nail Clinic - Morning - This can be for nail trim on hands or feet. Please call the above number for appointment.
- August 15, 2007 Maple Court Nail Clinic - Afternoon - This can be for nail trim on hands or feet. Call above number for appointment.
- August 16, 2007 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Office in Northwood from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time. Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to ensure your child's home is not poisoning your family.
- August 28, 2007 Child Immunization Clinic at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time. Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to ensure your child's home is not poisoning your family.

Dear Friends,  
 I enjoy reading about all the events happening in Fertile. The "Fun Corner" was great last month.  
 Esther Oswald Hudson

Dear Ladies,  
 Please renew my subscription for another year. I really enjoy the news.

Merridy Hill  
 837 6th SW - Apt. 2  
 Mason City, IA 50401

Dear Ladies,  
 Please renew our paper for another year. We enjoy it very much. The boys also like it. Thanks so much.  
 Virgil & Ruth Ouverson

Thank you so much. Enjoy the Reminder.  
 Floyd & Lois Zobel

Hi!  
 I love the little Gem (paper) from Fertile. Keep up the good work.  
 Please renew.

Helen Humphrey

Dear Ladies,  
 I really appreciate all of the great information in the Reminder. It helps me keep up to date with my home town.  
 Gary Ouverson

**FERTILE GARDEN CLUB**  
 JULY 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

The Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Penny Miller with Pat Oswald as co-hostess. There was 11 members present. The meeting was called to order by Betty Theilen, Vice President. Roll Call was "Person who most influenced me most in my love for gardening." The Secretary & Treasures' reports were given and approved.

Discussion was held on watering and weeding and members were reminded to be sure and water several times a week during dry weather. A special thank you to Jean Loman of Forest City for her contribution of working on the flowers up by the highway. This was hours toward her 'master gardener' title. The rock for the flowers up by the highway was presented by Ronda Prescott. She will talk to the Fairchild's' about what should be on the rock. Penny reported on the banner for our Annual Plant Sale. This was put on hold until spring. Also she reported on the 2 small signs. Discussion was held on the shrub to be replaced at the foot bridge. The ground is so bad we will just fill the pots with beautiful flowers and hope the tree and shrub that are there will continue to thrive.

Amanda Waddington gave a presentation on water pond pots. This was very interesting and some of us plan to try this out!

We sang Happy Birthday to Pat Lohman and then sang the Table Prayer.

Next meeting we will meet at the Church of Christ at 6:00-6:15 to share rides to Central Garden in Clear Lake. Cars will leave promptly at 6:30. Call an officer if you plan to meet there, so we don't leave anyone out. Elaine & Ginny will be hostesses.



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## EARLY FAMILY CARS

By George Kisner

My father loved cars, and though we could not afford them, I cannot remember not having one. My first recollection was a 1927 Studebaker, which would certainly be a collector's item today! It was a heavy monster of a thing and probably one of our most reliable. It served faithfully for several years, but finally even my father admitted it was done for. It had no brakes and the forward gears kept dying until all that was left was reverse.

Since he could scarcely drive it to Fertile backward (he had plenty of problems even going forwards) he decided it was time to retire the old beast. Since we were behind with the field work that year and did not own a tractor, he hit upon the idea of hitching the old car to the plough and speeding up field work. The plough was a 1 bottom sulky plough on three steel wheels with 2 adjustment levers and a foot pedal you tripped to bring it in and out of the ground.

He fastened it securely to the car bumper with a log chain. My brother, Herbert, drove the car and my father mounted the seat of the plough. We all gathered in the field to watch the great time-saver. Herbert started down the row and my father lowered the blade. The car promptly stalled out. "You must go faster!" my father yelled. Herbert obediently started the motor and took off again. The same results occurred and by this time my father was very angry!

"Get her going and keep her going," he shouted angrily. So Herbert took off as fast as the car would go! Unfortunately, the plough was not made for such great speed! It went sideways and tipped over, throwing my father into the loose ground. My father gave up and went back to his three horses for ploughing power!

Our next family car was a 1929 Erskine. It was built by Studebaker and served us well. In the meantime, Herbert had gotten his license and bought a 1930 Model A Ford. The main thing I remember about it was that the only heater it had was a little door that opened into the engine compartment. Coming home from Mason City one frigid February evening, we nearly froze. The car also froze the radiator and we had to stop at a farmhouse to thaw her and us out.

By that time, my father drove a 1935 Plymouth with suicide doors. I remember the door flying open and me falling out on the gravel. We were not going fast so I was not hurt except for a few scratches. When I was 15 and got my license, I persuaded my father to buy a 1936 Oldsmobile, a real luxury car. They foolishly let me drive to ball games and school events. I had the vain hope that some girl would consent to ride with me.



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# Carter's Ink

Sept. 7-1961  
By Ben Carter

Two weeks ago the St. Paul Pioneer-Press reported (in a column written by Paul Light) the experience of a St. Paul couple who were traveling to the west coast in a camper coach mounted on the back of a pickup truck...similar to those being made by Winnebago Industries here in Forest City.

Here's the story as reported by Paul Light: "If you've ever dreamed (and who hasn't) of suddenly appearing in public without a stitch of clothing, then you'll sympathize with the real wide-awake nightmare of a St. Paul man..."

"His blushing story was told the other night at a meeting of the Northwest Saddle club and relayed to me by Mrs. Max Sporer, 150 S. Fairview ave., who thought it was one of the funniest tales she's ever heard."

"We agreed the 'victim's' identity be best withheld because, quite frankly, he's already had enough public embarrassment over it. Here's the naked truth..."

"The St. Paulite and his wife bravely set out for California a few weeks back in their 'camper'...that's one of those half-ton light pickup trucks with fancy sleeping and eating quarters built over the rear axles. They had a wonderful time the first few days, traveling at their own pace, stopping at night in roadside areas, sleeping in the 'camper.'"

"Then they came to a desert area. The heat was terrific. It beat down on the metal cab of the truck and seared the eyes of the driver. So he returned to his wife: 'Dear, will you drive a while. I've got a headache. I'm going in the back and lie down.'"

"The 'camper' itself was warm so our friend stripped down to the buff and climbed into one of the bunks. He soon fell asleep but awakened the moment the truck stopped. It seems the engine overheated and his wife was grinding away on the starter. He started for the back door, half asleep and in the nude..."

"Just then the engine-caught, the truck lurched forward in low gear. And the St. Paulite, still befogged with sleep, fell out onto the scorching highway, wearing a wristwatch... and a horrified expression."

"Okay, what would you do? He covered in the ditch when the first few autos whizzed by..but soon it became apparent he either hail an auto and cringe in embarrassment or be fried to a crisp in the desert sun. He chose the former fate...and stuck out his thumb at the next car that approached."

"The startled expressions on the occupants tipped him off that this was not going to be an easy thing, either. Car after car roared past. One motorist slowed his car, rolled down the window and yelled, 'What are you, some kind of nut? Get your clothes on!'"

"Finally a car did stop. It had a state highway police emblem on the door. 'Get in,' said the patrolmen gruffly, 'we've had complaints of a man exposing himself on the highway.'"

"Wrapped in a hastily-provided blanket, the St. Paulite tried to explain his predicament. From the officer's stern, disapproving look it was doubtful if he made an impression. 'Okay,' he said, 'So if I am lying, it's easy to find out. Radio ahead to some of your boys and have them stop my wife. She's driving a camper truck, license number...'"

"The patrolman agreed to go this far, but not until he'd locked the St. Paulite in the washroom of a filling station at the nearest town."

"Well, the rest of the story is easily guessed...highway patrolmen intercepted the wife, merrily driving westward to California. She was 125 miles down the highway. They asked her if she had a husband..."

"Yes, he's asleep in the back of the camper."  
"Are you certain?"  
"Positive!"  
"Have you looked lately?"  
"She peered in the rear...and paled!"


"Two hours later her husband was unlocked from the washroom and reunited with his wife. The trip? It was cancelled by the St. Paulite who failed to see anything humorous whatsoever in the situation which by now had his wife and the state police reduced to tears of laughter..."

Thanks to Phil Olson and Bill Lepird for bringing this story to my attention. I am sure that it couldn't have been a Winnebago camper that was involved in the incident..."

## Joice Dumpster Site to Close August 31, 2007

The Worth County Board of Supervisors have decided not to renew the permit for the Joice dumpster site location. Those residents that use that facility will be directed to use the dumpster site north of Worth County Lake @ 4281 Quail Avenue. From Kensett drive north on Highway 65, turn right (East) on 430<sup>th</sup> Street, Turn right (South) on Quail Avenue, drive 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile and the Worth County Lake Dumpster Site will be on your left (East side of the road). All residents will have to use this dumpster facility until the new Citizens Convenience Center is completed this fall @ 4125 Pheasant Avenue. From Kensett drive east on 410<sup>th</sup> Street about 1 mile until you get to Pheasant Avenue. Turn left (North) and the new facility will be located on the right (east side of the road) about 1/4 of a mile. Rural curbside recycling will be still picked up at the regular pick up dates until the new facility is operational, then residents will be required to haul their recyclable goods to the new Convenience Center. If you have any questions call Shane Buenzow, Worth County Environmental Health Specialist at (641) 324-1741.

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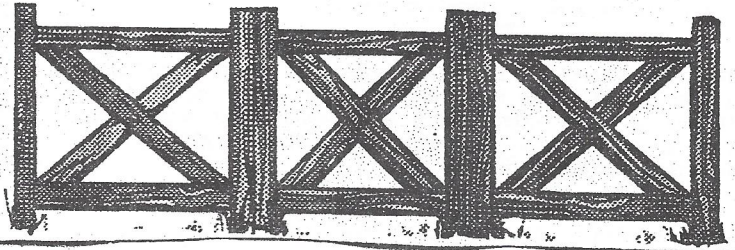
# Mending Fences

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled.

He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it, and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say "I'm sorry." The wound is still there.



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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. Thank you to those who have sent recipes.

## CRANBERRY NUT BARS

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/3 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1-1/4 cups Ocean Spray Fresh or Frozen Cranberries
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350° Grease an 8x8 baking pan.

Beat eggs in a medium mixing bowl until thick. Gradually add sugar, beating until thoroughly blended. Stir in flour and melted butter. Blend well. Add cranberries and walnuts. Mixing gently just until combined. Spread evenly in pan.


Bake for 40 -45 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool and cut into bars. Makes around 16 servings.



>If you don't want your children to hear what you are saying, pretend you're talking to them.

>Smiles are like colds.....They're catching!

>Don't let your mind become so busy that your heart can't respond.



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# FUN KORNER

## BUMPER STICKERS YOU PROBABLY MISSED BECAUSE YOU WERE DRIVING TOO FAST!

*If we quit voting, will they all go away????*

*"Politicians & diapers both need to be changed and for the same reason."*

*If you can read this, I've lost my trailer!*

*The earth is FULL - GO HOME!*

*He who hesitates is not only lost, but miles from the next exit!*

*Illiterate? Write for Help.*

*Eat right, Exercise, Die anyway.*

*How many roads must a man travel down before he admits he is lost?*

*I'm cleverly disguised as a responsible adult!*

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## **BLOOPERS!**

>A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

>For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs!.

>Irving B. & Jessie C. were married on June 10. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

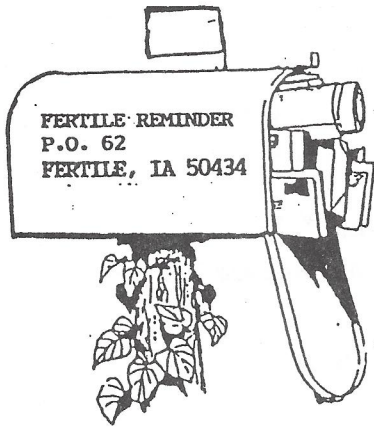
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We are sorry to have to make this increase, but it has been several years since we have done so.

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