

JUNE 2001

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

JUNE CALENDAR

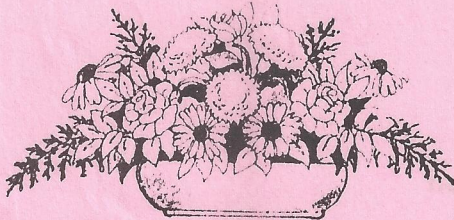
June 4	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 PM
June 5	Senior Dinner	12 Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 PM
June 7	F B & I Meeting	7 PM
June 12	Garden Club-Tour at Lime Creek Nature Center	9:15 AM
	Meet at Comm. Center	
June 14	DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES	
June 16	Boys & Girls 4-H	
June 17	Library Board Meeting	7 PM
June 18	Senior Dinner	12 Noon
June 26	Recycle Day	

April Expenditures

Law Enforcement	..1530.00
Hawkins Water	5.00
Tom Kirschbaum	1157.04
Jaci Santee	223.59
Dave Low	301.41
Alliant Energy	492.65
Fertile Library	2500.00
Fertile Fire	1250.00
Sales Tax	124.02
Employee Withhld	274.00
FICA	533.86
IPERS	264.69
Thompsons Garage	51.80
WCTA	41.60
LGI	12.15
Sewer Acct	1483.00
Water Acct	1474.00
Petty Cash	25.00
Waste Mgt	1666.50
Ames Environmental	511.00
IRS	72.55
Basic Materials	128.15
Hare Electric	499.51
Nelson Petroleum	250.46
Fertile Lumber	3.01
Peoples Nat Gas	275.27
TOTAL	\$15,150.26

April Revenues

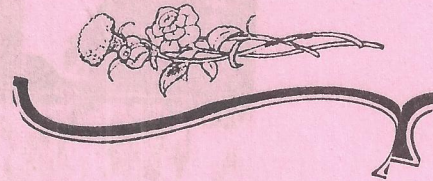
Road Use	1999.56
Local Option	1266.41
Property Tax	10666.22
Water, Sewer, Garb.	10038.25
TOTAL	\$23,970.44



James and Alvera Lovick will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary May 27 with a family dinner. They were married May 25, 1941.

The Fertile Council Meeting was held May 1, 2001 at the Fertile City Building. Present: Mayor Henry Thompson, Council Persons, Jodi Smith, Tim Tuttl Joyce Russell, Dick Bruns. Absent Tanya Olson. Tom Kirschbaum, City, Gloria Kirschbaum, clerk. Rich Welter, Mosquito Control of Iowa, Terry McCarthy, Yaggy Colby and Al Tompkins, DNR, Dave Low, Water.

Welter explained the mosquito spraying program, the council voted to contract for mosquito control. McCarthy gave a review of the sewer problems, and the 5 year plan to correct them. Tompkins stated Fertile needs to show a commitment to implement the plan, and the DNR is willing to work with the town to resolve the problem. The plan for sewer Inflow and Infiltration Reduction was approved. Water Shed needs a reshingle, Bids will be taken, for more information contact Mayor Thompson. It was approved to put port-0-Pottys into the Park.



My Memory!

My forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke
to you that may seem funny
but, to me, that is no joke.

For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Off times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who's that?"

author unknown

With Sympathy

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1926 - 2001

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Velma enjoyed camping. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Clear Lake.

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Thank You

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Thank you for your prayers and beautiful cards.

Norman Rye

Thanks to all of you for the prayers, concerns & cards Jack and I received during Jack's illness & recent death. You are all so special to me.

Linda (Suby) O'Neil

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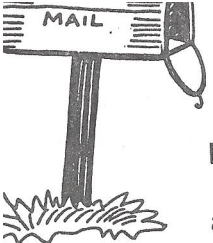
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Income: \$905.00

Expenses:

Advertising:	\$ 37.08
Chili & punch	\$ 80.19
Chicken & wild rice soup	donated
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Pies	donated

Profit (includes donations) \$787.73



Gordon & Ann Meadows
Rodgers, Arkansas

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Thank you for reminding me of people
and events from my home town.
Please renew my subscription
Arlyn Abrams

Hi!
Always enjoy the Fertile Reminder! Enclosed is our
renewal fee.

Does anyone know if there are any former Fertile
people who now reside in San Antonio, TX. Our
daughter, Anne Marie Vonguntens & family, moved
there in March and we will be visiting two or more
times per year. Any contacts in that part of the
country would be greatly appreciated.

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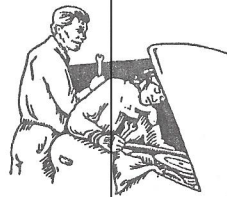
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FRIENDSHIP

My brother-in-law opened the bottom drawer of my sister's bureau and lifted out a tissue-wrapped package. "This," he said, "is not a slip. This is lingerie."

He discarded the tissue and handed me the slip. It was exquisite, silk, handmade and trimmed with a cobweb of lace. The price tag with an astronomical figure on it was still attached.

"Jan bought this the first time we went to New York, at least 8 or 9 years ago. She never wore it. She was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is the occasion." He took the slip from me and put it on the bed with the other clothes we were taking to the mortician. His hands lingered on the soft material for a moment, then he slammed the drawer shut and turned to me. Don't ever save anything for a special occasion. Every day you're alive is a special occasion.

I remembered those words through the funeral and the days that followed when I helped him attend to all the sad chores that follow an unexpected death. I thought about them on the plane returning to home from the town where my sister's family lives. I thought about all the things that she hadn't seen or heard or done. I thought about the things that she had done without realizing that they were special.

I'm still thinking about his words, and they've changed my life. I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting on the deck and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the flowers. I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time in committee meetings.

Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experience to savor, not endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them. I'm not saving anything; we use our good china and crystal for every special event such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, the first camellia blossom. I wear my good blazer to the market if I feel like it. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries without wincing. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, clerks in hardware stores and tellers in banks have noses that function as well as my party going friends!

"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now. I'm not sure what my sister would've done had she known that she wouldn't be here for the tomorrow we take for granted. I think she would have called family members and a few close friends. She might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think she would have gone out for a Chinese dinner, her favorite food. I'm guessing I'll never know. It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew that my hours were limited. Angry because I put off seeing good friends someday. Angry because I didn't tell my husband and family often enough how much I truly love them. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that every day, every minute, every breathful is . . . a gift from God. If you've received this it is because someone cares for you. If you're too busy to take the few minutes that it would take right now to forward this to ten people, would it be the first time you didn't do that little thing that would make a difference in your relationship last. Take a few minutes to send this to a few people you care about, just to let them know that you're thinking of them.

May love litter your life with blessings. To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE-SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have!

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift.

That's why it's called the present!!!

National Friendship Week is in May. Show your friends how much you care. Send this to everyone you consider A FRIEND. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a circle of Friends.

(BVU-Gateways-Message Server)

DOWNTOWN CAFE
Monday through Friday
6:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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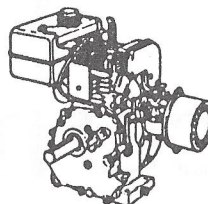
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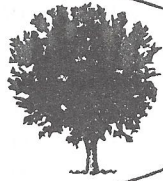
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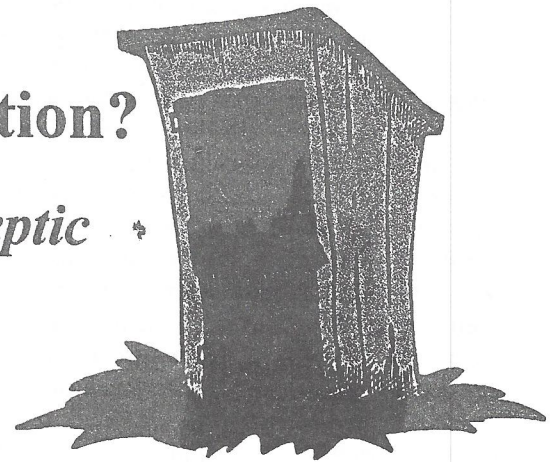
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COOK'S CORNER

This recipe comes to us today from Verna Hallman. Thanks Verna.

PUMPKIN BARS

- 2 CUPS FLOUR
- 2 CUPS SUGAR
- 2 TSP. CINNAMON
- 2 TSP. BAKING POWDER
- 1/2 TSP. SALT

Sift together and set aside.

- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cu nuts

Mix slowly in large mixing bowl for 2 minutes. Slowly add flour mixture. Then mix at medium speed for 3 minutes. Pour into a 11x16 or 12x15 inch greased pan.

Bake 25 minutes at 350°. COOL

FROSTING

- 3 oz. Cream cheese
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 6 TBSP. Butter
- 1 TBSP. Cream
- 3 cups powdered sugar

Mix first 4 ingredients until fluffy. "SLOWLY" add powdered sugar. When bars are cool, frost.

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Miscellaneous lines of wit:

>I live in my own little world, but it's OK, they know me here!

>Sign in a pet shop- "Buy one dog get one flea. . .!!"

>If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the "terminal"?

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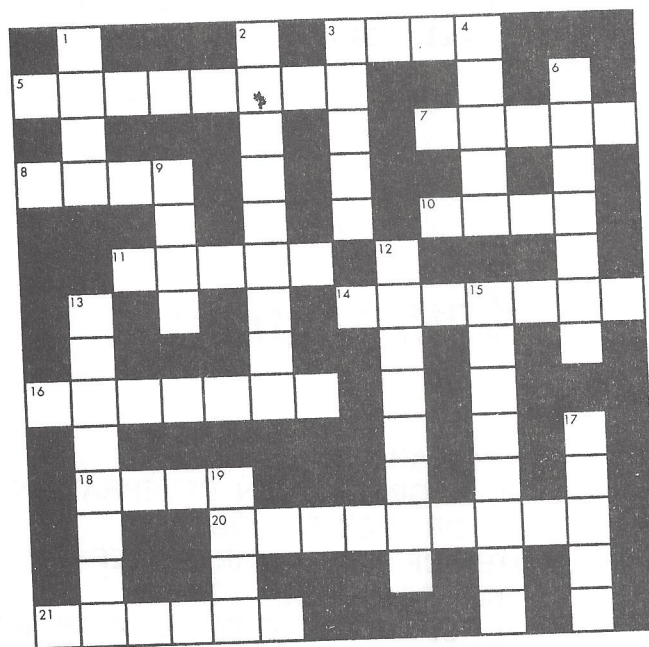
You and your body

Across

3. Your hands are at the ends of them. (4)
5. The framework of bones your body is built on. (8)
7. Little round things you may take to make you better. (5)
8. You bend it when you jump or curtsy. (4)
10. People have two (ants have six, spiders have eight...). (4)
11. Covered in enamel and used for biting! (5)
14. A common childhood illness. (7)
16. He looks after your 11 across. (7)
18. A very common winter illness you might catch. (4)
20. If other people can catch it, you have an (9)
21. The state of your body. Are you in good? (6)

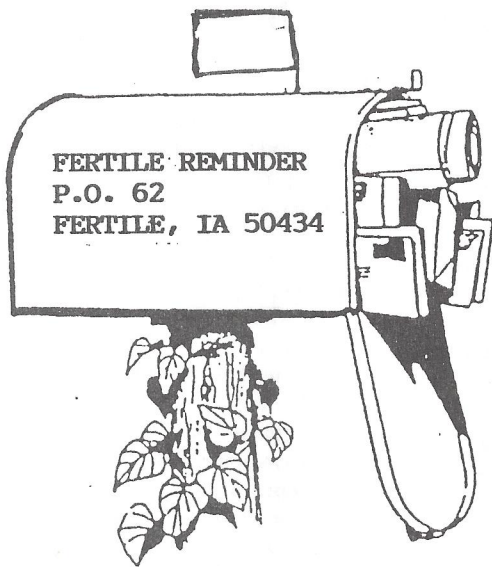
Down

1. It covers your body. (4)
2. A group of sports which keep you fit - they may be track or field. (9)
3. Where your foot joins your leg. (5)
4. The proper word for your backbone. (5)
6. Your 10 across might be put in this if you break them! (7)
9. The organs of sight. (4)
12. A dance-based form of 13 down, sometimes using steps. (8)
13. To keep fit with regular activity. (8)
15. A type of 13 down in the water. (8)
17. You breathe with them. (5)
19. The mixture of food you eat - you should have a healthy one. (4)



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THINKING "YOUNG"

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