

**MAY 2003**

# FERTILE REMINDER



## COMING EVENTS

May 3	Fertile Garden Club Plant Sale	9 - 11 am
May 5	Fire Department Meeting	7 pm
May 6	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 pm
May 17	Boys & Girls 4-H	
May 19	Library Board Meeting	7 pm
May 20	Senior Dinner	Noon
May 22	Ball Diamond Clean-up	6 pm
May 27	Re-cycle Day	



**Fertile City Council**

The Fertile City Council met April 1, 2003 at 7:00 PM in Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council persons Tammy Hall, Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Melanne Bang. Absent Richard Bruns. Also present Tom Kirschbaum, The minutes were declared approved as presented. Berg moved, Hall 2nd to solicit bids to repair holes by bridge on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street Passed. Steffes Construction will meet with City to determine best place to spend money on street repair. The clerk was directed to solicit bids for insulated garage doors on the City Hall Building. The council decided to enforce the water and garbage ordinances as adopted. Water usage 0-2000 is a minimum charge of \$14.50. Garbage is \$11.00 unless the alternate garbage is selected. The recycling charge is \$1.75 per month. Hall moved, Berg seconded to approve the monthly expenses. Passed. April 26, 2003 was designated as Park Clean-up. May 17 is the rain date. Reports were given by the Mayor, City, Clerk and Committees. Notices will be sent to owners of Junk vehicles advising removal. Meeting Adjourned.

**March Revenue**

Property Tax	1,013.19
Water/Sewer/Garbage	8,250.35
Street Revenue	3,150.10
Local Option Tax	1,093.48
Property Tax Replacement	2,055.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,562.33</b>

**March Expenses**

Tom Kirschbaum	1,574.38
Dave Low	301.49
Gloria Kirschbaum	395.16
Dennis Ganz	105.25
Sewer Acct	1,483.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	614.20
IPERS	261.39
WCTA	53.95
Waste Systems	1,666.50
Alliant	512.21
Sales Tax	150.79
Aquila	284.73
Iowa Communnities Assuarance	
Pool..City Insurance	9,245.00
IMWCA..City Insurance	412.00
Post Office	46.00
Northwood Anchor, Publishing	135.00
Ermer Ins. Bond Insurance	155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,870.05</b>

**PARK CLEAN-UP WILL BE SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2003. THE RAIN DATE IS MAY 17. 9:00 AM**

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## *PTA*

*Neil L. Kuns*

*May 25, 1995*

I have no way of knowing whether the teachers anticipated or merely endured PTA night at the Fertile Consolidated Schools. During the 1930's and 1940's the meetings, held monthly on Thursday nights, were well attended by the whole community. The ladies always served a lunch after the Parents, Teachers Association dismissed its formal meeting. The school administration usually presented an interesting program, and for many families this was the major social outing of the month. The gathering also gave parents a chance to visit with their children's teachers and to see their classrooms. In those days parents were genuinely interested in their children's progress. Because they cared they took the time and effort to show up on PTA night. All of these factors probably contributed to the healthy interest and attendance.

Teachers and students responded by arranging their work papers on their desks for the parents to view. Most of us were proud to show off what we had been learning, and the papers proved our progress. We displayed only our best work, of course. Parents discussed their children's performance and problem areas with their teachers, and looked for ways to assist each other in helping their students do even better.

Several times a year there might be a special movie or musical program. People who had traveled to interesting areas and had photographed their ventures lectured to schools and other civic groups. My first introduction to Alaska was at PTA when such a movie was shown. Our own school band presented a concert two or three times a year, and the various vocal musical ensembles in the school also performed. Sometimes a group from a neighboring town presented the entertainment.

When it was necessary, a business meeting followed the fun. Such discussions usually bored us children, and we began to run around the school building. Because of the nature of the group, any parent had the right to speak to the issues. On one occasion a father stood up to add his influence to a discussion. In a clear and earnest voice he said, "I for one, Holton, am in favor of it." We thought it was an amusing form of expression, and for several weeks afterward we said, "I for one, Holton, am in favor if it!" when we wanted to agree with a statement.

My main memory of PTA is the smell of the coffee brewing in the school kitchen. It smelled *wonderfully* pungent, even though I did not drink coffee in those days. Boiled in large enamel pots and clarified by stirring in a raw egg (shell and all) that was "real" coffee. This smell also signaled that lunch was about to be served. That is probably my real reason for remembering the aroma. There may have been unpleasant exchanges during some of those business meetings, but I don't remember them. On PTA night everything seemed right with the world. When and how did things change?

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## VOLUNTEERS, GOD BLESS THEM

*Many will be shocked to find  
when the day of judgment nears.  
that there's a special place in heaven  
set aside for VOLUNTEERS.  
Furnished with big recliners.  
satin couches and footstools.  
where there's no committee chairman.  
no group leaders or car pools.  
No eager team that needs a coach.  
no bazaar and no bake sale.  
There will be nothing to staple.  
not one thing to fold or mail.  
Telephone lists will be outlawed.  
but finger snap will bring.  
cool drinks and gourmet dinners.  
and treats fit for a king.  
You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged few  
and work for all they're worth?"  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits  
and not once volunteered on earth.*

Unknown

## National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3, 2003

### VIDEOS

The Sum of All Fears - Ben Affleck  
Reign of Fire - Matthew McConaughey  
Enough - Jennifer Lopez  
Minority Report - Tom Cruise  
Bad Company - Anthony Hopkins  
Big Trouble - Tim Allen  
Bourne Identity - Matt Damon  
About a Boy - Hugh Grant  
Tuck Everlasting - Sissy Spacek  
Country Bears - Disney  
Lilo & Stitch - Disney  
Signs - Mel Gibson  
Bloodwork - Clint Eastwood  
The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood - Sandra Bullock  
Spy Kids II  
Inspector Gadget II  
Crocodile Hunter Collision Course - Steve Irwin  
Gosford Park - Maggie Smith  
The Importance of Being Ernest - Colin Firth

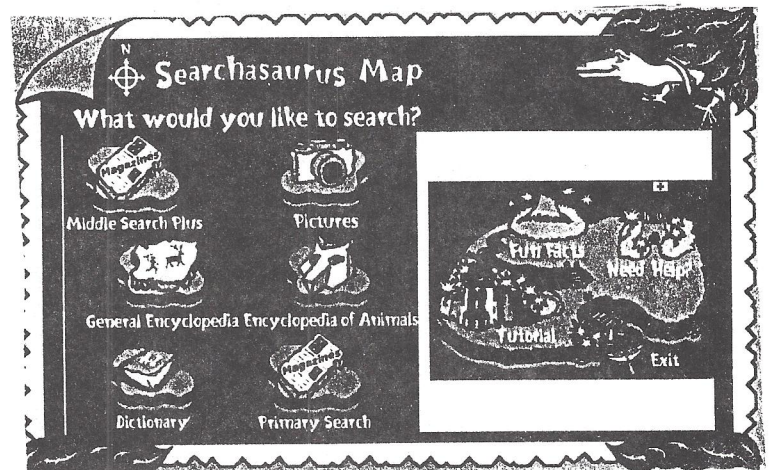
### NEW BOOKS

Armageddon - Tim LaHaye  
Dead Aim - Iris Johansen  
Season Of Blessing - Terri Blackstock  
Bittersweet Bliss- Ruth Glover  
Birthright - Nora Roberts  
Seduced by Rogue - Connie Mason  
Standing in the Rainbow - Fannie Flagg  
Next Roundup - Stephen Bly  
The Exiles - Gilbert Morris  
The Guardian - Nicholas Sparks  
The Right Storage - Lisa Skolnik  
Dr. Atkins New Diet Revolution  
Atkins for Life - Robert Atkins  
Leap of Faith - Queen Noor  
Clean it! Fix it! Eat it ! Joey Green

### AUDIO BOOKS

Never Change - Elizabeth Berg  
The Guardian - Nicholas Sparks  
Chopping Spree - Diane Mott Davidson  
Holiday in Death - J. D. Robb  
Kissing the Gunner's Daughter - Ruth Bendell  
Figure of Eight - Patrick Lynch

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## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held their April meeting at the Church of Christ. Eighteen members were present and three guests. Don Lee was our guest speaker along with Denny Stinehart. They told us about how they started the beautification of East Park in Mason City. A lot of the plants and flowers were donated. They got sponsors and wrote grants. A lot of volunteer labor was used. Then they presented a slide presentation of a garden in British Columbia and some of East Park. The recommendation for our park in Fertile was to have Pampas Grass, Hostas, and ground cover due to the amount of shade we have.

Lunch was served and the business meeting was conducted during the delicious lunch served by hostesses Donna Ouverson and Diane Schultz.

Secretary Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were given. President Penny Miller handed out the By-Laws and they were approved.

Discussion of the Plant Sale on May 3 at 9 a.m. was held. All are to mark their own plants & expected to help during the sale, lunch & clean-up. The Plant Sale & Coffee Break will be held at the Fertile Community Center (school) this year. Set-up is Friday, May 2, 4-7 p.m. Pat will take care of the posters to other clubs and towns.

Mary Ann Wellik had the thought of the day.  
Pat Oswald, Reporter

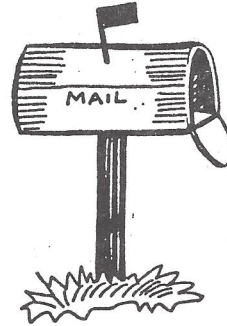
**FERTILE  
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ANNUAL PLANT  
SALE & COFFEE  
BREAK.  
MAY 3, 2003  
9 to 11 a.m.  
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COMMUNITY  
CENTER (school)**

**Spikes - Vinca  
Vines - German  
Ivy - Annuals  
- Perennials**

## WORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

April 30, 2003 **Worth Your While** meeting at the Northwood-Kensett High School at 6 p.m. We will group walk at 6:00 p.m. Free blood pressures begin at 6:30 p.m. and our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Foot Clinics** available at Worth County Public Health Office. Call as needed for an appointment at 324-1741.



Reminder Volunteers:

Your informative articles are great reading. My husband Adrian is not an Iowan, but waits for the Fertile Reminder to arrive each month.

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With thanks,

Olga E. Kaylor

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Dear Reminder Ladies,

Please renew my subscription. I really enjoy the news from Fertile.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Dale Lindquist

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To the Fertile Reminder Staff:

Please renew my subscription to the Reminder. It is always enjoyable to read what's going on in Fertile.

Arthur Johann Bass

(Grandson of Gustav Johann Daley, Great Grandson of Gunder Daley...one of the Founders of Fertile.)

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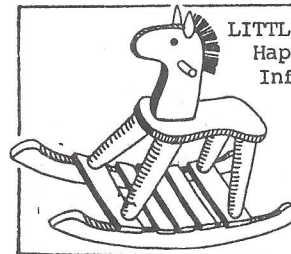
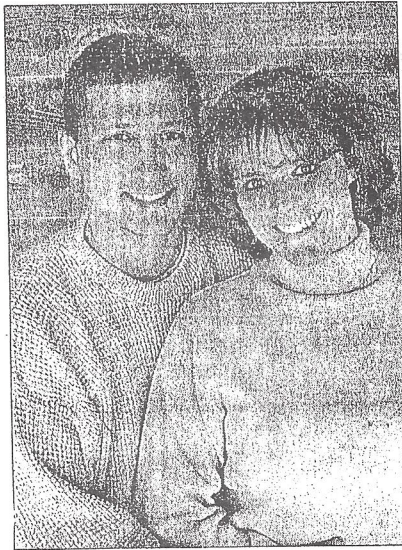
Jeff and Deb Reuter of Madison would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Abbie Lynn, to Dr. William Allen Oувerson, son of Drs. Richard and Anna Oувerson of Madison.

Grandparents of the couple are Aleta Brown and the late Arvid Brown of Madison; Arvin Reuter and the late Donna Reuter of Madison; Francis and the late Olga Oувerson of Fertile, Iowa; Doris Chase of Arkansas; and the late Willie McMichael of Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Madison High School and is currently pursuing a veterinary career. She is employed at the Lake Veterinary Clinic as a veterinary assistant.

The future groom is a 1997 graduate of Iowa State University with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree. He has joined his parents in their practice at the Lake Veterinary Clinic in Madison.

An Aug. 2 wedding is planned at the bride's home north of Madison.



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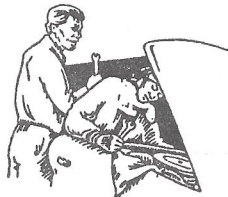
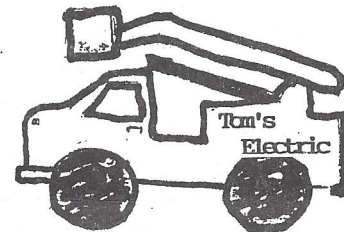
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## WORTH COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

The seventh annual Worth County Relay for Life will be held on July 26, 2003 from 5 pm until 10 pm. This year the event will take place in Manly at the North Central School Athletic Field. Chairpersons for this year's event are Marian Urbatch and Norm Backhaus. The Relay is a great opportunity for all of us to help in the fight for a cure for cancer.

The Relay for Life is a team event that celebrates life and raises money for research, education, advocacy and service programs. It's the perfect team-building opportunity for any club, business, neighborhood or family. If you are interested in organizing a team for this fun event, contact Patti Trenhaile at 324-2663, Deb Hendrikson at 845-2152 or one of the event chairpersons.

The evening events include music, activities, concessions and the camaraderie of friends, relatives and co-workers. The highlight of this American Cancer Society Relay for Life is the luminaria ceremony to honor those who have survived cancer as well as to remember those who have not.

Plan to join us for this fun event on July 26th in Manly. For more information about the Relay, please call Marian at 454-2078 or Norm at 454-2950.

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## THANK YOU

We, the family of Olga Ouverson, extend our heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Curt Gallmeyer and the members of the Fertile Church of Christ for offering the use of their church and facilities in the facilitation of Olga's Memorial Service. Also, a big "Thank You" to Ruth Ouverson for all the help and work she did with our kitchen crew. Ruth, you are a blessing to all of us.

We very much appreciated all of the cards, food, calls, visits and all who attended the Memorial Service. It made our loss seem more tolerable. Our prayer is that God will bless all of you 100-fold.

Respectfully,  
Olga Ouverson Family

## WITH SYMPATHY

LOUIS G. HEPPERLY  
1915 - 2003

Louis G. Hepperly, 87, of 624 18th St W., Clear Lake, died April 1, 2003 at his farm North of Ventura.

Funeral services were held April 5, 2003 at the Ventura Methodist Church. Interment was at Clear Lake Cemetery.



Louis was born October 16, 1915 Southwest of Britt to George and Mary (Yarke) Hepperly. He was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Britt. Louis attended country schools and worked on various farms.

On April 21, 1934, he was united in marriage to Eleanor Wright at Mason City. They were married for 68 years. They rented a farm North of Britt for six years and then purchased a farm North of Ventura, where he farmed until retiring. They then moved to Clear Lake.

Farming was his pride and joy. He also liked gardening and yard work, and was always ready to help anyone.

Louis is survived by his loving wife, Eleanor Hepperly, of Clear Lake; one daughter, Marilyn Severson and her husband, Don, of Joice; one son, Jerry Hepperly and his wife, Nina, of Fertile; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and many friends and neighbors.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Hepperly; two sisters, Stella Clark and Marietta Cockrell, and two brothers, Ernest and Lyle.

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## Fertile Beautification and Improvement

The F. B. & I. held a meeting April 12, 2003, at 9:00a.m. in City Hall. Six people were present.

Cherry Tree Builders are going to complete the guard rails for the footbridge. The F.B. & I. will purchase the lumber and Cherry Tree Builders are going to donate their time to construct them.

The Fertile Days Celebration, August 9 & 10, was discussed. We have volunteers for the parade, and the volleyball and softball tournaments. The tractor pull will be held again this year! There will be a church service in the park on Sunday. **Volunteers are needed!** Call Kristen at 797-2615 if you are interested.

### FERTILE PARK CLEAN-UP

APRIL 26, 2003

Rain Date: May 17, 2003

### THANK YOU FOR INCHING OUR WAY TO THE BRIDGE

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This is how the names will appear for the Inch Our Way to the Footbridge recognition. Please contact the FB& I with corrections. Box 104, Fertile, Iowa 50434

#### One inch


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John & Linda Backhaus  
John & Karen Bailey  
Lester Burtness Family  
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Richard Peterson  
Evanel Perkins  
Roger & Marilyn Ritter  
Lona Trees  
Sheila Trees  
Richard & Paula Worsley  
Pat & Patty Zobel  
**In Memory**  
Marilyn Brue  
Lyle Faulken  
Roger Felland  
Roger Humphrey  
Babe Hovland  
Guben Hovland

Martin & Elsie Hovland  
Robb Hovland  
Hans & Hilda Johnson  
Ole & Mary Johnson  
Vesta Kuns  
Bert & Arlene Lee  
Bill McCauley  
Ouver & Emma Oувerson  
John & Elizabeth Oувerson  
Brad Pederson  
Kenneth Peterson  
Larry & Alpha Ritter  
Arden & Ron Suby  
Don Suby  
Lewis, Agnes & Don Suby  
Norma Jean Tarr  
**2 inches**  
Darrell & Marilyn Bang  
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R. & Beryl C. McClelland  
Lorraine & Ruth Nyhus  
Harold & Ruth Oувerson  
Sherwood & Marian Pitkin  
Norman & Maxine Rye  
Leon & Shirley Suby  
Donald & Ruth Sunne

#### In Memory

Roger Humphrey  
Bart Kraft Family  
**3 inches**  
Neal & Jane Luker  
Marian Midtgaard  
Mark, Melodi and Sondra Oswald  
Jim & Susan Rye  
**In Memory**  
Mike & Ginny Purcell  
**4 inches**  
Rod & Sandy Kimpling  
**5 inches**  
Leo & Elsie Chisholm  
Earl & Lannie Kilen  
Betty Raymond

Dick & Ardis Sheimo  
Tom & Nance Sheimo  
Trisca Sheimo  
Helen Sparby  
Steve & Karen Usher  
**In Memory**  
Everette Fankel  
Bud & Cora Jenkins  
Sylvia Elthon Lemon  
William Allen Oswald  
Harold Oувerson  
Glenn, Marcella & Sharon Purcell  
Ethel Tuttle  
**12 inches**  
Beverly Bell Beck  
Fertile Garden Club  
Silence Johnson  
Arlene Ingebritson  
Luella & Clarence Low  
Larry & Phyllis Purcell  
**In Memory**  
Henry & Cora Halverson  
Ade Johnson  
Larry Lague, Jr.  
Pete Oredsen  
Harry & Verna Rodberg  
Guy & Ida Walker  
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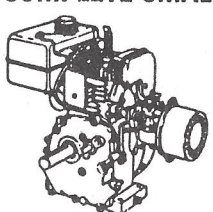
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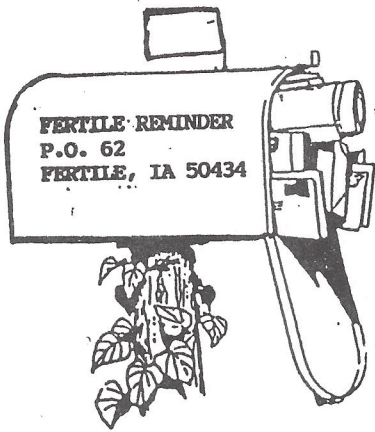
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-- After 4 days of using the gel, my skin disease called rosacea cleared and I've had no outbreaks either.

-- I put the gel on my face in the morning and at bedtime. I have had very few acne problems.

-- My hair was falling out in clumps with regular hair care products, but I've switched to the moisturizing soap (the regular soap may dry out your skin so you'll want the moisturizing soap for bathing) for all my hair and skin care. Now I have maybe 2 hairs on my hands while shampooing!

-- One of my girls had a dandruff problem. It cleared up in just a couple days.

-- I use the gel + 1 drop soap + 1/2 drop peppermint oil on my toothbrush. My teeth are so smooth with no plaque build up. After just 4 days of brushing my teeth with this, Bob had to admit that my teeth were whiter!! I made up a small bottle of the gel, soap, and peppermint oil for everyone to brush their teeth with it.

\_\_\_ I use the soap for cleaning, doing dishes, in the dishwasher (1/2 T), and spot removal of clothes. I still love my Shaldee disinfectant and laundry detergent, though. I am using the laundry ball, though, and decreasing my usage of the Shaldee laundry detergent.

-- One of my girls had a brown spot on a tooth. The gel removed it after 3 weeks of brushing. She is so happy about it!

This soap is even supposed to get rid of age spots and skin cancers!

Joanne  
Medical Scientist  
Registered Nurse

## Garden Applications

**Seed Germination:** For Increased germination percentage, use 1 oz soap and 1 oz neutralizer per gallon water and spray liberally on seed in row before covering with soil.

**Super Plant Growth:** Spray plants with solution as for seeds every 7 days and after every rain.

**To Kill Insects On Plants:** Miracle II soap-add 1/4 oz to 32oz of water or 1oz per gallon

Spray plant: If you see insects, spray extra. When washing vegetables in sink, add 1 oz Miracle Neutralizer to water. This will cause the parasites to be removed. For BEAN lovers: When you soak the beans overnight, add 1 oz neutralizer and drain. After that - cook. This will neutralize the gas that is in the beans.

**Insects:** Wasps - Roaches - Spiders - Waterbugs - Bees

Get a trigger sprayer. Put 1 oz Miracle II Soap and fill with water. Spray insects. Everyone has reported great results. Everyone that uses Miracle II in a total cleanup said they stopped having bug problems in 30 days.

**Fire Ants:** Put 1 Oz Miracle II Soap Concentrate in one gallon of water or use your bath water. Stir and bed up and pour the solution on them. If you will do this early and late - you will kill more of them. Everyone has reported great results.

**Tree Blight:** Spray Neutralizer on trees. Try this on any tree, bush, flower or garden plants. Add 2 oz of Neutralizer per gallon of water, foliage feed, every 7 days for supernatural growth and production.

**Grass Booster:** Add 4 oz of Miracle II Neutralizer to 25 gallons of water sprayed on grass per acre will make a cow gain 1.4 lbs per day more than on unsprayed grass. The grass seems to have super natural growth.

**Soil Detox:** Add 4 oz of Miracle II soap and 4 oz of Miracle II Neutralizer in 2 gallons of water per acre sprayed on land to detox the soil, this caused the ph to become perfect for plants.

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