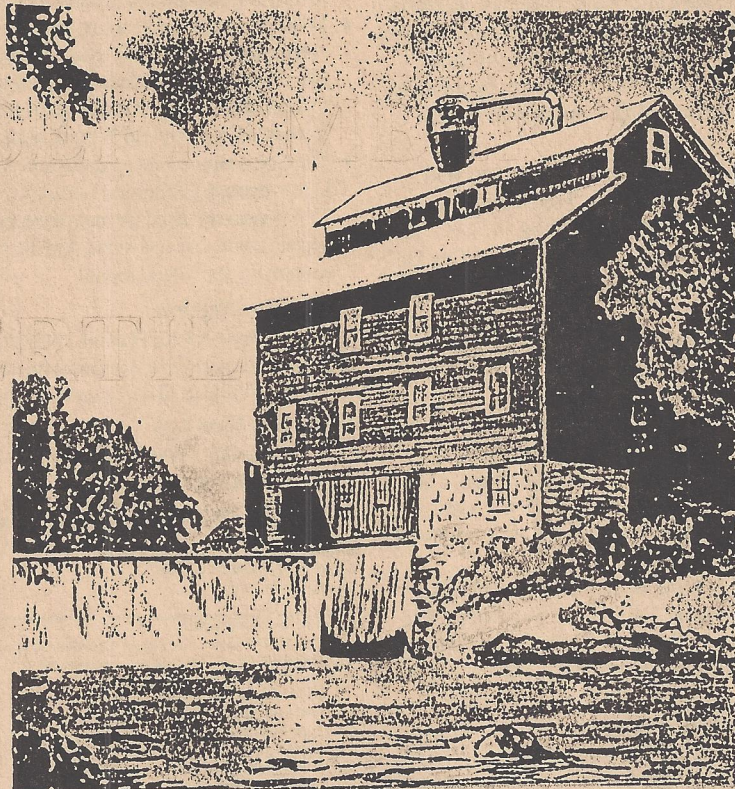


SEPTEMBER 2010

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 6 | Fire Department Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 7 | Senior Citizens Dinner | Noon |
| | Fertile Girls Night Out | 5:30 |
| Sept. 9 | Re-cycle Day | |
| Sept. 14 | Garden Club | |
| Sept. 20 | Library Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES | |
| | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| | City Council Meeting | 7p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | Re-cycle Day | |

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2010 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin; and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were: Council Member Tad Miller, and Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.

Minutes Approval

- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the July minutes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing – Landfill/Recycling Fees

- The City signed a contract allowing Waste Management to raise their rates by 3% this year, and 4% each of the next 4 years. The cost increase covers inflationary increases as well as two roll off boxes for Spring Clean-up.
- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the raising the City's billing as follows: 96 gallon garbage bin from \$11.50 to \$11.95, Recycling bin from \$2.25 to \$2.34, and 30 gallon garbage bags from \$2.70 to \$3.15. Roll call vote was unanimous, Motion Carried.
- The rates will be reviewed each of the next four years and may be adjusted depending on the balance in the Landfill/Recycling Fund at year's end.

Community Center / City Hall / Library

- On August 16th, Mayor Russell, Eddie, Keith Breka, Hare Electric, and Larsen Plumbing & Heating, met at the former Cherry Tree Builder's property to perform a pre-purchase inspection of the building.
- Tentative plans to use the building for the Community Center and City Hall were given to each business. The plan would be to then build a new, larger, library at their current location.
- Hare Electric stated that the building as more than enough power coming into the building and that by using a drop ceiling and flexible conduit, the cost to re-wire the building for our use would be reasonable.
- Keith Breka stated that there was no evidence remaining from the previous fire and that the rafter and shingles appear to all be new, spaced properly and healthy. He said that the outside soffit work that is needed would be minimal. He stated that the walls we would like to remove do not appear to be load bearing. He declined to make a judgment regarding the strength of the roof, deferring to a structural engineer.
- Larsen Plumbing stated that the in-floor heating is only 50% efficient, at best, but that the forced air furnace is adequate for the size of building and our intended use. While there would be additional cost to plumb additional bathrooms, and commercial kitchen, our initial layout lends itself nicely to the limitations of the building's current plumbing and heating systems.
- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to make a sealed offer, contingent upon receiving a WCDA grant and obtaining a 2 year loan. Roll Call Vote was as follows: Cindy-yes, Penny-yes, Pat-yes, Jeff-no. Jeff mentioned concerns about the City's ability to maintain the property long-term. Tad voted yes, by proxy. Motion Carried.
- The 2 year loan would be paid for by the City's monthly allocation from the Diamond Joe Casino, and/or by capital campaign donations.
- Capital Campaign materials, along with projected financials relating to the maintenance of the building, will be presented to the Council at next month's meeting.

Mayor's Report

- Between 7/16 and 7/22 the City received 6.5 inches of rain. Brian Nettleton started the City's sewer pump at 5:00 am on 7/22 to prevent any sewer back-up. He supervised the pump until 6:30 pm that evening. Various checks were made in basements and manholes throughout this time. No basement reported any back-up, and no manholes overflowed.
- On 7/26 James Thompson drowned while attempting to remove a log from the dam. Mr. Thompson was not hired by the City, or acting as a volunteer for the City to perform these duties. Our sincerest condolences are with the Thompson family for their loss.
- The City's policy is to allow the river to either, raise and pass any log stopped by the dam, or to allow the water to lower long enough to hire an excavator to hook and drag the log out of the river. Please do not attempt to enter the river within a 1/2 mile above or below the dam.
- On 7/28, the City completed an annual Water Consumer Confidence report. Copies of the report are available at City Hall, the Library, Post Office, and will be on the website soon.
- On 8/3 Cade and Carl Christiansen had an accident while canoeing on the Winnebago River. The Fertile Fire Department's new Hurricane ATV helped during the rescue.

- The City did not get an I-Jobs grant to help paint the water tower. The City will continue to save and seek alternative grants to raise the \$80,000+ needed to complete the project.
- Heartland Asphalt completed this year's road re-surfacing project. The project cost \$86,8148.90 and was paid for by a grant received through the Worth County Development Authority, the non-profit arm of the Diamond Joe Casino. No taxes or loans were used!

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the July financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (7% of year).

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	5%	3%	1%	3%	3%
Expense	15%	0%	7%	11%	6%

- Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the June Expenses. Motion Carried.
- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve legal action against the resident of 308 West Main Street for non-payment of utility bills in the amount of \$217.40. Motion Carried
- Eddie presented an initial cost estimate of \$11,849.55, not including labor, or electrical connections, for a security system to cover Main Street, the park, ball fields and water plant. The plan also includes a mobile system for a neighborhood watch program. The Council asked him to research grant and partnership opportunities with WCTA, our Insurance Company and Worth County Sheriff's Department.
- The City is now accepting applications for the second round of Housing Renovation Grants through CDBG and NIACOG. Applications can be picked up at City Hall. Two houses are slated for renovation this fall as part of our first round. Anyone who applied during our first round, and did not receive an award, are more than welcome to re-apply for the second round.

Committee Reports

- Fertile Days: A BIG THANK YOU to Cindy and Penny, along with the entire Fertile Days Committee for a wonderful celebration! Everything went great! Also, a BIG THANK YOU to all of our sponsors including WCTA and WCDA!

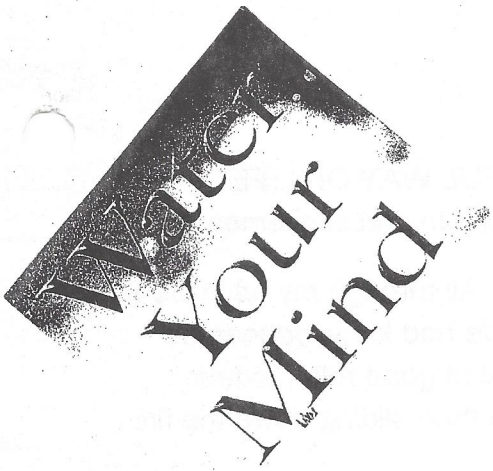
Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:15PM in regular session, Tuesday, September 21st, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Pat Motioned, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of July 31, 2010

Type	Name	Memo	Paid
General Fund Checking			
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	Website hosting / domain name (annual)	-74.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray	-900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hewkins, Inc.	chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	Annual Water Supply Fee	-43.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call		-13.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	Round up & Roof Repair	-81.83
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	McCrometer / Curb Riser	-240.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller, Penny v	Garden Club	-286.87
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	Membership Dues / Housing Grant	-534.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronio	mower/truck gas	-207.76
Bill Pmt -Check	Verizon Wireless	cell phone	-42.73
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	Landfill/Recycling	-1,792.90
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-139.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-119.31
Bill Pmt -Check	Bnan Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	6" plug valve and box per DNR	-3,917.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Clapper Tree Service	Tree Removal	-1,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Natural Plus	Garden Club	-34.20
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Allocation	-4,620.25
Check	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan	-2,455.15
Check	US Post Office	postage	-28.00
Check	US Post Office	postage	-58.00
Check	Peters, Cindy	Fertile Days Supplies	-91.00
Deposit		Utility Bills	1,347.10
Deposit		Utility Bills - PayPat	49.29
Deposit		Utility Bills	2,712.53
Deposit		Local Option Sales Tax	1,866.51
Deposit		Utility Bills/Fertile Days	3,544.91
Deposit		Property Tax/Liens	2,837.28
Deposit		Casino Funds	2,923.96
Deposit		Local Option Sales Tax	1,013.44
Deposit	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Street Construction	1,055.85
Deposit		Interest	14.35
Liability Check	IRS	Payroll Withholding	-581.74
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Payroll Withholding	-291.00
Liability Check	IPERS	Payroll Withholding	-397.98
Paycheck	May III, Edger F.		-534.09
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-578.74
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-689.70
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren		-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-
Sales Tax Paym Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance			
Total General Fund Checking			
			-7,100.00
Roads Revenue Fund Savings			
Deposit		Interest	9.91
Water Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit		Interest	1.63
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit		Interest	3.62
TOTAL			-7,093.89



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FICTION

Ghost Shadow – Heather Graham

Trial by fire – J. A. Jance

Ghost Night – Heather Graham

Heat Wave – Richard Castle

My Name is Mary Sutter – Robin Oliverira

The Passage – Justin Cronin

Open Country – Kaki Warner

Autumn's Promise – Shelley Shepard Gray

Winter's Awakening Shelley Shepard Gray

Spring's Renewal – Shelley Shepard Gray

War Cry – Charles G. West

Scarlet Nights – Jude Deveraux

Slaughter of Eagles – William W. Johnstone

Postcard Killers – James Patterson

Still House Pond – Jan Watson

Queen of the Night – J. A. Jance

Tough Customer – Sandra Brown

The Cure – Robin Cook

Death Echo – Elizabeth Lowell

Large Print

Beloved Counterfeit – Kathleen – Y'barbo

Driftwood Lane – Denise Hunter

DVD's

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Batman under the Red Hood

Secrets of the Mountain- Paige Turco

The Jensen Project- Kellie Martin

Hachi : A Dogs Tale -Richard Gere

The Fourth Kind – Milla Jojovich

The Wolfman – Anthony Hopkins

Couples Retreat – Vince Vaughn

Shutter Island – Leonardo DiCaprio

Invictus – Matt Damon

Shadowheart – Daniel Baldwin

BOOKS ON CD

Damaged – Alex Kava

Exposed – Alex Kava

Ghost Shadow – Heather Graham

Ghost Night – Heather Graham

Swimsuit – James Patterson

Trial by fire – J. A. Jance



LIBRARY NEWS

We hope you enjoyed our float "Make a Splash @ Your Library" and our candy. Thank you Library Friends Bobbi Elbert (Chair) & Sheila Enderson, board members Lisa May & Elin Miner for their creative talents & hard work. Also thanks to the candy throwers, Sheila & Lily Enderson, Alyson & Jenna Walker & Lisa & Bobbi. We also appreciate their help with the Pet Parade. Canine participants were Spots, Fez, Bailey, Molly, Mudbud, Chance, 2 Babys, Ozzie, Buddy, Rascal, Molly, Lucy, Roscoe P. Coltrane & Gizmo P. Walker. Awards varied from most creative, fastest, best behaved, smallest, cutest, biggest, most unique, most colorful, best costume, best marcher, crowd favorite, & slowest. Everyone received a medal & certificate.

GROWING UP IN FERTILE

What can I say about growing up in Fertile except "IT WAS A WONDERFUL WAY OF LIFE". Living near my Suby and Oswald relatives and lots of friends added to the fun and excitement.

I'll start with Fertile Consolidated School as I really liked going to school. All through my adult life I have remarked to others what an excellent education I received there. We had knowledgeable teachers who encouraged us along the way. That coupled with a town full of good role models prepared us for whatever was ahead for our life. And, what was more fun than sliding down the fire escape?

The Fertile Park always held a special attraction for me. It seems like we had annual end-of-the-year all school picnics as well as Sunday School picnics there. Oswald reunions were frequently held there. I still like potluck picnics and can almost smell the good homemade food.

In the west end of the park close to the dam were the stone steps and pond. Always a fun place to play and several summers they had the younger kids fish in the small pond. My brother Rick participated. The log cabin was on the east end of the park along with the swings and other play things. What a thrill to swing with a cousin or friend in the double swing with the two round handles dividing the seat. Many a celebration has been held in the park. And, I cannot forget the footbridge - kind of scary - but necessary to get from main street to the park if you did not want to walk the long way around (actually it was a short distance but to a kid it seemed like the long way.) Once a very, very large turtle came up on the bank near the footbridge and we all rushed to get close to it and look. Very impressive to a kid.

There is so much to recall but things that stand out were riding our bikes all over town. When the new sidewalks were put in they were high up from the street and you did not want to go over the edge as it was a large drop-off and more than likely you would tip over. In the summer a tent rink was put up for roller skating and around and around we went. I got my first pair of roller skates at that time. Swimming above the dam was a good way to cool off in the summer. However, I did not like all the blood suckers that would attach themselves to the swimmers and you'd have to pull them off when you got out of the water. Halloween was another special time as we would go door-to-door yelling "Trick or Treat" and loading up our sacks with all that good candy.

As the years slipped by and I was old enough to drive, Fertile was still the best place to be but other towns held their attractions - so away we went - but always returned home.

There is so much to say and so many Fertile people and both school and Sunday School teachers that made the Fertile experience great, so to them and their families I say a heartfelt "THANK YOU."

Most of all I need to acknowledge my parents Roland and Doris (Suby) Oswald, my sister Karen (Oswald) Bailey, and my brother Rick Oswald, Suby and Oswald Grandparents, relatives and friends who helped to make the journey all that it could be.

Ellamae (Oswald) Butler - August 2010

IN REMBRANCE

JAMES D. THOMPSON
1967 - 2010

James D. Thompson, 43, of Fertile died July 26, 2010 as a result of drowning in the Winnebago River near the Fertile Dam.



Memorial service was held July 29, 2010 at the Peterson Lund Funeral Home in Forest City with Rev. Jon Rollefson officiating. Inurnment was in Madison Township Cemetery with military rites by the Forest City Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

James Daren Thompson, the son of Daren and Jean (Kamp) Thompson, was born Feb. 1, 1967 at Forest City. He attended school at Forest City until the 10th grade and then moved to Britt with his family, graduating from Britt High School in 1986. Jim enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was stationed at San Diego, Calif.

In 1988 he returned to Iowa and worked as a carpenter for Bruns Construction in Britt and later at Byerly's in Lake Mills as a soup cook. The past five years he had been working at Plastic Injections in Fertile and doing volunteer work in Fertile.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, NASCAR, volunteering and was an avid Vikings and Twins fan.

Jim is survived by his mother, Jean, of Forest City; three brothers and a sister, Daniel (Mary) Thompson of Forest City, Valerie Nielsen of Forest City, Steven (Tammy) Thompson of Britt and Duane Thompson of Mesa, Ariz; seven nieces; three nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Daren, in 1981; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



The girls from the graduating class of 1951 met for breakfast at the Downtown Cafe in Fertile on August 10th. From left to right they are: Dell Wright, Bonnie Kuns, Mary Myers, Elsie Chisholm, Janice Abrams, Dolores Sandifer and Mary Midtgaard. As usual, a good time was had by all.

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TUES. TACO NITE - 5:00 - 8:00

FRIDAY NIGHT - FISH & RIBS 5:00-8:00



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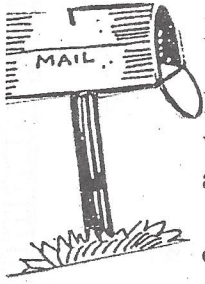
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Dear Ladies,

We went to see some of the horseshoe contests in Cedar Rapids. We were surprised at all the contestants, all ages and sizes.

It brought back lots of memories of the horseshoe courts in Fertile and watching my dad (Rollie Oswald) play.

I am enclosing the article that was in the Cedar Rapids paper.

Karen (Oswald) Bailey

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Monday, August 9, 2010 The Gazette 3B

Purcell's hours of dedication pays with fourth at nationals

By K.J. Pilcher
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS —

Larry Purcell plays a vital role in the local horseshoes community. The 77-year-old from Cedar Rapids contributes his time and effort to the local league and courts at Ellis Park.

He also served as a representative for the horseshoe pitchers from across the state as the highest placing Iowan in the 2010 National Horseshoes Pitchers Association held over the last two weeks at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. Purcell concluded competition Friday, finishing fourth in the men's elders division.

He posted a 10-3 record and threw a ringers at almost a 75-percent rate. The performance came as a bit of a surprise to Purcell.

"My initial goal was to throw a high enough percentage to reach the championship flight," Purcell said. "I did that and I threw better in the championships than I expected."

Purcell, a native of



Larry Purcell
Places fourth

Fertile in north central Iowa, started horseshoes as a youth. He said in a small town there was not much to do besides pitch

horseshoes and play ball. Purcell remembers four lighted horseshoes courts in town where many threw at night.

Purcell has always been active in sports, including golf, fast-pitch softball, bowling, tennis and billiards. He took a break from horseshoes but returned a little more than two decades ago.

"When my body said stop doing some of these strenuous activities I picked up horseshoes again when I was 55 years old," Purcell said. "It's a great game."

"I totally love it. It fits me."

No one is as fitting as Purcell to be the top representative either. Purcell has devoted a lot of his time as a local league secretary and treasurer. He

also spends many hours maintaining local courts and keeping update statistics of local play. Ralph Palmer of Cedar Rapids, who competed in horseshoes and served as the host director for the NHPA world tournament, said he thinks Purcell is one of the top "half-dozen" pitchers in Iowa, but his biggest contribution is not on the court.

"He's literally giving himself to our sport," said Palmer, the president of the Ar-Jay Center. "It's more than him throwing. He's the glue that keeps the local club together."

Purcell's unselfishness and his dedication remain constant. He is an asset to local horseshoes, according to Palmer. Someone may fill his role someday, but Purcell is a good ambassador with unmatched enthusiasm.

"When you pull your arm out of a five-gallon bucket of water it fills in pretty good behind you," Palmer said. "He's as good of an arm as you can have."

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- Sept. 2, 2010 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office - the first Thursday of the month in Northwood from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time.
- Sept. 15, 2010 Manly Nail Clinic at the Whistle Stop - 9 a.m. Please call 800-765-1388 for an appointment with Shana..
- Sept. 15, 2010 Northwood Pines Nail Clinic - 1:00 p.m. Please call 324-1741 to schedule your appointment.

FERTILE AREA CHURCH NEWS

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| Fertile Lutheran Church
602 W.. Washington
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David Halverson, Lay Minister | Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Summer Hours |
| Fertile Church of Christ
3493 Eagle Avenue
Fertile, IA | 9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Fellowship Time
10:15 Worship Service |
| Celebration Community Church
805 10th Ave. No.
Clear Lake, IA 50428 | 9:00 Sunday School
9:45 Fellowship
10:00 Praise & Worship
6:00 p.m. Sunday - Youth Group |

Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden Club met at the home of Tiffany Groves. President Jenn Miller opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was "Favorite summer beverage". We had the privilege of having one of our honorary members visit us, Fern Midtgaard. Secretary's and treasurers reports were read and approved. Our postcard sales have been great! If anyone would like to purchase a postcard, they are at the following businesses: Pronto, Post office, Down Town Café, and the library. Our tour scheduled for the month of July had lots of people not able to attend so we have decided to go in September. October 2nd with a rain date of October 9th at 9:00 a.m., we will plant pampas grass, hostus, etc. at the foot bridge. We welcome any help! We would like to thank Buck and Joyce Russell, Mark Lovik and Dan Miller for all their help on main street and the foot bridge. Without these people we would still be working! Betty Waddington gave a lesson on "Canning and freezing". Pat Lohman read our thought for the day called "10 things you probably never knew or thought about". Happy Birthday was sung to Jenn Miller, Pat Lohman, Penny Miller and Tiffany Groves.

Reporter
 Penny Miller

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THE 50'S

Submitted by Mary Tweeten Myers

Go back before the internet, or the PC or the Mac. Before semi-automatics and crack. Before Play Station, Sega, Super nintendo, even before Atari, before cell phones, CD's, DVD's, voice mail and E-mail. Go way back. I'm talking about Hide and Seek at dusk, Red Light, Greenlight, Red Rover Red Rover - Playing kickball and dodgeball until the first, then second, no the third streetlight came on. Ring around the Rosie - London Bridge - Hot Potato - Hop Scotch - Jump Rope - You're it. Parents stood on the porch, yelled or whistled for you to come home. No pagers or cell phones. Take a Giant Step, Captain, May I? Seeing shapes in the clouds - endless summer days and hot summer nights with windows open and no central air - the sound of crickets - running through the sprinkler - cereal boxes with great prizes in the bottom - Cracker Jacks with the same thing - ice pops with 2 sticks you could break in two and share with a friend - but wait - there's more - Watching Saturday morning cartoons - Tom & Jerry- serial adventures - Captain Midnight - Cisco Kid - the Lone Ranger - Boston Blackie - Catching lightning bugs in a jar - Christmas morning - first day at school - Bedtime prayers and goodnight kisses - climbing trees - swinging as high as you could in those long swings to try and reach the sky - a million mosquito bites and sticky fingers - jumping down the steps - jumping on the beds - pillow fights - running home from a western movie you just saw until you were out of breath - laughing so hard your stomach hurt - being tired from playing - work meant taking out the garbage, cutting the grass, washing the car, or doing dishes - your first crush - your first kiss (the one where you kept your mouth closed and eyes open) - rainy days at school and the smell of wet concrete and chalk erasers. Oh, I'm not finished yet!

Kool Aid was the drink of the summer - so was a swig of water from the hose - giving your friends a ride on the handlebars of your bike - attaching pieces of cardboard to your bike frame to rub against the spokes - wearing your new shoes on the first day of school - class field trips with soggy sandwiches - when everybody's mom was home when the kids got there from school - when a quarter seemed like a fair allowance and the second quarter made you rich- when any parent could discipline any kid or feed him or use him to carry groceries and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing about it -When parents took you to a cafeteria and it was a real treat - when being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited you at home --basically we were in fear for our lives but it wasn't because of drive by shootings; drugs, gangs etc. We simply didn't want our parents mad at us. Didn't it feel good to go back and say "yah, I remember that."

Well, let's keep going - let's go back to the time when decisions were made by "eeny, meeny, miney, mo" - Mistakes were corrected by simply saying "do it over.." "Race issues" meant arguing about who ran the fastest - catching fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening - it wasn't odd to have two or even three "best" friends - the worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties - nobody was prettier than Mom - scrapes and bruises were kissed by mom and made better - getting a foot of snow was a dream come true - Abilities were discovered because of a "double dog dare" - spinning around until you were dizzy and falling down was a cause for giggles. The worst embarrassing moment was being picked last for a team - water balloons were the ultimate weapon - If you can remember these things, then you have lived during the simpler, more pleasant time. How many of you remember all these things? Some of you are the same vintage as I am.

Those of you who remember will have lived in an era that no one else will ever experience. The era has passed and slowly those of us who lived in it are passing too. We went from AM radio to the moon. Your era is here - be a part of it. Keep God in your lives.

DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

COOKS CORNER

Any time you have a recipe you would like to share,
Send it along to REMINDER, PO BOX 62,
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WHITE CHOCOLATE BARS

- 1 (18 oz.) roll of refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1 1/4 cups white chocolate chunks or white vanilla chips.
- 1 (12 oz.) jar (3/4 cups) raspberry jam or preserves
- 1 tsp. Vegetable oil

Heat oven to 350° F. Break up cookie dough into ungreased 13x9 pan. With floured fingers, PRESS dough evenly in bottom of pan to form crust. Sprinkle 1 cup of the white chocolate chunks over crust. PRESS Firmly into dough.

BAKE at 350° F. for 16 to 20 minutes, or until light golden brown.

Remove partially baked crust from oven. Spread jam evenly over crust. Return to oven and bake an additional 10 minutes. COOL 1 hour or until completely cooled.

In a small resealable plastic bag, combine remaining 1/4 cup of white chocolate chunks and the oil; partially seal bag. MICROWAVE on High for 30 seconds. Squeeze bag until chunks are smooth. If necessary, microwave an additional 12 to 30 seconds.

Cut small hole in bottom corner of bag. Squeeze bag gently to drizzle white chocolate over bars. Refrigerate about 20 minutes or until chocolate is set. Cut into bars and serve at room temperature.

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## IDEAS!!

- >Don't waste time scrubbing your grill rack. Instead, put it in a clean plastic trash bag and spray it generously with oven cleaner. Tightly close the bag and leave it overnight. The next day, washing the grate is a breeze.
- >When you make a batch of pancakes, make up extra. Freeze in a plastic bag and you can have pancakes any time. Then just pop them into the toaster or microwave and there is breakfast again in just minutes.
- >For the left-over squash or mashed potatoes, scoop into a muffin pan. Freeze. When frozen, remove and put in freezer bags and when you need a couple—pop them into the microwave and reheat. They taste just as good as when you first made them.

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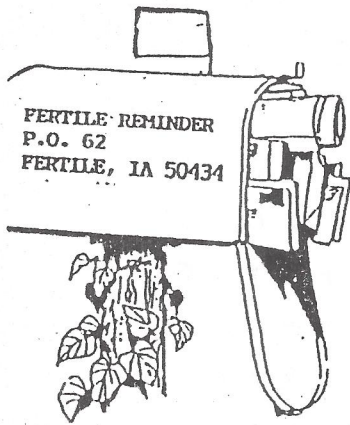
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