# NOUEMBER 2004 FERTILE REMINDER



# **GOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 1,	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m
Nov. 6	Turkey Supper	4:30 - 7 p.m
Nov. 9	Garden Club at City Hall	7 p.m
Nov. 14	<b>REMINDER DEADLINE</b>	5 p.m.
Nov. 15	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m
Nov. 16	Senior Dinner	Noon
Nov. 20	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Nov. 23	Re-cycle Day	

The Fertile City Council met 7PM, October 5, 2004, at Fertile City Hall. Present were Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Paul Youngers, Melanne Bang, Gail Shropshire, Tad Miller. Berg moved, Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the September minutes. Atty. John Greves updated the council on the WesCom Cable Franchise that is now expired. A public hearing was held on the request for rezoning of a parcel of land north of the Fertile Ball Diamond from restricted residence to commercial. Several citizens of Fertile voiced concerns of blowing dust. A representative of the Waupauca Company assured everyone that a problem would not exist because of the nature of the product. Berg moved, Youngers second, to issue a special permit to allow the property of Waupaca Northwoods, LLC to be zoned commercial. All voted ves. Steve Miller updated the council on the progress of the casino for Worth County. Chris Andersen re ported the group working on the 150th Celebration has received a grant of \$5,000.00 from the Hanson Foundation of Forest City to be used for planing the celebration. Cindy Peters and the Fertile City council granted the group permission to place a pop can collection container east of City Hall. These funds will be used for the funding of activities related to the celebration. Miller moved, Shropshire second to place the collection container next to City Hall. Paul Youngers is the new representative to the Win-Worth Betco Board. The council agreed to charge a fee of \$25.00 to use the meeting room of City Hall for any event not related to civic activities. A refundable \$100.00 deposit will be required. Liens on three properties were moved and approved. Bang moved, Youngers 2<sup>nd</sup> to declare Saturday, October 30, as Trick or Treat Night in Fertile. Passed. The Mayor's report and the clerk's report were given. City man Bruns requested that alleys be cleared so that snow removal could be done. Youngers moved, Shropshire 2nd, to approve expenditures, passed. Monthly reports were given. Berg moved, Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

September Revenue	
Property Tax	
*FEMA	
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Water/Sewer/Garbage	
Street Revenue	
Local Option Tax	
TOTAL REVENUE	

2,786.41 14,430.00 10,030.69 8,643.60 10,838.24 1,365.29 1,131.30 \$49.225.53

September Expenses	
Dave Low	301.49
Warren Bruns	1,110.45
Gloria Kirschbaum	295.28
Grant Russell	363.91
Jeff Berg	245.00
Dennis Ganz	97.51
Sewer Acct	1,667.00
Water Acct	1,474.00
FICA	445.98
IPERS	242.10
WCTA	62.37
Waste Systems	1,662.00
Alliant	743.65
Menards	24.48
Hach Company	120.00
Thompson Garage	107.81
RVS, utility bills	42.40
Top of Iowa Coop	238.68
Food & Fuel	19.70
Bruns, hose, sewer	101.25
Aquila	57.55
Crescent Moon, port-pots, park	120.00
Hawkins	239.59
BMC	30.25
LGI	129.80
NCSS, mower blades	107.92
*Haugen Lawn Service	1,075.00
*North Iowa Sand & Gravel	10,449.80
*Hare Electric	471.00
*Wright Materials	1,745.00
*Wright Materials	2,290.00
*Brian Nettleton Exc.	1,020.00
*Mike Christensen	5,000.00
*Fertile Fire Dept	500.00
*Hanlontown Fire Dept	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$33,100.97
*Revenues and expenses related	to the May flood

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### TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT IN FERTILE will be SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Please keep alleys and streets free of obstructions to facilitate snow removal.



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"Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend of man." This beautiful poetic thought would never have been written by anyone who lived in Los Angeles within ear-shot of the San Diego Freeway. In simpler, slower days a house beside a road had some advantages, especially if one had something to sell to those who were passing by on their way elsewhere.

During the late 1930's, the Thompson family lived on the farm south of the first bend of Iowa state highway number nine northeast of Fertile. In those days near the end of the Great Depression families were scratching out a livelihood by any possible means. The Thompsons planted watermelons and cantaloupes as a summer cash crop. To protect their ripening fruit from nocturnal raiders they rumored it around town that Mr. Thompson had injected some of the melons with a laxative-like chemical that would make anyone who stooped to steal the fruit very sorry indeed. The ruse and rumor worked. No one risked filching fruit that might affect him like an overdose of stewed prunes.

Iowans called the cantaloupes "muskmelons" and maybe the two fruits are the same. The plants flourished in the hot humid weather and the rich Iowa soil. By early August the melons were ripe and ready to harvest and sell. In previous years the family did a brisk business by displaying the melons on a wagon parked along the highway by their farm. This was their intention that summer also. There was only one "flaw in the slaw," as some describe a problem. The State Highway Department chose that time to resurface the highway and detoured traffic away from their frontage. The fruit was ripe and the Thompsons had to act quickly or lose their harvest and hope of profit.

Their predicament would have been even worse had they built a permanent fruit stand. They would have been stuck with their stand by the side of a road that no one was using. Since they displayed their produce on a flat-bed farm-wagon they merely pulled it through their field to a spot by the side of another road that goes east out of town. Opening up the gate to the driveway by that road they were ready for business at a new location. We learned something about the laws of supply and demand that Sunday afternoon. Word wafted around town as to their new location, and that the Thompsons were selling their melons cheap. Soon many of the townspeople hurried out east of town to check-out the situation. When you have too many melons you can give away generous sample slices to whet the appetites of any would-be buyers. The fruit was wonderfully sweet and "musky" -- as good as it smelled. Juice dripped from the chins of those who munched the wedges of muskmelon. They asked for only a dime a melon, and at that price the most frugal of their friends could enjoy the bounty. Mom and Dad bought several, and we had a juicy feast later that evening.

The detour on the highway did not deter the Thompson family from peddling their fruit. They made themselves a profit and made their neighbors happy at the same time. They lived in a house by the side of the road, and they proved themselves to be friends, as did the people who flocked to buy their produce and to solve their problem.

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### FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held their annual guest night on Tuesday, October 12th at the Fertile Church of Christ with eleven guests and 15 members present. Club members introduced their guests for roll call. Star Lang presented a program on Floral Arrangements, cut and dry. She used a number of pumpkins and gourds in her fall arrangements. She also presented three garden club members with October birthdays gifts. Marilyn Tweeten spoke on The Season of the Ladybug encouraging people to try camphor and menthol as a method of controlling the household invasion of the Asian Lady Beetles. The Thought for the day was given by Evelyn Elthon. The guest door prize was won by Jen Miller. President Penny Miller reminded club members that next month is food bank month. Servers were Ginny Lovik, Penny Miller, Amanda Waddington and Ronda Schulze.

The next meeting will be held on **November 9, 7 o'clock p.m.** in the City Hall unless notified different. Bring your **FOOD BANK** items. Officers will be elected.

Marilyn Tweeten, Reporter

### THE CLOTHESLINE

A clothesline was a news forecast to neighbors passing by. There were no secrets you could keep when clothes were hung to dry. It also was a friendly link, for neighbors alway knew if company had stopped on by to spend a night or two. For then you'd see the fancy sheets & towels on the line; you'd see the company tablecloths with intricate design.

The line announced a baby's birth to folks who lived inside, as brand new infant clothes were hung so carefully with pride. The ages of the children could so readily be known, by watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown.

It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung; then night clothes, and a bathrobe, too, haphazardly were strung. It said "Gone on vacation now" when lines hung limp & bare. It told, "We're Back!" when full lines sagged, with not an inch to spare.

But clothes lines now are things of the past, for dryers make work less. Now what goes on inside a home is anybody's guess. I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign, When neighbors knew each other best by what's hung on the clothes line.

## FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:00 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES. 10:00 - Fellowship Time. 10:15 - Worship Service.

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A German, an Italian and a Norwegian were trying to get into the stadium at the World Olympics at Montreal, but the seats were all sold out. The enterprising German stripped down to his shorts and undershirt, picked up a cane fishing pole in a nearby alley, and marched right in, stating boldly, "Heinrich Schneider, Germany, Pole Vault..

Noting the successful ploy, the Italian took off his outer garments, grabbed a large round stone, then just as boldly strode in the gate, announcing, Pasquale Galento, Italy, Shot Put."

Not to be outdone, the Norwegian took off all but his BVDs, went into a nearby hardware store where he purchased some barbed wire. As he approached the gate the Norwegian spoke out confidently, "Hjalmar Olson, Norway, fencing."

When Ole's mother-in-law died, he and Lena were discussing wht kind of tombstone to get for her. Said Ole, ?vell, I tink ve should get vun dat is good and heavy."



### WITH SYMPATHY

### LARRY SWANSON 1928 - 2004

Larry Swanson, 76, died October 6, 2004 at Mercy Mical Center North Iowa.



Funeral Services were held October 9, 2004 at St. John Lutheran Church in Sheffield with Rev. Kent Mechler officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Sheffield.

Larry Wayne Swanson was born Feb. 6, 1928, in Forest City, a son of Alvin & Ida Swanson. He was baptized and confirmed

at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church near Forest City and graduated from Fertile High School

On April 21, 1950, Larry was united in marriage with Violet J. Clair at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City. They made their home in Forest City where Larry drove truck for International Harvester and worked on farms as a hired hand.

In 1961 they moved to Sheffield where he worked as a hired hand for Junior Edgington and other area farmers. Larry also sold cattle for the Sheffield Cattle Co.

For two years, Larry and Vi ran the bowling alley in Sheffield.

He was known as "Grampa Larry" to Sheffield kids for 14 years as he drove school bus and really enjoyed and cared for the children on his busses.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vi; children Cheryl (1 m) Riherd, of Forest City; Vickie Ronnenberg of Zumbrota, MN; Norlene (Mike) Kramer, of Sheffield; Jon (Barb) Swanson of Sheffield; Dave (Karen) Swanson, of Brighton, CO; Gail Kuper, of Omaha, NE; 16 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Dean (Fran) Swanson, of Williams, IA

Larry is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gerald Swanson; and sister, Gloria Griffith.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



### Dear Ladies,

I always enjoy reading the "Reminder". It reminds me of the good old days growing up in "Putsy". Thanks for all the effort you all put into it to make it the great little paper that it is.

Helen Suby Sparby

Dear Folks,

Thank you so much for the Fertile Reminder. I enjoy reading it so much, as to know how much this one and that that one is doing.

Helga Anderson

Norma Wakeley

### Dear Editors,

I'm enclosing \$6 for my subscription to the Fertile Reminder. I missed seeing the red "x" over the mail box on the July issue and thought maybe the editors had retired. I opened it up and ignored your new message.

Thank you.

Dear Ladies,

We love getting the Reminder. Thank you so much for all you do to make it possible.

Maynard & Madelyn Midtgaard

Dear Friends,

Enclosed find check for another year of the Reminder for Karen (John) Bailey, Ellamae (Lowell) Butler and myself.

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### From Main Street To Mother Road To Fond Memory.

In many ways, Route 66 is the story of America in the 20th century. In 1927, the National Highway System began linking the roads wandering across the country. Seeing a way to link big cities and rural towns, folks from Illinois,

Missouri, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California helped Route 66 come to life by nicknaming it the "Main Street of America."

During the Great Depression, thousands of Americans traveled Route 66 as they fled the Dust Bowl of the Midwest for opportunity in California. This was why the highway dubbed the "Mother Road" by John Steinbeck in *The Grapes* of Wrath. Thousands of unemployed workers completed paving all 2,448 miles of Route 66, as part of the New Deal, in 1937.



After World War II, tourists flocked to Route 66 to see America's sights, like the Grand Canyon and Petrified Forest National Park. Auto camps, tourist homes and cottages sprang up beside all sorts of roadside attractions and

oddities. It seemed everybody wanted to "get their kicks on Route 66" as Bobby Troup wrote in his famous song. During the '60s, Route 66 was even depicted in its own TV series.

Over the years, interstates slowly replaced the old highway, and by 1984, one of America's greatest roads was officially decertified. These days, you won't find Route 66 on any official maps. Now it's like a lot of the great places in America, hidden away and just waiting for someone to go looking for it.



A Norwegian girl competed with a French girl and an English girl in the Breast Stroke division of an English channel swim competition. The French girl came in first, the English girl second. The Norwegian girl reached shore completely exhausted. After being revived with blankets and coffee, she remarked, " I don't vant to complain, but I tink those other two girls used their arms."



"Back-To-School" Open House, Aug. 21 Bolan Fall Market, Sept. 24, 25, 26 Pumpkin Decorating & Hayrides, Oct. 16 Country Shops Holiday Tour, Nov. 6 & 7 Christmas Coffee, Dec. 11



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### **NEW BOOKS**

The Gift - Nora Roberts Are You Afraid of the Dark - Sidney Sheldon Blind Alley - Iris Johansen To Dream Anew - Tracie Peterson Code Name: Princess - Christina Skye Dying to Kill - Patricia Rushford The Heart Remembers - Al & JoAnna Lacy Moon Shadows - Nora Roberts Reckless Abandon - Stuart Woods The Morning After - Lisa Jackson Halos - Kristen Heitzman Secrets - " Cape Refuge - Terri Blackstock Like A River Glorious - Lawana Blackwell Measures of Grace -Cooking With Hot Flashes - Martha Bolton Mayo Clinic on Vision Eye Health - Mayo Clinic

### **NEW DVD'S**

Ladykillers - Tom Hanks The Prince & Me - Julia Stiles Laws of Attraction - Pierce Brosnan The Whole Ten Yards - Bruce Willis 13 Going on 30 - Jennifer Garner The Passion of the Christ - Jim Caviezel New York Minute - Olsen Twins Dirty Dancing Havana Nights - Diego Luna The Pianist - Adrien Brody Win a Date with Tad Hamilton - Topher Grace Hidalgo - Viggo Mortensen (VHS)

### **AUDIO BOOKS**

Are You Afraid of the Dark - Sidney Sheldon (AC) One False Move - Alex Kava (CD) Trace - Patricia Cornwell (CD) Digital Fortress - Dan Brown (CD)



Tuesday, October 26, 2004 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. @ Ol' School Apartments (Formerly Fertile Community Center)

Bring a can of food for the Food Bank! Games, Treats, Prizes Come in Costume!

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### **LIBRARY NEWS**

The library has 2 used Compaq Deskpro Pentium 2, 233 MHz computers with Windows 95 & 17" monitor and 2 used Compaq Deskpro Pentium 2, 233 MHz computers with Windows 95 & 13" monitor to sell by silent auction. If you are interested in any of these please send your bid to the Library by Nov 15.



# **Turkey Supper**

# Saturday, November 6

# **OI' School Apartments**

(formerly Fertile Community Center)

# Fertile, lowa 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Serving: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberries, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Pies, Coffee, and Cold Drinks.

> Adults: \$6.00 Children 5-10: \$3.50 Children under 5: Free

Proceeds to go towards Fertile's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration August 4-6, 2006



## 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 \$2, Fertile, IA 50434.

### **OREO SALAD**

2 cups buttermilk

2 small packages vanilla instant pudding

16 oz. Cool Whip

Mix the above and then fold in 1/2 package crushed Oreos. CHILL.

This makes a really good dessert if you wish.

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### TAFFY APPLE PIZZA

from Betty Theilen

1 package (18 oz) refrigerated sugar cookie dough 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened.

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

1/2 tsp. Vanilla

2 medium tart apples (Granny Smith is good)

1/2 cup Caramel ice cream topping

1 cup chopped peanuts

Flatten dough to 1/4 " thick in a large pizza pan

Bake for 16-18 min. for 1 hour in 350°. COOL 10 minutes.

Combine cream cheese, brown sugar, peanut butter vanilla in a bowl. <u>Mix well</u>. Spread over cooled cookie dough. Cube apples and arrange over cream cheese. Microwave caramel topping for 30 sec. And pour over the above. Then spread peanuts over all. Very rich and tasty.

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#### **BRAIN CRAMPS!**

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why? <u>>answer:</u> "I would not live forever, because w should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever." Miss Alabama in 1994 Miss USA contest.

>"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life." Brooke Shields, during an interview to become Spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.



# FUN KORNER

### People in space

The 15 "space" words on this page can all be found in the puzzle, and seven of them are also answers to the quiz. Do you know which ones?

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(a) The first man on the moon was Neil ...... (9)

(b) An unmanned space ..... is sent to explore new parts of space. (5)
(c) A ...... above the Earth may take pictures of the weather. (9)
(d) The study of the stars and planets is called ...... (9)
(e) The ...... is a type of reusable spacecraft. (7)

(f) Edwin (''Buzz'') ...... stepped onto the moon after (a). (6) (g) Yuri ..... was the first man in space. (7)



GAGARIN, LAUNCH, ORBIT, PROBE, SPACESUIT, SPUTNIK



>"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country. –Mayor Marion Barry, Washington DC.

>"The word 'genius' isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." -Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

>"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." AI Gore, VP.







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### Ladybug Crises

If you are willing to have your house smell of camphor and menthol try simmering a medicated rub (Ben-Gay or a less expensive version) in some water in an electric popouri pot. The bugs do not like that smell. Camphor oil or spirits available at drug stores can be used on cotton balls and left in the corners of windows where bugs may be getting in.

Watkins Menthol Camphor Relief Mist and Menthol Camphor/Medicated Ointment can be used by spraying on areas where multicolored Asian Lady beetles congregate, especially in cracks and crevices that could provide access to the inside of your house.

For exterior spraying use a Pesticide containing one of the following: Bifenthrin, Deltamethrin, Cyfluthrin, Tralomethrin, or Esfenvalerate.



"Well, thank goodness they're giving up on this bill – it's their final notice."

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