

# SEPTEMBER 2008

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

Sept. 2	Senior Citizens Dinner	Noon
Sept. 8	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	Re-cycle Day	
Sept. 15	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Senior Citizens Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Re-cycle Day WCTA Annual Meeting	6:30 p.m.



# EMPLOYMENT

## JOB POSTION

### CITY OF FERTILE MAINTENANCE PERSON

Qualifications, Job duties and Description of work, available at City Hall

If interested, please call, Joyce Russell, Mayor 590-1715

Eddie May, City Clerk 425-9878

#### Required for Job:

Physical and Drug Test

CDL License and Skid Loader experience



"OLE! OLE! CAN YOU HEAR ME?"

Before Ole died, he promised Lena to try to contact her through a spiritualist.

Sure enough, Lena went to Madame Torkelson to arrange a seance.

"Ole . . . Ole . . . can you hear me?" asked Lena.

"Yah, Lena," came an eerie voice, "I can hear you."

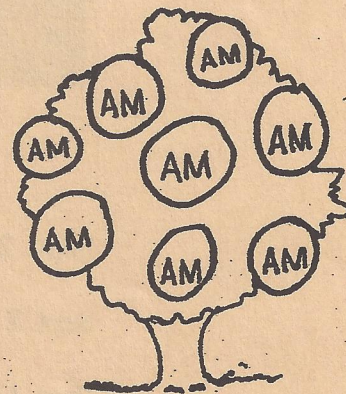
"Veil, den Ole, how is it where you are?"

"Oh," said Ole, "It is beautiful here. The sky is so blue and da grass is so green. And the females are so filled out and beautiful."

Lena sighed, "It must be vunderful in heaven."

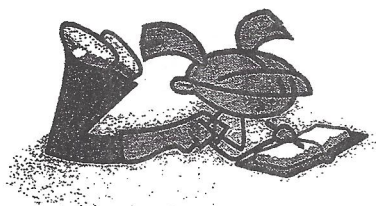
"Who's in heaven?" said Ole. I'm a BULL in Montana."

We were unable to get the City Council news this month in time to put in the Reminder, so here is a little more Norwegian humor.



Norwegian Ambush





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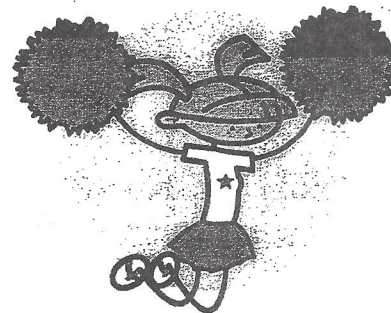


### NEW BOOKS

Deep in the Heart of Trouble – Deeanne Gist  
Viking Unchained – Sandra Hill  
Into the Shadow – Christina Dodd  
Return to Summerhouse – Jude Deveraux  
Hot Property – Susan Johnson  
Manning Sisters – Debbie Macomber  
The Loner – GERALYN Dawson  
Off Season – Anne River Siddons  
Dangerous Pleasures – Bertrice Small  
Calico Canyon – Mary Connealy  
Left to Die – Lisa Jackson  
Change of Heart – Jodi Picoult  
Say Goodbye – Lisa Gardner  
Death Angel – Linda Howard  
It Only Takes a Moment – Mary Jane Clark  
Smoke Screen – Sandra Brown  
Foreign Body – Robin Cook  
Matt Jensen: Purgatory – William W. Johnstone  
Blood on Bear Lake – Gary Franklin  
Blood on the Gallows – Ralph Compton  
Real Murders – Charlene Harris  
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle – David Wroblewski  
It Ain't All About the Cookin – Paula Deen  
Joy of Scrapbooking – Kerry Arquette  
Quilt with Confidence – Nancy Zieman  
Christopher Lowell's One of a Kind  
If I had a Hammer – Andrea Ridout  
Three Cups of Tea – Greg Mortenson  
Diabesity – Francine R. Kaufman M.D.  
Sew Pretty Homestyle – Tone Finnager  
**Large Print**  
Duchess & the Dragon – Jamie Carie  
Homecoming – Jill Marie Landis  
Blue Smoke & Murder – Elizabeth Lowell  
Last Kiss – Luanne Rice  
Anathema – Colleen Coble  
From a Distance - Tamera Alexander  
Wicked – Gregory Maguire

### DVD'S

Rambo – Sylvester Stallone  
Wicker Man – Nicolas Cage  
Brave One – Jodi Foster  
The Eye – Jessica Alba  
Untraceable – Diane Lane  
Daddy Day Camp – Cuba Gooding, JR.  
Final Season – Sean Astin  
The Fountain – Hugh Jackman  
Nim's Island – Jodi foster  
Juno – Jennifer Garner  
The Seeker – Ian McShane  
Babel - Brad Pitt  
TMNT  
**CD'S**  
Santa Fe Dead – Stuart Woods  
Edge of Evil – J.A. Jance  
Where You Now? Mary Higgins Clark



### Library News

Did You Know: you have **NO RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED** if someone is using your SSN under another name? That would violate the privacy of the other account holder, the one who stole your identity. Check out the September issue of Consumer Reports to read more. It also provides good information on protecting yourself online.



## THE OLD PHONE ON THE WALL

Author Unknown

When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with the hammer, the pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy.

I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear. "Information, please" I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information."

"I hurt my finger.." I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question.

"Nobody's home but me," I blubbered.

"Are you bleeding?" the voice asked.

"No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts."

"Can you open the icebox?" she asked. I said I could.

"Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped with my math.

She told me my pet chipmunk, that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called, "Information Please" and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"

She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Wayne always remember that there are other worlds to sing in."

"Somehow I felt better.

"Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please"

"Information," said the now familiar voice. "How do I spell fix?" I asked.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, moved across the contry to Boston. I missed my friend very, much.

"Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me.

Of in moments of doubt and perplexity, I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about a half-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please."

"Information."

"I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?"

"There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now."

I laughed, "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder,," she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls..."

I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister.

"Please do", she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered, "Information." I asked for Sally."

"Are you a friend? She said.

"Yes, a very old friend," I answered.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," she said. "Sally had been working part-time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago."

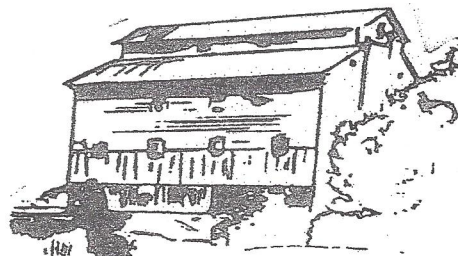
Before I could hang up she said, "Wait a minute, did you say your name was "Wayne?" "Yes." I answered.

"Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you." The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean....."

I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant. Never underestimate the impression you may make on others.

Whose life have you touched today?

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David Halverson, Lay Minister



## THANK YOU!

The family of Bonnie (Sheimo) Hall would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns this past year as she fought so hard to win her battle over cancer, but it was not to be. Thanks to everyone for cards, memorials and words of comfort during this difficult time. All was greatly appreciated.

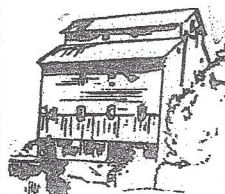
Shirley Sheimo  
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 Art & Jodie Olt  
 Scott & Jackie Keenan  
 Dave & Deb Haugen  
 Kevin & Jill Sheimo

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The family of Bob Query wish to thank all his friends and neighbors for all the gifts of money, their cards and prayers. Special thanks to Sheila and Mike Ball and Staci, Dean and Stefanie Black for their help and guidance. Also Ruth Ouverson, Evelyn Elthon and Tammy Hall for food. Special thanks to Denny Ganz and the new pastor, Kelly. Also for the luncheon after the service. Bob had a lot of friends and he will be missed by those who loved him.

Kathy, Brandon, Jessi, Joe, Tony and Rayna, and his second mother, Ruth Rhodes

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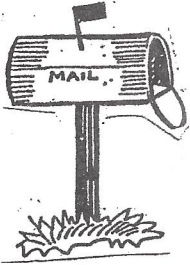
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Child Immunization clinic at Manly Town Hall from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month. The next clinic will be September 10th and this is by appointment only. Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time. Free home inspections are available for lead hazards to ensure your child's home is not poisoning your family. To make an appointment for immunizations at this time, please call one of the numbers listed above.

Sept. 16 Manly Nail Clinic at the Whistle Stop - 9:00 a.m. Please call 1-800-765-1388 or 324-1741 to schedule your appointment.



Dear Ladies,  
Thank you for all your work putting the  
Reminder together.

Floyd & Lois Zobel

Dear Ladies,  
You ladies do a great job. Dwaine  
& I really enjoy the Reminder.

Janice Asche

Ladies,

Thank you for the Fertile Reminder. The news about what's going on in my home town is very interesting and informative. Please keep up the good work. I hope to visit this fall.

Lyle Lindquist

Dear Ladies,

So good to receive the Reminder every month, and I'm sending my check for another year.

Always enjoy hearing the activities of the little town which I was a part of when a teenager.

Sounds like you have an active council and keep on growing.

My thanks to you all.

Joan Schultz

Dear Girls,

I enjoy reading the Reminder each month. Keep up the good work.

Ron Lee  
Titonka

Thanks for the great work, girls. I like to read about things in Fertile and enjoy the recipes. Thanks.

Betty Theilen

Dear Ladies,

I really appreciate your great work. Very interesting to someone who has been gone a long time. Thank you!

Jarlyn Upchurch

The customer wanted to buy a chicken and the butcher had only one in stock. He weighed it and said, "A beauty. That will be \$1.25 lady."

"Oh, that's not quite large enough," said the customer. The butcher put the chicken back in the refrigerator, rolled it around on the ice several times, then back on the scales again.

"This one is \$1.85," he said, adding his thumb for good weight.

"Oh, that's fine!" said the customer. "I'll take both of them."

## WITH SYMPATHY

### BONNIE R. (SHEIMO) HALL

Bonnie R. (Sheimo) Hall, 56, of Omaha, NE, formerly of Fertile, died July 25, 2008 in Omaha, NE.

A memorial service was held July 31 at Pacific Street Chapel in Omaha.

A memorial service was also held August 2, 2008 at Fertile Lutheran Church, Fertile.

Preceded in death by her father, Frank Sheimo; grandparents, Amos and Edna (Tvedt) Gilbertson and Henry and Ellen (Howland) Sheimo; and father-in-law Merle Hall.

Survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Michael R. Hall; daughter, Jodi (Arthur) Alt and Jackie (Scott) Keenan; granddaughter, Amelia; mother, Shirley; sister Deb (Dave) Haugen; brother, Kevin, (Jill) Sheimo; mother-in-law, Marjorie (Kofoot); brothers and sisters-in-law, Ted (Sue) Hall, Georgeann Hall, Carolyn Wright, Susan (Don) Reese, Joye (Cris) Hays and Julie (Dan) Petersen; many nieces, nephews, good friends and her beloved Pug, Bam.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

### KATHRYN ANN CAHILL

1961 - 2008



Kathryn Ann Cahill passed away on July 22, 2008 in Mesa, AZ. Memorial services were held at A Wise Choice Desert View Chapel in Mesa, AZ.

Kathryn Ann Cahill was born on November 14, 1961 at Mt. Pleasant, IA, the daughter of Lawrence & DeEtta (Thovson) Twedt. She graduated from Lake Mills High School in Lake Mills, IA.

On April 9, 1988, she was married to Russell Cahill in Waseca, MN. Kathryn worked in Waseca, MN as a Team Operator/Supervisor at Agra Link. She moved to Mesa, AZ in 2005. She attended Everest College where she graduated with honors in the Medical Assisting program.

Kathryn was preceded in death by a brother, Bruce Twedt. She is survived by parents, Lawrence and DeEtta Twedt and brother, David Twedt of Mesa, AZ and a brother, Steven Twedt of Joice, IA.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.



## SCHOOL AT FERTILE WAS ONE OF FIRST BUILT IN WORTH COUNTY

One of the first schools in the area was a shanty built by Fertile township of Worth county at Fertile. First term the summer of 1860 was taught by Phoebe Dennis who had five pupils.

There is no record of the school proceedings from 1860 until 1901, but it is known a new frame building was built shortly before 1895.

Mrs. Ethel (Brown) Deuel, Mrs. Roscoe (Hilda Rhodes) Hill, Mrs. Mabel (Rye) Bolstad and Marie Tallackson graduated May 31, 1901. C. E. (Charlie) Eikenbary was the teacher.

School board members at the time were P. J. (Pete Ouverson) and G. A. Rye. This was the first year the school was graded. A short time later, about 1905, ninth and tenth grades were added. The last class to graduate from the tenth grade was the class of 1915 which included Sophie and Synneva Hjelmeland, Sylvia Ouverson, Lillian Sheimo, Ellen Oppedahl and Leo Elthon. Rev. C. F. Schmidt was superintendent.

In 1916 the frame building was moved downtown and was used as the Gospel Mission Church until 1965. It is vacant at this time.

A brick school building was built on the old school site and in 1917, Synneva Hjelmeland, Sophie Hjelmeland, Lillian Sheimo and Leo Elthon graduated from the twelfth grade.

In the fall of 1916, the school was consolidated. This took in country children and the problem of transportation arose. Horse drawn covered wagons were used until the snow got too deep, then open sleds were used.

Some of the students had to walk as far as 1½ miles to meet the horse drawn bus and then ride three or four miles before they reached the school building. Road conditions were very poor and a great number of children left home before daylight and didn't return until after dark.

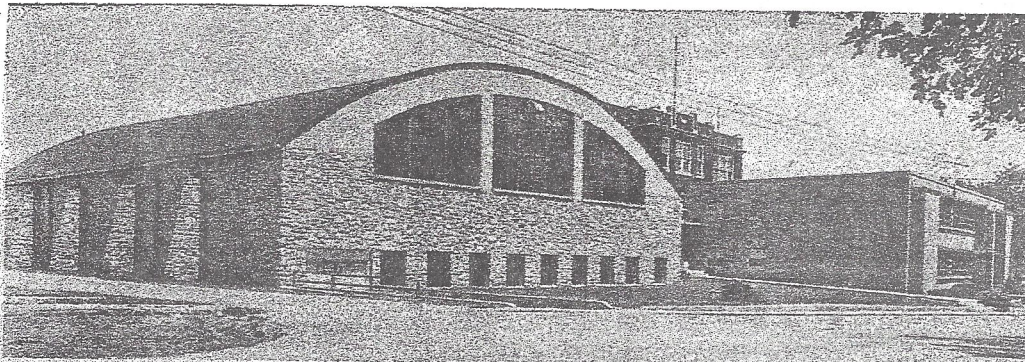
In 1939 a gymnasium of rock construction and new classrooms were added to the west of the brick building.

In 1955, another addition of brick construction was added south of the old brick building, making room for a new kitchen, dining room and a number of modern classrooms.

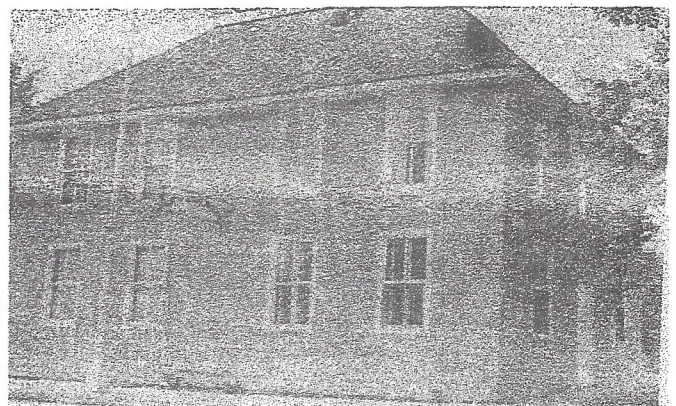
The largest class to graduate from Fertile was the class of 1935 with 24 graduates. From 1917 through 1961, 629 students graduated from the school.

Superintendents who served the school included Gerald Prescott, C. C. Culbertson, Rex Hill, E. W. Lilley, James Lucken, A. A. Grooters, Walter Nystune and A. A. Luther.

The school became a part of the Forest City community school system July 1, 1962.



FIRST SCHOOL in Fertile was held the summer of 1860. Frame building was constructed prior to 1895 and adequately served students until 1916 when this brick structure was completed. Gymnasium addition was constructed in 1939. In 1955 another addition was built to the south of the old brick building.



FIRST SCHOOL IN Fertile was the building which in recent years has served as the Fertile Gospel Mission. The building was moved to its current location at the east end of main street after a new school was constructed.

There's a story going the rounds that involves a carpet layer who had worked all day installing wall-to-wall carpeting. When he noticed a lump under the carpet in the middle of the living room, he felt his shirt pocket for his cigarettes—they were gone. He was not about to take up the carpet, so he went outside for a two-by-four. Tamping down cigarettes with it would be easy. Once the lump was smoothed, the man gathered up his tools and carried them to the truck. Then two things happened simultaneously. He saw his cigarettes on the seat of the truck, and on his shoulder he heard the voice of the woman to whom the carpet belonged. "Have you seen anything of my parakeet?" she asked plaintively.



## GRAMMA VISITS

From George Kisner's book "Childhood on the Farm"

Some of my earliest recollections were of my maternal grandmother visiting for several weeks at a time. My grandfather had died in a farm accident in his late 30's and left my grandmother with 8 children to raise on a rented farm. She struggled along for a while with the help of my two teen-aged uncles, but finally was forced to give it up and move to Grinnell where her family lived.

In her old age, she lived on a very meager "Old Age Pension" and would visit each of her children for part of each year. She loved children and I would sit and visit for hours at a time watching her knit. On one particular visit, she was somewhat under the weather and her doctor had prescribed one orange each day. Now our father was hard-pressed to put food on the table for his family of 7 and suddenly he was forced to buy expensive oranges.

One day, while sitting with my grandmother she said, "Would you care for an orange, George?" The answer was obvious and soon I was ecstatically sucking away on this delicious orange. About that time my father walked in and if looks could kill, I never would have seen my 5th birthday. Grandmother quickly said, "I gave it to him, Warren". He did not say anything but glowered until the orange was gone. Looking back, he probably wanted an orange as much as I did.

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# COOKS KORNER

If you would like to submit recipes for this column, send them to: Reminder, PO Box 62, Fertile, IA 50434.

## PEACHES 'N' CREAM DESSERT PIZZA

- 1 tube (8 oz.) refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 can (21 oz) peach pie filling
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp cold butter (oleo)
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Separate crescent dough into eight triangles. Press onto a greased 12 inch pizza pan; seal seams. Bake at 375° oven for 8-10 minutes or until edges are golden. COOL SLIGHTLY on a wire rack.

In a bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and extract until smooth. Spread over crust. Top with the pie filling.

In a small bowl, combine flour and brown sugar.

Cut in the butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over peaches. Top with almonds.

Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. COOL.

Always refrigerate leftovers. 12 to 16 servings.

This a delicious dessert to serve. Can top with a Cool Whip.



# FUN KORNER

## Frequently Misspelled Words

1. cteaadnitm \_\_\_\_\_
2. searwn \_\_\_\_\_
3. irbanag \_\_\_\_\_
4. lntbiuel \_\_\_\_\_
5. aerytcog \_\_\_\_\_
6. ttemoorpic \_\_\_\_\_
7. esoaoucrgu \_\_\_\_\_
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13. ntivrarlee \_\_\_\_\_
14. limgeea \_\_\_\_\_
15. alrunec \_\_\_\_\_
16. rityalalupc \_\_\_\_\_
17. iareipr \_\_\_\_\_
18. nnisoaqreietu \_\_\_\_\_
19. iwhscdan \_\_\_\_\_
20. rvtaaebib \_\_\_\_\_

### "Fertile Reminder Correction!" Not Zorro or Goosey Lucy!"

by Anne J.

First news I had of that duck, was that he was roosting on "the rock" and every trip I made to Iowa a year ago, I was asked if I'd seen the duck! I didn't see the duck and finally I was shown a picture of the duck at the liar's table. Up to then I thought it was a little like hunting snipe.

That said, I did a little research about the duck. He's a muskvy, doesn't mind being a loner and apparently this one migrates around the neighborhood. He particularly likes "the rock", a Fertile landmark for many a year. Jane Ramon at the restaurant told me she sat on that rock and watched the river when she was in high school.

About the name, the duck is a muskvy as in "Okie from Muskogee". My belief is since an "Okie" bought the mill and the duck chose the mill as it's roosting sight, his name should be Okie. I also understand that Jim Lovick is feeding this duck, up at his place, in the hopes that he can spirit the duck away from the mill. Naughty, naughty, naughty! I just saw an ad on the internet, for muskvy ducklings for sale in Calgary. They are just \$7.00.

How about I send you some ducklings, Jim? Leave my duck alone!!!!!!

## FERTILE VALLEY GARDENS

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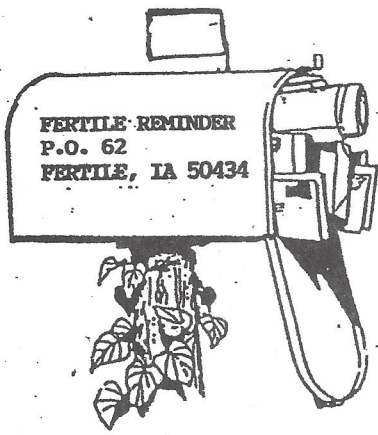
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Answers to Frequently Misspelled Words -

1. Admittance
4. Bulletn
7. Courageous
10. Envelope
13. Irrelevant
16. Particularly
19. Sandwich
2. Answer
5. Category
8. Decision
11. Guard
14. Mileage
17. Prairie
20. Abbreviate
3. Bargain
6. Competitor
9. Entrepreneur
12. Guidance
15. Nuclear
18. Questionnaire





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