

Reader Recipes

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Taco Soup

1 pound ground turkey
1 onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
2-3 stalks celery, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
28 oz. can whole tomatoes
15 oz. can tomato sauce
1 can whole kernel corn
1 can kidney beans
1 can pinto beans
1 can northern beans
1 package taco seasoning
1 package Hidden Valley buttermilk dressing

Brown meat, then saute onion, garlic, green pepper and garlic. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for an hour. Or you can brown meat and place all in the crockpot on low for 6-8 hours.

Mary Wetschka, Eagan, Minn.

Low-Fat Chocolate Muffins

1 package SuperMoist devil's food cake mix
1 15 oz. can pumpkin

Stir until well blended. Place in small muffin tins and bake according to the directions on the cake mix box. Try spice or carrot flavors for a change!

Mary Wetschka, Eagan, Minn.

Do-It-Yourself Toothpaste

1/2 to 1/3 cup salt
1 (1-lb.) box baking soda
One of the following:
oil of clove or oil of wintergreen flavoring.

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Once it's in the ground, only the upper end of the stairway (left) and the cleanout door (right) are visible.

Underground Dog House

One of the biggest show stoppers at the recent Sunbelt Expo near Moultrie, Ga., was this underground poly dog house that's designed to keep dogs cooler during summer and warmer during winter.

Made from low density, ultraviolet resistant polyethylene, the underground shelter has a 14-in. wide, 20-in. high opening at one end that's placed at ground level. The opening leads down steps to a 4 by 4-ft. area that's 3 ft. high and buried 3 ft. underground. An 18-in. dia. pipe runs straight up from the enclosed area. It has a lid on top and can be used to put straw or other bedding material into the doghouse and also to clean it out.

"It stays much cooler during the summer and warmer during the winter. Also, the dog is less exposed to lightning, thunder, high winds, etc.," says Ernie Conley. "The enclosure is big enough for three average size dogs. The dog quickly learns how to crawl down the steps. Any size dog can fit into it. We came up with the idea last summer and are just starting production. Eventually we plan on using a section of canvas to cover the opening, which will make the enclosure virtually windproof."

Sells for \$325 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Pet Protector, LLC, 600 S. Main, Newkirk, Okla. 74647 (ph 580 362-3412; fax 580 362-3163).



Here's what the dog house looks like out of the ground.

"Wheeled Snow Shovel"

Trouble with his back motivated Charles German of Rochester, Minn., to invent a wheeled snow shovel.

"It lets me shovel snow without doing any lifting and without having to bend my back," says German.

The 4-wheeled unit consists of a 30-in. wide wood-handled snow shovel attached to a metal frame. The operator holds onto a pair of long handles on back.

To dump snow off the blade, you raise the unit up on its back wheels, so that the blade is about 2 1/2 ft. off the ground. Then you reach down and release the handle of the shovel so it flips up. A kick bar mounted above the rear set of wheels can be used to push the blade into hard or heavy snow.

"I use it to clear snow from a double-wide driveway between two houses. It really works fast. Another advantage is that I'm less likely to slip when working on ice because I've got something to hang onto," notes German.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Charles S. German, 118 7th Ave. S.E., Rochester, Minnesota 55904 (ph 507 289-0626; E-mail: thekraut0709@juno.com).



To dump snow off shovel, operator simply reaches down and releases retainer over end of shovel handle. It then pivots up to dump.

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As the fire heats up, air is pulled through andiron and blown out into the room.



Andiron Turns Fireplace Into Furnace

You won't need a roaring fire in the fireplace to make even a large room comfortable if you have Hot Air Andirons, from Lauderdale-Hamilton, Inc., Shannon, Mississippi.

Dave Hamilton, owner of the company, came up with the idea after a Boy Scout camping trip several years ago in which he noticed that despite the size of the fire in an old cabin's fireplace, there was little heat anywhere except right near the fire.

These andirons use a small electric fan to pull air through a U-shaped pipe that forms a base for building the fire. The fire heats the air as it passes through the tube and warm air shoots out the opposite end into the room.

The company says the andirons can keep a room of up to 1,000 sq. ft. toasty warm with a savings of \$1.00 worth of heat for each penny spent on electricity to operate the fan.

The andirons fit any standard fireplace from 24 to 48 in. in width. The company includes a 10-day "money-back-no-questions-asked" guarantee and guarantees all parts, including the fan, for two years. Price is \$195 plus shipping from Shannon, Mississippi.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hot Air Andirons, Lauderdale-Hamilton, Inc., P.O. Box 165, Shannon, Miss. 38868 (ph 662 767-3928; fax 662 767-3047).

Rear Wheels Steer Tricycle

If your kids are into power turns on their tricycles, the new Tig'r Tail is just what they need. This rear wheel steer, pedal-powered machine is more stable than front-steer trikes.

The Tig'r Tail makes quick, tight turns without loss of speed or tipping over. Rather than handlebars, it steers with two joy stick-type levers.

This new trike is the brainchild of Lee Shafer, Overton, Nebraska, who patented the design. He formed Kidster LLC to market it and has contracted Delux Mfg. Co., Kearney, Nebraska, to make it.

It features a square steel tube T-frame, wide pneumatic tires front and back, and a sturdy, comfortable seat that can be adjusted to fit most kids up to 110 lbs. The Tig'r Tail tricycle is 40 in. long, 27 in. wide, and weighs approximately 47 lbs. Its knobby tread tires ensure good traction in gravel, grass and loose dirt.

It sells for \$249, plus \$25 for shipping and handling. Dealer inquiries welcome.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tig'r Tail Tricycle, Kidster LLC, 44570 Road 759, Overton, Neb. 68863 (ph 308 987-2827; fax 308 987-2463).



Two joystick levers are used to turn the rear wheels.