

911 System Brings Help To Remote Areas

You've fallen, broken a hip and can't get to your phone. You hit the panic button on the pendant around your neck and a 911 dispatcher asks how she can help. You talk to her and explain what's wrong. At the same time, a strobe light in your window facing the street has been flashing since you pushed the button. An ambulance crew will be able to see it from more than a mile away.

David Scheiding's "Seconds Count" 911 emergency strobe light and panic button has been eight years in the making.

"It's different than a monitoring system that dials someone who then calls 911," says Scheiding, president of B-Alert, Inc., in Troy, Ohio. "The person who pushes the button has instant communication with 911. Best of all, there's no monthly service fee. Once you buy it, the system can be used by anyone."

Scheiding got the idea for the strobe light while watching a television program where a fireman commented that it was often difficult to find people's homes.

The emergency response transmitter plugs into the telephone line, and an A/C adapter plugs into an electrical outlet. It wirelessly transmits the signal from the panic button to call 911 and turn on the strobe light, which is placed in a window with a good street or road view.

The panic button is on a lightweight pendant that can be worn around the neck, clipped on a belt or carried in a pocket. The transmitter signal reaches up to 600 feet line of sight. The button must be held down for at least 2 seconds to call

911, so an accidental bump won't set it off, Scheiding says.

Scheiding works with fire and rescue responders to spread the word about Seconds Count 911. Squads that provide awareness programs about it receive \$25 for each unit sold in that community, Scheiding notes. He invites fire and rescue responders interested in learning more about his product to contact him.

Besides being useful for medical emergencies, Scheiding says Seconds Count 911 can be used for fires or when someone is breaking into your home.

Sells for \$429.

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Pendant has built-in protection against false activation.



Strobe is visible up to one mile away.



Mini vault slides into a 2-in. receiver hitch on any car or pickup.

Lockable Vault Fits Receiver Hitch

You can use your vehicle's receiver hitch as a lockable vault to hold a spare key and or money with this new "HitchSafe" mini vault.

It slides into a 2-in. receiver hitch on any pickup or car and is secured inside the hitch via two bolt-retaining bars.

The system comes with a rubber dust cover that looks like any normal receiver hitch cover. The vault is opened with a personalized 4-digit combination.

Sells for \$69.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup ph 866 770-2023; www.padlocks4less.com).



Vault holds keys, cash and credit cards.

"Dandelion Dobber" Makes Weed Killing Easy

If you spend a lot of time chasing down dandelions in your front yard, you'll like this new tool invented by Paul Johnson of Lake Crystal, Minn.

The patent pending "Dandelion Dobber" treats individual weeds by dabbing on a bit of weed killer.

"It eliminates the need for any spraying or digging and greatly reduces the amount of pesticide released into the environment," says Johnson.

The unit consists of a 4 1/2-ft. long, 3/4-in. dia. pvc pipe with a spring-loaded fishing bobber at the bottom end. To use it, you simply press down on the bobber over a weed to release some chemical.

The bobber contains a small, spring-loaded pump made from brass tubing. A length of plastic tubing attached to the pump slides inside a 4-in. length of brass tubing that extends inside the pvc tube. When you press down on the bobber it pushes up on the valve, causing the tube to draw in a small amount of liquid which comes out of the hole in the bobber.

"It's foolproof and very easy to use," says Johnson. "The longer you press down on the bobber, the more product is dispensed. The pipe holds 15 oz. of liquid so you can kill a lot of weeds before you have to refill it. If you're after dandelions, one fill of the dobber is good for 150 to 200 dandelions. Works great with Roundup, Weed-B-Gone, and any other herbicide. It can also be used to spoon feed fertilizer products, such as Miracle Grow, directly at the base of young plants."

Sells for \$20 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Paul Johnson, 203 South Main, Apt. 108, Lake Crystal, Minn. 56055 (ph 507 726-2406).



Paul Johnson and his "Dandelion Dobber".



Bobber contains a spring-loaded pump.

"Marshmallow Rotisserie"

There's no excuse for not roasting perfect marshmallows with this new battery-powered rotisserie.

It holds three marshmallows at a time, gently rotating them for even browning. Uses four AA batteries.

A set of two sells for \$39.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hammacher Schlemmer, 147 E. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10022 (ph 800 321-1484; www.hammacher.com).



"It's the most comfortable seat on the market," says the manufacturer of the new "Moon Saddle". Mounts in place of any bike seat.

"Moon Saddle" Bicycle Seat

If you like everything about riding bikes except for the hard, uncomfortable seats, you're not alone. Inventor Dennis Bell of Phillipsburg, Montana, says his new "Moon Saddle" is the solution to your problem.

The new seat mounts in place of most any bike seat. It's shaped like a new moon and has a replaceable pad made from polymer foam, which is covered by a tough urethane coating. The seat is designed to angle toward the front at 20 to 30 degrees, creating a "dish" or bowl that keeps you centered. It's supported by a pair of stainless steel rails. Seat height is adjusted using the original clamp that holds the seat post to the bicycle frame.

"It's the most comfortable seat on the market," says Bell. "Riding on it is almost like sitting in a bowl. It doesn't put any damaging pressure on the tailbone and solves the problem of nerve and artery damage caused by single platform bicycle seats."

According to Bell, one size fits all. "It works great for small children on up to the largest of adults. Generally, a bike should be adjusted so that about one third of the weight is on your hands, one third on your legs, and one third on the seat," he notes.

Sells for \$86 including S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Moon Saddle, P.O. Box 1011, 503 West Street, Phillipsburg, Montana 59858 (ph 406 859-1963; info@moonsaddle.com; www.moonsaddle.com).

Reader Recipes

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1 cup chopped celery
1 large onion chopped

Combine above ingredients and mix syrup (below) to pour over. It's better if it sits overnight.

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup cooling oil
1/3 cup pickle juice

Joyce Smith
Scottsville, Va.

Golden Rod Eggs

2 hard-cooked eggs
2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp flour
1/2 tsp salt
1/8 tsp black pepper
1 cup milk
2 slices toast

Remove yolks and set aside. Chop egg whites. In saucepan, melt butter, stir in flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Stir in milk. Cook until smooth. Stir in egg whites. Pour over toast. Crumble yolks on top.
Darin Bartholomaus,
Grasston, Minn.

Green Tomato Pie

1 prepared double-crust pie shell
6 medium green tomatoes, peeled, sliced thin, seeds removed.
3 tbsp flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tbsp butter
1 tbsp vinegar

Place sliced tomatoes into pie shell. Mix dry ingredients into tomatoes. Add vinegar and butter. Add top crust. Place on cookie sheet as pie may ooze over sides of crust. Bake at 400° for 10 min. Reduce heat to 350° and bake for an additional 50 min.

Bob & Veryl Morris

Mouse Chaser

In a shallow pan, mix a 50/50 mixture of cornmeal and plaster of paris. Mice eat it and die. Won't harm other animals and the dead rodents won't be toxic. Another idea is to super glue a raw peanut to the trigger of a regular mouse trap. You'll catch several mice with one peanut.
Arnold Bruce,
Grandview, Mo.