

## Reader Recipes

### Red Radish Butter

1/2 cup coarsely cut radishes  
1 cup green onion  
2 tsp Dijon-style mustard  
1 cup butter, softened

Finely chop radishes and onions in a blender or food processor. Mix with mustard and butter. Makes 1 1/2 cups. Good on sandwiches or broiled fish, vegetables.

### Microwave Caramel Popcorn

4 qts. popped popcorn  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 stick margarine  
1/4 cup corn syrup  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp baking soda

Bring brown sugar, margarine, corn syrup and salt to a boil by cooking 2 min. on high in microwave. Stir, then cook 2 more min. Stir in baking soda. Dump hot mixture over popcorn in paper bag. Shake and cook in microwave for 1 min. Remove bag and shake. Return to microwave and cook 1 more minute. Cut bag open and allow to cool.

### Corn Pone Pie

2 lbs. ground beef  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 can ranch-style pinto beans, drained  
1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes  
1/2 tsp pepper  
1 pkg. cornbread mix

Brown beef and onion in skillet, drain well. Stir in corn, beans, Ro-Tel, pepper; cook over medium heat. Pour into baking dish. Set aside. Mix cornbread according to package directions and pour over meat mixture. Bake at 400° for 25 min. until golden brown.

### Graham Cracker Cake

1/2 lb. room temperature butter  
1 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
2 cups milk  
1-lb. box graham crackers, crushed  
6 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
2 cups chopped nuts  
2 tsp vanilla

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and milk. Add crushed graham crackers to the batter, then add remaining ingredients. Mix well. Pour into greased and floured 9 by 13 cake pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hr. or until done.



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## “Swingaway” Mailbox Protector

“It eliminates damage to mailboxes caused by snowplows and vandals,” says Tim Pickles, Kiowa, Colo.

The device allows a mailbox to swing out of the way and then automatically return to its normal position.

The bracket lag bolts to any 4-in. sq. wooden post. Pickles also offers an L-shaped “impact protector” that’s designed to keep the plow from making contact with the mailbox. The protector is made from 1-in. steel tubing and bolts onto the bar that supports the mailbox.

The swingaway mailbox bracket sells for \$75 plus S&H; \$90 plus S&H with the impact protector. The mailbox and wooden post are not included.

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Attractive 6-ft. wide swing consists of a pair of 4-ft. dia. steel wheels fitted with wood slats.

## Steel-Wheeled Swing

Frank Szelewicki used a pair of the 4-ft. dia. steel wheels off an old horse-drawn rake to build an attractive 6-ft. wide swing. The swing moves forward and back about 3 ft. “My grandkids have great fun on it,” says Frank.

He simply bolted 2 by 4’s to the inside of the wheels to form the curved seat and back. The wheels are attached to metal brackets that pivot on a big steel frame supported by A-frame legs made from 2 3/8-in. dia. oilfield tubing.

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## Big Man Furniture

At 6 ft., 4 in. and more than 300 lbs., Martin Masar Jr. is seldom comfortable in standard furniture. So, when he’s home you’ll often find him relaxing on the “Big Man furniture” he built for himself.

To build it a comfortable size for his body, Masar sat on an ordinary folding chair and added blocks of wood to get the right height for his legs. He measured the distance to his knees when sitting and subtracted an inch, and added enough height to the back of the seat so he could rest his head on it.

It’s too big for most folks, Masar admits, but many tell him he should make them to sell. Disabled after being hit by a dump truck, the 70-year-old Pennsylvania man says he’s not interested in selling them, but he thought FARM SHOW readers might be inspired to make their own.

“It has a 2-by-4 frame and 1-by-2’s for the seat and back,” he explains. He built the sides first and then lined them up, attaching a 1-by-2 on the top and bottom of the back and on the seat. He finished it up with 1-by-2’s glued and screwed 1/2 in. apart with deck screws. The chair has a slight angle to lean back comfortably.

Masar made a hassock to match and spray-painted them both green.

# New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

## Forklift Mast Makes Great In-Home Elevator

By C.F. Marley, Contributing Editor

Eric Beck of Shelbyville, Ill., wanted to give his handicapped son, Dylan, easier access to the basement. So, he built a home elevator out of a salvaged forklift mast.

“It’s always ready to go and does a great job of transporting Dylan and his wheelchair between the main floor and lower level of our home,” says Beck.

He bought the forklift from a dealer for \$400 and kept only the mast and cylinder, anchoring the mast to the concrete floor of his basement. He cut a 5 by 8-ft. opening in the house floor to make room for the 4-ft. sq. elevator deck, which he made by welding a 3/8-in. thick steel plate onto the forklift’s forks.

To energize the mast, Eric made use of an electric motor and hydraulic pump salvaged from a car hoist. He mounted both the motor and the pump on one side of the mast and connected them with pulleys and a belt. An old metal container serves as a hydraulic oil reservoir.

The car hoist’s hydraulic release lever and mechanism is unchanged. “To go up, I push a button to activate the electric motor which operates the hydraulic pump to raise the elevator. To go down I pull on a hydraulic valve to release the hydraulic pressure, which allows the oil to gravity flow back down to the reservoir. The entire process to go down and back up takes only about 40 seconds,” says Beck, who notes that his total cost was less than \$1,000.

He says he still has some work to do to



Eric Beck built this home elevator out of a salvaged forklift mast.

provide safety rails around the deck.

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Martin Masar Jr. is 6 ft. 4 in. tall but he fits comfortably into this “Big Man” chair that he built for himself.

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