

Reader Letters



That pickup Tailgate Desk you ran in the last issue of FARM SHOW (Vol. 26, No. 5) would sure look good in my shop. If I had one of those, when the boys load it up with stuff, I could just drop it down to clean it off. I'd have a clean desk all the time. **(Allan Neely, Jr., 1606 Shorthorn St., Garden City, Kan. 67846)**

My sister-in-law Patricia Pipes and her sons own a cow which had triplets last spring (see photo). This amazing cross between a red angus and a hereford has had 13 calves in 6 years – three sets of



twins, two sets of triplets and a single. The first set of triplets were all females. The latest set is all male. A veterinarian told me he has been a vet for 19 years and had never seen a set of triplets born live. When these were born, their ankles were stiff but now they're all okay. **(Winifred Swiggins, Golenford, Ohio)**

I cut 1-in. dia. pvc pipes into 4-in. lengths to drop over the top of electric fenceposts above the insulator. Let's me see at a distance if an animal has damaged the fence. **(Roy W. Arasmith, RR 2, Box 19, Jewell, Kan. 66949 ph 785 428-3352)**

Here's an easy way to make a tree trimmer that I use to trim branches over 20 ft. off the ground. Basically, it's a pair of 8-ft. long 2 by 2's held together by screws and wingnuts. I attach a small bow saw to one end with more wing bolts. It sure beats using a ladder and can be quickly taken apart for storage. **(Name withheld by request)**



We are importing small rubber-tracked utility tractors from 11 to 40 hp. from Japan. For the past year we have been installing dump boxes, hydraulic 4-way dozer blades, 3-pt. hitch and pto, and whatever else people have been request-

ing. We have been selling these units all over North America and sales have been going very well.

We started importing them because it was hard to find an inexpensive diesel-powered tracked crawler. We sell these units very inexpensively at \$1,400 apiece for a bare unit with 11 hp., up to \$3,900 for the 40 hp. unit. **(Henry Vandervelden, Handlers Used Equipment Ltd., ph 604 850-3612; E-mail: handlers@uniserve.com; Website: www.dieselcrawlers.com)**

Thank you for the article in the last issue on my Piddler Line-Up Welding clamp. If



you ever get around to starting a FARM SHOW museum, let me know and I'll send you one of my clamps to put on exhibit.



I'm sending along pictures of a chain shortener that a friend of mine, Earl Fromm, made for me. It's just a set of 3 links with a grab hook on each end. **(Frank Barber, Piddler Tool Co., P.O. Box 295, Decaturville, Tenn. 38329 ph 866 852-4818)**

If you have an old tractor rim it can be turned into a great BBQ. Just cut out a grill to fit on top. Dig out 6 in. under the rim. **(Jason P. Tschetter, Site 600, Box 21, RR6, Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 3J9 Canada)**

We had a problem with beavers damming up a creek and causing flooding. To solve it, I made a siphon tube by gluing two 10-ft. lengths of 4-in. pvc pipe together with a 45° angle in the middle. I put it over the dam and started the siphon by pulling it forward with one end of the pipe sealed, then pushing it back unsealed. I put 3 tubes in my large beaver dam and the level dropped a foot in 24 hrs. The beavers can't hear the water flowing so they don't cut more trees down, or build the dam higher, and they haven't figured out how to plug the pipes. When starting the siphon it's important to keep one end of the pipe tilted slightly upward so all the air gets out before the water comes. Another point is to keep both ends under water so there is no noise. **(Lee Boettger, Box 108, Rose Prairie, B.C. V0C 2H0 Canada ph 250 827-3661; E-mail: boettger@telus.net)**

Thanks for running my letter in your last issue on my Reel Enlargement kit and slip clutch, which helps get more grain into the header. Unfortunately, the phone number was incorrect. Readers can reach me at 217-325-4066. **(William J. Roth, Reel Manufacturing, Inc., 2025 N. 1700 E Rd., Stonington, Ill. 62567)**

I'm sending a picture showing a use for an old pickup topper. I've got an old truck



We read with interest the story in your last issue on the Wisconsin farmer's loader-mounted rock picker with a powered reel that pulls rocks into the bucket.

We wanted to remind FARM SHOW readers about our Loftness Kwik-Pik rock picker, which is patented and has been on the market for several years. The Kwik-Pik is designed to gather rocks and debris from 2 in. to 2 ft. in dia. Four sizes

that I use around my farm so I bolted the topper to the box, but positioned it so it hangs out over the back end. It's very handy for working under when it rains or

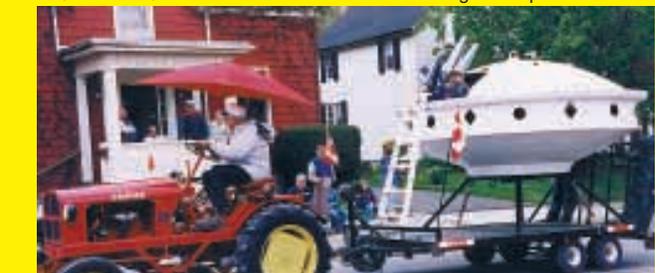


is hot out. I bolted 2 by 8's to the top of the truck box, and then bolted the topper to that. Looks funny but keeps my tools dry, and also leaves the front of the box open for hauling. **(Gordon Brietzke, RR1, Box 26, Site 4, Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0 Canada ph 780 351-2290)**



I built a corral panel trailer using the rear axle off an old pickup and some other odds and ends. It's much easier hauling the panels on a trailer than it would be on a truck or with a front-end loader.

I used 4-in. box tubing to make the trailer's frame and 2 by 4 box tubing to make upright braces and supports for the corral gates. Lengths of chain are used



I turned a pair of satellite dishes into a flying saucer with flashing lights on top and a rotating orange light inside that flashes through the holes in the disks. It is stored on my lawn and is a great conversation piece. I also mounted it on a

are available, 48 in., 60 in., and 72 in. It mounts in place of the skid steer bucket and operates in the forward direction.

We also offer a 7-ft. model for New Holland bi-directional, articulated tractors. **(Loftness Specialized Farm Equipment, Hector, Minn. 55342 ph 800 828-7624; Website: www.loftness.com)**

to hold the gates in place. There's an implement jack on the tongue.

My only out-of-pocket cost was for two used tires and wheels, the jack, 20 ft. of chain, and a hitch. **(Gene Snellings, 222 Cowboy Road, Montreal, Mo. 65591 ph 573 346-4733)**

Anyone who practices rotational grazing by setting up temporary electric fence will appreciate this new "post carrier" that makes it easy to carry the posts and tools needed to set up a fence.



It consists of an L-shaped metal rack, made from 3/16-in. dia. rod, which is attached to a web belt that fits around your waist. The posts simply lay on the rack.



The rack provides you with easy access to the posts, yet at the same time it keeps them from falling out as you walk. It's not a high-tech product but it does