

Reader Recipes

Corn Cob Stock

6 to 8 corn cobs, cracked in half
Water
1 tsp salt
1/2 red pepper, optional
1 clove garlic, optional
1/2 onion, optional

Instead of tossing corn cobs, use them to make a sweet broth that can serve as a base for chowders and soups. Place cracked cobs in large stockpot and add water to barely cover (about 8 cups). Add red pepper or onion and garlic if you want to add flavor. Bring to a boil over medium heat, then let simmer uncovered for 45 min. Stir in a teaspoon of salt. Strain the broth through a fine mesh strainer, discarding cobs and pulp. Let cool and freeze for up to 3 mos. in an airtight container.

Sauerkraut Salad

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 cup chopped celery
1 sweet pepper
1 cup onions, chopped
1/2 cup vinegar
32 oz. sauerkraut rinsed and drained (squeeze out liquid)

Mix all ingredients well. Chill 2 hrs. or longer before serving.
Erna Miller, Millersburg, Ohio

Quick Biscuit Mix

6 cups flour
4 1/2 tbsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
3/4 cup butter

Measure the dry ingredients together and cut in the butter until it looks like coarse cornmeal. Store in the refrigerator for up to 10 days, covered tightly.

To make a pan of biscuits, use 2 cups of the mix and 3/4 cup milk. Stir the milk into the mixture gently, then pat out and cut. Bake at 450° for about 12 to 15 min. Makes 3 batches of a dozen biscuits each.

Joanna McKee, Bedeque, P.E.I.

Liquid Soap

Save scraps of bar soap. When you have a bunch, put in a bowl and add boiling water to cover. Let sit until cool, then stir with a fork, mashing lumps. Add another inch or so of boiling water, stir well, and let cool. Add water and stir until it's the right consistency, then fill old pump dispensers.



Silent Beacon panic button works with a free downloadable app on your phone.

Panic Button Pairs With Phone

The Silent Beacon panic button brings help fast in an emergency situation. About the size of a key fob, it can be carried, worn or attached to a key chain for quick access. Recessed buttons, combined with the need to press 2 buttons simultaneously, prevent accidental alerts.

"Silent Beacon is a great product for people in rural spaces, especially farmers and heavy machinery operators, who face a lot of risks and accidents," says Shannon O'Connell, Silent Beacon. "Even if you can call 911 by phone, identifying the location of an accident can be a problem. The Silent Beacon provides your GPS location within 5 seconds."

The Silent Beacon works anywhere you have cell phone service, but you don't have to have your cell phone with you. As long as you are within 190 ft. of a Bluetooth paired cell phone, Silent Beacon calls 911 or another pre-set, preferred emergency contact for you. It also lets you talk directly to the contact using the built-in microphone and speaker.

In addition to the primary emergency contact, texts, push notifications or emails are immediately sent to up to 7 other pre-set contacts. "You can let your loved ones know you need help and provide them your GPS location data," says O'Connell. "They can respond while you are on the phone with your primary contact."

A special, Silent Alert mode, safety feature lets you call for help without those around you being aware. When the primary contact picks up, they will be able to hear you and those around you. A vibration alert will let you know the connection has been made.

Silent Beacon requires only a one-time, \$99 payment for the device with a free, downloadable app for a cell phone. It is equipped with a rechargeable battery and automatically notifies you if the battery needs to be recharged.

"We've just come out with a new app upgrade and a new version for the elderly or infirm," says O'Connell. "If pressing 2 buttons simultaneously is a problem, we have a single button version."

A business version with features specific to multiple employees and their safety is also available.

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Trackhoe track forms rocking chair seat. It mounts on large sprockets that rock back and forth.

The Perfect Man Cave Chair

Considering that it is made out of gears, pieces of track, and other parts from junked excavators, TJ Galloway's 801-lb. rocking chair is surprisingly comfortable.

"It's not a Lazy Boy, but it's very smooth rocking," says the self-taught Kansas welder.

After seeing another chair welded together from metal parts, Galloway decided to make one for his brother-in-law, Kris Guetterman, who owns an excavation company. He planned it for a couple of years before he was able to find parts with the help of his nephew. The 27-in. wide trackhoe track forms the seat, mounted on 27-in. dia. excavator sprockets and a segment of a sprocket

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IH Mailbox Wrap

When a customer asked Derek Venette to make an International wrap for his mailbox, the New York state graphic designer knew very little about tractors. Based on the photo of another mailbox, the artist ended up with a design that his client liked - as well as many others.

"I never realized IH had such a big following," Venette says. "I put it on my personal Facebook page and on Farmall's Facebook page and had 400 likes on it with people asking, 'Where can I get one?'"

His design - for a large mailbox the client provided - includes the logo, tractor elements, and the client's address number.

"It looks basic but it has shadows, and I went piece by piece to create the headlights and grill," he says.

It took about four trials to get it just right - especially the correct red color for International. It took another 2 hrs. to apply the laminated wrap to the mailbox. Lifespan for the vinyl wrap is 6 to 8 years, Venette says.

"I've done cars, buses, snowmobiles and motorcycles, but this was my first mailbox," he notes.

He recently purchased a large format digital printer and would like to follow up on requests he received from the Farmall Facebook site. Venette is open to doing other model tractor designs as well. He notes that for DIYers he could create the wrap and they could apply it themselves, but most people don't want to attempt it.

He invites people to contact him about requests and pricing.

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Venette's detailed mailbox wrap was an instant hit on Facebook.

that stops the chair from going too far back. The arms are skid steer chain drives, flexible on top and welded at the bottom; and the footrest is the cutting edge off a dozer, fitted with teeth off an excavator bucket.

Galloway MIG-welded the chair and tacked pieces first to make sure the fit was right before the final weld.

He used race car springs to make it rock. But he struggled with getting the balance right. After 3 hrs. of trial and error to get the right placement, he called in his friend, Todd Boyd, who helped him find the sweet spot to weld the springs and bar on to the chair bottom. For fun, he added a cup holder made out of a gear and a removable table secured with a bench vise.

After power washing the chair, Galloway sprayed it with clear lacquer to enrich the metal's color. With the help of his in-laws' forklift, the chair was moved to Guetterman's walk-in basement and set on dollies to move it in place.

"The biggest challenge of it was its sheer weight," Galloway says. He couldn't have done the job without the chain hoist in his shop.

Since posting photos on his personal Facebook page and the Welding Guide Tips and Tricks Group site, he has been overwhelmed by favorable responses and requests to build more. He's been "dumpster diving" and putting out feelers for parts. Each chair is different depending on parts he can find. Anyone interested in a chair should call for pricing, he says, noting the chairs start at \$3,500, plus shipping.

Galloway, a natural gas company worker, never anticipated his chair would lead to a creative sideline business. "I'm fortunate to have a shop to move big things around, a supportive family that has equipment, and friends in the industry. I'm just in the right place with the right timing," he says.

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