

Reader Recipes

Banana Pie

2 cups vanilla ice cream
1 cup milk
1 package instant pudding mix (banana or vanilla)
2 medium bananas, sliced
1 pre-made pie crust

Prepare pie crust according to package directions. Line crust with sliced bananas. Beat ice cream, milk and instant pudding mix for 1 minute. Pour into pie crust on top of sliced bananas. Top with whipped cream, if desired. Ready to serve.

Amish Doughnuts

5 cups milk
5 tablespoons yeast
1 1/4 cups shortening
1 1/4 cups sugar
5 teaspoons salt
5 eggs, beaten
17 1/2 cups flour
1 1/4 cups warm water

Scald 5 cups of milk, let cool slightly. Dissolve 5 tablespoons of yeast in 1 1/4 cups warm water. Add to milk. Stir in 7 1/2 cups of flour. Beat, cover and let rise in warm place until double in size. Cream shortening, sugar, salt and eggs. Add yeast mixture, then add 10 cups of flour. Knead. Let rise until double in size. Knead. Roll out to 1/4 to 1/2 in. thick. Cut with cutter. Let rise until double in size. Fry in hot kettle of oil. Roll in sugar.

Club Chicken Pasta Salad

8 ounces rotini noodles, cooked and chilled
3/4 cup Italian-style salad dressing
1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 cups chopped or shredded cooked rotisserie chicken
12 slices crispy cooked bacon
8 ounces cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cup Muenster cheese cubes
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
1 avocado, peeled, pitted and chopped

Whisk dressing and mayo together. Stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated.
Lane J via allrecipes.com



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Outlet Concealer Extension Cord

Sleek Socket Outlet Concealer is a patented, slim device that replaces a standard electrical outlet cover plate with a flat panel that sits flush against the wall. Instead of a conventional plug protruding from the outlet, the Sleek Socket's cord exits horizontally along the wall surface, allowing furniture to sit directly against the wall without obstruction.

It functions as both a surge protector and an extension cord, providing multiple outlets at the cord's end. It's available in 3-ft., 5-ft. and 8-ft. lengths, and buyers can choose between single and dual-cord configurations based on their power needs. The product also comes in two outlet configurations, standard or inverted, to accommodate the outlet orientations commonly found in homes.

White in color, the unit is designed to fit most standard duplex wall outlets and includes double-sided adhesive strips to keep the flat cord neatly pressed against the baseboard or wall.

Practical applications are straightforward. In a bedroom, the device allows a dresser or nightstand to sit flush against a wall, avoiding the several inches of protrusion that an outlet would otherwise cause. In a home office, a desk can be positioned closer to the wall without the bulk of a conventional power strip or plug getting in the way. In a living room, sofas, entertainment consoles and accent tables gain similar flexibility.

Sleek Socket is available through Amazon, Walmart and Home Depot, with prices around \$22 plus shipping, depending on the selected configuration.

The product has received nearly 60,000 customer ratings, with an average rating of 4.7 out of 5 stars.

Phone App For Trip Weather

Route Cast is a new phone app for Apple phones. Available on the Apple App Store, it's free and provides weather forecasts for routes.

Instead of checking the weather across several states along a route, you can enter a start and end point, along with the date and time of travel. The app will display a map of the route and weather forecasts along the way. You can adjust the distance between forecasts to get more or less detail.

It's useful for predicting whether there will be storms, hail and wind along a route. The information is helpful for both work and pleasure trips.

"It's useful for motorcycle or convertible trips to forecast rain, as well as wind or hail that could impact high-profile vehicles or trailers. It'll even warn of high crosswinds," says Grant Geyer, creator of Route Cast.

An engineering student at South Dakota State University, he created the app after growing tired of checking multi-state weather while driving to neighboring states.

"It just made sense to have all the map and weather info for a trip in one place," says Geyer.

The app is available on the Apple App Store and can be found by searching for "Route Cast."

Editor's Note: Geyer is the son of FARM SHOW Editor Scott Geyer and has worked part-time for FARM SHOW on various projects over the years.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Paper Lanterns Deter Hornets

We've seen several online posts about people using inexpensive paper lanterns to keep their yard and outdoor areas free of hornets and wasps.

The hanging lanterns resemble a nest, which may deter them from building one.

Wasps are territorial and often retreat at the sight of an enemy nest. By mimicking the size, shape and color of an enemy nest, the hanging lanterns may deter wasps from building a nest.

Hang at the edge of the house from the rooftop, or near your garbage cans, where food can attract wasps. Next to any standing water is also a good idea if there are any pools or ponds, as wasps (hornets, yellow jackets and bees) like water.

Decoys should be hung in early spring, when the queen wasp is scouting for a place to start her colony. Decoys should be placed only where there are no active nests, because wasps are aggressive when anything comes near their nest.

A pack of four hanging wasp-nest decoys is available on Amazon for about \$14. Each decoy measures 8 1/2 in. in diameter and 11 in. in height.

Some people have had success using a brown paper lunch bag filled with plastic shopping bags, crushed to the size and shape of a nest, and hung as an inexpensive alternative to buying paper lanterns.

Short Stories With A Rural Focus

Last year, a new book by frequent FARM SHOW contributor Cindy Ladage was published.

"Farm Girl Adventures" is a collection of fictional short stories, many of which are based on the author's experiences.

This 121-page collection focuses on farm life, nostalgia and family. While no specific time period is defined, the stories are filled with vivid, easy-to-imagine details.

There's a lot of variety in the stories, from memories of childhood experiences and major life events to searching for a missing family member on a winter night.

The writing is engaging and concise, making it easy to enjoy a few stories at a time or to read the entire book in one sitting. It's a great fit for anyone who enjoys stories about family and rural life.

Ladage is the wife of a farmer, a presenter, and an award-winning journalist. She has also written other fiction for children and adults.

"Farm Girl Adventures" is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions, with the paperback priced at \$12.99.

If you've enjoyed her rural-focused stories in FARM SHOW over the years, you'll enjoy her new book.



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