

## Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044 or email: Recipes@farmshow.com

### Pizza Soup

1 1/4 cups mushrooms  
1/2 cup onions  
1 tsp vegetable oil  
2 cups water  
15-oz. pizza sauce  
1 cup pepperoni  
1 cup fresh tomatoes  
1/2 cup Italian sausage  
1/2 tsp Italian seasoning  
1/2 cup Parmesan & Mozzarella cheese

Saute mushrooms and onion in oil for 2-3 min. Add water, sauce, pepperoni, tomatoes, sausage and seasoning. Bring to boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Stir in Parmesan and garnish with Mozzarella.  
*Robin Koffler, Mandan, N.Dak.*

### Daveen's Mincemeat Cookies

3 1/4 cups flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp soda  
1 cup shortening  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 cups mincemeat

Sift flour, salt and soda. Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and mincemeat. Stir in flour mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes.

*Daveen Cosgriff, Big Timber, Mont.*

### Dandelion Salad

3 boiled potatoes  
1 chopped green pepper  
1 onion  
1 tbl vinegar  
1 tbl sugar  
Celery salt and pepper

Mix, and place in rings on a crisp lettuce leaf. In center, put tablespoon of cooked dandelions, and cover with mixture of mayonnaise and cream. Fleck with grated boiled eggs.  
*Wilderness Trails*

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## Ultimate Fish Filleting Tool

Getting pricked by sharp fins and teeth while trying to slice up a fish into nice fillets is something most fishermen just accept as the price you pay for success.

But that might all change with the new FishGripper tool that almost eliminates the need to get your hands dirty. The spring-loaded jaws, fitted with sharp grabber teeth, grip the fish head securely as a sharp mouth pin goes into its mouth. With your other hand, you can cut off the fillets.

The FishGripper was recently tested by 100 avid fishermen who are members of the North American Fishing Club and received overwhelmingly rave ratings.

Sells for \$19.95 apiece plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Top Rod Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 3756, Plant City, Fla. 33563 (ph 866 867-7631 or 813 757-6844; website: www.fishgripper.com).



Filleting is easier without worrying about sharp teeth.



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## "Motorized" Fishing Reel

When Kevin Folsom hurt his shoulder last year, he knew it was going to mess up his fishing because he wouldn't be able to cast. But instead he ended up with a hot new invention that will soon be on the market.

The "Easy Cast Rod" automatically casts the line with the push of a button, eliminating the need to ever raise your arm.

Folsom says it will allow disabled or handicapped people to fish, and it also makes fishing in tight quarters much easier – like bank areas with overhanging tree limbs. He says it is ideal for children as well, because of its ease of operation.

The design is very simple, and now that he has caught the "inventor bug," he's always looking at things to see if he can make them simpler or easier. In fact, he's already working on another invention in the automotive field.

"I encourage anyone to pursue their crazy ideas. There's always an easier way of doing things and that's how inventions happen," he says.

Folsom applied for a patent and, after investing only \$2,000 in his Easy Cast, he sold the rights to market his idea to Invention Technologies at Coral Gables, Florida. He's expecting the company will have it on the market this summer. Folsom will receive a lump sum payment, as well as royalties from product sales.

The Easy Cast Rod will retail for \$65 to \$85, plus shipping, he says.

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Now any kid can decorate their room with a plush deer trophy.

## Kid-Sized Deer Trophy

If your family loves hunting, and you've got a young one who seems likely to follow in his daddy's footsteps, you'll want to check out this kid-size deer trophy that'll look great in any young guy's bedroom or playroom.

The plush deer head mounts on a wood plaque and measures 9 in. wide by 23 in. tall. Sells for \$19.95 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Whitetails Catalog, 1115 W. Liebau Rd., Susite 300, Mequon, Wis. 53082 (ph 800 875-9453; website: www.deergear.com).

Molly Helken was tired of changing the toilet paper for her siblings.



## Sixth Grader Invents Toilet Paper Alarm

Thanks to an 11-year-old in Montrose, Colorado, people who forget to install a new roll of toilet paper will soon be "busted".

Sixth-grader Molly Helken invented what she calls the "T.P. Alarm." It uses a spring-loaded switch to measure how much paper is left on the roll. When it's all gone, a bell sounds to let everyone in the vicinity know that there is another job to do.

"A wire on the alarm hooks to a metal screw in the toilet paper dispenser, and also to the battery, and then to the bell," Helken says. "The hinge and seven washers are held together with a screw and the other wire hooks from the bell to the battery to the screw on the metal hinge."

When the paper roll is empty, the washers touch the metal roll holder, completing the electrical circuit, and the bell rings until a new roll is installed.

She says she was inspired to create the device because she shares a bathroom with her brother and sister, and was tired of always being the one stuck replacing the roll.

She entered the T.P. Alarm in the Invent America Student Invention Contest and, of 10,000 entries, the T.P. Alarm placed fourth in her grade level, earning her a \$100 saving bond.

She hasn't found a manufacturer yet but would consider proposals from any interested parties.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Molly Helken, 1321 Haystack Rd., Montrose, Colo. 81401 (ph 970 240-1828).

## Gun Safe Reads Fingerprints

Here's a quick but secure way to open a gun safe using only the touch of a finger.

In just seconds, the door of the vault slides down and allows access to a firearm or other belongings. There is another chamber toward the back of the vault that can be used for additional ammunition or documents. The door will only open after recognizing a fingerprint, up to six of which can be stored in the safe's memory.

It installs between 16-in. studs and is made of 14-ga. stainless steel. Because the door slides down, it is harder to break into than conventional safes. The safe takes up almost no space because of its "in-wall" design and can be covered up with wall decorations for extra security.

The Wall Vault sells for \$599.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Energy Tech Labs, 2351 Tenaya Drive, Modesto, Calif. 95354 (ph 800 344-3242 or 209 529-3546; website: www.energytechlabs.com).



Fingerprint recognition stops unwanted access.