

**Editor's  
Notebook**



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**Farm Progress Report**

As this issue went to press, Contributing Editor Lorn Manthey returned from the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Ill. He reports good crowds and lots of great new ideas. Here are a few things that caught his eye.

**Deere's First Folding Cornhead** - We've seen folding cornheads in Europe for years but Deere's new cornhead is the first folding model the company has introduced. The 12-row head is configured with 30-in. spacing for its S-Series combines. It's available with or without the Stalkmaster Chopping System. Cycle time to lift or lower the wings is about 1 min. ([www.deere.com](http://www.deere.com))



**Metal Skid Steer Wheels** - Inventor Derek Hird introduced metal wheels with staggered 2 by 9-in. cleats. The wheels have standard 6-in. inner hubs with 8 bolts so they just bolt on in place on skid steers fitted with 12 by 16.5-in. tires. ([www.evolution-wheel.com](http://www.evolution-wheel.com); ph 888 249-4790)

**Corn Stalk Guide** - Patented strips of high-density poly attach to header snouts just in front of the gathering chain and idler sprocket. Inventor Joel Kaler says the guides move stalks directly into the gathering chains, reducing stalk shaking that can throw ears back into the field. ([www.kalerfarms.com](http://www.kalerfarms.com); ph 701 403-4977)



**Truck-Mounted Side Discharge Manure Spreader** - Ranging in size from 2,600 to 4,200 bu., H&S Manufacturing's new spreaders can handle liquid or solids. A 200 hp. hydraulic pump with 70 gpm flow provides the spreading power. Can be equipped with an optional hydraulic-operated lid. ([www.hsmfgco.com](http://www.hsmfgco.com); ph 715 387-3414)



Holes in the side of cow show moving parts that are designed to teach kids in a fun way about dairy production.

**Bob's Mechanical Cow**

"I dreamed of building something like this for many years," says Bob Perry, Dartmouth, Mass., who contacted FARM SHOW recently to say he had something we'd never seen before.

Bob likes teaching young people about milk and dairy products. "I had the idea of creating a mechanical cow that would show in an interesting way how many products we get from cows. I started building it several times but I couldn't

find a way to power all the moving parts without a lot of expensive motors, gear reduction units, shafts, roller chains, and sprockets. Then one day last year I was visiting with a mechanic who was changing out a windshield wiper motor and suddenly realized that was exactly what I needed. I bought a half dozen of them for about \$40 apiece and that's when my cow first came to life.

"I used light rope and small pulleys, along with wooden parts, so I get a rhythmic sound of wood-on-wood that sounds just right. This cow could have been put together in the 1950's or 60's. There are no plastic parts, LED lights, or electronic stuff on it.

"Holes in the side of the cow show a beating heart, pumping lungs, rotating small milk cans, rumination with a food mixer, corn cobs spinning to show feed intake, bottles of milk, ice cream, cheese, butter, and "air conditioning" via the wagging tail. Each section has moving parts.

"The cow is 9 ft. long and 6 ft. high. Children and adults flocked around it at a recent fair. It was a big success."

You can see a video of the mechanical cow in action at [www.farmshow.com](http://www.farmshow.com) or search it up at YouTube.



Photo courtesy treechurch.co.nz

"Tree church" seats about 100. It's available for weddings or photo shoots and is becoming a busy tourist attraction.

**Living Tree Church**

This living, breathing green church was "grown" by New Zealander Barry Cox, who makes his living moving trees with a tree spade. Deeply religious, he decided to merge his two passions to create one of the most unusual places in the world to get married. The "Tree Church" took 4 years to "grow" and opened to the public just this summer. Word quickly spread over the internet. You can book a wedding there for about \$2,000. It seats 100. It's also open to the public for tours and photo sessions for a fee.

You can learn more at: <http://treechurch.co.nz>

**Triple-Barreled Shotgun**

Chiappa Firearms in Dayton, Ohio, recently introduced a new "Triple Threat" 3-barreled 12-ga. shotgun. The barrels on the breech-loading gun are stacked in a triangle. A single trigger fires all three barrels separately so it can be fired extremely fast. The first trigger pull fires the right barrel, the second pull the left barrel, and the third the top barrel. Relatively short 18 1/2-in. barrels make it very maneuverable. It doesn't come cheap, though, retailing for \$1,799. You can find out more at: [www.chiappafirearms.com](http://www.chiappafirearms.com)



One trigger fires all three barrels on new "Triple Threat" shotgun.

**Liberty Quotes**

"Good government is the most dangerous government, because it deprives people of the need to look after themselves." *Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi*

"Life is a gift. Freedom is a responsibility." *Eric Schaub*

"A billion here, a billion there, sooner or later it adds up to real money." *Everett Dirksen*

"Love your country, but never trust its government." *Robert A. Heinlein*

"Prosperity requires liberty: to be productive we must be free." *Jarret B Wollstein*

"The most important political office is that of private citizen." *Justice Louis D Brandeis*

"An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last." *Winston Churchill*

"Your silence gives consent." *Plato*

"The Declaration of Independence contains 1,300 words. The Bible contains 773,000 words. But the Tax Code has 7,000,000 words and is still growing!" *Steve Forbes*

"You can't wake a person who is pretending to be asleep." *Navajo Proverb*

"One man can completely change the character of a country, and the industry of its people, by dropping a single seed in fertile soil." *John C. Gifford*

**A Call For Help**

I received an email the other day from Dale Ruebush, who was featured in FARM SHOW a few issues ago (Vol. 38, No. 6) with Babe, his giant 14-year-old Holstein steer that stands 6 ft. 2 in. tall.



Babe the giant steer lives in an area that was devastated by forest fires this summer.

"We are located in the mountains of Central Idaho, an area that has been ravaged this summer by forest fires. The barn which contained our entire year's supply of hay was destroyed, although our home escaped damage. The smoke is still so thick here that I'm afraid it will compromise the health of our animals, who do not have a place to go to get away from the smoke.

"We would like to find a new home for Babe, who has been a unique part of our Christian ministry. We work with troubled teens and adults at conferences and events. Babe is very gentle and saddle-broken. He has a great personality that has made a difference in many people's lives.

"We're hoping to recoup some of the financial resources we have invested in him through the years. We would give Babe to the person who offers the highest reasonable donation for him and also agrees to take care of him until his death of old age. If interested, contact: C. Dale Ruebush, P.O. Box 881, Kamiah, Idaho 83536 (ph 208 926-0889 or email: [ihci777@gmail.com](mailto:ihci777@gmail.com)).

**Points To Ponder**

"If we cannot live so as to be happy, let us at least live so as to deserve it." *Immanuel Hermann von Fichte*

"The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose." *Robert Byrne*

"A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company." *Charles Evans Hughes*

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"Individuality is to be preserved and respected everywhere, as the root of everything good." *John Paul Richter*

"The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. One word of truth outweighs the world." *Alexander Solzhenitsyn*

**Three boys were in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers.**

The first one says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a song, and they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money."

**A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.**

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated positively that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied tartly, "Then you ask him."

**As Ole was driving down the freeway, his cellphone rang.**

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Ole, I just heard on da news dat dere's a car going da wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!"

"Heck," said Ole, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds ov dem!"