

## Reader Recipes

### Microwave Caramel Corn

4 qts. popped popcorn  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 stick butter  
1/4 cup white Karo syrup  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp vanilla

Combine sugar, butter, syrup, and salt in pan. Bring to a boil and let boil for 2 min. Add baking soda and vanilla. Put popcorn into a brown paper bag. Add syrup mixture, close bag, and shake. Put in microwave on high for 1 min. Take out and stir. Put in for another 30 sec. Then remove from bag.

### Baked Corn

4 cups corn, drained  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 tsp salt  
1 cup milk  
1/8 tsp black pepper  
2 tbsp sugar  
3 tbsp flour

Grease your crock pot. Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly. Cover and cook on high for 3 hrs.

### Oreo Truffles

1 pkg. Oreo cookies  
1 8-oz. pkg cream cheese  
Chocolate for dipping  
White chocolate for drizzling

Scrape filling from Oreo cookies. Mix cookie filling with cream cheese. Crush cookie outsides into fine crumbs. Mix crumbs with cheese/filling mixture. Form into small balls. Refrigerate until firm. Dip in melted chocolate and drizzle with white chocolate to decorate.

### Apple Butter Rollies

2 1/2 cup flour  
1 cup shortening  
1 tsp salt  
1 egg yolk  
Milk  
Apple butter  
Mix shortening into dry ingredients until forms coarse crumbs. Add enough milk to egg yolk to make 2/3 cup. Add to crumbs. Mix lightly with fork. Roll dough into long thin strips approximately 4 to 6 in. wide and about 1/8-in. thick. Spread with apple butter. Fold in thirds lengthwise. Cut in 2-in. pieces. Place on cookie sheet and bake till golden. Best when still slightly warm.

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Inventor Larry Villella says his new "Sewer Skewer" prevents ice build-up in vent pipes, even in the coldest weather.

## "Sewer Skewer" Keeps Roof Vents Open

Here's a simple new way to keep your sewer vent from freezing over in cold weather.

The "Sewer Skewer" prevents ice build-up in vent pipes. You simply slip the unit into the top of the pipe. It's made of copper and consists of a 16-in. long, 3/4-in. dia. pipe with a 10-in. wide, T-shaped chamber at the top with wings that conduct heat across the top of the pipe. Small holes in the chamber keep warm air flowing through the pipe.

"It costs nothing to operate and is maintenance-free. It's also easy to install and can be left in all year long," says inventor Larry Villella, Pelican Rapids, Minn. "It'll keep ice away at temperatures as low as -20 Fahrenheit. Copper absorbs heat really well and doesn't deteriorate due to ultraviolet light like pvc, which many other vent thaw devices are made from. The trapped warm air causes any snow on top of the chamber to melt, and since the chamber wings extend out several inches the melting snow drips clear of the pipe and onto the roof.

"We've tested the Sewer Skewer for 2 years and we know that it works. That's why we're able to offer it with an unconditional money back guarantee. We've never had one returned," says Villella."

One Sewer Skewer sells for \$59.95 plus S&H; buy 2 units and you get free S&H.

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## "Pure Soap" Made With Soybean Oil

While many soap makers highlight ingredients and scents *added* to their soap recipes, Christine Jones serves an important market because of ingredients *not* added to her soap products. Jones' Pure Soap Flake products do *not* have additives, enzymes, fragrances, GMOs or sodium lauryl sulfate.

"I love that we use organically-grown, Midwestern soybean oil. Soybean oil is wonderful for the skin, has nice emollients, and cleans and conditions at the same time," says Jones about the soap made at her Jenkins, Minn., business.

Making Pure Soap Flakes is a process that starts with making 40-lb. blocks of soap that are cured for six months. The soap is then shaved into thin sheets by specialized equipment designed by a former logger. The shavings are spread on racks and dried again before going in a tumbler for flaking and a final drying.

Soap flakes can be made into a liquid soap by adding water. Liquefied Pure Soap Flake products can be used as shampoo, for bathing, and to hand wash delicate fabrics. There are many uses for Pure Soap Flake products, and recipes are provided in shipments and on the company website.

"When you clean with chemicals like sodium lauryl sulfate it takes fiber off your fabric and skin off your face," Jones explains. "Our soap products are natural. They lift off dirt and gently remove it. I have sweaters that are five generations old that have only been washed with soap flakes."

To create laundry soap, Jones uses her grandmother's recipe. She mixes ground soap flakes with Borax, baking soda and washing soda in a cement mixer. Just one tablespoon dissolved in 2 cups hot water is enough soap for a load of clothes in a washing machine.

Pure Soap Flake Company products can be purchased through the company's website and a growing number of retailers.

Soap flakes start at \$16/lb.; laundry powder sells for \$8/lb. (40 loads); and soap bars are \$6.50 for a 4.5 oz. bar. Jones offers discounts on bulk orders and has wholesale prices. Call for more information.

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Pure Soap Flake soap contains no additives, just soybean oil.

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## New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

### Cow Horn "Speaker" For iPhones

Inventor Frank Falk takes cow horns and other antique items, including including phonographs and gramophones, and turns them into amplifiers for cell phones. He says iHorns can be used with any portable device with an external speaker located at the bottom of the device. The iHorns are not Bluetooth or Wi-Fi connected but are simply a passive amplifier, he says. No batteries, cords or cables are needed.



Frank Falk turns cow horns into amplifiers for cell phones.

You can see a few examples of Frank's iHorns on Facebook and at his website. Contact him via email at [iHorns4u@gmail.com](mailto:iHorns4u@gmail.com) or go to "iHorns" on Facebook. His website is: [www.iHorn.weebly.com](http://www.iHorn.weebly.com).



It takes a little coordination to get this go-cart moving, because you have to pump with your hands while using your feet to steer.

## "Hand-Pumped" Go-Cart Fun To Ride

"Our new go-cart is a replica of an old wooden wagon that a friend gave us. People have a lot of fun riding it," says Ivan Miller, Mt. Hope Machine, Millersburg, Ohio.

The rider uses his or her hands to pump the handle back and forth in order to go forward or backward. He uses his feet on the front axle to steer.

The cart's rear axle is offset. A metal rod connects the handlebars to the axle and is fitted with ball joints at both ends. As a result, as the axle rotates the back end of the rod goes around with it.

"It takes a little coordination to get the cart moving, because you have to pump with your hands while using your feet at the same time to steer. It can be comical to watch people try it out for the first time," says Miller. "The offset on the rear axle has to be at just the right spot in order to start the cart moving either forward or backward.

"I showed the cart to another friend who has a big corn maze and other forms of entertainment for families. She wanted us to make some go-carts for her corn maze. So this is what we came up with," says Miller.

"We offer a version for children and one for adults."

The child-size go-cart retails for \$309.95 plus S&H; the adult-size for \$429.95 plus S&H.

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