



Country EXTRA's MAILBOX MARKETPLACE

Classified ads in this section are \$4 per word. Boldface, all-capital words are \$5 each. Total circulation of newspapers carrying Country EXTRA is 1,300,000. Deadline for Feb. issue is Jan. 15; for March issue, Feb. 15. Mail your copy with payment to: Country EXTRA, Mailbox Marketplace, Box 643, Milwaukee WI 53201. NOTE: All these advertisements must carry a money-back guarantee.

FARMER/COUPLE WANTED, experienced, to operate small dairy farm. Housing, benefits. References. Valley View Farm, Route 1, Box 200, Ontario WI 54651. Phone 608/337-4495.

FAMILY FUN begins with "Pork & Beans" game. Shake "ham hock" dice—how they land determines whether you keep or lose your beans. Enjoyed by all ages, up to 10 players. \$4.95, plus \$1.25 postage/handling. Jillnick Co., Dept. 1, 2319 W. Glen Hills Ct., Glendale WI 53209.

LEE Jeans. Factory outlet work clothes, shoes. Bargains on new shirts (low as \$5.95), jackets, boots, gloves, coveralls. Send \$1 for Catalog. **SARA GLOVE CO.**, 16 Cherry Ave., Dept. C-145, Waterbury CT 06704.

ANTIQUE JOHN DEERE. . . 1/16-scale replica of the first tractor to bear the John Deere name. 5 1/2" long, 3" high, 4" wide. \$16.50 includes postage and guaranteed delivery. 100% money-back guarantee. Made by Ertl in U.S.A. Carmel Creatives, Dept. 1, 2026 Carmel Ave., Racine WI 53405.

PORK RECIPES. Over 130 farm-tested recipes in *Palate Pleasing Pork*. Breakfast ideas, sandwiches for lunch boxes, quick casseroles, main dishes and even desserts! Just \$3.95 plus 75¢ postage per book. C's Store, Dept. 1, 1518 Walnut St., So. Milwaukee WI 53172.

Are You Holding the Issue With This Month's...

"MYSTERY AD"??

TO ATTRACT more readership and add a little "country fun" to our Mailbox Marketplace section, we have inserted a "Mystery Ad" among these ads in one of the newspapers that carry Country EXTRA. If you find it, and are the first one to call Country EXTRA's offices in Milwaukee, you'll win a free dinner for four at the local restaurant of your choice!

As we prepared this issue of Country EXTRA for the 213 newspapers presently carrying these CX pages, we made a minor change in this page just before we mailed it to one of those newspapers.

Here's what we did: We took out a scheduled Marketplace ad in that one paper's copy of this page, and inserted an ad beginning with "LUCKY YOU. You've just found the Mystery Ad..." The ad gives our phone number and instructions on how to win. So, quick, take a look at the Marketplace ads on this page—you may be holding the newspaper that includes this month's Marketplace Mystery Ad!

PUZZLED PIG! 500-piece jigsaw is full-color photo of cute hog all set to be served dinner... at the table! \$8.95 includes postage and handling. Rayko, Dept. 1, 3659 W. College Ave., Milwaukee WI 53221.

Great looking calico in solid color cotton blend materials and fake fur. Send SASE for free price list and samples. Julia's Critters & Stuff, 9270 Chill-Lanc Rd., Amanda OH 43102.

NEW! Country Cross-Stitch book. Contains 22 easy-to-follow charts featuring farm and ranch animals, grains, vegetables, fruits. Full-size patterns; all projects in full color. \$4.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. 100% refund if not satisfied. Rayko, Dept. 1, 3659 W. College Ave., Milwaukee WI 53221.

LOWER CALORIES SALT FAT. Newsletter featuring recipes, menus, hints for lowering calories, salt, fat in everyday cooking. \$8.50, 6 issues. KAREL'S CUISINE, Box 47081, Wichita KS 67201.

REDUCE STRESS by reading *Farm & Ranch Living* magazine. Subscribers call it the most "cheerful" and "uplifting" magazine they receive. One farm subscriber says reading F&RL "reduces stress, and a subscription is cheaper than doctor bills!" 6-month trial subscription just \$5.98. Send to Farm & Ranch Living, Suite 234X, P.O. Box 572, Milwaukee WI 53201.

BORROW \$30,000 without interest! Free details! Infohouse-CX, 808 Post, San Francisco CA 94109.

BEAUTIFUL "COUNTRY SPECIAL" HARMONICA made in West Germany by Hohner. Includes instructions to have you blowing up a storm of country tunes in no time. Just \$9.95 plus \$1.00 for shipping and handling to C's Store, Dept. 1, 1518 Walnut St., So. Milwaukee WI 53172.

DRAFT HORSE ENTHUSIASTS will want to read *Horsepower*. This 260-page book includes visits with over 100 draft horse owners, who tell you how they train, work and love these powerful horses. Over 300 photos make this a one-of-a-kind gift to any horse lover. \$9.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. Guaranteed or money back. Jillnick Co., Dept. 1, 2319 W. Glen Hills Ct., Glendale WI 53209.

LEASE QUALITY DAIRY CATTLE: Various plans available. Call or write: Dairy Farm Leasing Company, 1700 DuPont Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55403. Phone: 612/377-1489.

WE'LL SEND YOUR MONEY BACK... if your next shower or party isn't best you've ever hosted. This book includes over 350 creative ideas for games, decorations, menus... plus full-size patterns for many decorating items. *Showers for Babies and Brides* is written with baby and bridal showers in mind, but rural folks everywhere have quickly adapted this book's party ideas for "all-occasion" get-togethers. \$7.95 plus \$1.00 postage/handling to: C's Store, Dept. 1, 1518 Walnut St., So. Milwaukee WI 53172.

LAUNDRY BAG—great for kids! Rugged 100% cotton canvas bag has color imprint on front which reads "Pig Up Dirty Duds—Deposit Here!" 19" x 27", cord slip-tie and heavy grommets. Just \$7.95, plus \$1.25 postage/handling. Carmel Creatives, Dept. 1, 2026 Carmel Ave., Racine WI 53405.

STUFFED ANIMALS for rural kids. "Emily" is a Holstein, 8 1/2" tall in plush black and white, \$11.95. "Lamby Lamb" is a huggable 6" natural-looking lamb with a "coat" that looks like real lamb's wool, \$7.95. Prices include postage. Jillnick Co., Dept. 1, 2319 W. Glen Hills Ct., Glendale WI 53209.

HONEY CANDY. Nutritious fruit bars combine honey, dried apricots and coconut. 12 1 1/4-oz. bars for \$6.95. Just right for lunch boxes. Naturally sweet, no sugar added. Add \$1.50 for postage and guaranteed delivery. Carmel Creatives, Dept. 1, 2026 Carmel Ave., Racine WI 53405.

SHOW BUSINESS—How to organize a successful Arts and Crafts Show. Send \$4.00 and LSASE for booklet to: Show Business, 300 Ross Lane, Belleville IL 62221.

'Mystery Ad' Calls...

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people called before 8 a.m., but we had to stick to the rules."

As regular CX readers know, the "Mystery Ad" specifies that the "first person to spot our 'Mystery Ad' and call CX's office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Central Standard Time" wins a free dinner for four.

"We really like all the interesting stories in Country EXTRA," Philip told us. "I particularly like the short, funny ones—they always add bright moments to my day."

Your day could be brightened with a free dinner for four if this month's "Mystery Ad" has been inserted in the newspaper you're now reading, and if you're the first person to call the CX editorial office after 8 a.m. Look through the classified ads in Mailbox Marketplace at left to see if we sneaked it into your paper this month.

He who laughs... lasts.



"Gee, Dad... you've got more homework than I do!"

A Fair Shake

ROGER DANA of Menasha, Wisconsin knows a farmer's daughter with quite a talent for dancing the rhumba. She told him she learned it on the farm when she was a little girl... seems she drove a tractor with a loose seat!

Beef Stew Wins Recipe Contest...

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sure to get compliments when you treat your family or friends to steaming bowls of this zesty stew.

As our recipe winner, Wanda receives our regular prize for CX recipe contest winners—\$150 worth of groceries! What's more, we've added extra prizes for each contest, thereby giving more contestants a chance to win! We're awarding a personalized "Best Cook in the Country" apron for the second-place winner, and a free cookbook from our Country Store division for each runner-up.

So, check the box below for details on how you can win \$150 worth of

groceries or one of the other prizes in our next recipe contest.

Janice E. James of Kirk, Colorado gets a personalized apron for placing second in the *Hearty Stews and Soups* contest with her recipe for "Janice's Hamburger Soup". We'll publish her recipe in February Country EXTRA, along with several excellent runner-up entries.

LOUISIANA BEEF STEW Wanda M. Boesel, Wapakoneta, Ohio

3 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon celery salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon ginger
3 pounds chuck, cut into 2-inch cubes
2 tablespoons shortening or bacon fat
1 1-pound can whole tomatoes
3 medium onions, sliced
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup molasses
3/4 cup water
6 carrots, cut into diagonal 1-inch pieces
1/2 cup raisins
6 potatoes, pared and quartered

Combine flour, salt, celery salt, garlic salt, pepper and ginger in small bowl. Toss beef cubes in mixture. Melt shortening in large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add beef cubes and brown. Add tomatoes, onions, vinegar, molasses and water. Bring to a boil over high heat; cover and simmer about 2 hours. Add carrots, raisins and potatoes; simmer 30 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Thicken gravy with a mixture of 1/4 cup flour and 3 tablespoons water. Makes 8 servings.

RECIPE CONTEST RULES

To enter your favorite recipe in CX's *Pasta Salads* contest, type or write your recipe clearly on one side of a sheet of paper or recipe card. You may enter more than one recipe, but please print your full name, address and phone number (including area code) on each recipe.

Please be specific with directions, measurements and sizes of cans, packages, cooking pots and baking dishes. Include a few words about your recipe's origin and why it's one of your favorites.

Send your recipe to "Best Cook in the Country Contest", Country EXTRA, Box 643, Milwaukee WI 53201. We must receive it by February 6 in order to consider it.

If duplicate recipes are received, the one with the earliest postmark will be the one considered.