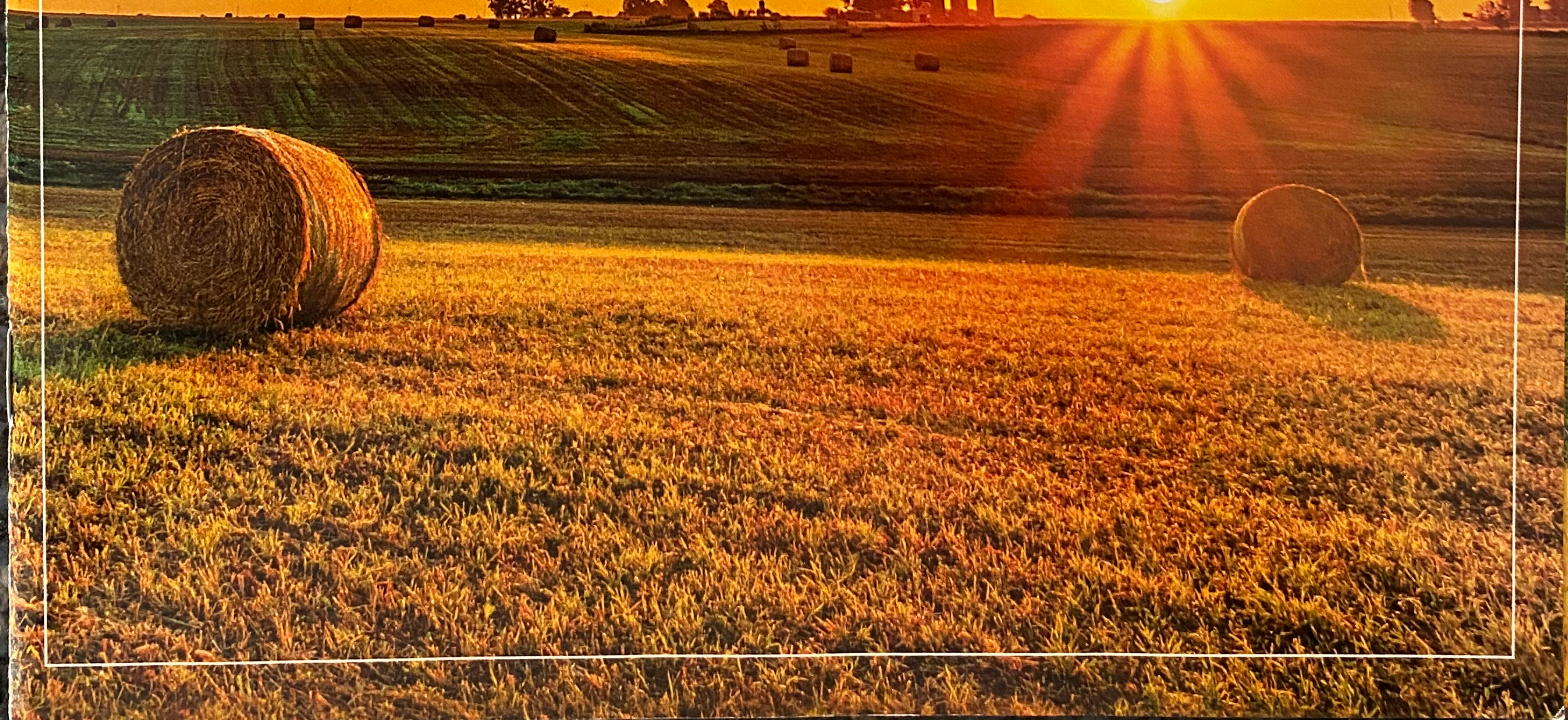


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# 2021 Photo Contest

## Tell Us Who Gets the Last Laugh

Vote for your favorite snapshot in the "Iowa Humor" category of our photo contest.

IF YOU haven't guessed by now, we like to have a little fun in each issue of *Our Iowa*. So it's only natural that "Iowa Humor" is one of the categories in our "Focus on Iowa Photo Contest".

Our staff enjoyed poring over the dozens of rib-tickers in this category, then selecting these six finalists. But now the serious job begins: We need you to vote for your favorite to determine the category winner.

There's a lot riding on that vote. For starters, the winner of this category will win dinner for four at his or her favorite restaurant, and *Our Iowa* will pick up the tab...including the tip!

Then, after all four category winners have been determined later this year, they will compete for the Grand Prize—a 2-day Mississippi River cruise for two aboard the *Riverboat Twilight*.



The leisurely cruise will take the winner and guest from the Quad Cities upriver to Dubuque and return the next day, taking in the spectacular sights of Ol' Man River along the way.

There'll be lots of Kodak moments!

We now have two category winners in the running for the Grand Prize. Last issue, readers voted "Just Like Grandpa" (above), entered by Nicole Meyer of Lytton, the winner in the "Iowa People" category. In our Feb/March issue, readers favored a sculpted farm field captured by Terri Dermody of Des Moines in the "Iowa Scenery" category.

### Here's How to Vote

Voting is easy, but it's open to subscribers only—and only one vote per subscriber is permitted.

To cast your vote via email, put "Vote Iowa Humor" in the subject line. Then, using the numbers printed on the photos, tell us "I vote for No \_\_\_\_." Email it to: [hotline@OurIowaMagazine.com](mailto:hotline@OurIowaMagazine.com).

Or you can mail your vote to: Focus on Iowa Photo Contest, Iowa Humor Category, *Our Iowa*, 1510 Buckeye Ave., Ames IA 50010.

Next issue, we'll announce the winner in the Iowa Humor category. And we'll give you an opportunity to vote in the "Corn-Fed Kids" category.

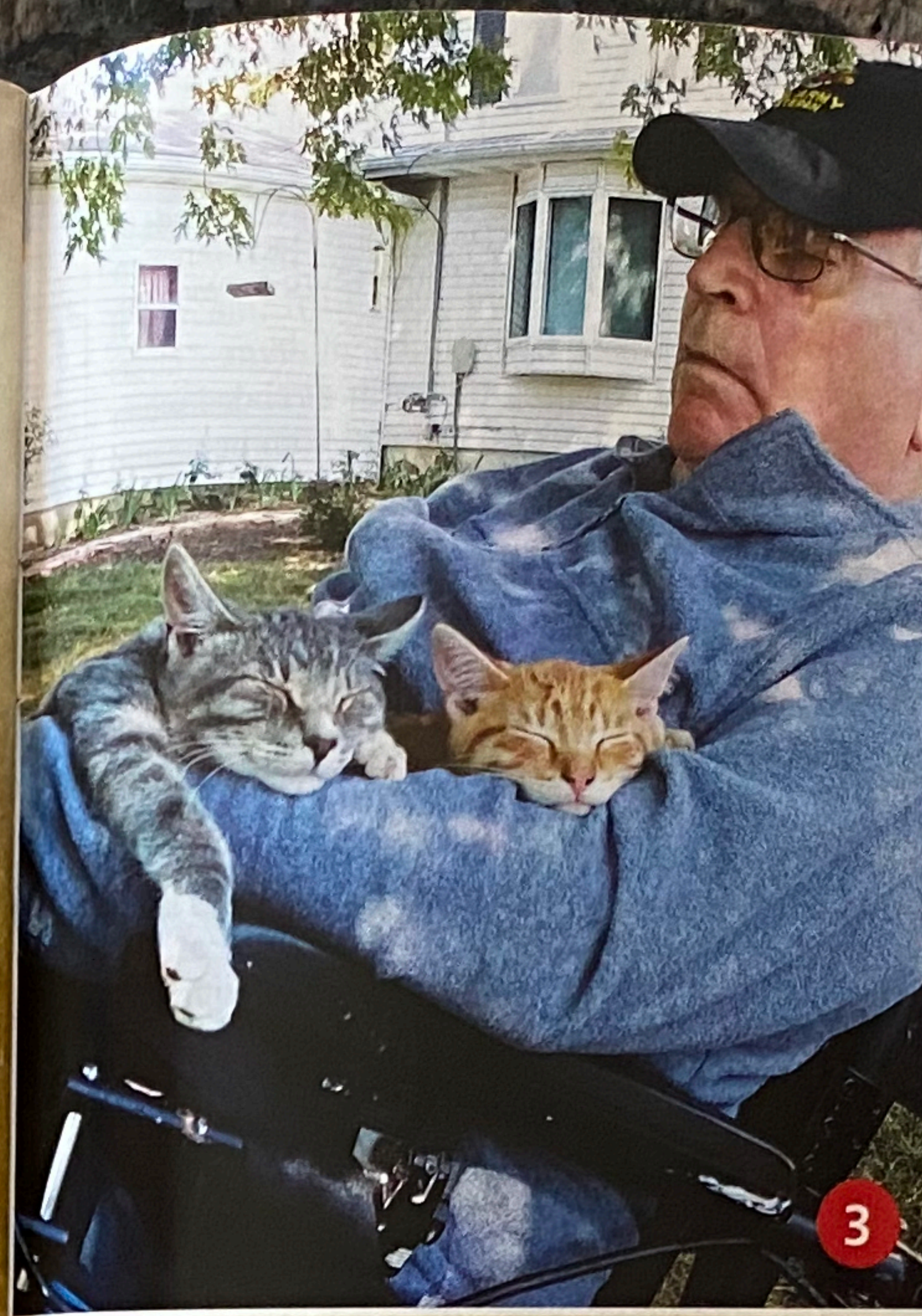
Meanwhile, good luck to these finalists! 🍷



**THIS WAS A TWIST!** "Burlington is known for the twists and turns of Snake Alley, but how about this sight on a slide in Crapo Park?" says Brian Abeling of West Des Moines. "I had to wait for a local raccoon to finish its turn."



**HOUSE DOG OR HORSE DOG?** Rescue dog "Pepper" is a fan of equines on this farm near De Witt. "Pepper was so timid when we first got her, but she opened up after she got acquainted with the horses," says Skylar Bloom. "Here, she is riding my horse 'Ringo'. She has a unique affection for our horses."

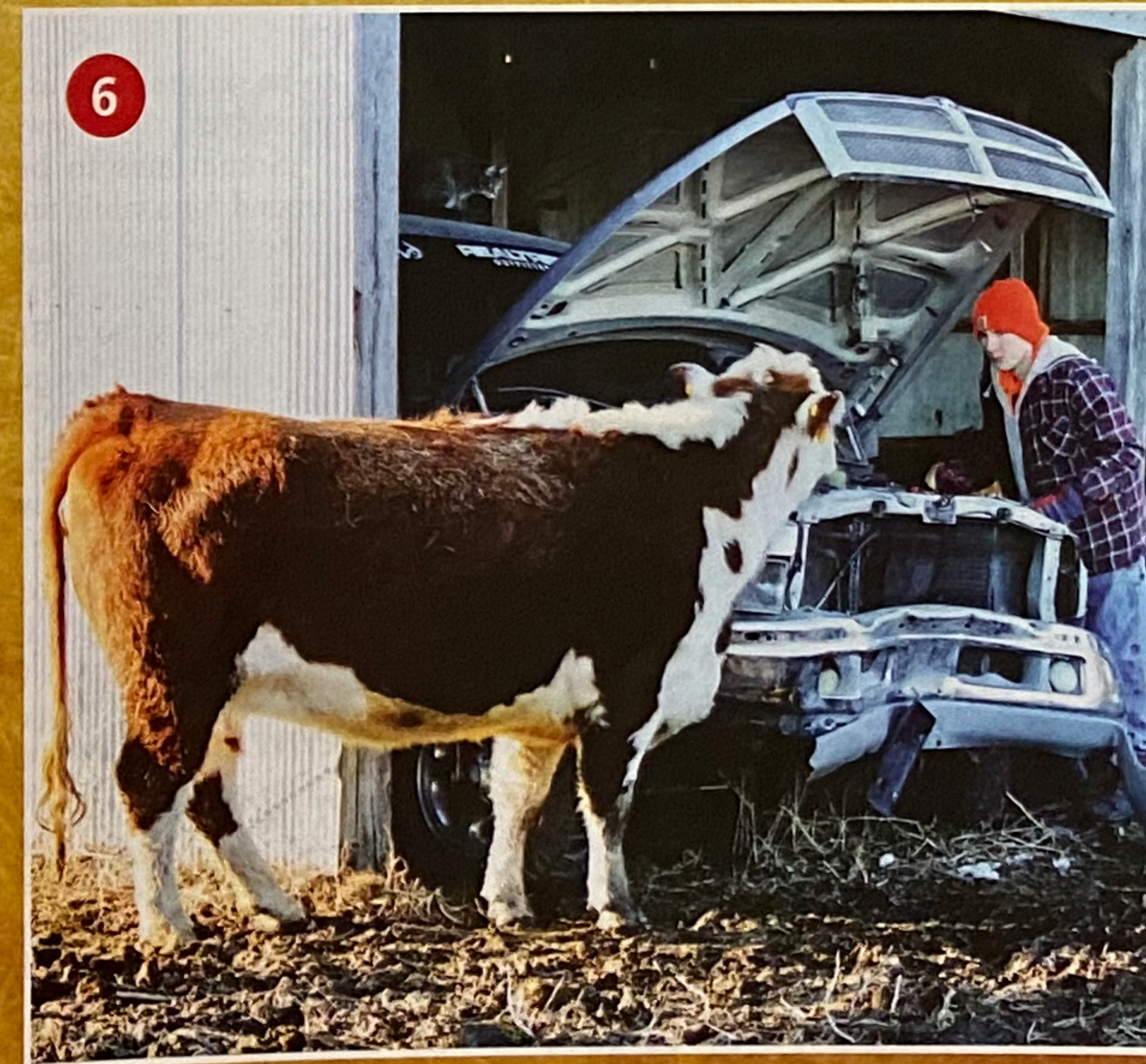


**TIME FOR CATNAPS.** There was no question Jim Smith was going to fall asleep this quiet day while sitting on his Griswold yard with cozy kittens on his lap. "We're retired farmers and we enjoy sitting outside counting our blessings," says Jim's wife, Joy. "Our kitties do too!"

**YOU CRACK ME UP, CHICKENS.** "We have backyard hens and roosters at our house," reports Katharine Vogel of Marshalltown. "My son Jase is a real jokester, and when I took this picture, he was testing some of his one-liners for the chickens to enjoy."



**LIFT WITH YOUR KNEES!** "We were at a farm on the edge of Boone to support a friend who was selling pumpkins to raise money for college," says Susan Souhrada of Madrid. "I looked over and saw my youngest son, Henry, trying to pick up a pumpkin that was testing his limits. He isn't afraid to go after what he wants!"



**CALL THE MOO-CHANIC.** "My son Daniel was working on his pick-up-in-progress in one of our farm sheds when this curious Hereford decided to come give him a hand," notes Sharon Wilhite of Russell. "She kept coming closer, and Daniel thought she might stick her head all the way under the hood and give him some 'moo-ch' needed advice!"