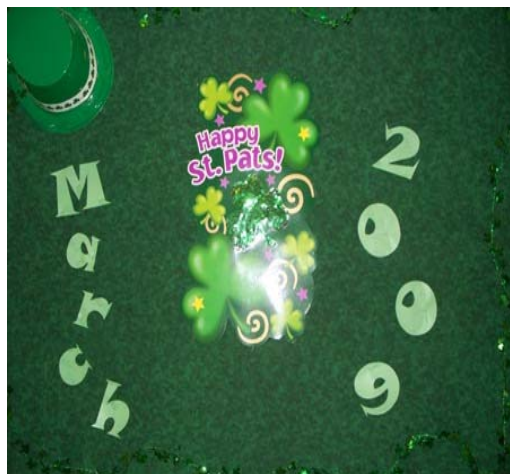


# Resident's Digest

IN HOME JOURNAL



## MILLIGAN MARTINSON MARLEY MCGRAW BY ERIC ODE

The tiniest cowboy the world ever saw  
was Mulligan Martinson Marley McGraw.  
He bathed in a teacup and rode on a rat  
and wore very proudly a mighty small hat.

Now, Mulligan fancied a life on the range,  
but townfolk considered him silly and strange.  
They called him a dreamer, a fool, and a clown.  
“You’re simply too small,” said the people  
in town.

“You can’t brand a steer or deliver a calf.  
You can’t mend a fence,” said the folks  
with a laugh.  
They sneered at the way he would yodel  
and sing.  
They scoffed at the lasso he made out of  
string.

But Mulligan said as he stuck out his chin,  
“A winner don’t quit, and a quitter don’t  
win.  
You say what you will—I don’t care about  
that.  
A cowboy is more than the size of his hat.”

And so life continued, as life often does,  
till early one morning the streets were  
abuzz.  
And people were panicking uphill and  
down  
with news that the prairie dogs moved into  
town.

They came without warning, three  
thousand or more,  
invading the homes and the general store.  
They slipped into socks and the pockets of  
suits.  
They squeezed into boxes and barrels and  
boots.

They slept under tables. They crept under  
chairs.  
They filled all the benches and stables and  
stairs.  
And no one in town seemed to know how  
to cope.

Those critters were simply too tiny to  
rope.

The sheriff then shouted, “We’ll seek and  
we’ll search.  
We’ll clean out the barns and the school  
and the church.  
We’ll round up them varmints. We’ll get  
the job done!”  
The folks tried their darndest, but caught  
not a one.

But Mulligan Martinson said with a grin,  
“A winner don’t quit, and a quitter don’t  
win.  
As sure as a hound dog is riddled with  
fleas,  
I’ll round up them critters as quick as you  
please.”

The townspeople chuckled but said not a  
word  
as Mulligan left for that prairie dog herd.  
His boots in the stirrups, his string at his  
side,  
he guided his rat through the streets far  
and wide.

He rode through the houses, the bank, and  
the jail,  
and lassoed them dogs by the tip of the  
tail.  
Then one to the next, like the cars of a  
train,  
he built him a seven-mile prairie-dog  
chain.

The people applauded. They shouted and  
cheered  
as into the sunset that herd disappeared.  
But that was the last that the town ever  
saw  
of Mulligan Martinson Marley McGraw.

The folks like to say that he’s still on the  
plains.  
He’s guiding that herd with his hands on  
the reins.  
He left us a lesson—no doubt about that:  
A cowboy is more than the size of his hat.

## Thank You

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**For your hard work on  
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Patrick's Day  
decorations!**



**Barbie Turns 50!**

Barbie Millicent Roberts made her first appearance in public on March 9, 1959 at the New York Toy Fair. Her first look was intended to mirror the sophisticated glamour of 1950s stars like Marilyn Monroe and Rita Hayworth: high arched brows, pursed red lips, a sassy pony tail with curly bangs and a coy, sideways glance. Accessories to her black and white bathing suit were sold separately, priced from \$1 to \$5; initially, she came with either blonde or brunette hair. -*Time Magazine*

**This Week's Activities**

- Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 Five Alive
  - 9:30 Nails & Tales
  - 1:30 Games
  - 2:30 History Today
  - 4:00 Reach for the Sky
- Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 Five Alive
  - 10:00 Bingo
  - 11:45 Sing Along
  - 1:30 Games
  - 2:30 CCH Social Club
  - 4:00 Resident Council
- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 Beacon
  - 10:00 Devotional
  - 2:00 Popcorn & a Movie
  - 4:00 You Can Do It!
- Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 Five Alive
  - 10:00 Bingo
  - 11:45 Comedy Club
  - 1:30 Games
  - 2:30 Arts & Crafts
  - 4:00 What Would You Do?
- Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 Five Alive
  - 10:00 Bingo
  - 1:30 Games
  - 2:00 One Hour Country Store
  - 4:00 Let's Play Ball
- Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 10:30 Coffee Conversation
  - 3:30 Movie
- Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 Worship
  - 2:00 Movie

**Weekly Devotional**

He Awards Us

The Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Psalm 84:11

Live your life well and love without question. God awards us when we let him show through us. Your sincerity won't go unnoticed in His eyes.

Weather Compliments of: Weather.com		High / Low (°F)	Precipitation %
Mon Mar 09	Mostly Cloudy	76°/54°	10 %
Tue Mar 10	Partly Cloudy	65°/33°	10 %
Wed Mar 11	Mostly Sunny	49°/33°	10 %
Thu Mar 12	Partly Cloudy	56°/34°	10 %
Fri Mar 13	Mostly Sunny	58°/35°	10 %
Sat Mar 14	Partly Cloudy	60°/38°	0 %
Sun Mar 15	Partly Cloudy	67°/41°	10 %