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Why Do We Shop Where We Do?

Why do we shop where we do, in certain stores no matter what? And why do we go out of our way to avoid shopping in other places, despite convenience? The other day, the Accidental Locavore was in Quattro's the butcher up in the country (they also do the Union Square [Greenmarket](#) on Saturdays). I shop there because the butchers working there have taught me a lot about meat, choosing it and cooking it, and Paul, the most recent butcher, makes an amazing Italian sandwich, discovered by accident.



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Cook-Along: Recipe for Pork Chops and Scalloped Potatoes Casserole



Pork chops with scalloped potatoes in a casserole, how bad could that be? This week's Cook-Along recipe is adapted from *The NewBasics Cookbook*, by Julee Rosso & Sheila Lukins (of Silver Palate fame). The Accidental Locavore had a few lovely local pork chops and was looking for something new to do with them, since I revert to the [pork chops with mustard and cornichons](#) so often, this seemed like a good use for the chops and the end of farmer Paul's great potatoes.

As the book says, "this is hearty winter fare"

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Blogging Boomers Carnival 191!

This week something we can all relate to: which is your favorite Girl Scout cookie (like there's anything beyond thin mints?), and more...

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