



# You Ask, You Answer

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**DAUPHIN (Dauphin Co.)** — Carmen Healis of Carsonville and Tom Williams of Middletown have each served 20 years as volunteers for Penn State Cooperative Extension's 4-H Program in Dauphin County.

They were recognized at the annual 4-H Achievement Night held recently at the Dauphin County Ag and Natural Resources Center.

Healis began volunteering as a leader in 1976 with the Upper Dauphin 4-H Horse and Pony Club which later became the River Valley Riders 4-H Club. She still serves as a leader of that club. Williams was a longtime leader for the Lower Dauphin 4-H Dairy Club, and serves on the Dauphin County 4-H Program Development Committee.

More than 100 4-H volunteers were recognized for their involvement in the Dauphin County 4-H Program. In addition, more than 150 youth were recognized for their 4-H achievements during the year.

**ANSWER** — In answer to Clark Whiteleather, who wonders where to buy bittersweet vine, Anna Newswanger writes that the vines are available from Gurney's Seed and Nursery Co., 110 Capitol Street, Yankton, South Dakota 57079. She also has the answer to where to find a fake pie dough recipe, a question posed by M. Burkholder of Ephrata: in the Sept.-Oct. issue of the Country Woman.

**ANSWER** — A reader writes to answer Helen Phillips of Camden, N.Y. about where to buy a few crates of heavy chickens or roosters. There's a poultry and small animal sale at Root's Country Market and Auction every Tuesday night. The address is 705 Graystone Road, Manheim, Pa. 17545, phone 717-898-0755 or 336-2560. If they can't help, they might be able to suggest some of their New York dealers.

**ANSWER** — The same reader who knew where to buy the chickens and roosters knows how to remove rust from an iron skillet and how to keep it from reappearing when not in use, a question posed by Rose Diehl of Bloomsburg. Use steel wool, not soap at least 5-10 minutes. Rinse with very hot water and repeat if necessary. Hang to dry completely. After 20 minutes spray with cooking spray. The reader also uses a copper pot and pan brush she gets in the grocery stores.

**ANSWER** — Scott Sheffer responded to Charles Mason of West Decatur who wanted to know who manufactures expansion tanks for hot water heater. Sheffer says to contact Amtrol, West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893. He says that his was purchased at York Corrugating Plumbing Supply in Shrewsbury, Pa. Their phone number is 717-235-4733.

**ANSWER** — C. Robert Holmes, Sr., writes about one reader's problem with windows that have excess moisture. He says that as a contractor and remodeler he never saw this problem until last year when one of his customers complained about the problem after he installed vinyl replacement windows in her home, which was built in 1956. Holmes has had a representative from the window company and one from the lumber company where he purchased them. They have tried various ways to correct the problem by using a better grade of caulking, then a vented soffit and recently a vent in the ridge of her roof.

The condensation runs down the windows, and even her walls are now mildewing in some places. Apparently this customer has the problem throughout the year only worse in winter. She heats her house with forced hot air.

Holmes has also contacted a Penn State Extension agent, who is also puzzled. Holmes has questions for the woman who asks the question in You Ask, You Answer and requests that she contact him: C. Robert Holmes, Jr., 291 Mitchell Road, Airville, Pa. 17302, or by calling him and leaving a message if necessary at 717-382-4169.

Another reader responded about the problem of condensation. Her home, too, had this problem. She says the likely cause is either the house is too airtight and/or woodburning stove is drawing moisture out of wood stored in the basement. This moisture goes into the air, and due to airtightness in the house, it has nowhere to go. She also says the moisture problem in her house was on the second floor ceilings and first and second floor windows, where moisture met the coldest air.

For a solution, she says to vent the house. At her house they drilled small holes in the frames of wooden storm windows. They also learned that if storm windows were not put on the second floor windows, the moisture is able to vent there too.

She adds that airtight homes and woodburning stoves don't work well together. The stove needs air circulation to burn efficiently. However, with some adaptations, you can solve the moisture problem. Venting the moisture may cause you to have to burn more wood.

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