

Organ And Tissue Donor Month

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - The Pennsylvania House of Representatives has adopted a resolution designating April as "Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, announced Rep. Sheila Miller (R-Berks).

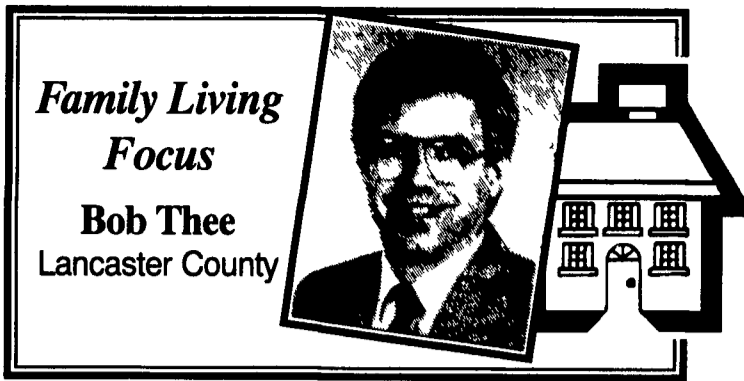
"Pennsylvania has 14 transplant centers and is recognized as a world leader in organ and tissue transplantation," said Miller.

Miller added that it is estimated that more than 55,000 people are waiting for organ transplants in the United

States.

"Organ and tissue donations save lives," said Miller. "I am pleased to support this resolution in the House's efforts to raise awareness of organ donation."

Pennsylvania law enables citizens to donate their organs and tissues through written statements and also allows relatives to consent to the donation of organs and tissues of a deceased family member. Pennsylvania residents also can designate themselves as organ donors on their driver's license.



When Should You Fix The Leaky Roof?

There's the old story about the fellow whose house has a leak in the roof. When it wasn't raining, it didn't need to be fixed. When it was raining, he couldn't get out to fix it. Homeowner's insurance is sort of like that. When there is no windstorm, you really don't need it. But after the storm, it's too late.

What can you do to minimize losses? First, be sure you are adequately insured. Second, be sure you can document your claim in case of a loss. And third, be careful who you hire to repair the damage.

The basic principle behind insurance is that in purchasing a policy, you are accepting the certainty of a small loss, in the form of a premium, in exchange for the protection against an uncertain large loss. This is the time of year when those large losses to your home may occur as a result of high winds, a tornado or flooding.

Home insurance coverage varies depending on the type of policy you have and where you live. Windstorms are usually covered in even the most basic home insurance policies. But there are two perils that no regular home insurance policy will cover: floods and earthquakes.

Flooding is second only to fire as the most common and widespread natural disaster. The National Flood Insurance Program, administered through the Federal Emergency Management Administration

(FEMA), is usually available through your regular insurance agent.

Earthquake insurance is most important in places like California and those states in the New Madrid Fault (Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas). But parts of eastern Pennsylvania are also prone to earthquakes.

The second part of minimizing your losses is have an inventory of your personal property. Not only does it provide better verification for losses reported to your insurance company, but it will be less likely that you have overlooked something if you're relying only on your memory.

Start your inventory by taking photographs using a still or video camera. Begin with one wall and systematically go around the room taking as many pictures as necessary to capture everything. Overlap one photo with another so nothing will be missed. If using a video camera, slowly pan around the room. For special items, take close up shots. Be sure to open drawers and closet doors so that you have a record of the contents. This is not the time to be embarrassed about it if everything is not neat as you would wish it to be.

A written record is also essential. On the back of the photograph, in an inventory booklet, or on your computer, record the serial and model numbers of appliances and household equipment, the purchase price and date, and the approximate replacement cost.



This column is for readers who have questions but don't know who to ask for answers.

"You Ask—You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and Answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask—You Answer, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

Do not send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. If we receive the answer, we will publish it as soon as possible. Please include your phone number because we sometimes need to contact the person to clarify details. We will not publish your phone number unless you request it.

QUESTION — Shirley Smith, Linden, wants a pattern for an oval crocheted pineapple tablecloth.

QUESTION — Dale Newcomer, Dover, wants to know where he can purchase belt dressing in a solid stick form. Call him at (717) 292-1814.

QUESTION — Ken Hearn of Spring Mills is looking for used skid loader tracks for parts, must be Loegering 12-inch 814-364-1017.

QUESTION — Perry A. Hilbert, Cleona, writes that he is almost 70 years old and remembers that seeing adults rub their cheeks against a baby or very young person and saying, "Aye, Aye," as a form of affection. Does anyone know the origin or history of this practice? Is it Pennsylvania German?

QUESTION — S. Schiaroli, Reading, would like to know where to purchase a new helmet liner, the type used inside the army metal helmet of World War II.

QUESTION — Vera Sloop, Landisburg, would like information on where to buy strainer parts for a galvanized watering can.

QUESTION — A collector from Wellsboro would like to purchase Montgomery County antlerless deer licenses from the years 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1955. Call (717) 724-3482.

QUESTION — A Honesdale reader wants to know if anyone knows where you can buy Denim Days kids' figurines.

QUESTION — R. Fleckenstein, Woodstown, N.J., wants information on a double barrel Paragon Model CS 12 gauge shot gun that he has. How old is it and its value?

QUESTION — Ruth Erb, Beavertown, would like to know since she is allergic to most pesticides, a natural way to get rid of either carpenter ants or termites in her basement. She heard of spreading Borax around, but how and where do you put it? She also heard that burning a sulphur candle in a bucket of water is effective, but that the fumes are poisonous and leaves a residue.

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Indian Steps Museum Opens

YORK (York Co.) - Indian Steps Museum will open April 16, Thursday through Sunday and holidays. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday and holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Group tours at other times by special arrangement. Call (717)862-3948 when museum is open or (717)993-3392 at other times.

The Conservation Society of York County is celebrating its 75th anniversary, having formed in 1924. They have published "75 Years of Conservation: The Story of the Conservation Society of York County" which can be purchased at a cost of \$7.95. This will be available at the museum or call (717)764-4318 or (717)755-3777.

Ealora Holland, special events chairperson, has announced plans for the summer season. An 18th Century encampment will be held on the grounds June 21. Also upcoming will be the ever popular Indian Festival to be held September 26 and 27. A new event will be a Children's Day program on July 19, with many activities for the younger set. A special program to be held this year is "Christmas at Indian Steps Museum," to be held week-ends of December 12 and 13 and December 19 and 20.

The museum will be decorated inside and outside for the holiday season with many holiday treasures to be purchased.

The Conservation Society's other facilities are also open to the public by appointment. These are Wills School on Route 124 in Delroy and the Bonham Wake Robin Wildlife Sanctuary, 101 Spencer Road, Airville. These places are also open for group tours. Wills School is an ideal place for elementary school

There are two more things you need to do after completing your personal property inventory. Store a copy of the inventory, a copy of your insurance policy and receipts from major furniture and appliances in a safe place such as a safe deposit box. Keep a copy in your house, however, so you can update it at least every two years. The review your coverage with your insurance agent.

The third part in preventing a loss comes after the disaster. Unfortunately, con artists from across the country may descend upon a community where a disaster has struck.

Keep in mind that all electrical and plumbing work should be performed by a licensed and experienced worker. Uninsured workers may sue you if they are injured on your property. Unskilled workers may cause additional damage and cost you more by doing the work improperly.

Qualified repairmen may be in short supply after a disaster, but you should still shop around. Avoid the door-to-door or pick-up truck repairman. Insist on a contract that spells out the contractor's name, business name, phone number and address, description of the work to be completed, grade and quality of materials to be used, starting and completion dates, total cost, payment schedule, warranty limits and the contractor's signature.

If in doubt, check with the Better Business Bureau or the Attorney General's office. Make the first payment when the contract is accepted and the final payment only after the work is satisfactorily completed.

Nobody expects to be a victim of disaster. Having proper coverage from your homeowner's insurance and personal property inventory won't prevent a disaster, but they can give you some peace of mind and expedite the recovery process. The time to fix the leaky roof is now.

The sanctuary is used many times for group picnics. Contact Wills School at (717)755-7277 and the Sanctuary at (717)862-3872.

All of the above events are free to the public and there is no charge to any of the other facilities. However, donations are greatly appreciated.

For additional information call the museum during open hours or Ealora Holland at (717)755-3777.

Hershey Gardens Bloom

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) - This is an exciting year for Hershey Gardens. The daffodils planted last fall are already starting to bloom, the rose garden is expected to reach peak bloom in early- to mid-June, and planning for the third annual Gardenfest has already begun.

Plan to visit during the 1998 season and see many new developments in the Gardens. A generous brick donation was installed as a new walkway radiating from the gazebo, and other new walkways extend to create a continuous path around the Gardens. The Japanese Pond has a new observation deck, and the decorative boulders were rearranged. The most

exciting new addition to the Gardens is the butterfly House, the first permanent structural addition to Hershey Gardens since Milton Hershey built the Gardens in the 1930's. The Butterfly House officially opens June 20.

Hershey Gardens is open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. from April 11 through October 31, Memorial Day through Labor Day evening hours until 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Admission to Hershey Gardens is: \$5 adults, \$4.25 seniors, \$2.50 youths (ages 3-15), children under 3 are free. For more information, call (717)534-3492.