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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.

Or, you may e-mail questions and answers to lgood.eph@lnpnews.com

Please clarify what question you are answering when responding.

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 — Pat Sweetman writes that she had twin grandchildren born the week of July 15. Due to the difficult delivery, she was concerned with her daughter's health and forgot to buy newspapers and magazines to preserve for the twins when they are older. If anyone has newspapers and magazines from that week, she will gladly pay for the postage to have them mailed to 2595 Rehmyer Hollow Rd., Stewartstown, PA 17363-8940.

QUESTION — A Kutztown reader wants to buy a good gas tank for a 1969 VW Camper bus. Contact Tim Cherrington, 5 Deer Run Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530.

QUESTION — Mary Ann Martin, Denver, writes that a school needs 12 copies of "New Songs of Inspiration," Vol. 11 Song Books. The book is deep red with gold lettering.

QUESTION — Lee Laverty, Dover, N.J., writes that when her children were small, she make a dough out flour, salt, and some other ingredients, which were cut into shapes and painted for Christmas tree decorations. She lost the recipe and asks if anyone could share it.

QUESTION — Mrs. Amos S. Kauffman wants to know if anyone has an abundance of Correlle dishes to sell. She would like to have four to eight cups and saucers plus some other pieces. Contact her at 1860 Cambridge Rd., Honey Brook, PA 19344.

QUESTION — Cathy Strine, Dover, wants information and history on a Cambridge 4-harness loom made by Reed Loom Co., Springfield, Ohio. When the loom was purchased, it was not fully assembled.

QUESTION — A reader wants an old-fashioned hoe with five prongs (7½-inches) shaped like a fork, but rounded at the top at handle and used like a hoe. Although a newer version is available in stores, she prefers the older model. Contact her at 1860 Cambridge Rd., Honey Brook, PA 19344

QUESTION — A reader would like to buy used 2-quart canning jars. Call (717) 859-2802.

QUESTION Mrs. Amos S. Kauffman wants to sell an almost complete set of Pfalzgraff with tan and dark brown colors. She has the canister set and lots of other pieces in very good condition. She prefers not to split the set. If interested, call (610) 273-2075.

QUESTION — A reader is in need of several Fuller Brush items and wants to know if a dealer near Lancaster city would call at (717) 898-4683.

QUESTION — A reader wants to make kitty and doggie draft guards to keep air from creeping beneath the doors and asks what is put inside to give the form weight?

QUESTION — Dennis Dempsey, Royersford, wants to know where to find a manual for an early 1950s Farmall H tractor or a copy of the same.

QUESTION — Art Burt wants a manual for a Mighty Mac tiller with a 7 horsepower engine.

QUESTION — Diane Morris wants to know if anyone has a quern or a hand-powered corn mill. Please call her at (610) 498-2271.

QUESTION — Bruce Middlekauff, Bel Aire, Md., is looking for a 1920s' or 1930s' cast iron bird bath approximately 3 or 5 feet in diameter. Bruce is willing to pay a good price. Call him collect at (410) 879-8039.

QUESTION — J. Good, 5624 Div. Hwy., Narvon, Pa., has an older type (Model 3c) Kitchen-aid mixer in working condition. The bowl broke and he would like to replace the bowl or offer the mixer to someone who has a bowl at a reasonable price.

QUESTION — A Christiana reader would like to know where to purchase home canned black raspberry juice.

QUESTION — A reader from Myerstown would like information on a Lion Pittsburgh water heater, patented Oct. 1, 1907, type F14. It was found in a house she purchased. The heater has pipe coils on the inside and a burner on the bottom. How was it used?

QUESTION — A reader writes that she and many other seamstresses often have difficulty discerning the right and wrong sides of fabric. She wants to know if the holes along the edge of the fabric are punched from the right or wrong side or if that varies and is not a clear indicator.

QUESTION — A lady from Blain would like to know where she could buy a pulpit Bible cover 10x13x3-inch.

QUESTION — Mrs. Robert Lowe, Shermans Dale, wants the music and words to the song: "Eleven more months and 10 more days, I'll be out of this calaboose." She writes that this is a very old song that an older gentleman used to sing.

QUESTION — Jonas Beiler Jr., New Holland, would like information on raising nightcrawlers for fishing bait.

QUESTION — A reader wants to find a copy of Larry Benoit's book, "How To Bag The Biggest Buck of Your Life." He also would like to find wooden molding planes made by E.W. Carpenter, Lancaster.

QUESTION — Stan Szczepanek, Boyertown, wants information about brooding chickens using a coal-fired brooder. He wants to know what time of the year to do this, how often the fire needs to be fed, etc. He's also looking for a pamphlet describing the use of a Eureka Colony Brooder.

QUESTION — A Shippensburg reader wants a pattern and instructions to sew a winter hooded parka in either men's small or ladies' medium.

QUESTION — Michael Hopkins Jr. would like to know where he could purchase styrofoam egg cartons in jumbo and super jumbo sizes. He prefers a Pennsylvania source.

QUESTION — Dale Burkhardt is looking for a lard can lid with the printing: Henry Burkhardt Packing Co. Pure Lard 50 lb. Dayton, Ohio. Anyone have one they'd like to sell?

QUESTION — A Schuylkill County reader wants to know if anyone knows the value of an antique dress form from the early 1900s. It is a press-and-shape to the form you want to fit. Any idea of a fair price?

QUESTION — I. Wenger wants to purchase the following three books, but he sent no address. The books are "More All-Of-A-Kind Family" and "All-Of-A-Kind Family Uptown" by Sydney Taylor; and "The Four-Story Mistake" by Elizabeth Enright.

QUESTION — E. Sheetz, Fleetwood, wants to know how to repair a burn mark on a leather table top or the name of a professional service that can fix it.

QUESTION — M. High wants to know if there's anything that will remove black spots off an iron spatula, which accidentally burned in a trash fire. The spatula was her mother's wedding present.

QUESTION — Robin Baummer needs someone to repair a braided rug with a 10x10-inch section missing. She prefers someone from the

York or Adams County area.

QUESTION — G. Sweltzer wants to know what chemicals to use for treating wood damaged/infested by Eastern Subterranean Termites. Also, what chemicals are used outside the house and where can they be purchased?

ANSWER — L. Gingrich, Mercersburg, requested a copy of the book "Up the Conestoga" by Issac Horst. Thanks to Anita Moyer, who writes that she has one in very good condition. Write to her at 650 Christmas Village Rd., Bernville, PA 19506.

ANSWER — Cliff Moyer, 183 N. Main St., Dublin, PA 18917, writes that he has information on restoring and original paint for an old McCormick requested by a reader. He also has color copies of a mower copied from a hard-cover sales book No. 20 - not dated.

ANSWER — Mike Kramer, Quakertown, needed parts for a Van Wert model VA1500 coal stoker. Thanks to Joseph Rosenbaum, Douglassville, for writing that the parts are available from Mark Supply, 230 S. Main St., Shennoloh, PA. Call (717) 462-0748.

ANSWER — Eva Mae Oberholtzer, Ephrata, wanted a recipe for making goat soap. Thanks to Melissa Orr, Martinsburg, W.Va., who sent the recipe she uses to make goat soap to sell at their roadside stand. She writes that gets many compliments for the recipe that she adapted.

Goat Milk Soap

2½ pounds cold, distilled water (does not need to be refrigerated)

473 grams sodium hydroxide

4 pounds olive oil

2 pounds 8 ounces coconut oil

1 pound 8 ounces palm oil

30 grams grapefruit seed extract (natural preservative), optional

Add:

4-ounces mineral oil

2-ounces lanolin

½ pound shea butter

4 pound cold goats milk

40-50 grams pure essential oil

3-ounces glycerine

5 drops Carnation absolute

1-ounce almond perfume oil

Set up work area and equipment.

Line mold with heavy duty waxed freezer paper. Be sure to miter corners and flatten paper against sides of the box. Use masking tape to secure the paper to the box without waves and wrinkles.

Measure out essential oil, preservatives, and other ingredients; set aside.

Put on goggles and gloves. Weigh out sodium hydroxide and set aside.

Set the 2-quart glass container on the scale and add the distilled water; remove from scale. Carefully add sodium hydroxide while stirring briskly with a rubber spatula. The fumes will overwhelm you after 10 seconds, so hold your breath while stirring, and then leave room for fresh air. Return after 2-3 minutes to finish dissolving the sodium hydroxide. The reaction will heat the lye solution to more than 200 degrees, so set the bowl aside in a safe place to cool down to 80 degrees.

While the sodium hydroxide solution cools, begin mixing the oils. Set the soap making pan on the scale and add the olive oil. Set the 3-quart saucepan on the scale and add the coconut and palm oils. Place saucepan over low heat until most of the solid pieces of the oils have melted. The few remaining chunks will melt from the heat within the pan. Pour the heated oils into the olive oil. Should you choose to use natural preservatives, add the grapefruit seed extract and the tocopherol to the warm fats and oils, mixing thoroughly. Let the oils cool to 80 degrees.

As lye approaches 80 degrees, heat goat milk to 80 degrees. The oils need to be 80 degrees also.

Add the lye to the goats milk, slowly, stirring vigorously.

Slowly, drizzle lye and goat milk into oils, stirring vigorously.

Do not beat or whip. Next add essential oils and mix thoroughly. Quickly pour the soap into the frame.

Cover the frame and leave undisturbed for 18-24 hours. Uncover and set away from drafts for 1-7 days. Cut into bars before they harden completely. Lay soap in a single layer on brown paper to curl. Allow to cure 4-6 weeks, turning occasionally. Wrap in breathable material.