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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 — Anna Bryan, Oxford, N.J., wants to know where to buy an insert for a ceramic teapot to put tea into it. She recalls seeing a ceramic insert but doesn't know if you can buy it separately or if it comes with an entire teapot set. Anna has her mom's and grandma's teapots, that are sort of round and not too big.

QUESTION — Roberta Goldsbough, York, is looking for an old type of mountain pie maker used in camping. The type wanted is round and the pies look tier shaped when cooked, not the smooth round ones. Call her at (717) 755-8865.

QUESTION — Roberta Goldsbough, York, has old Golden books to sell. Call (717) 755-8865.

QUESTION — A reader wants a set of Flexi blocks to complete a set for her son. The blocks are similar to Lego bricks. Call (717) 656-8549.

QUESTION — A Manheim reader wants to know what is wrong when morning glories produce leaves but do not bloom.

QUESTION A reader has a wooden chest that belonged to her husband's grandmother who had mothballs in it. The reader sanded the interior and set it in the sun, but has not been able to eliminate the mothball odor. Anyone know how to rid the smell from the wood?

QUESTION — Gregory Badger, 3835 Hallam Ave. Collegeville, PA, wants to buy a large size T-shirt with the graphics and cartoons depicting River Rats, a good-natured group of people who enjoy water sports in the Harrisburg area. He writes that the shirts are colorful and fun to look at.

QUESTION — A reader from Loysville wants to know how older generations dug hand wells and walled them up with stones.

QUESTION — Mrs. Nolt, Leola, wants back issues of Organic Gardening magazines. Please call her at (717) 656-2530.

QUESTION — Ruth Novinger, Millersburg, writes that she has been searching for the following items for a long time. Perhaps readers can help her find the following items: A metal jar filler that has two strainers and funnel that can be attached and exchanged on the bottom of the filler with a metal screw band. Lids to fit pickle jars purchased at grocery stores. Handles for Wearever cooking pots. She has been using the cookware since 1947 and they are still great but need new handles, which are curved and fastened with two screws.

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 — 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 — 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) Kitchenaid 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 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. Sweitzer 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 — For the reader who wanted to know of a Fuller Brush dealer near Lancaster City and for Stanley Home Products, contact Miriam Ruhl, 1143 Greentree Ext., Mount Joy, PA 17552 or call (717) 653-4416.

ANSWER — For the reader who wanted information on using goat milk to make soap and cheese, Michelle Good, Beavertown, recommends "Caprine Cooking" and "Goats Produce Too," by Mary Jane Toth, 2833 N. Lewis Rd., Coleman, MI 48618. Phone (517) 465-1982.

On soap making without animal fats, Michelle recommends "The Natural Soap Book," by Susan Miller Cavitch. Michelle uses the recipe for shampoo bars and her whole family loves them. Soap supplies are available from Rainbow Meadows 1-800-207-4047.

Here is a soap recipe Michelle uses.
Basic Goat Milk Soap
6 pounds lard
12-ounce can lye (Red Devil brand-be careful the new plastic containers contain more than 12 ounces)
2 cups goat milk (not cold)
3 cups cool water
Place the milk and water into a large stainless steel or enamel container (I do this outside) slowly stir in the lye, don't breathe the fumes.

(I stir with a large rubber spatula, the lye will eat wooden spoons). The mixture gets very hot. Cool to 75 degrees. Warm the lard to 85 degrees. Very slowly pour warmed lard into lye mixture. Stir mixture until it reaches the consistency of honey or "traces," about 30 minutes. Add essential oils last.

Pour into molds greased with Vaseline. (I like to use plastic shoeboxes).

Carefully wrap soap in newspaper and several blankets to insulate. This helps the soap set up and cool slowly. When hard (24 hours) the soap should come out easily and cut in nice pieces with a knife. Age three weeks before using.

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