

You Ask I'll Answer

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 — Holly Eshbach, Dover, wants an effective method of keeping cats from using flowerbeds as a litter box. Something, perhaps, to sprinkle on the mulch which will keep out cats but not harm the flowers.

QUESTION — Kelly Nunamaker, Imier, is planning a birthday party for her husband who collects and restores Minneapolis Moline tractors and toys. She would like suggestions for the menu and decorating ideas carrying out that theme. She also would appreciate personal stories, pictures, copies of ads and any other information pertaining to M. Moline tractors.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know of a homemade mixture to control or eliminate carpenter ants.

QUESTION — Betsy Leinbach, 229 Akron Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522, wants to buy books by Gladys Taber and Miss Read. She also wants the book, "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash."

QUESTION — Marlin Hege, 1631 Anthony Hwy., Chambersburg, PA 17201, wants to know of someone who carries replacement parts for wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc.

QUESTION — Laureen Hoffman, Kutztown, wants Nancy Drew books with blue or yellow hardbound covers that were published between 1930-1980. Call (610) 683-5395.

QUESTION — Kenton Lavy, Arcanum, Ohio, is looking for a book written by Dr. Edward Rumely, "Power and the Plow" and any other books by the same author. Call (937) 692-8215.

QUESTION — Stephen A. Lapp, 69 Long Lane, Kirkwood, PA 17536, likes to watch the stars. He would like information about telescopes before spending a lot of money on buying one. Does anyone have information or a telescope that he could see or buy at a reasonable price? Or where can he go to look through a big telescope?

QUESTION — Carol Williams, Milan, wants to know if there is a Lineback Cow Registry. If so, how can she contact the organization?

QUESTION — Grace Lepperd, Altoona, would like to correspond with someone who does bobbin lace.

QUESTION — Ron Paronish wants to know where to find information on creating or planting a cornfield to resemble a corn maze.

QUESTION — Robert Lammers, Laurel Md., wants to know of someone who restores or sells parts for a 1940 Montgomery Ward wood cookstove.

QUESTION — John Rausch wants to know where to purchase Pepsodent firm bristle toothbrushes. Editor's Note: We weren't aware that these are hard to locate, but evidently are for John.

QUESTION — Donald K. Love, 1600 Walters Mill Rd., Somerset, wants to know where to locate wholesale sources for plastic or glass spice jars, homemade (licensed) baked goods, and old-fashioned Country Store merchandise

and memorabilia such as shopping carts, store shelving, cash register, scales, slicers, grinders, bandsaws, produce supplies such as baskets, bins, and display equipment.

QUESTION — David Sensenig wants to know how other goat farmers handle kids that jump into the feeders.

QUESTION — Naomi Becker writes that she has a pair of emu's laying eggs and asked if any readers would be able to incubate them for her. She did not include a phone number or street address, only an e-mail address at nrbecker@juno.com.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for counted cross stitch patterns of the state birds, flowers and capitol buildings of each of the 50 states. The patterns previously appeared in Mary Maxin's Magazine, but are discontinued. Unfortunately the reader did not include her name and address so you will not be able to mail them to her unless she responds with her complete address. Notice to readers, if you need something mailed to you, or need to be contacted personally, you must include your complete address. However, we want answers to appear in this column as much as possible. Many other readers are also interested in the answers. If it is information requested, we do not print full addresses as this can be handled through this column.

QUESTION — Kim, from Hancock, New York, needs a load of sawdust. If you know a source, please e-mail her wildbill@dmcom.net.

QUESTION — Margaret Diamond, 43 Newbury Dr., Southampton, N.J., would like the patterns for "Boxabilities," offered from H&G TV about 1996.

QUESTION — Yvonne Lauchman, East Berlin, wants to know if anyone has and would be willing to sell a Hershey's Chocolate No. 3 Vintage Edition Tin, which sold with Hershey's chocolate bars inside sometime between 1992-1995. The company no longer sells that particular tin box. Call Yvonne at (717) 259-9471.

QUESTION — Kattileen Filler, 1839 Skibo Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18015, has 1,000 cooking magazines for sale. Included are "Bon Appetit," "Chocolatier," "Cuisine," "Food & Wine," "Gourmet," etc. Make an offer.

QUESTION — Ruth Ann Loose, Altoona, is looking for the following Hall's china pieces to complete her collection: Rose Parade, 3 cup teapot and 6-inch five-banded bowl; Royal Rose: 8", 7½", and 9" straight-sided bowls, custard cups, and Aladdin teapot. Rose White, 3 cup teapot, French fluted baker, 6", 7½", and 8½" thick-rim bowls, custard cups, and 9" salad bowl. Call (814) 684-1551.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know of a supplier for skillets made with cast aluminum or other metal (not cast iron) that has dividers to heat at least three different items on the stove at the same time. Lehman's of Ohio has only cast iron skillets.

QUESTION — A reader wants the words to a song, which was popular in the 1960s and includes the words, "Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing a happy song and you will soon be forgetting that anything is wrong...."

QUESTION — John Weaver, Boiling Springs, would like to know of a home gardener in Cumberland County or surrounding area who could hull sunflower seeds.

QUESTION — Dianne Decker, Shippensburg, wants to know where to purchase lady mannequin legs. The legs must be straight and from the knee down. Used ones will serve the purpose.

QUESTION — Mrs. Paul Zeager, Danville, wants to know where to find "musterole," a salve used for sore throats, etc., and the price required.

QUESTION — Samuel Zook is looking for a good used Pfaff sewing machine in the 700, 800, or 900 models. Send price and condition to him at 592 White Oak Rd., Christiana, PA 17509.

QUESTION — Ray Engblom, 33 Whiskey Mill Rd., Clarksboro, N.J. wants the address of "The Ohio Store," located in Lancaster. He understands they deal in kerosene lamps, parts, globes, and chimneys.

QUESTION — Alma Trego, 1246 Division

Hwy., Ephrata, PA 17522, would like to know where to find a copy of "God Healed Me," by Robert Baker published in 1968 by Choice Books.

QUESTION — Cindy Eshleman, Jonestown, wants to know if anyone is willing to sell an unopened tin — a 2000 tin from Target that pictures a snowman on front with the words, "minty chocolate." Call her at (717) 865-2589.

QUESTION — Rose Diehl, Bloomsburg, is looking for 8¼-inch cookstove lids. She also needs parts for a Welcome Glode Cookstove made in Pa. Call her at (570) 356-2511.

QUESTION — Samuel Stoltzfus, Christiana, writes that a barn built in Millersville in 1830, has a stone among other stones that is laid rather flat and sticks out 12-15-inches and is approximately 5 feet off the ground. Stoltzfus wants to know the purpose of this stone.

QUESTION — Agnes Skeba, Monroe Township, N.J., wants to know where to purchase an old French Provincial love seat that has a wooden frame that shows. Is interested, no matter what the condition. Call her at (609) 448-0800.

QUESTION — Tom Clowney, 361 Barlow Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325, wants to purchase an antique wooden cow stanchion.

QUESTION — Scott Bordner has a two-wheel standard Monarch walk behind cultivator. He would like sales literature, operating manual, original colors, and other information that will assist him in restoring the cultivator.

QUESTION — Bea Minamot, 10141 River Landing Rd., Denton, MD 21629, has a ¾-inch solid maple rope bed for sale at \$800. The bed features spiral-turned sides and a pretty headboard. All pegs are intact.

QUESTION — Bill Angert, Manheim, wants a Stanley 77 handcranked dowel and rod turning machine. The hand crank attached to a speed gear, turns a cutter and a round dowel is created as you push a square stick of wood into it. It has 8 or 9 different cutter heads. Call him at (717) 665-5152.

QUESTION — Jean Patches would like information on who designed the Hershey quilt and the story behind the quilt pattern.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for a magazine called "Closeout News" or "Closeout Letter." Scott writes that the publication lists odd lot and overrun merchandise available.

QUESTION — D. Weaver, 395 N. Railroad Ave., New Holland, PA 17557, wants to purchase a copy of the Golden Book, "The Huffin Puff Express," copyrighted in 1974.

QUESTION — A reader wants a used 3 pt. PTO potato digger suitable for using with a 25-30 horsepower tractor or information on a new digger.

QUESTION — M. David Watts, Gelgertown, wants to know of a supplier for Revival Hemorrhoid Salve.

ANSWER — J. Doherty, Needmore, requested instructions to make a baling twine wreath. Thanks to Gloria Swelgart, Manheim, for the following instructions: Use at least three sets of 18 bale ropes. (Use more or less ropes depending on how thick a braid you want, but always use the same amount in each set). Have all the knots toward the bottom. (We always cut our bales open within 2-inches of the knot). Using strong rubber bands secure each set of twine and braid like a pigtail. Then bend a wire coat hanger so into a round shape and braid around it, having the hook at top and have the last few inches open with the knots hanging down. Tie together so braid doesn't open. Decorate however you desire.

ANSWER — A reader wanted to know of a supplier for plastic rings to put on chicken feet to distinguish old chickens (2 years old) from one-year-olds when combined in the same room to conserve space. Thanks to John B. King, Kirkwood, who writes that a good supplier is Stromberg's Chicks and Pets Unlimited, Box 717, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501.

The reader also wanted to know what causes some chickens to continue plucking feathers from other chickens. Is it a deficiency in the feed, and if so, what should be added to chicken mash made from homegrown grains? King said it isn't a deficiency.

Also, Louise Doric writes that leg bands are
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