

You Ask We 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 — Elliot Myers, Ottsville, wants to know how easily to clean and treat a cast iron farmer's boiler that was used to make scrapple and lard.

QUESTION — At a Gordonville sale in March, someone had unfinished lazy susans for auction in the furniture tent. Brad and Lisa Weaver purchased several and would like to buy more, but don't know who to contact. Anyone have any ideas?

QUESTION — A reader wants to know if someone has a two-seater bike to sell. Phone (717) 445-5969.

QUESTION — Katie Ann Stoltzfus, 128-A Grist Rd., Lancaster, wants to buy a hand-cranked flour mill, either new or used.

QUESTION — Don Walters, Lockport, N.Y., writes that they are having a year-round problem with lady bugs, which have taken over an upstairs window and curtain. Any one have a solution?

QUESTION — The Yoder family is restoring an old spring wagon, with the name W&H Rowland Philadelphia stamped on the springs. Does anyone know when this company was in business?

QUESTION — A reader is looking for an Oster Mixer that can be run with an air motor.

QUESTION — Ruth Stump, Copper Hill, Va., wants directions for making a palm cross out of palm branches. She believes these were used in Catholic churches many years ago. Please send the instructions immediately as she needs them for a Sunday school project for Palm Sunday.

QUESTION — Titus Martin, 155 Pleasant Valley Rd., East Earl, wants seeds for lady slipper flowers. When you squeeze the pod it opens up like a lady's slipper, hence the name. The perennial flower is fascinating to children.

QUESTION — A Union County reader is interested in buying used, small-scale milk processing equipment such as a pasturizer, cheese making, bottling, etc. She is also interested in talking with people who process and market goat's milk and goat milk products. She did not include an address or phone number.

QUESTION — Betty Gruver, Millerton, would like to know where to buy replacement cushions for a porch glider.

QUESTION — Mrs. Luke Hoover, Mifflinburg, wants to know where to buy flower bulb baskets, used to grow and store bulbs, at a low price.

ANSWER — Richard Hoffman, Spring Grove, is looking for a cup in the blue willow pattern and the inscription on the bottom of the cup "Socillite Ceramique Majestrich, made in Holland, Willow." The cup measures 3-inches high and 3 1/8-inches across.

QUESTION — Stephanie Luckenbaugh, Abbottstown, is looking for a recipe or instructions on making dandelion shampoo.

QUESTION — David Stoltzfus, Kirkwood,

writes that he has too many cats and will give them away free to whoever contacts him at 228 Tick Hill Rd., Kirkwood, PA 17536.

QUESTION — Thomas Lehman writes that his ancestor Peter Lelsey (1802-1859) lived in Denver, Pa., and wove coverlets. Lehman has been told that the coverlets were beautiful and had Lelsey's name or initials in the design. Does anyone know where Lehman could see one or where one might be for sale?

QUESTION — Susan Sauder, Myerstown, is looking for rubber candy molds or something suitable to form clear toy candy.

QUESTION — A subscriber wants to know if anyone will sell a reasonably priced used electronic equipment that makes the speaker's voice louder on old recorded reel tapes when played to record on a cassette. She thinks the item is a volume booster and there may be a supplier or catalog listing the item.

QUESTION — Diana Hansen, Turnersville, N.J., would like instructions for making with braided rugs from rags or the craft for painted floor mats.

QUESTION — C. Hurff, Pilesgrove, N.J., writes that they have been trying to follow the instructions for making a baling twine wreath, but are having a difficult time and need more complete instructions. Could anyone help?

QUESTION — Peter Getz, Free Land, Md., would like to have the formula for making soaps with wood ashes.

QUESTION — Lydia Fisher, 7622 North Moscow Road, Parkesburg, 19365, is wondering if someone would sell her the book, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," written by Fulton Oursler in 1949.

QUESTION — Ted Wills, Sr., would like to know where to purchase a plastic sliding board to replace one that was damaged. This is for a child's play gym. He is not sure of the size needed.

QUESTION — Susan Sauder of Myerstown is looking for rubber candy molds or something suitable for clear toy candy.

QUESTION — Janet Spangler, York Springs, is trying to locate a doll doctor. She has a friend who has a bride doll 50 years old that needs its arms fastened together.

QUESTION — Earl Brinton, Severn, Md., has a problem with crows nesting in his area. This resulted in no baby robins last year. What can be done to discourage crows from settling in residential neighborhoods?

QUESTION — Merlin Brenneman wants to purchase some parts for a Zemco Automotive Driving Computer 350/351. Call (717) 203-0128.

QUESTION — Cindy Eshleman, Jonestown, wants to buy a Halcraft small wooded alphabet decal set or at least the letters "L" and "R."

QUESTION — Irene Nolt, 7935 White Church Rd., Shippensburg, wants to know where to purchase the "Best of All" song book. She especially wants pages 119 and 128.

QUESTION — Kenton Lavy, 7423 Delisle Fourman Rd., Arcanum, Ohio 45304, is searching for the out-of-print book, "Barns in the U.S.A." by Wilson L. Wells.

QUESTION — Diana Hansen, 22 Lantern Lane, Turnersville, N.J. 08012 is searching for antique or any type of old buttons, fabric, lace, scraps of material and old clothes. She is interested in any size but should be in good condition.

QUESTION — Lisa Weaver, 529 W. Siddonsburg Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019, is looking for a pattern for a Victorian grip, also known as a carpetbag made with tapestry fabric.

QUESTION — Karen Wampole, Perkasiole, wants to know where to find metal candy molds to make toy candy.

QUESTION — Joanne Martin, Abbottstown, would like to find a used heavy duty Kitchen Aid mixer and a White Mountain ice cream freezer. Both should be in excellent condition. Write to 7781 Camp Ernie Rd., Abbottstown, PA 17301-8919. Phone (717) 632-8718.

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

QUESTION — Betsy Leinbach, 29 Akron Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522, wants to buy books by Gladys Taber and Miss Read.

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 — 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; 6", 7 1/2", and 9" straight-sided bowls, custard cups, and Aladdin teapot. Rose White, 3 cup teapot, French fluted baker, 6", 7 1/2", and 8 1/2" 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.

ANSWER — Holly Eshback, Dover, writes that in addition to scattering mothballs in flower beds to keep cats out, another solution is to scatter pieces of small cactus plants on top of mulch. A Waynesboro reader wrote that she had success with this simple but effective method: sprinkle used coffee grounds on top of mulch or wherever cats dig. They don't like the smell and will go elsewhere.

ANSWER — A reader suggests that many hard-to-find items can be purchased through the internet auction site ebay (www.ebay.com). He does not have any connections with the site but has found many items through it.

CORRECTION — The previously printed directions for making baling twine wreath should have read "Bend a wire coat hanger into a round shape and sew the braid around it."