



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 — Len Zalepa wants to know where to find an individual or company in the Lancaster area that sells horsedrawn wagons.

QUESTION — A reader has a problem with their rabbits not pulling fur to prepare a nest to have their young. Anyone know what causes this "unmotherly" behavior?

QUESTION — Fred Guth, Freehold, N.J., wants to know how to eradicate or repel groundhogs or woodchucks from his garden and farm without shooting, trapping or using auto exhaust gas.

QUESTION — A reader needs a needle for an antique sewing machine called a Free-Westinghouse electric sewing machine. The needle needed is type CC1221 size 2. The needles are about 1/4-inch shorter than a standard needle. Call (717) 589-7481.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know if anyone knows where to find parts for a Rival Grinder/Chopper (electric). Needed is a cutter blade model 2100M/1.

QUESTION — Kenneth Wirz, White Hall, Md., is looking for a piece of Guardian Service cookware to complete his mother's

set. The piece is called the kettle oven, which has many uses such as baking and as a water bath canner. The piece is large with a glass lid, wire racks for baking and lifting jars when canning. The cookware was made during the 1940s and 1950s.

QUESTION — Help! S. Martin, Elliptsburg, made a mistake. She wants her old sink cabinet back in her new kitchen. Does anyone sell new metal cabinets or have good condition old ones that are 66-inches long with drawers that hold more than three dish towels? Call (717) 582-2517.

QUESTION — Debbie, Newmanstown, wants to know if anyone has little red bricks for children. She can't find the bricks in stores anymore. The bricks measure about 7/8-inches wide and 1 3/4-inches long, and 3/8-inches thick. The sets included some white colored ones.

QUESTION — Ronald Kieffer, Hamburg, asks if any of our readers smoke meat or fish with a charcoal grill. He has a Webber kettle-type grill, and a lot of hickory nut shells. Could he use the shells for smoking meat? Also, he wants recipes using hickory nuts and black walnuts.

QUESTION — A reader from Denver would like to know how Rosina Martz makes fresh herbal wreaths without using wire, foam, tape, or a base. An article about Rosina appeared in this paper during the summer, which mentioned Rosina's skill.

QUESTION — Philip Covalesky, R.2, Box 87, Dalton, PA 18414, cannot get his Oliver 60 tractor to run without finding a Venturi for a carburetor TSX-120. Anyone able to assist him?

QUESTION — Arlene Hughson, 141 Swiss Hill Rd., Jeffersonville, N.Y. 12748, wants to know the value of her collection of many old crochet, knitting, and Woman's Day magazines. She is interested in selling.

QUESTION — David Smucker, Quarryville, writes that he collects anything related to cowboys of the West. Recently someone wrote that they had found a belt among their father's items. Smucker is interested in purchasing it if you contact him at (717) 786-2946.

QUESTION — Carl Det-

wiler, Zionsville, wants to know if any owner of a 3226 QT Bush Hog front end loader has trouble with the mounting arms breaking at the welds.

QUESTION — Leroy Serventi, Croydon, would like to know of any vegetable gardening clubs or groups in Bucks County, Pa., or in Burlington County, N.J.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for the words to a Wilbur Brothers' song from about 1960 called "Thank God for the U.S.A." He is also looking for the words to "Black Mountain Light," a ballad from the same era, about a slave owner who sees a strange light on the mountain while looking for a slave.

QUESTION — Nancy Stoltzfus, 444 Little Elk Creek Rd., Lincoln University, PA 19352, would like to know if and where a new or used Corningware coffee pot can be purchased. She is also looking for a salad spinner.

QUESTION — Rosalyn Miller, HC62, Box 660, Honesdale, PA 18431, wants to purchase a book that explains how to spin wool on a spinning jenny. She also wants to purchase a spinning jenny at a fair price.

QUESTION — Luanne Horst, Chambersburg, would like to contact a person who specializes in designing historic farmhouse kitchens. Luanne believes one such woman was featured in *Lancaster Farming* several years ago.

QUESTION — Anna Bryan, Oxford, N.J., wants to know where to find a small salad spinner. She has a larger one but would like a small one.

QUESTION — T. Cherrington, 5 Deer Run, Kutztown, PA 19530, is looking for a hay tester hook, which is a harpoon-shaped device used to check hay in the center of the bale.

QUESTION — Sandra Lay, Westminster, Md., owns two Arcade wall coffee grinder bases. She wants to purchase two glass crystal coffee jars with lids.

QUESTION — The Sensenig girls, 90 Cuncan Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257-9517, want a pattern for a double wedding ring crib-sized quilt. They are also looking for a good-used accordion.

QUESTION — Barbara Randall writes that her family is looking for parts for an old farm implement called a "Soil Surgeon," which was manufactured by Corson Brothers Inc. of Indianapolis, Ind. The company has apparently gone out of business or been absorbed by another company. Any information on

where to obtain replacement parts or an old Soil Surgeon to buy for parts would be appreciated.

QUESTION — Karla Diller, 20138 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742, would like to find these used patterns and books to purchase: "Kwik-Sew Sewing for Baby," "Kwik-Sew Sewing for Toddlers," "Kwik-Sew Shirt Pattern 1416," and other Kwik-Sew or layette patterns.

QUESTION Evelyn Houser is looking for information about designated months of the year such as "June is Dairy Month," "July is Ice Cream Month," "February is Cherry Month," "October is Cheese Month," etc. She is making a calendar and would like it to feature recipes using foods associated with each month. Her e-mail address is eoh@nittanylink.com.

QUESTION — Elle Williams, HorseNet, Inc., 2504 Arthur Ave., Eldersburg, MD 21784, is looking for information on anything that will help a horse, including salve recipes, additives for weight gain, ointments, wraps, special feed mixtures, etc. Contact by e-mail, horsenet@yahoo.com, or at Website, horsenethorserescue.org.

QUESTION — E. Burkholder, 1075 Richmond

Northumberland Conservation Communication Contests Begin

SUNBURY (Northumberland Co.) — The Northumberland County Conservation District has announced the beginning of the 26th annual Conservation Poster Contest and the sixth annual High School Speech Contest.

Furman Foods, Inc. will sponsor the Poster Contest, and Zimmerman Motors will sponsor the Speech Contest.

The contests are designed to encourage students to research conservation topics, evaluate personal choices, and develop valuable communication skills. All county teachers have received flyers regarding the contests. The winners are rewarded with recognition and cash prizes, which are provided by the sponsors.

The Furman Foods Poster Contest, open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade, offers young people an opportunity to express their thoughts on natural resources through the medium of art. The themes for this year's contest are "The Gift of Trees" and "Exploring Nature in Your Neighborhood."

The posters will be judged in five grade categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. First place winners will be forwarded to the state competition. Poster entries must be in the conservation district office by Feb. 4, 2002.

The Zimmerman Motors Speech Contest is intended to give high school students an opportunity to research natural resource conservation while gaining public speaking experience. The recommended themes are "Introduced Species and Their Effect on Biodiversity," "Soil Erosion, Causes, Effects, and Prevention," "A Watershed in Northumberland County," or "White-tailed Deer Population Management."

Rd., Fleetwood, PA 19522, wants to know the value of an Avon collection with more than 65 pieces. She is interested in selling hers.

QUESTION — Josie Seitz would like to find personalized quart milk bottles from the dairy operated by her father, Joe Beishline, in Benton in the early 1950s. She would like each of her four children to have one. If you have one or more to sell, contact her at 14046 Cross Roads, Felton, PA 17322, (717) 993-2886.

ANSWER — Margaret D., 43 Newbury Drive, Southampton, NJ 08088-1051 wanted crochet instructions for an oval tablecloth, size about 54 inches by 67 inches or larger. Thanks to Ruth Miller, Halifax, who writes that Ames Department Store has a book with directions for four different oval designs. The book, *Tablecloth Elegance*, by Annie's Attic sells for \$5.95. Ruth crocheted the pineapple design, which is very pretty, she writes.

ANSWER — For the reader who wanted to know where to purchase sparrow traps, Kenneth Kensinger, Martinsburg, recommends *The Bird's Paradise*, 20835 Morris Rd., Conneautville, PA 16406. Call 1-800-872-0103 for a catalog on both sparrow and starling traps.

Other current agriculture and environmental themes will be accepted with approval.

Registration forms are due Dec. 14, typewritten manuscripts are due Jan. 17, and oral presentations will be conducted on Feb. 7, 2002. The first place winner will present his/her speech at the conservation district's annual awards banquet scheduled for March 21, 2002.

For rules and regulations, students should contact the Northumberland County Conservation District office at 286-7114, ext. 4. Speech contest information can also be obtained at Zimmerman Motors, Market St., Sunbury.

Correction

The amount of sugar was not listed for the recipe, Drop Sand Tarts, which appeared on page B7 of the Dec. 8th issue. Here is the complete recipe.

DROP SAND TARTS

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

Cream together butter and sugar, add eggs and vanilla, and beat well. Stir in flour and baking powder. Chill dough about 30 minutes. Drop from a teaspoon or shape into a ball and place on greased cookie sheet. Flatten with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar. Decorate as desired with 1/2 a candied cherry. Sprinkle with chopped nuts, or colored sugar, or cinnamon. Bake 8-10 minutes in a preheated 375-degree oven.