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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 — David Sempler, Elkton, Md., wants written information on scenting in regards to hunting. He writes that some days his beagles run as if they are tied to the rabbit and work very hard to keep it going. Sempler has heard that the ground breathes in and out and sometimes it does not. He knows that barometric pressure changes affect scenting conditions and that extremely dry weather produces bad scenting conditions. Sempler wants factual information on the relationship between high and low pressures, dry and wet ground, and high and low humidity.

QUESTION — A reader wants information on the Lancaster County race track at the Buck. She saw a truck pull on a television show and wants to know the schedule and directions for finding the Buck.

QUESTION — Dave Ruble, West Chester, is looking for cylinder records (Columbia, Edison, Indestructible, and others) and

phonograph-related items. He also wants old trains and toys. Call (610) 793-4249.

QUESTION — Marian Leffever, Quarryville, wants to know where to find a parts and cutting blade for an electric Oster food grinder model 996.

QUESTION — Bev Middleton, P.O. Box 49, Morganza, MD 20660, wants to know where to obtain instructions for operating a Sears & Roebuck incubator model number 213,57. It's a round table top type, about 100 egg size. Any help would be appreciated.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for a pattern to sew men's work jeans that are similar to the Wrangler brand. Does anyone know where she can find one in a size 31x32?

QUESTION — A reader wants to know how to start poinsettias from slips of the plant.

QUESTION — We have a problem with peas and sugar pea plants getting brown specks and turning yellow and dying before maturing, a reader writes. What spray or dust should we use to prevent this? We put them in a different spot every year but continue to have the same problem.

QUESTION — Does anyone know how to dehull Brazil nuts so they remain intact. Clarence Sheaffer writes that he tried soaking some in warm water. The hulls softened; however, the meat also softened and was stained, which may not harm it.

QUESTION — Daryl Sempster, 2645 Old Field Park, Elkton, Md., recently purchased a lovely old Sunbeam Mix-Master at a flea market. The owner's manual shows attachments such as a knife sharpener, meat grinder, silver polisher, coffee grinder, can opener, potato peeler, etc. She would like to purchase some of the attachments. She also wants to buy a 1897 16-gauge.

QUESTION — Joyce Detriche, 153 Dotterer Rd., Lenhartsville, PA 19534-9585, lost a glass or the large fryer cover for her Guardian Service. How can she have it replaced?

Goats Become State Ambassador's Passion

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Most teen-agers who show animals were born into it or at least started showing at a young age. But 19-year-old Christopher Trowbridge made a decision to raise and show goats only three years ago.

Trowbridge now owns 10 head and is the Pennsylvania Goat Ambassador responsible for promoting goats and goat dairy products.

The Perry County resident started with grade animals and upgraded to registered Nubians, Toggenburgs, and Sannens. He raises them on Curt and Helen Snyder's farm.

The first time in the show ring, Trowbridge showed the grand champion Sannen. The beginner's luck was a great boost to his enthusiasm for the activity.

Trowbridge milks the does in his herd.

"At first I was hesitate about drinking goat's milk, but now I think it is delicious and think cow milk tastes odd," he said.

One of the first things Trowbridge did when he became interested in goats was to join the Pennsylvania Goat Association.

He said, "The goat community is small, and we get to know each other very well and become best friends."

In June 2000 Trowbridge was appointed alternate representative and enjoyed promoting the association. "I want to make the public more aware of goats and the association," he said.

In anticipation of being selected the state ambassador, Trowbridge wrote an essay on what he was doing for the industry and



Kristopher Trowbridge is the state ambassador for the Pennsylvania Goat Association.

why the position was right for him. At the state association show in June 2001, Trowbridge was interviewed by a committee and appointed to the one year position. He also chairs the merit and awards committee for the association.

Of his own herd, Trowbridge said the most frustrating thing is deciding which ones to keep because I can't keep them all, but they're like pets to me."

Trowbridge graduated from high school by correspondence. He hopes to attend a community college next year and study agriculture-related subjects.

nut for the stuffing horn. Where can he find it?

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 — 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/I.

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 — A reader is looking for the words to "Black Mountain Light," a ballad about a slave owner who sees a strange light on the mountain while looking for a slave.

QUESTION — Carl Detwiler, 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.

ANSWER — E. Burkholder, 1075 Richmond Rd., Fleetwood, PA 19522, wanted to know the value of an Avon collection with more than 65 pieces. Elizabeth of Schuylkill County writes that a book is published annually listing values for Avon pieces. The book includes photographs and is very expensive, but can be found in the antiques, hobbies, and collectables sections of bookstores and libraries.

ANSWER — Ronald Kieffer, Hamburg, asked 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. Elizabeth of Schuylkill County suggests listening to Alton Brown who hosts a television show called Good Eats on the Food Network. She writes that Brown did an excellent show on smoking foods in the fall. Information can be obtained from the Website www.foodtv.com. This information is fine for those who have access to the internet and cable television; however, as a reader recently pointed out, not all our subscribers do. If anyone has additional information, it would be appreciated.

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