

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. However, if your question requires someone to mail items to you, you must include your address or phone number for publishing.

QUESTION — Arlene Demler is looking for small, stuffed goats or a pattern for making them. Write to her at 29 Edison Rd., Palmyra, PA 17078, or call (717) 838-9094.

QUESTION — A reader with a growing family is interested in buying good, used 2-quart jars, regular or widemouth. Please call (717) 445-4149.

QUESTION — LaKee Christman, Greencastle, wants to know if there are any places that buy and slaughter tame rabbits in the Franklin County area.

QUESTION — Al Lenkiewicz, Hamburg, is looking for information on a device that attaches to the vehicle exhaust and to a garden hose used to kill ground hogs in their burrows.

QUESTION — Marie Hixson, Crystal Spring, wants to know how to grow wild rice. They live on a farm with some wet areas that she believes would be suitable for growing rice. Anyone know where she can find information?

QUESTION — A reader would like to know what to use to counteract blight on red beets. The leaves look like little trails. When the skin of the leaf is lifted, little maggots are in between. The leaves get brown and die.

QUESTION — Warren Glidewell, Bloomsburg, wants to know where to find Flemish giant rabbits in a fawn color.

QUESTION — A reader would like to buy a copy of the book, "A Corporate Tragedy" by Barbara Marsh. Call (610) 286-7093.

QUESTION — To the reader who wants to buy a

used, size 6 cast iron skillet in good condition. You must include an address or phone number so the person who has it can contact you.

QUESTION — Eugene Maute, 327 Asbury Ave., Elkins Park, PA 19027 wants to know who sells thick, clear, flexible plastic sheeting like that used to make seat covers. Maute wants to buy several yards.

QUESTION — Ronald Bennett, 1870 Strong Rd., Victor, NY 14564, collects 1800's farm tools and wants to know where to find barn hay cars and trollies that run on wood or metal rails.

QUESTION — Daniel Yonosh, Slatington, writes that he would like to consult with a person who has the knowledge and experience to make proper settings on a John Deere Model 246, 3 pt, 2-row corn planter to plant corn. His problem is knowing how to maintain a consistent planting depth over rolling land. Call (610) 799-2536, leave a message, and Yonosh will return the call.

QUESTION — C. Gutshall, Carlisle, is looking for proper cleaning instructions for printed cotton seed sacks made in the 1940s. She also would like a Web site address that offers information on older cotton and feed sacks.

QUESTION — Eric Soreto, 1062 New Line Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501, has an old hand saw filer, model 1200, made by Belsaw. He is missing the saw clamps and clamp bars, and Foley-Belsaw no longer stocks parts for it. If one of our readers has these parts, please write to let him know where to get them, or allow him to get measurements so that he can fabricate them himself.

QUESTION — Alta Weaver, Fredericksburg, bought a used food dehydrator that did not have an owner's manual with it. She wonders if anyone knows where she can get one. Also she wonders if a dehydrator has a fan, since this model does not and it seems to have a place for one. It is a Bee Beyer's Original Food Dehydrator, model number BB 5001. To mail a manual or parts, please write to Alta at 125 Blue Mountain Road, Fredericksburg, PA 17026 or call (717) 865-7440.

QUESTION — If anyone has an Amish Lieder written by Joseph W. Yoder, copyright 1942 to sell, please contact Elam M. Ebersol, 558 Gibbons Road, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505. Additionally, if anyone has a "Fortune Years" by Aaron Glick to sell at a reasonable price, please contact Ebersol.

QUESTION — If anyone has a copy of "The Beautiful Story: Golden Gems of Religious Thoughts" by J.W. Buel to sell please call (717) 656-0457.

QUESTION — A reader would like to know if there are any classes for learning to braid rugs in the area of Boyertown, Fleetwood, Topton, or surrounding areas.

QUESTION — Marcia Whitlock, Shillington, wants to find an older antique projector for enlarging or copying some patterns. A smaller one would work, she writes, and wonders if schools that are no longer using them would make them available.

QUESTION — Valerie Miller, Honesdale, wants to purchase a pair of wool carders in good condition for a reasonable price. As an inexperienced carder, she also would appreciate

tips on carding and spinning wool.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know what to use on kitchen formica countertops to preserve or seal the formica to keep it from wearing down, keeping stains out and adding shine.

ANSWER — In response to a question on recycling small scraps of material, a reader suggests three options: contact art teachers in local schools, give to Scout troops for art projects, and give to area Boys or Girls Club.

ANSWER — Sara Maust, Berlin, wanted to know where to find five-year diaries. Susie Nolt suggests GVS Distributors in Missouri. Call toll-free (800) 398-2494 for a catalog. Another reader, Shirley Orfanella, notes that Good's store in Quarryville sells them. The number is (717) 786-9028.

ANSWER — To the person who wanted to have her oak tree removed, a reader suggests contacting Hoover's Handyman Service, 1173 Reading Rd., Narvon, PA 17555-9783.

ANSWER — To Cindy Eshleman, who requested a magazine article on mints, Brenda Weidenhammer writes that an article on various mint plants, along with planting and harvest information, appeared in *Keepers At Home*, Volume 8, Fall 2000. The magazine can be contacted at 2727 Township Rd. #21, Sugar Creek, OH 44681.

ANSWER — Kermit Laub was looking for Lifebuoy soap. Gladys Christian notes that this pricey soap is made in Cyprus and imported from England. One retailer that carries the original Lifebuoy soap is The Vermont Country Store. Their toll-free number is (800) 362-8474.

LEAD New York Class Takes Trip To Netherlands

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Participants in the current class of LEAD New York, the renowned food and agricultural leadership program based in New York State, have gained valuable insights from their recent week-long study trip to the Netherlands.

The trip allowed the class to study key issues that affect foreign agriculture and food businesses. The international study tour is part of LEAD New York's two-year curriculum of seminars, workshops, and field trips designed to cultivate the leadership, managerial, analytical, and communications skills of program participants.

"The objective of this study trip was to relate the fundamental issues of food safety, labor, environment, trade, and energy to the top six agricultural and food industries in the Netherlands," said Larry Van De Valk, director of LEAD New York. "In doing so, we gained a new perspective

on how the cultural and societal conditions of a country can impact the food and agriculture business in other countries, including the U.S."

The group's itinerary for the week included a full schedule of facility and agricultural operation tours across the country pertaining to the Netherlands leading food and agricultural industries, including retail, food processing, fresh market, dairy, crop, fisheries, and horticulture.

Specific activities during the week included stops at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction, the Albert Heijn Supermarket, Do-It Organic Foods, Unilever, and Heineken. Additionally, the participants attended lectures given by a number of foreign professionals about a variety of topics that concern the international food and agriculture industry.

One of the major benefits of this week-long expedition was being able to compare foreign industry to the American food and agriculture business.

For many of the participants, the opportunity to spend quality time with foreign professionals made the trip a worthwhile and unique experience.

"The most enjoyable part of the trip for many of us was the personal interaction we had with the farmers and their families," said Steve Weir, vice president of First Pioneer Farm Credit and a LEAD New York participant. "There are a lot of social differences between Americans and the Dutch, and our meetings with these individuals helped to give us a totally new perspective on our industry outside of New York and outside of the country."

Since 1985, LEAD New York has provided a platform for enhancing New York's food and agriculture industry through the development of new leaders. All of the coursework is designed to improve each participant's communications skills, leadership abilities, issue analysis capabilities, public policy knowledge, and problem-solving techniques.

Training Sessions Offered On Violence Prevention Skills

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Berks County Extension is offering training for the ACT Against Violence project that was developed jointly by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The framework for this project includes a focus on the importance of the early years for learning how to prevent, handle, and respond to conflict. For more information visit the ACT Website at www.ACTagainstviolence.org.

ACT (Adults and Child Together) includes training on four skills important to early violence prevention that can be used by parents and early childhood staff. The program will provide a 2-hour training on each of these skills with an emphasis on apply-

ing the training to parenting or group care situations.

Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 — Discipline; Tuesday, May 27 — Anger Management; Tuesday, June 3 — Social Problem Solving; and Tuesday, June 17 — Media Literacy.

Mimi Gavigan will be the trainer for these sessions. She is trained by APA and NAEYC to provide this training. She has extensive experience in early childhood education, parent education, family counseling, and family literacy.

The cost is \$3 per session. They will be conducted 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Berks County Ag Center, Leesport. For more information, call Sue Giachero at (610) 378-1327 or e-mail slg237@psu.edu.

