

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 - Lynn Rossi, Lititz Borough, has a young groundhog living beneath a large rock in her front yard. She worries about the safety of her four-pound Yorkie. How can she get the groundhog to leave her property in her residential area?

QUESTION - A reader wants to know of a person interested in butchering large amounts of ducks weekly. Easy to learn how to do it and good income provided, reader promises. Call (845) 658-3243.

QUESTION - Cindy Eshleman, R.3, Box 7957, Jonestown, PA 17038, wants to know what day of the week the Selingsgrove Horse Sale is conducted. Also, she asks, if a sequel was written to "Gone With the Wind" and "Scarlett"? If so, what is the title of the book? Eshleman also wants the May 2003 issue of "Paper Horse." She is willing to pay postage.

QUESTION A. M. Hurst, 135 Hurst Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522, is searching for a Wenger Family History book dated 1727-1959, and with a black cover.

QUESTION - Sandra Smith, Spring Mills, would like a copy of instructions for making a daisy afghan. The pattern she had and lost was at least 20 years old. She needs to know how to stitch the daises together.

QUESTION - Mike White, Bernville, writes that the last few years, he has a problem with black birds (grackles) after he plants field corn. When the corn first comes up until it is two to three weeks old, the birds either pull out the small plants or tear them off. This year, he had to replant a three-acre field because of the destruction the birds caused. No one else in the area seems to have a problem, but White has witnessed the birds digging and pulling out the corn. It seems the area is hardest hit on the hills where the morning sun first shines. He has tried scarecrows, which only works in a 20-foot area around the scarecrow. Any help or suggestions will be appreciated.

QUESTION - The Bellers of 2290 Quarry Rd., Jersey Shore, PA 17740, need to know where to find a cover for a two-quart stainless steel saucepan made by Thermo-Sentinel. The lid may be used. The Bellers also need a cover for a one quart 9-inch frypan made by Flavor Seal.

QUESTION - Harriet Newlin, 1287 Ridge Rd., Grantville, PA 17028, wants names and addresses of Amish families who serve meals in their homes.

QUESTION - Brendan Barnes, Cochranville, wants to buy used boxes to pack peppers, tomatoes, and corn for auction. Call him at (610) 593-6337.

QUESTION - Ed Owensby, 17495 Meadow Drive, Bridgeville, DE 19933, wants to know where to purchase a drive belt for a Shopcraft/Tradesman 14-inch bandsaw, model number T7060, part number BMTJL 14030. It is 1/4 inch thick by 8 1/2 inches.

QUESTION - Donald Casner, 155 Casner Lane, Lewistown, PA 17044, would like to know where to find a type of sweet corn cutter that is turned like a crank. He saw it publicized on R7D-TV.

QUESTION - Arlene Deimler 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 in-

terested 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 - 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 - 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 burlap feed sacks.

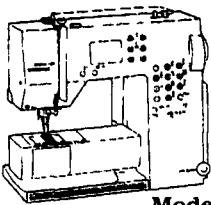
ANSWER - Shirley Grube wanted to know where to send used greeting cards. A reader recommends used greeting cards be sent to Whispering Pines Fruit Farms, Route 1, Box 278, Mount Pleasant Mills, PA 17853.

ANSWER - Castor oil commonly used as a home remedy for digestive problems is found to solve problems with mole invasion in lawns and gardens. According to Bear Products, a distributor of natural castor oil, the following recipe not only gets rid of moles but also armadillos, voles, and gophers. At the same time, it is 100 percent natural and safe for pets.

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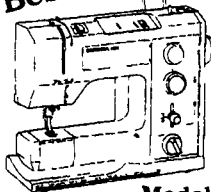
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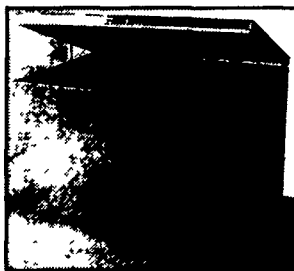
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