

Y ask OU 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 — Nancy Kring, a steady reader, wants an old quilt pattern called Double Wedding Ring. She has a newer pattern that has smaller patches but would like to obtain the older version if possible.

QUESTION — Sarah Stoltzfus, 1319 Tanning

Yard Rd., Peach Bottom, PA 17563, wants to purchase a treadle sewing machine cabinet in any condition. Please write to her stating the price and condition.

QUESTION — Jim Bowersox, Lititz, has a stock cane with the name Bower&Bower stamped on it. Can anyone identify the origin of this cane? Perhaps it was a promotional item for an auctioneer or cattle company. Anyone with information, should mail it in as many of our readers are interested in livestock-related companies.

QUESTION — Jenna Gilpatric is looking for a source for sugarless chewing tobacco. She got it from Fred Stoker and Sons. Jenna writes the company has automated and discontinued their handpacked line of which the sugarless chew was part.

QUESTION — Mary wants to know where to purchase brown sugar substitute called Brown Sugar Twin. She has used it in restaurants but can't find it in stores. Mary lives in West Virginia, so perhaps, she should have a mailorder company address.

QUESTION — S. Beller wants to know where to buy either a new or used alarm clock by Westclox Model 47544 called the Power Napper.

QUESTION — Ella Risler, Port Trevorton, wants to know if anyone knows anything about a flower shop with the name "Lucy Wanner." Ella has a miniature basket of flowers, which she thinks might be an antique. Stamped on the bottom are the words: Lucy

Wanner, "flourel specialist in slicks." Home and bridal, 949 Pleasant View Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522.

QUESTION — Tim Cherrington, Kutztown, has a ferris wheel gondola seat for about 10 years. The auction company where he purchased it, told him the gondola is from Rocky Springs Amusement Park. The seat is melon-colored with side decorations, and in good condition. Cherrington would like to find more information on the history of the gondola, and also sell it.

QUESTION — Roy Routzahn, Clear Spring, Md., is looking for someone who knows where to buy processed tobacco stems, leaves, or any tobacco scraps for farm use. Call (301) 745-3557.

QUESTION — Ben Kinsinger, Meyersdale, wants to know where to get an old Farmall M Kids pedal tractor, any condition. He also wants a John Deere 60 or other old kids' pedal tractors. Also, wanted is a 1HP 1HC Mogul Gas engine for parts.

QUESTION — Wilson Gorrell, Forest Hill, Md., is trying to find information on a single wheel, manual push-type seeder and where to buy the metal seed plates (especially for lima beans). No identification plate can be seed and the planter is estimated to be 40-50 years old. The seed box is round and appears to be cast iron.

QUESTION — In Williamsville, New York, outside of Buffalo, there is a former gas station/minimart of which Polly E. Mathys, Spring City, Pa. is part owner. She writes: "We are selling the ground, and the building will in all likelihood be torn down. In this building are store-type items such as display shelves, a walk-in cooler with five glass door fronts, and five 6-foot-long chest coolers (you know the kind you reach into in the store to

get your Popsicle or what-not). The buyer of the ground doesn't want them and neither do we. But rather than get a certified refrigerant remover to come in and then trash all this equipment, we're looking for a food bank, a farm, a produce stand, or whoever to come to Williamsville and claim these items. None of this stuff is new, but to our knowledge, it all worked the last time the electricity was on." Call Polly at (610) 495-6185 for more information.

QUESTION — L. T. Burke, Southampton, wants to know where to buy outdoor iron furniture from the 1960s-1970s that is in new or very good condition. He wants straight and rocking chairs.

QUESTION — Naomi King, Lititz, wants to know where to purchase replacement thermos lids with attached spouts to drink from. They are the 2-quart Rubbermaid jugs with screw-on lids.

QUESTION — Amy Marple, Mullica Hill, N.J., wants to know where to purchase Pride of Wisconsin cantaloupe seed. Her father grew them in the 1950s. The cantaloupe were of great size and excellent flavor, she writes.

QUESTION — Bruce Natties, Fleetwood, wants to know if anyone knows of a source to buy replacement tips for the cone on a Woodbuster PTO driven log splitter. Or, perhaps a reader has an extra one to sell. Call (610) 944-9162.

QUESTION — Betty Jakum, Littlestown, wants to know where to purchase a gasoline-powered rotary lawn mower that cuts 18 inches or less to use for trimming.

QUESTION — Diane Gray, 70 Damascus Rd., Blandon, PA 19510, wants information and bottles from the former Lebanon or Lebanon Valley Dairy.

QUESTION — Shirley Schwoerner, Wysox, writes that some time ago she had clipped an answer in this column from Joyce Raubenstine who told how to make creams from aloe vera. The instructions were unclear, and she asks if someone can tell her the exact amount of aloe vera to use. The directions she has are as follows: To prepare a herb ointment or salve, crush the leaves of the aloe vera and mix with four parts melted fat (lard or shortening) and one part dry white wine. Heat gently for 20 minutes. Cool slightly and strain.

Shirley writes that her husband's chronic back problem was aggravated during haymaking. She rubbed aloe vera leaves on his back, and it helped instantly. He was amazed. It was a sloppy procedure, so they'd like to make the salve if possible.

Shirley adds a bit of humor by writing that she can't boil water without a 3x5 card, "so you can see my problem with the aloe vera (instructions)."

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

ANSWER — H.S., Hopewell, N.J., is having a problem with the toilet sweating and dripping water on the bathroom floor during humid weather. Anyone have a solution for this problem? Thanks to Dick Herring, Kennett Square, who writes that a jacket or covering to cover the toilet can be purchased at a building supply store. Sweating is a common problem with commodes as well as the cold water pipes in humid weather.

Bradford County Dairy Farmers Raise A Maze

WYALUSING (Bradford Co.) — The Howard Family Farm is a fifth generation farm. Two generations keep the farm running today. But with the economy today and with milk prices set, as they are it gets harder and harder to make a living. The Howard Family realized this and decided to try a unique path to make ends meet. They've gone and raised a maze!

"The Maze was first introduced in Utah in 1996 as the largest human-size cornfield maze in the western U.S. In 1997 there were three mazes in Utah and Idaho, in 1998 15 mazes in the U.S. and Canada and today over 140 mazes in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Mexico."

"The Maze has grown into a unique brand of good farmin' fun that has appeal most obvious to families." The maze is a new form of 'agritainment' for parents, kids, grandparents and school groups, work groups,



Pictured are members of the fifth generation farm of Howard Family Farms in Homet Ferry standing in front of their first Corn Maze called How-A-Mazing.

church groups." People young and old can find this source of recreation that is fun for all ages, clean and educational and most of all unique.

The Howard Family corn maze is cut in a 13-acre cornfield on their farm that extends four miles long for the maze goers. The maze will have a tower in the

center overlooking the maze staffed with a corn cop. For those who get lost and can't get out, the corn cop will assist them. Maze goers will find their way through the maze by searching for puzzle pieces that format into a map, which leads them to the end of the maze. Throughout the maze will be signs with information on

corn and other interesting agriculture facts. For the weary there will be a snack shop and seats as well as restroom to accommodate them.

The Homestead on the "maze" farm was originally built and owned by Edward Homet, one of the eight brothers. Just up the road one half mile stands the large house in which Charles Homet Jr. raised his family of eight sons and one daughter, Theresa. Jonathan Homet, one of the sons, who built the house on the upper farm, is the ancestor of the present family.

Howards presently own three of the original farms and rent land on another. To welcome maze goers the Howards have created a welcome barn from one of their barn structures that will give the feeling of down-home country warmth filled with farm vegetables and fruits, gifts and crafts and local history for the tourists that decide to venture through the maze.

The Howard maze is the first for Bradford County and not only is this venture for the public to enjoy but an investment in their farm, a work of art and form of education on agriculture.

The Howard's designed their maze themselves but hired a professional corn maze cutter from Lee's Summit, Missouri to come and cut the design using a GPS (Global Position System). Their design represents the farm's Holsteins raised there as well as the milk industry.

The Howard's have named their maze "How-A-Mazing" representing the maze and the Howard name. How-A-Mazing will be open to the public during the months of Sept. 6 through October. Groups are welcome by reservation during the week by calling (570) 746-1883 or email at: cornmaze101@yahoo.com.

How-A-Mazing is located in Homet Ferry, Wyalusing in Bradford County. Watch for signs along Rt. 6.