



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 — Charles Eberhart, Mifflinburg, wants to know where to find large American Eagle decals, like those used on milk cans. He can't find them in his area.

QUESTION — L. G., Manheim, wants to know how to keep yellow jackets away from a hummingbird feeder.

QUESTION — Jim e-mailed that he wants to know where to get cow manure from a farm. He will load it on his pickup to unload in the garden. Jim sent no address, so do not know the area where he lives.

QUESTION — Leroy Riehl, Millerstown, wants to know if anyone has an encyclopedia set from the year 2000 or since for sale at a good price. Call (717) 438-3837.

QUESTION — A reader wants to know where to get a bottom limb for a Polar LTD compound bow, which isn't available at all archery shops. Perhaps someone has one to sell. If so, contact resident at 401 Centerville Rd., Newville, PA 17241.

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 mail-order 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 — 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 seen 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 Natiess, 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

Schwerner, 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 — Tim Cherrington, Kutztown, has a ferris wheel gondola seat for about 10 years, and wanted more information. Thanks to Sam Stoltzfus, Lancaster, who writes that an auction catalog from Rocky Springs July 1984, lists two ferris wheels and some ferris wheel seats. Many items were brought in for auction, but were not part of the Rocky Springs Amusement Park collection. Send pictures and price to Sam Stoltzfus, Rocky Springs Park L.P., 1441 Millport Rd., Lancaster, PA 17602.

Shirley Orfanella, Quarryville, writes that she attended the Rocky Springs Park, July 1984 auction. She still has the catalog she purchased. It lists six seats as Eli number 5 oak seats and also 12 are listed Eli number 12. Ten of those are restored. Two ferris wheels are listed, but she does not remember how much they sold for. She suggests contacting the auction company: Guernsey's Auction, 253 East 77th St., New York, NY 10021.

ANSWER — For Mike White and others who wanted to get rid of birds in the field, Donna Lewis, Antwerp, N.Y., sends this solution: String up aluminum pie plates. Punch a hole in the edge and use some heavy twine (bale string

used on the farm). Hang the tins at varying lengths and about 10-15 feet apart throughout the corn patch. The breeze makes the aluminum tins "dance" and shine.

Lewis said, her family put up plastic tubes of silage and the birds were pecking holes in the plastic to get the silage. She used some aluminum pie plates on string tied to some temporary fence posts. The birds did not like it. She also heard that shiny computer disks will work too.

ANSWER — Barbara Baker has an answer for H.S., Hopewell, N.J. She said she had the same problem with the toilet sweating and dripping water on the floor about 10 years ago. She ordered Akay Dri-Flor Plastic Drip Catcher from the Vermont County Store. Although it doesn't stop the tank from sweating, it does catch the drip on the pan which goes into a trough and then into small cups that can be emptied. She has been very satisfied with the product. For those interested, the Vermont Country Store, P.O. Box 6999, Rutland, VT 05702-6999. Call 1-802-362-8440.

M. Baer, Freeland, Md., writes that she purchased a toilet tank drip tray, which works great. It is made by Harvey's Co., Omaha, NE 68117 and sold at Tru Value Hardware and Lowe's.

Create A Wreath Class At Lebanon Ag Center

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County Master Gardeners will be conducting a "Creating a Garden Wreath" class Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Lebanon Valley Ag Center from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20.00 and includes the frame.

The gardeners will show two different techniques for creating wreaths using the bits and pieces of what remains in your garden.

Participants are asked to bring their plant scissors or cutters and any plant material from their own garden that they would like to include in the wreath they create. Additional material will be provided.

To register, call the extension office at (717) 270-4391.

Berks Co. Extension Offers Parent Training

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Berks Co. extension is offering a series of three evening training programs for parents free of charge, to take place at the Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Round.

They are scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 16, Oct. 14 and Nov. 18.

The first program will deal with temperament traits; the second, improving family communication; and the third, using parents' values to set family guidelines.

Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, contact Sue Giachero at (610) 378-1327.