



All you need to know on felines

I have been receiving many letters concerning where cat owners can place their cats while on vacation. Many of you like Tom and me do not want to place our cats in a cage while we are gone.

We so far have been able to keep our two cats home with a friend or neighbor taking care of them. But if we could not have that luxury, we would take them to Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe.

Your cat or cats would not be placed in a cage but rather in their own nicely styled room just for furry friends. Tom and I just happened into this cat store and then discovered they have cat lodging. From what we could tell, it appears very clean, and the cats staying there right now seem content. There is a cat lounge with cat videos on TV, a wonderful cat post to climb and all kinds of room to play.

Backdoor Friends Cat Shoppe is at 35552 Grand River, Farmington Hills (west of Drakes and south of Grand River). Phone: 248-442-0840.

The owners are very nice, too. How do cats get ear mites and how do you get rid of them?

Ear mites are a parasite in the ear canal. This is a common problem of kittens and adult cats. Kittens frequently acquire an infestation from their mother. And if one cat or kitten has mites, then the rest of the cats in the household will, more than likely, have mites. Cats also may acquire ear mites from dogs. Signs of infestation are: Head-shaking, ear-scratching, restless behavior, and presence of brown material in the ear canal. If you suspect a cat mite infestation, your cat can have serious, even fatal, consequences.

If you suspect that your cat or kittens may have ear mites, call your veterinarian and make an appointment. Do not try to treat this problem without the advice of your vet.

When a female cat is

spayed are all the female organs removed.

The surgical removal of the ovaries, oviducts (the passage through which the egg of an animal passes from the ovary) and uterus is a recommended procedure for all female cats that are six months or older. Spaying should be done before her first heat. Spaying prevents a healthy young cat and eliminates the problem of homeless kittens.

What is the difference between neutering a male cat or a vasectomy in a male cat?

Surgical neutering a male cat consists of removing the testes and epididymis (a duct connecting the testes to the tube that carries sperm from the testes to the urethra). This procedure has benefit in addition to preventing female cats from getting pregnant. Neutering prevents problems of urine spraying, excessive aggression, and eliminates the foul odor of male urine. Some male cats may continue to spray urine even after they have been neutered. This may be a behavioral problem. But usually male cats don't spray soon after they have been neutered.

A vasectomy on a male cat is a surgical procedure that ties the tube that carries sperm from the testes to the urethra. It makes the male cat sterile, it does not eliminate the associated sexual behavior, because the vasectomy does not stop the male hormones to continue to be produced by the testes.

I have been asked about what kind of books I have read and enjoyed concerning cats. Here are just a few: "All My Patients Are Under the Bed" (Memoirs of a cat doctor) by Dr. Louis J. Camuti, Simon & Schuster; "The Cat Who Came For Christmas" and "The Best Cat Ever," both by Cleveland Amory, published by Little, Brown and Co.

Write Bev Cornell in care of Ask Bristol, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.

Calls reach out to homebound

The Farmington Hills senior adult division offers friendly phone calls to homebound senior residents.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



DIZAZZO-HUTTER
Mr. and Mrs. Vittorio DiZazzo of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter

Josephine to Daniel Hutter, son of Donald Hutter of Lilledale, N.Y. and Beverly Hutter of Lakeview N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with degrees in international studies and finance. She earned her MBA from Wayne State University and is currently employed as a training specialist at Electronics Data Systems in Troy.

The groom is a graduate of Tri-State University in Indiana with a BS in mechanical engineering. He is currently pursuing his MBA at Wayne State University and is employed as a staff project engineer at Johnson Controls, Inc. in Plymouth.

A November wedding is planned at St. Fabian's Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.



WHEELER-EVENSON

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wheeler announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy to Robert Evenson, son of Fred Evenson of Farmington Hills and Jean Bigos of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Tennessee State University and is currently employed as a medical coordinator at St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center.

The groom is a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and is employed as a contractor for Farmington Mechanical.

An October wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills. The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and make their home in Farmington Hills.

ANNIVERSARY

SCHAEFFER 60TH

On Sunday, Sept. 6, retired District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer and her husband Marvin Schaeffer celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a brunch at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Among the ninety guests were friends and relatives from Washington, Oregon, San Diego, California, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Florida and New York.

Judge and Mr. Schaeffer were married August 28, 1948 in Detroit. They have lived in their Farmington Hills home since 1951, when it was still Farmington Township.



Mr. & Mrs. Schaeffer

Prince of Peace Church marks 40th anniversary

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host an evening of music and song featuring the American Choral of Sacred Music 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2.

The concert features choral music for all generations under the direction of Donald Williams, conductor of the American Choral of Sacred Music.

"We have been richly blessed over the past four decades," said Rev. Philip Trzynka, pastor at Prince of Peace.

"In honor of this milestone, we have chosen the theme 'Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise.' This concert is a way for us to share our message of praise and thanksgiving with everyone in the community through the gift of music.

"We are fortunate to have the talent of Dr. Williams and the American Choral of Sacred Music joining us to celebrate this

occasion." Williams, director of music at First United Methodist Church in Chelsea, founded the American Choral in 1955. His goal is to preserve the rich heritage of sacred music in the Christian tradition while increasing knowledge about music, worshiping God through music and having fun doing so. In addition to serving as founder-conductor of the Ann Arbor Youth Choral, Williams is an active organ recitalist and has performed across Europe, Canada and the United States.

He earned his DMA in organ performance at the University of Michigan, where he studied with Marilyn Mason, chair of the U-M Music Department.

Prince of Peace's 40th anniversary celebration continues at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, with a festival liturgy service featuring guest pastors who previously served Prince of Peace.

Retirement seminar planned

Rick Bloom, a Farmington Hills attorney and certified public accountant, will present a seminar on retirement objectives for the Farmington Hills Senior Adult program at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27.

"Many people believe when you reach a certain age, retirement objectives change," said Bloom, host of radio talk show "Money Talk" and a newspaper financial columnist.

"This misconception is a dangerous one, being that people are living longer and are more active than ever before."

Topics included in the seminar are planning your financial future within retirement, estate planning, risk management and more. To register in advance, call 473-1830. Cost is \$2.



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