

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

and Judith Hall of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Elizabeth, to Michael Andrew Blair, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tryon of Lapeer and the late James Thomson Blair.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Central Michigan University. She is currently working as a recreational therapist.

The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is working as a consultant in the Grand Rapids area.

A March wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Grand Rapids.



HOLMES-TOZER

Ralph and Patricia Holmes of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Jeff Tozer, son of Jackie Tozer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is currently employed as a catering director with Aramark Corporation at Oakland University.

The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is a general accountant with the Harvard Drug Group.

A September wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

Young Jewish adults sought for conference

Metro area Jewish young adults are invited to attend the 11th United Jewish Appeal National Young Leadership Conference March 22-24 Washington D.C.

With "Passion to Action" as its theme, the three day conference will bring together 3,000 young Jewish leaders to discuss Jewish and global issues, meet legislators and top government officials and celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary of independence. The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit is a co-sponsor.

Thirteen Israelis from the central Galilee will meet their peers

in Detroit and travel together to Washington D.C. for a Sabbath retreat.

Fee for the conference is \$225. Hotel and airfare are extra. To reduce the cost, the Jewish Federation will provide a subsidy to attendees from Detroit who make a minimum \$200 pledge to the 1998 Allied Jewish Campaign.

A recruitment meeting will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Max Fisher Federation building, 6736 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

For information and application, call Tanya Mazor Posner at (248) 203-1456.

KORFF-PHILP

Michele Lynn Philp and Christopher Korff were married Nov. 29, 1997.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Sue Philp of Mission, Texas and a graduate of Farmington High School. She attended Western Michigan University and is currently employed with Ingersoll-Rand in Farmington Hills.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Korff of Fort Gratiot, Mich. He is a physical trainer for Peter Nielsen Fitness Center. The couple will honeymoon in Texas and make their home in Wixom.



Remedy dull doggie coats; keep ants out of feeders

What could be causing my dog to have a dull coat?

What can I do to remedy this problem?

A dog's coat that doesn't shine could indicate a form of ill health in your coat.

Internal parasites damage coats, too.

The first step toward improving a dull coat should be a visit to the veterinarian for a complete physical, including a fecal (stool) sample to be tested.

If your vet gives your dog a clean bill of health, then your dog's diet may need to be changed. He may need a higher protein food.

A dry food with a guaranteed analysis on its label of 22 percent protein is considered a maintenance food. Sometimes just adding a cooked egg to your dog's food will help.

Be sure to check with your vet for any diet changes you may want to make for your dog. You and your vet know your dog best.

How can I keep ants out of my hummingbird feeders? Ants like anything sweet and

the nectar in the hummingbird feeders sure do hit the spot for their sweet tooth.

I recently read about a person who put the hummingbird feeders on a wooden stand and placed them in the middle of a recirculating fountain. The ants can't get to the feeders and all birds enjoy the trickling water.

How do I go about removing mites from my cat's ears?

The first time your veterinarian starts treatment by cleaning out your cat's ears. Flushing out debris gets rid of a large number of mites.

After cleaning, your vet may typically treat mites with ear drops that kill parasites and prevent secondary infections and reduce inflammation. You must follow the vet's instructions to continue the course of treatment at home for at least a month to cover the cycle of the mite.

Beu Cornell, a retired veterinary aide and a wildlife rehabilitator licensed by the state DNR, along with her dog, Bristol, will answer your pet questions in care of Ask Bristol, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.



Doctor has tips for curing winter itch

The days are getting shorter and the temperatures are taking an uncomfortable downward spiral. Is that cracking sound you hear chestnuts roasting on an open fire, or is that your poor skin drying out?

Probably the latter. Particularly during the winter, the skin driesness many people experience as a natural part of the aging process is exacerbated by the lack of moisture in the air. There's a term for it: winter itch. That's what is causing your skin to chap, scale and crack.

"Skin needs hydration to stay healthy, and usually it protects itself from drying out by producing a layer of oil," said Botsford dermatologist Michael Mahon, D.O. "Unfortunately as we grow older, our skin generates less oil naturally. Although all skin soaks up moisture from the air when it's humid, low humidity can really cause damage."

Combine the effect of low humidity with a frigid wind whipping at you, and you've got trouble. What can you do about it?

"I tell patients to cut down on those long, hot bubble baths and beware of harsh detergent soaps," said Mahon. "To combat dry skin, you should consistently use moisturizing lotions or creams - Eucerin, Lubriderm,

Vaseline, or the like - several times a day, especially after washing your hands or bathing. Any of these over the counter products can help soothe and prevent moisture from evaporating."

"And I strongly urge everyone to wear gloves when they're outdoors, even if only for a short time," he cautions.

If dry skin becomes severely cracked or inflamed, Mahon recommends seeing a dermatologist. Prescription medications are very effective in preventing infection and further damage.

And just because it's winter, it doesn't mean you shouldn't be using sunscreen.

"In addition to moisturizing, sunscreen is the best surefire way of protecting your skin and your health - as well as reducing the signs of aging," he says.

A member of the Botsford Health Care Continuum, Botsford General Hospital is a 336-bed outpatient teaching hospital located in Farmington Hills. Botsford is affiliated with the Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Botsford site on the Internet is at <http://www.botsfordsystem.org>. The Botsford e-mail address is info@botsfordsystem.org.

NEW VOICES

TEPATTI BABY

Tim and Sue Tepatti of Farmington Hills announce the birth of their son Timothy Michael on Oct. 5, 1997.

He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and joins big sister, Erin.

Grandparents are Jerry and Ricki Tepatti of Fair Haven and Dan and Jean Evola of Sterling Heights.



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