

Sandbox Gazette

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Another Sandbox Gazette has arrived. In this edition we will display the calendar of events, tell you about the previous feature cats and introduce new ones, relay a heartwarming story, offer a cute flyer of a cat's bedtime prayer, make an urgent request, provide the tally of the three-dollar campaign, give the results of the plant sale, update you about the auction and dinner, notify you about the mum sale and include the order form, remind you about the kickoff of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way (UW) Campaign, thank donors for canned food, display the monthly supply donation list, inform you about the past, current, and future fund raisers, and show reminders.

Calendar of Events

The calendar of upcoming events is provided below. Please mark these dates on your calendar to avoid missing any of our fund raisers.

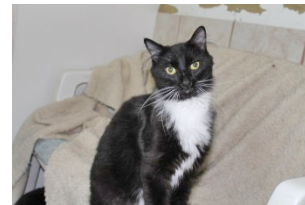
\$3.00 Campaign Ongoing	Now
Lasagna Dinner and Auction	Aug 20 th
CFC & UW Campaigns Begin	Sept/Oct
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival	Sept 9 th & 10 th
Mum Orders Due	Sept 2 nd
Mum Sale Pick-Up	Sept 16 th
Yellow Springs Street Fair	Oct 14 th

Feature Cats

We are so happy to tell you that Monty and Muffin have been adopted. Both were adopted as only cats and so happy to be loved and have homes. Unfortunately, Lexi and Onyx are still waiting for a home.

The new feature cats are Elmer, Edna, and Clark. Elmer is a gray and white, short-hair, neutered male who is about three years old. When he arrived at The Tenth

Life, he was near death. He was found at a business and was filthy and almost lifeless. Initially, we were all convinced that he would not survive. We started treatment and fluids and slowly he improved. Surprisingly, he was negative for the viruses. Elmer absolutely, loves attention. He is a little shy at first, but once he is petted, he turns upside down for tummy rubs. He drools when he gets really happy. He would love to be your pet.



Edna is the second feature cat. She is about eight months old and is a tiger and white short hair. She was found in a Meijer parking lot by herself. Edna loves attention also and loves to sit on your lap for lots of stroking. She is fairly small. She gets along great with her roommates after initial hissing and spitting. Edna is one of the first to greet visitors to her room to get more attention. She is waiting for a loving home where she can be the center of attention.

Clark is a one-year old, long-hair black and white male who arrived with an infected abscess that prevented him from walking on the leg with the abscess. After recuperating from the infection, he developed into a great cat. He loves to chase with the other cats in his room and snuggle with them for cozy naps. Looking out the window and watching any outside critters roaming the property is his favorite pastime.

These great cats would be wonderful additions to any home and would enrich your life and theirs.

Heartwarming Story

Our heartwarming story for this newsletter is also different than most stories provided in this section. Bart is a black, short hair neutered male who presented to The Tenth Life with a broken tail. The vertebrae in his tail were separated from a tail pull. We will never know how this happened. His tail had to be amputated which was the least of the problems Bart had. First, the area where the stump of his tail was, filled with fluid and made him even more uncomfortable. Luckily, the fluid tested okay and did not reappear after being drained. Unfortunately, the accident did nerve damage and sphincter damage that caused him to be unable to pass urine. However he could pass stool. The doctor inserted a catheter which allowed us to evacuate his bladder. However, when the catheter was removed, we could not express his bladder and have him pass urine. Every few days, a new catheter had to be inserted. With every new catheter, he had to be sedated. We were terribly worried that he would never be able to urinate on his own, and we would not be able to help him pass his urine unless he was catheterized. For him to have to be catheterized every few days for the rest of his life was not going to be a quality life. Fortunately, he progressed to the point that he can pass urine on his own. However, we continue to express his bladder twice daily as he cannot totally empty his bladder by himself. Through all of this surgery and catheterizations, he remained a true love. He was never grumpy or vicious, just always very loving. He is now in a room with other cats and has never been aggressive with any of them. He is a true gentleman. Bart loves to be petted and is a really great cat. It is so sad the pain and suffering he had to endure, but now he has a home and is adored.

Cute Cat Flyer

We were given a cute flyer that has the cat's bedtime prayer. It is so true and so typical of a pampered cat's bedtime thoughts. We hope you enjoy it and get a laugh from it.

Urgent Request

We desperately need crocheted catnip toys. For those of you who have made these for us please make more. For anyone else who would like to help in this way, we have patterns, yarn, and catnip available. We just need crocheters. We almost sold out of catnip toys at the Yellow Springs Street Fair. With the dinner and auction and the Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival coming soon, we really need a large supply of catnip toys. At the Popcorn Festival, catnip toys are our best sellers. Many come to our booth and tell us that the toys they purchase from The Tenth Life are the only toys that their cats like. We usually have mice, octopi, gnomes, snakes, balls, bumble bees, turtles, birds, fish, and door hangers. Please help with this need. The cats at The Tenth Life and the cats of our customers are counting on you. We need to keep the cats happy. Please help!!

Three-Dollar Campaign Tally

The Three-Dollar Campaign is progressing nicely. To date the cats have received twenty two thousand four hundred dollars. We thank everyone who has contributed and request that everyone who has not donated, to please send your check now or visit our website and donate through Just Giving. With everyone's busy schedules, it is so easy to forget to donate and help the cats. With the increases in prices of food, litter and medications, your donations to this fund are needed more than ever. Please help the cats! The cats are waiting for your donations.

Results of the Annual Plant Sale

This was the most successful plant sale we have had. The total preorders were thirty thousand seven hundred dollars. This exceeds the previous sale by six hundred dollars. In addition, we had over seven thousand dollars of extras that were sold. The plants were again provided by Furst the Florist and Garden Center and, as always, were absolutely beautiful. We made a profit of thirteen thousand and six hundred dollars for the cats. The plant sale is very labor intensive but very profitable for the

THE CAT'S BEDTIME PRAYER

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP,
THE KING-SIZED BED IS SOFT AND DEEP
I SLEEP RIGHT IN THE CENTER GROOVE,
MY HUMAN BEINGS CAN HARDLY MOVE
I'VE TRAPPED THEIR LEGS,
THEY'RE TUCKED IN TIGHT,
AND HERE IS WHERE I PASS THE NIGHT.

NO ONE DISTURBS ME
OR DARES INTRUDE,
TIL MORNING COMES AND "I WANT FOOD!"
I SNEAK UP SLOWLY TO BEGIN,
AND NIBBLE ON MY HUMAN'S CHIN.
FOR MORNING'S HERE,
IT'S TIME TO PLAY,

I ALWAYS SEEM TO GET MY WAY.

SO THANK YOU LORD, FOR GIVING ME,
THIS HUMAN PERSON THAT I SEE.
THE ONE WHO HUGS ME
AND HOLDS ME TIGHT,
AND SHARES THEIR BED
WITH ME AT NIGHT.



cats. We sincerely thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this sale a success. Further, we truly thank all of our devoted customers who purchase from The Tenth Life and promote this sale to their friends and relatives. This sale grows every year. Let's keep it growing.

Lasagna Dinner and Auction

We are moving forward with the plans for the lasagna dinner and auction scheduled for August 20th at Bergamo Center at the corner of County Line and Shakertown Roads in Beavercreek. Entrance is 4400 Shakertown Road. Keep going straight until you reach the Lifelong Learning Center and the parking lot is straight ahead and is marked. The hours are 2:00 – 6:00 pm; however, the doors open at 1:00 pm to allow you time to preview the auction merchandise. We will be serving the delicious lasagna dinner, provided by Belmont Catering, beginning at 2:00 pm. We will serve the dinner until the end of the event. The dinner will include meat or veggie lasagna, a salad bar, breadsticks, dessert and coffee or tea. Soft drinks and bottled water will be available at an additional cost. Normally, we order enough lasagna to have some left over for our customers to purchase to take home. We sell the leftover lasagna for five dollar per large piece. **The admission fee is fifteen dollars per person whether you eat or not. Payments at the event will be cash or check only – no credit cards.**

Unfortunately, donations for the auction are running behind previous years. If you have been waiting to donate your new, slightly used, or vintage items, please bring them to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation (see the hours of operation on back page). If you cannot transport your items, we can arrange for pick-up. We take all types of items, whether they are cat oriented or not. We love having a huge variety of merchandise to offer our customers. Of course, cat oriented items are huge sellers. If you have jewelry or purses that you no longer want or use, please bring them to us for this sale. We can provide an acknowledgement letter for all of your donations for tax purposes if you wish.

There will be approximately fifty to sixty tables of auction items with many items per table for your shopping pleasure. As always there will be multiple tables of gift cards to every type of business.

In addition, we will have the tables of merchandise of The Tenth Life to include The Tenth Life apparel, original design Christmas and note cards (including the 2023 Christmas card), a huge selection of catnip toys, and other cat merchandise.

There will be tables of delicious home-made baked goods of all varieties. We are looking for bakers for this sale. You can bring your baked goods to Bergamo on Saturday or Sunday morning beginning at 10:00am. Our shoppers simply choose their baked goods and make a donation based on their evaluation of a fair price.

There will be many tables of a wide variety of jewelry items. Last year we had six tables of jewelry at tremendous prices. There were watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, pendants etc. We should have similar offerings this year.

A new offering this year will be a selection of purses of many styles. We hope to receive many more than we have already received. You will be able to have a fantastic purse at a huge savings.

Last year we offered a new feature. We had six tables of items that were not really suitable for the auction tables but still quality items. Some were too small to offer as an auction item and some not the quality of our auction items. You will be able to make an offer of what you think the item is worth. If acceptable to our volunteer, you will have made a great buy.

Last year, we began a canned food collection at the event. It was a success, and we thought we would try again this year. Since you will already be coming to the dinner and auction, you could bring a donation of canned food. The cats prefer Friskies or Fancy Feast Pate, but other brands are certainly appreciated. This would be a huge help for the cats and would save funding for other purposes.

We will have everything you could possibly want at great prices. For those of you who have attended before, you know the great merchandise that we offer at huge savings. You will not be disappointed with your purchases, but you will be sad if you do not attend.

We will also be looking for sources for donations for soft drinks and the salad bar. We have been very fortunate to receive donations from restaurants and supporters for many of these needs in the past.

We need many volunteers to solicit auction items from retailers, work on Saturday August 19th to set up for the auction, and work the day of the auction (August 20th) as servers, table monitors, cleaners of dinner tables and cleanup and pack-up help at the end of the event. Please contact us if you can offer your assistance.

We promise you will have a wonderful time shopping for great value items and enjoying a delicious lasagna dinner with all the trimmings.

Annual Mum Sale

We are again offering the large, beautiful mums from Furst Florist and Garden Center. The order blank is included in this newsletter. The price is ten dollars per mum. They are unbelievably large for his super price. Customers last year were amazed at their size. They will be available in **white, red/burgundy, yellow/gold, orange/bronze, and purple/lavender**. The order blanks with payment are due by September 2nd, and the mums will be available for pick-up beginning on Saturday September 16th from 10:00am-5:00 pm. The hours for Sunday are the same as Saturday and weekdays are from 4:00-7:00pm. The mums were gorgeous last year, and we know they will be again. We will have some extras available, but please pre-order for best selection.

CFC and UW Campaigns

September and October mark the kickoff of these campaigns. Please remember The Tenth Life when you

make your designations for your contributions. We have received acceptance for our application for CFC. Our code is 32031. We would truly appreciate your donation to The Tenth Life. For the UW campaign, you must write in The Tenth Life Pet Therapy Program for your donations. Your donations through these campaigns make a difference in the lives of the cats living at The Tenth Life. Please remember to make these designations.

Donations of Canned Food

Your continued donation of canned food has been a tremendous help with the cost of feeding canned food to the cats that need the extra help with eating. As you know the prices of all food has risen so dramatically, it makes the food expense for The Tenth Life even more costly. The price of the Royal Canin and Iams dry food that we purchase has increased over fifty percent in the last few years. We truly appreciate your help with the feeding costs.

Monthly Supply Donations

The list of monthly supply donations is provided for your shopping convenience. These donations can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation shown at the end of this newsletter. We appreciate your donation of these items which we use on a daily basis for the cats.

July	Pine Cleaner
August	Friskies, Iams, Fancy Feast Canned Food
September	Paper Towels
October	Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Sam's, etc.)
November	Bleach
December	2024 Cat Calendars

Past Fund Raisers

Since the last newsletter, we have had the annual plant sale and the Yellow Springs Street Fair. As we

previously told you, this year's plant and flower sale was the biggest we have had and the most profitable for the cats. Again, thank you for your continued support. Maybe next year can be even bigger and more profitable for the cats

We again attended the Yellow Springs Street Fair on June 10th. The weather was perfect and the crowd was large. It was profitable for the cats, but the income was lower than last October. We made fourteen hundred dollars for the cats which helps the cats. We thank the volunteers who worked our booth and all of the customers who made purchases. We plan to attend again in October.

Current Fund Raisers

The current fund raisers are ongoing throughout the year to help funding the needs of the cats. Any assistance that you can provide will be a great help.

Please continue shopping at Dorothy Lane Markets and Kroger. If you have registered with these stores as a supporter of The Tenth Life, your purchases will add to the amount that these stores donate to The Tenth Life. If you have not registered as a supporter of the cats, but do shop at either of these stores please consider registering as a supporter. It is easy to register and is a big help to our funding.

We still have a nice selection of the totes of various fabrics. The totes have a spacious pouch inside. We have them available at the Tenth Life or by mail. The totes sell for twenty dollars and are gorgeous and well-made. They make wonderful gifts

We have just received another shipment of t-shirts in the new colors. The new colors for the short-sleeve are cactus, dusty rose, and plum rose, and the old colors are royal blue, bright red, and forest green. The new colors for the long-sleeve t-shirts are indigo blue, flannel gray and bright red. We still have bright gold in the long-sleeve. With the new shipment, we must increase our prices due to a price increase from the supplier. The short-sleeve are now \$20.00 and the long-sleeve are \$25.00. The new shirts have The Tenth Life logo across

the entire front whereas; the old ones only had the left chest logo. We think you will love the new colors.

We also have our sweatshirts (\$30.00) and polo shirts (\$25.00). The sweatshirts come in pink, red, navy, forest green, gold, brown, white, and gray. The polo shirts are dark gray, gold, and deep blue. All apparel ranges in size from small to extra/extra large. Of course, we do not have all sizes in all colors. For sizes 2X and 3X, we have a limited supply and there is additional charge of two dollars.

Our selection of catnip toys is extensive. We have crocheted catnip mice, fish, birds, turtles, bumble bees, octopi, snakes, and gnomes (\$3.00), small catnip balls (\$2.00) and catnip door hangers (a crocheted ball on the end of a crocheted hanger) (\$5.00). There are also catnip mats (\$10.00), small fleece throws, perfect for cat naps, (\$5.00) and bags of dried catnip (\$3.00).

Pet Hair Magnets (\$15.00), and Furminators (\$25.00) are available for your pet needs. The Pet Hair Magnets are wonderful for removing pet hair from furniture and clothing, and the Furminators work wonders for grooming your pet(s) and removing mats.

Our note cards are great for writing your friends or they make excellent gifts for your cat-loving friends. There are ten cards and envelopes for five dollars. The front of the card is a cat face and the inside is blank. We hope to have another design of note cards very soon to offer variety to you. Of course it will feature a cat design that is very cute.

These items make excellent gifts for your cat friends and their people. All of these items are available at The Tenth Life or by mail with the **additional amount shown below for postage. As mailing costs have increased, we have had to increase our mailing fees.** We know that you will love any of these items and your cats will love the toys.

T-shirts (Long or Short Sleeve)	\$5.00
Polos, Sweatshirts, & Tote Bags	\$5.00
Catnip Toys & Note Cards,	\$4.00
Pet Hair Magnets, Furminators,	\$6.00

Future Fund Raisers

Before the next newsletter in October there are three planned fund raisers. On August 20th will be the lasagna dinner and auction. Please see the section where we already addressed this fund raiser. On September 9th and 10th we will participate in the Beaver creek Popcorn Festival. Our space is usually 276 which is located in front of McDonalds on Dayton Xenia Road. We will have our apparel for The Tenth Life, catnip toys, our original design Christmas and note cards, cat merchandise, tote bags, etc. Please visit our booth, say hello, and make purchases for you and your cat. We love to hear your cat stories. The festival is from 10:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and from 11:00am-6:00pm on Sunday. See you there. On October 14th, we plan to participate in the Yellow Springs Street Fair from 9:00am-5:00pm. Again, we will have our regular items, listed above, for your shopping pleasure. Our space in June was 213, in front of Speedway. We anticipate having the same location in October or very nearby. We hope to see you there shopping for your cats and for yourself. It is a fun event for everyone at Yellow Springs Street Fair.

Reminders

We appreciate your saving ink cartridges, pennies, coupons, and aluminum for the cats. We redeem the ink cartridges for rewards to purchase office supplies. The pennies can be wrapped or not. Sending coupons for Fresh Step Litter, cat food, paper towels, toilet paper, wipes (Lysol or Clorox), and facial tissue save dollars when we shop for supplies. The aluminum can be any type of aluminum. Any of these can be brought to The Tenth Life during our hours of operation. The ink cartridges and coupons can be shipped.

Hours of Operation:

4:00-7:00pm Monday-Thursday
3:00-6:00pm Friday
10:00am-5:00pm on Saturday
10:00-5:00pm on Sunday

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