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Horse show riders ignore downpour

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The thunderous monsoon that fell on our area Saturday prompted different decisions.

For the Motor City Horse Show at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, the jumping continued right through the downpour. Whereas, at St. Dunstan's Guild of Craftsmen's musical "Funny Girl," in the outdoor Greek Theatre, the show had to be postponed. But the cast party went on in the pavilion after the performance was called off.

At the Hunt Club in Bloomfield Hills, the mood of excitement was in the air for the traditional Tailgate Party at 6 p.m. and Claudia and Don Graham's ringside tent party which started about 8:30 p.m.

It meant a three-party evening, as some of the BOH crowd first were at John and Annette Kolon's 5 p.m. graduation party for their son, Jonathan. In that coterie were Al and Shirley Irwin, Eric and Susanne Mittelstadt, and BOH president Richard Bone and his wife Jackie, who were an ankle-length split-skirt red suit.

More were Rich and Julie Weyand, Jim and Carol Simpson, Doug and Cindy Miner, Dick and Mary Lou Jones, Chris and Libby Edwards, Patrick and Margie Smith, David and Cheryl Lindsay, Bill and Monique Bonnell, and Sherry Catle and Dennis Day, her fiancé.

Co-chairmen of the two horse shows were Art and Carol Zaack and Bob and Chris Thiel. Claudia and Don Graham's party within a party at BOH Saturday was pronounced the most fun by everyone, despite the heavy rain. At the party were BOH vice president Jim Simpson and his wife Kathy, Art and Carol Zaack, and BOH treasurer Ron Coosala and his wife Phyllis, plus the crowd named above. Claudia said, with a laugh, "We invited friends from the Detroit Athletic Club, and for some it was their first horse show experience, and they loved it."

BOH manager Cheryl Bailey, in a cute little red hat, moved about swiftly, keeping everything running smoothly.

More at BOH on the rainy night included Paul and Jill Nefouse, Patricia Auer, and Maury and Nancy Brasser.

Robert and Carole Wendzel decorated their covered box along the Polo tradition.

In the Wendzels' decorated box, Don and Bettina Gregg, Frank and Stephanie Gernack, Joe and Sally Gerak, and Art and Lorraine Schultz. That group regrouped for crepes at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham at the end of the horse show.

"Funny Girl"

It did rain on their parade at St. Dunstan's Guild Greek Theatre in Bloomfield Hills, where the season's final production of "Funny Girl" was to be performed Saturday evening followed by the big cast party.

In an earlier chat with bearded Tom Spriggs, he told us he always researches when he is cast in a part. Spriggs played impetuous Flo Ziegfeld in "Funny Girl," with Debi Green playing Fanny Brice. Incidentally, they were both terrific. Spriggs said that when Flo Ziegfeld was staging his follies, there were more than 40 legitimate theaters on Broadway. Ziegfeld, although married to Billie Burke, always seriously romanced his leading ladies. Spriggs said, "He was always suing or being sued over musical rights," he said, and that was long before the current era of litigation.

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Horse show luncheon: Shirley Irwin (left), Jackie Bone and Julie Weyand attend the "Beauty and the Beast" BOH luncheon last week.

Confessions of 'a bead addict'

■ Farmington Hills resident Janene Obad combines her love of jewelry with her lively fashion sense to come up with an interesting, eye-catching wardrobe.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
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Janene Obad's wardrobe is as free loving as her spirit. No one exactly knows what the bubbly 28-year old costume jewelry designer from Farmington Hills is going to be modeling next. Obad can be seen wearing anything from a super conservative pleated navy blue skirt and cream colored blouse to funky little black stretch pants and flowing trapeze blouse. "It all depends on her mood," she said. However, one thing is certain. Obad will likely be wearing some type of beaded jewelry.

She works at the Bead Works in Franklin Village and promotes the costume jewelry not only in the workplace but also when she is gallivanting around town. She confessed she is a "bead addict."

"Most of my friends, as far as the jewelry is concerned, always want to see what I have on," she said.

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Once she rigged up an electrical piece to wear to a concert by using a miniature wall plug and gluing quartz crystal beads onto it. On another occasion she used the screen from a shower drain to make a brooch for a gray silk suit she wore to a wedding.

Obad explained that to wear a necklace with the silk outfit would have been too overpowering since it already had distinctive pearl and crystal buttons. Using the mesh from the shower drain, she sewed on pearl, crystal and rhinestone teardrops. The beads cascaded forward into a lovely accessory for the special occasion.

Mix and match

For the last nine years, Obad has been designing costume jewelry for other women who stop by the Franklin Village shop. Many drop off several business suits, requesting that Obad design jewelry that can be mixed and matched with the outfits.

"It's a lot of fun. You never do the same thing twice," Obad said. "It's not monotonous. It's not like the jewelry is made in mass production."

Obad enjoys her job so much she also has numerous out-of-store clients who help support her bead addiction, she said.

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Jewelry lover: Both on the job at the Bead Works in Franklin and away from work, Janene Obad of Farmington Hills is likely to wear beaded jewelry, to accent the wide-ranging types of clothing she favors.

Pet sitters look after animals 'home alone'

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Not only are people in search of quality day care for their children, they also are looking for caring pet sitters to tend to their beloved pooches and cats when out of town on business or vacation.

The growing popularity of pet care has opened up numerous facets of pet-sitting services, from those who offer drop-by care to those who are live-in sitters.

Retired Susan Cameron of Tender Care Pet Sitting Service also grocery shops, picks up dry cleaning, waits for furniture deliveries and buys gifts — for a fee — at the request of her animal-loving clients.

Pets and owners alike seem to be satisfied with the service of these caregivers.

Dane, a 90-pound golden retriever, spoiled by owner Linda Hauschultz of Bloomfield Township, pretty much has the run of the family home year-round. However, when the Hauschultzes are on vacation, Dane hardly misses his loving owners. Cameron stops by several times a day to spoil the oversized dog some more, said Hauschultz.

"When we come home it's not like we've been gone at all. Dane is lying on the couch totally relaxed," she said. "(Cameron) even leaves music on for him during the day."

The Hauschultzes moved to Michigan from Ohio about eight months ago. Since no other family members are in the Detroit area, Hauschultz searched for a pet sitter. They found Cameron through a recommendation from the veterinarian.

"I don't like kennels. No matter how clean it is. The dogs are kept in a cage," she said. "Although my dog isn't human he doesn't know that."

Besides, not only does the pet sitter feed and walk Dane but she also checks on a 7-year-old carnival fish named Blossom and two finches, Sugar and Spice.

"Being new to the area it's hard to depend on the

neighbors. I hate to ask," said Hauschultz. "Sue is very dependable. I like (having a pet sitter) because it looks like someone is in the house. She leaves lights on, takes the garbage out on garbage day and checks the mail."

Pet McDonald, a Birmingham resident and cat lover, also uses Cameron's pet services to take care of her precious Leda, a domestic long-hair black cat.

"(Cameron) doesn't just come in and put food and water down. She really likes animals. She even knows where Leda's toys are," said McDonald.

Pet sitter vs. kennel

Veterinarian Terry Ryan from the Cat Practice in Birmingham said what's best for an animal depends on the animal's age and health.

"People seem to use pet sitters when there are multiple animals. Usually dogs are better off in a kennel than cats, although older cats with health problems should be boarded if they need medication," she said. "It's more expensive to keep your animals at home but some people want to have their plants watered and mail taken in. It's an extra

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Animal lover: Pet sitter Susan Cameron of Troy shows off two of her own pets, Maine coon cats Sasha (left) and Tonya.