

ASK THE MECHANIC

Time to tune up the snow-blower is now



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So your snowblower took a heavy hit last winter. Whose didn't? Here are a few things to help revive it.

Check the belts. Worn or old belts will slip in the pulleys when under a heavy load of snow. If your belt has a spring loaded idler as in the Toro 5850, make sure the spring has enough tension to keep the belt from slipping.

Keep paddles new

Check for worn down paddles. To ensure good throwing ability keep your paddles new. As paddles wear down and get shorter, their ability to flip or throw the snow decreases. So start with a fresh set of paddles and throw your snow in the neighbor's yard.

Get to the heart of your machine. Most light duty single stage snowblowers have two cycle engines in them and pound for pound they do a great job of moving snow. But a little help from you will make their job easier.

In the area of engine oil not all two-cycle oils are created equal. Only use oils that carry the BIA or TCW markings on the can or bottle. This will ensure your engine a good

lubrication and less friction.

Check your spark plugs. The spark plug in a two-cycle engine is critical. If the plug is too hot it will damage the piston and burn a hole in it. If the plug is too cold it will rob your engine of its full power or foul out very easily.

In my last article we touched on fuel; how long to store it and the effect old fuel has on a motor. The same is true in two-cycle engines and even more so with the use of the oil that is mixed with the fuel. As the gas evaporates out of the can, the oil doesn't. So you end up with a greater concentration of oil than you should. And with the added age of the fuel, it's nothing but trouble. There is also a difference between summer gas and winter gas. So wait until the fall to buy your gas so that the winter additives are in it. This will help your unit start even easier.

Drain old gas

If you put your snowblower away last spring with gas left in it, by all means, get that fuel out and run it dry. The reason being, your snowblower will start in warmer temperatures with the old fuel in it. But it may not start in the colder weather.

If you have any questions feel free to call me or leave a message on my voice mail.



SARDELLA-HEINDL

Louisa and Carolyn Sardella of Marlborough, Mass. announce the engagement of their daughter Hilary to Jesse Heindl son of Diana Lucas of Walled Lake and

James Heindl of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Connecticut College with a bachelor's degree and a graduate of Emerson College with a masters degree in writing, literature and publishing. She is employed as a production editor for Artech House Publication in Norwood, Mass.

The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan. He is scheduled to receive a masters degree from Emerson College in video production in December. He is employed as a corporate marketing manager for the Blue Dolphin Group in Wayland, Mass.

An October wedding is planned at Saint Anne's Church in Marlborough, Mass.

Hillberry season opens with Neil Simon comedy

The Hillberry Theatre opens its 37th season with Neil Simon's sassy comedy, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor."

The play opens on the Hillberry stage Oct. 2 and runs in rotating repertory through Dec. 11.

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" centers around a team of comedy writers frantically trying to come up with ideas for the award-winning Max Prince Show.

Max Prince is a bundle of energy with a tough personality which masks a heart of gold.

He heads a team of brilliant, neurotic and vibrant writers as they create a weekly comedy television show. Among the writers are: Ira, the hypochondriac; Val, the political expatriate; Carol, the lone female who is just one of the guys; Kenny, the sophisticated Brando who dreams of a career in Hollywood; Milt, the kiss-up; and Lucas, the newest writer of the group.

Through witty one-liners and brilliant comebacks, these characters play off one another, which will have the audience laughing through the entire production.

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Simon went on to write a variety of plays and won numerous awards, including a Tony and a Pulitzer Prize.

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" is directed by Jerry Cleveland, a faculty member of the WSU Theatre Department.

The play opens on Oct. 2 and runs through Dec. 11. Tickets range in price from \$11-\$18. Group discounts are also available.

The play contains adult situations and language. For tickets, call (313) 577-2972.



DEDRICK-HAUSE

Laura Ann Dedrick of Jackson and Kevin Patrick House of Pinckney will be married in December at the Queen of Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Pauline Dedrick of Jackson and the late Thomas Dedrick. She is a graduate of Kellogg Community College and is currently employed as a physical therapist assistant at Orthopedic Rehab Specialist P.C.

The groom is the son of Tom and Chris House of Milford and is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a deputy at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

ANNIVERSARY

CIANCIOLO

Vincent and Jacqueline Cianciolo will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 13.

Vincent, now retired, owned *Holst Auto Repair in Redford*, a family owned business for 25 years. He enjoys woodworking and restoring his newly acquired 1928 Model T. Jackie is a noon-aide at a Farmington District School and works with physically challenged children. She was a religious education teacher for 30 years, a Girl Scout volunteer and enjoys reading, traveling and Jeopardy.

Their children are Thomas, Karen, Jean, Joan, Dennis, William, Sharon, Jeffrey, Kristen and the late Maureen, James and Robert. They have 14 grandchildren.

Their children have planned a



mystery trip in honor of their 50 year celebration.

NEW VOICES

LANG BARY

Carl Jr. and Martha Lang of Bostborough, Mass. announce the birth of their son Colin James Lang on June 24 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital located in Melrose, Mass.

Colin weighed in at 7 pounds

12 ounces and has a big brother named Carl III.

His grandparents are Dick and Ellen McDonald of Seicuate, Mass. and St. Petersburg, Fla. and Carl Sr. and Rosemarie Lang of Farmington Hills.

Need to announce a wedding, special anniversary or a birth? Send your information and a photo to the Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335

Prayer service focus is domestic violence

An interfaith prayer service, a response to domestic violence, is planned for Sunday, Oct. 24 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh in Livonia.

Healing prayer, fellowship and informational tables staffed by professionals with materials will be available.

The evening is for all concerned or touched by domestic violence. Call Joanne Ardanowski at 734-464-4438 for more information.

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