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Theater founder defends mission

FRED SEBULSKE SAYS GRCC SHOULD PROVIDE FORUM FOR ALTERNATIVE ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

BY DAVE MURRAY
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GRAND RAPIDS — Without support from Grand Rapids Community College, theater groups would not be able to offer audiences provocative works — which should be part of the school's mission, the Actors' Theatre founder says.

But a college trustee is arguing GRCC should not spend tuition and tax dollars on productions that might be deemed offensive while it is under a financial strain and cutting back on staff and equipment.

Former professor Fred Sebulske believes part of the college's role is to

educate the community. He founded Actors' Theatre at the college 30 years ago with the intention of exposing audiences to works from artists who might not get noticed otherwise.

"Theater groups today can't exist without some help unless they perform 'Annie' and 'The Sound of Music' over and over," he said Tuesday. "We used to get generous support from the Michigan Council for the Arts, but that's dried up. And the corporations and foundations have shifted their support from the arts to helping those in more dire straits."

GRCC trustees are looking for ways to close a \$3.5 million budget hole, **SEE THEATER, A2**



PRESS FILE PHOTO

Controversial: The cast of "Corpus Christi" strikes a Last Supper pose during its 2003 production by Actors' Theatre, part of the Grand Rapids Community College campus for 30 years.

PINK WASTE RECEPTACLES WILL GENERATE DONATIONS TO CHARITY

Carts roll out for a good cause

BY KYLA KING
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CASCADE TOWNSHIP — As she watched the first all-pink waste and recycling carts roll off Cascade Cart Solutions' manufacturing line Tuesday, General Manager Jo-Anne Perkins recalled the early morning staff meeting when she resolved to help fight breast cancer.

It was Sept. 1, 2009 — 23 years to the day that her mother died of breast cancer at age 51. Her mother died at the same age that Perkins' grandmother died of the disease.

Breast cancer is a near-constant concern for Perkins and her two sisters — all may carry a deadly gene that causes it.

"For me, my life has been a march to 52," said Perkins, who hit that milestone in October. "My heart was very heavy that day. I suggested to the team that we should do something to fight this."

And so the idea was born to develop the 100 percent recyclable, high-density pink polyethylene carts to support the American Cancer Society.

Carts are available for purchase through private and municipal waste haulers or directly through the company, with \$5 of each one sold going to promote breast cancer awareness.

On Tuesday, the first 1,000 carts — an order for Duncan Disposal Service of Grand Rapids — were collected and packaged by employees of **SEE CARTS, A2**



PRESS PHOTOS/EMILY ZOLADZ

In the pink: Mauricio Burns, a worker at Cascade Engineering's Cascade Cart Solutions, wraps a stack of new pink refuse carts Tuesday during the first day of the pink bins' production. Jo-Anne Perkins, below, the company's general manager, lost her mother and grandmother to breast cancer, both at age 51.

THE BUZZ

Kicking breast cancer to the curb

What is the Pink Cart? A pink refuse cart available in three sizes — 35, 64 and 96 gallons. Made of 100 percent recyclable, high-density polyethylene.
How much money goes to charity? Every cart sold sends \$5 to the American Cancer Society to fund breast cancer awareness programs and exploring causes, prevention, early detection and treatments. The goal is to get 100,000 carts on curbs in the first year and raise \$500,000.
Why? Almost 193,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. About 41,000 will not survive.
How can I get my Pink Cart? Order it online at thepinkcart.com or you may be able to order directly through a private or municipal hauler.
Can I buy one for home and use it for other purposes? Yes.
How can I encourage my hauler to support this program? Contact Cascade Cart Solutions at cascadecartsolutions.com or 800-968-2278.
SOURCE: thepinkcart.com, Cascade Cart Solutions, National Cancer Institute



Clerk: Bad advice spoiled ballots

Saugatuck Twp. official says she was told to open container

BY JOHN AGAR
THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP — At the center of an election controversy, Township Clerk Jane Wright said Tuesday she followed the instructions of a county election worker when she opened a sealed ballot container — a move that spoiled ballots for a recount and triggered a state investigation.

The ballots were from a May 4 tax proposal that passed by a two-vote margin, 491 to 489.

The new tax will raise funds for the township's legal costs, essentially to fight billionaire dunes owner Aubrey McClendon. He has cases against the township over zoning restrictions and taxes, while a third lawsuit has been filed by a resident demanding another election because the May 4 ballots could not be recounted.

The lawsuit concerning the election accuses Wright of misconduct. But Wright said she got bad advice, or had poor communication, with a county official.

In a sworn affidavit signed Tuesday, Wright said an elections worker told her to open the ballot container in preparation for an upcoming inspection of containers.

Wright said in her affidavit that she contacted county officials prior to a May 12 inspection of its ballot containers. She said she received a memo from Julia Ryan, the deputy chief of Allegan County elections, that ballot

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CARTS

41,000 DIE OF BREAST CANCER EACH YEAR

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Cascade Cart Solutions' manufacturing plant.

C. Scott Duncan, Duncan's vice president, looked on, smiling, and said 100 of the carts already had been sold.

"I've had people say, 'Whatever I have to do to get that cart I'll do, even if I'm not in your service area,'" he said.

His company is charging customers \$5 a month per cart for one year and donating the \$60 total to the American Cancer Society, or a charity of the customer's choice.

Mike Lindhout, executive director of the West Michigan division of the American Cancer Society, said the organization was delighted when Cascade Cart Solutions called about the idea.

"Breast cancer is the No. 1 reason people call us," Lindhout said. "Everyone out there has a breast cancer story."

According to the National Cancer Institute, almost 193,000 women will be diagnosed



PRESS PHOTO/EMILY ZOLADZ

Check it out: Terry O'Neill, a worker at Cascade Cart Solutions, takes a peek at the new pink trash receptacles, which will help raise money to fight breast cancer.

with breast cancer this year, and about 41,000 will not survive.

The statistic is personal for Fred Keller, chairman and chief executive of parent company

Cascade Engineering.

Keller's wife died of cancer on June 23, 1988, when their children were 6 and 16 years old.

"It was a very tough thing

for the family to experience," Keller said. "We all have these stories about being touched by cancer."

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