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OAKWOOD, OHIO
BY DAVE BOHMAN



I HAVE LIVED IN SEVERAL COMMUNITIES in the United States but have never encountered the hometown feeling of Oakwood, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. The feeling of community and the beauty of the homes are unmatched. Oakwood was also the home of Orville Wright for most of his adult life, and his mansion on Hawthorn Hill (above) is now a national historic landmark. A visit to the Wright Memorial Public Library is a must. Look at the plaque inside the front door and you will see the names of the board members who got the library built in 1939. When you see "Orville Wright, Vice President" and consider the man's accomplishments, you realize how proud you are to have been a part of Oakwood and say it was your hometown.

Oakwood makes the *Smithsonian* magazine

Oakwood resident Dave Bohman sent in a heartfelt contribution to *Smithsonian* magazine's website in praise of his hometown of Oakwood and the letter and accompanying picture of the Wright's Hawthorn Hill mansion appeared in the January 2010 issue.

Duncan named new mayor, Byington vice mayor

By Lance Winkler

The Oakwood City Council convened on Monday, Jan. 4 to not just carry forward business-as-usual at the start of the new year, but to swear in two new council members and elect a new mayor and vice mayor. City manager Norbert Klopsch took the leadership reins to call new council members Ann Hilton and Rob Stephens to the podium to be sworn in by city attorney Dalma Grandjean.

Council member Stanley Castleman then nominated councilmember William Duncan to be mayor, who was seconded and voted in unanimously by council. Mayor Duncan in turn nominated councilmember Steve Byington as vice mayor, who was also unanimously voted in.

"I would like to thank my fellow council members for electing me to the position of mayor of the city of Oakwood. I am honored to have received your support and humbled to be considered in the company with outstanding leaders and com-



William Duncan

munity servants like Jeff Ireland, Gretchen Bullock and Judy Cook... I pledge to fulfill my duties as mayor to the best of my ability," Duncan said in his acceptance speech.

"I think we have a pretty good group," said Stanley Castleman in assessing the new council's makeup.

In Visitors, Carla Hollencamp announced that the Dayton Philharmonic Show House will be holding the event on June 18 through 27, which will be truncated this year to a 10-day event instead of the usual 27-day calendar. The home this year will be 201 E. Schantz Ave., one of



Steve Byington

the original Schantz family estates. 24 designers and six landscapers will be participating in the show house.

The Holiday Decorating Contest winners were announced. The winners of Oakwood's Holiday Decorating Event are:

Oakwood Rotary Club members John Ferneding and Bill Wagner were recognized by council for their successful project collecting hazardous waste from homes throughout the city over the past two years and turning the waste over to the Montgomery County collection



Rob Stephens

facility for disposal. According to Klopsch, over 338 homes have been visited and hazardous waste carried away.

In Legislation, resolutions were read honoring Judy Cook and Carlo McGinnis for their combined 43 years of service as council members, vice mayors and in Judy Cook's case - mayor. Their respective careers and legislative timelines on council were enumerated by Stanley Castleman reading for Carlo McGinnis and Steve Byington for Judy Cook.

Refuse rates are increasing to \$12.50 per month for single family



Ann Hilton

homes; \$25 for duplexes; Triplexes \$37.50 and Four Unit buildings \$50. The rates will also be billed on a monthly basis instead of quarterly as before.

In the city manager's report, Norbert Klopsch announced that the 24-member committee and council members are halfway through the recreation/sports master plan. Meetings are planned for January, February and March with another public meeting slated for February.

The next meeting of the Oakwood City Council is slated for Feb. 1, 2010.

Ohio Sec. of State rep to speak Jan. 8

Nicky Barnhill, regional liaison from the Ohio Secretary of State's office will be speaking to the Oakwood Rotary Club on Friday,

Jan. 8 at 7 a.m. at the Dayton Country Club. She will be addressing the issue of "enhancements to the Business Services Division that

can help small businesses". Seating will be limited. Cost of \$10. for buffet breakfast. RSVP to Pam Goelz at (937) 285-5334.

Longman to head Hospice of Dayton marketing

Janet Longman, RN, BSN, has been named to lead Marketing and Patient Access services at Hospice of Dayton.

Longman has been affiliated with Hospice of Dayton since 2001, serving in a variety of capacities including Manager of the Comfort Care Center, Director of

Care Partners and as a Marketing Account Manager. Prior to joining Hospice of Dayton, Longman had served the longest portion of her nursing career with St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

In her new role, Longman will be instrumental in working with healthcare organizations to partner

in the care of patients with life-limiting illnesses and in facilitating admissions to the hospice program.

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Engagement

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Peter and Sharon Bacon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Abigail Dupuis Bacon to Jason Gary Bergreen.

Abby is a 2001 graduate of Oakwood High School. She received her B.A. degree from Denison University in 2005 and her M.A. in Spanish Literature and Linguistics from Miami University in 2008. She is currently teaching Spanish at Rowland Hall in Salt Lake City.

Her fiancée Jason is the son of Gary and Juanita Bergreen



Jason Bergreen and Abby Bacon

of Corona, CA. Jason graduated from Corona High School and earned his B.S. degree at

Utah State University. He is a journalist with the Salt Lake Tribune.

A July 2010 wedding is planned.

Lauren Woessner wins Holiday shopping spree

Lauren Woessner was the winner of the \$500 Holiday Shopping Spree courtesy of Kamela & Co Realty, Froelich Law Office, Pointe Oakwood, Merrill Lynch and Huntington Bank.

"I love the shops of Oakwood, we shop there all the time. We like to keep dollars in Oakwood." Lauren shopped before Christmas with a girlfriend & her two children, ages 6 & 4. They went to Blue Turtle Toys and bought toys to donate for children at the YWCA. She let her children pick out items for each other too. "Blue Turtle has the greatest toys, my kids selected Calico Critters, Bow & Arrow, Webkins, and doll houses with a carrying case."

At The Little Exchange on

Park Avenue, Lauren found lots of Christmas gifts, teacher gifts, GelGems, stationery and holiday serving ware. While on Park Avenue they stopped at Ashley's Bakery, got some goodies and visited with Theresa.

Then heading back to the shops on Far Hills Avenue, Whispers was another stop, super nice PJ's, bedding & Hanky Panky products! Then to Preen for Nars makeup. Leigh at Gamine helped pick out an outfit for a party - a really cute Trina Turk skirt! At Inside Out Lauren's shopping friend selected the cutest Switch Flops, sandals that you change the top of! A stop for a holiday beverage for her and the kiddies at Central Perk topped off the afternoon...

Holiday tree recycling

Through January 31, Montgomery County Solid Waste District will take leftover live trees free of charge for recycling. Trees should be free of ornaments, tree stands, nails and plastic bags. There is a three tree per vehicle limit.

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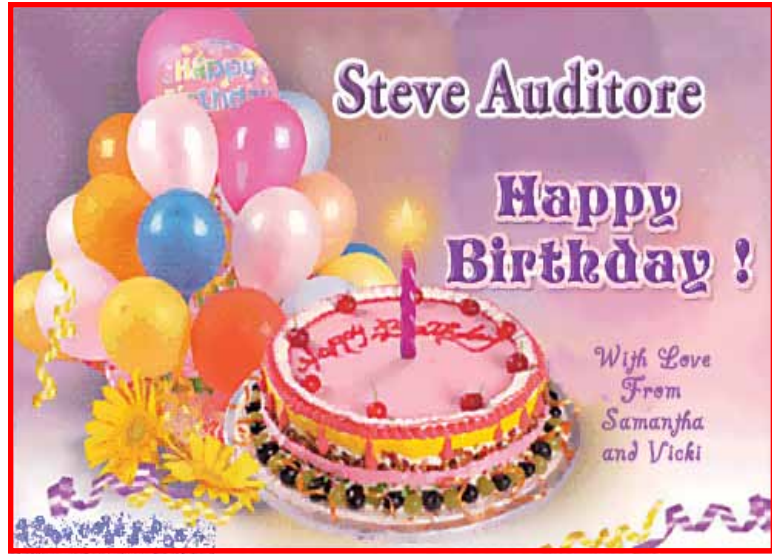
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‘Applying the Dream’ theme of 7th MLK Breakfast

The Cities of Kettering and Oakwood will host the seventh annual Martin Luther King Breakfast Celebration Monday, Jan. 18, 2010 from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center at Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd. in Kettering. This year’s program, themed “Applying the Dream”, will feature Pastor Robert E. Jones of College Hill Community Church as the speaker.

Pastor Jones has been providing pastoral leadership at College Hill Community Church for more than 30 years. Pastor Jones was born and grew up in North Carolina. He

received an undergraduate degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. Pastor Jones then earned his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Sacred Theology degrees at Yale University Divinity School where he also served for five years as Assistant Professor of Practical Theology. After arriving in Dayton in 1977, Pastor Jones received a Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in 1994. Pastor Jones has received numerous local and national awards, including the Liberty Bell Award for Outstanding Community Service from the Dayton Bar Association and

The James E. Stamp Award from the United Negro College Fund. He and his wife, Karen Jones, reside in the Dayton area with their son, Darrell.

The Kettering Oakwood MLK Breakfast was originally created by Oakwood Mayor Judy Cook and former Kettering Mayor Marilou Smith in order to give residents a local opportunity to celebrate Dr. King’s ideals.

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Women’s Spa for the Soul Jan. 10

Chabad Women’s Circle, in partnership with the Dayton Chapter of Hadassah and Beth Jacob Congregation Sisterhood, will present *Spa for the Soul* on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The event will include

a continental breakfast and spa lunch. Area spas and salons will be offering complimentary manicures, pedicures, massages, and other spa services. The guest speaker will be Ahava Spillman, former professor of interpersonal

communication, English literature and psychology at Seneca College for over 30 years. Babysitting is available with advance registration. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. R.S.V.P. to Devorah Mangel at 643-0770.

Writer’s guild plans Jan. 9 session

The Greater Dayton Area Writers Forum was founded in October of 2008 with just two members. Since that time the group has expanded to more than 30 and continues a steady growth in interest. On Jan. 9, the organization will change its name to the “Western Ohio Writers Guild,” (WOWG) in order to better express its original mission.

The Greater Dayton Area Writers Forum began as an unincorporated, non-profit organization the goal of which was to create a network of writers from the Dayton

area while providing them with support, education and professional resources. Professional and amateur writers from every genre from poetry to journalism meet on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss writing and improve their skills.

Independent freelance columnist and writer Gery L. Deer is the founder and coordinator for the organization. “The areas of western and central Ohio are rich in writing talent and there has long been need for support and education beyond expensive writing conferences.”

The group’s next session is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Baymont Inn and Suites, 730 E. Xenia Dr. in Fairborn, just off of I-675 at SR 235. At this point, there is no charge to attend the monthly meetings, but RSVP’s are taken through group’s the Meetup.com website.

No alcohol is permitted on the premises. To get more information or to RSVP for the Jan. 9 meeting, go online to www.meetup.com/Greater-Dayton-Area-Writers-Meetup-Group or email Gery L. Deer at gery@gerydeer.com.



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Ohio Bicycle Adventure announces 22nd tour

Julie Van Winkle, Director of The 22nd Annual Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA), announced today that the 2010 tour, June 19-26, will feature the southeastern section of Ohio. The expected 3,000 riders will start gathering for the tour on Saturday, June 19, at the Hocking County Fairgrounds in Logan. They will begin cycling on Sunday, June 20, covering an average of 50 miles per day, and will overnight in McConnelsville on Sunday, Marietta on Monday and Tuesday, Athens on Wednesday and Thursday, McArthur on Friday, and will return to Logan on

Saturday.

The fun-filled week will include the traditional bicycle parade and the gala opening ceremonies in Logan, family-oriented entertainment each night, options for bus excursions, cheering on the professional bike races, two layover days with bicycling options of 50- or 100-mile loops offering invigorating routes through the scenic hills, and the ever-popular GOBA Song Contest.

This will be the twenty-second year for GOBA. The tour is owned and operated by Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, a non-profit organization,

for the benefit of bicycle-related projects in Ohio. GOBA’s long time sponsor is Bob Evans Restaurants, whose contributions have made the tour possible. In 2009, 2,700 people from 41 states, Japan, China, and Canada took part in the tour.

Those interested in receiving registration information and tour details can request a brochure by calling 614-273-0811 or by visiting the website at www.goba.com. Brochures will also be available in the spring in Ohio Bob Evans Restaurants and many bicycle shops. Application deadline is May 19, 2010.



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OCC on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm January 13 – February 3. Registration deadline is January 11th. Yoga is perfect for today’s busy lifestyle. Come straight from work. We have dressing rooms and lockers for your work clothes. Do something for yourself starting in 2010.

'Round Town

Little Cayman is well named. It's eight miles long, several miles wide in some places, has one hundred and fifty permanent residents, is totally surrounded by coral reefs. But it has the best diving and snorkeling in the world. This testimonial came from fellow residents at the Southern Cross Club who'd come from Istanbul, the Philippines, and Bermuda – to 'dive'. It's mighty difficult to reach. It's got a little landing strip with no lights and no 'airport' – which helps to keep this tiny British Protectorate – protected from the Florida syndrome – for now!

Hosts **Liz Johnson**, MFH of Traders Point Hunt, son **Johnny Johnson**, home owner on Little Cayman have been going to the Island since the eighties. Originally the Southern Cross Club was begun and owned by Indianapolis families – the **Frenzels** and the **Hillenbrands**. **Peter Hillenbrand** now owns this 'gem of the ocean'.

Nobody wears shoes – even to the Christmas eve service at the only little church. Everything come in by boat, or barge, and in a 'container'. It's beautiful – and it's a perfect 'Eden'.

Getting home was a challenge! What with the '...new security regulations...and coming from a 'foreign country'. But Little Cayman, and the Johnsons were worth it all.

And then there was new Year's Eve! A big bunch of Oakwood-ites, and South-a-towners have been getting together for many, many years. And through the years new friends have been added as others departed for Florida etc. The schedule is: 'Cocktails on Oakwood Avenue, dinner at Dayton Country Club, and back to Oakwood Avenue to '...watch the ball drop'. That too has changed somewhat. Each year fewer 'n fewer have made it to the ball-watching and breakfast...but them-what-cock-tailed-and-DCC were in fine fettle. **Bud** and **Aileen Welch** were there. **Marty** and **Fred Ohmer** joined the group – and so did their son **Rick** when they got to DCC. Rick reported a large group having dinner down in the men's locker rooms – watching football or something.

Dotty Bachus, **Joe Acito**, **Jane Heywood**, and **Coreene & Don Moran** were at one of two large tables reserved for the group. **Laurence Warwar**, **Nancy & Tom Gillaugh**, **Dotty Bachus & Joe Acito**, **Ginny Hess & Jim McCoy** were busy chatting-up their group – and many of the 'other' groups! **Wise Glossinger** sat near **Connie Breen** and her 'date' – son **Bob Breen**.

The New Year's Day Brunch given by **Tracy** and **Irv Bieser** is an Oakwood tradition! January first 2010 was a cold, beautiful morning and Sidney Bieser greeted guests with her parents – carrying the largest 'Maine Coon Cat'! 'She' has recently 'adopted' the Bieser household – and was mildly 'tolerant' of the Bieser's guests. The 'guests' were obviously 'intruders' in her 'cat vocabulary'.

Rodney and **Stacy Yarger** were early arrivals. They're neighbors on Oakwood Avenue. **Mary Mead** was there and 'talked bridge' with another guest. It was great to see **Bob Patton** who's back in his old stomping grounds in the Oregon district. **Jean Woodhull** and daughter **Sara** arrived with **DeDe Granzow**. **Al & Fern Leland** and their son **A.J.** arrived. Al apologized to his 'across 'Houk'Stream' neighbor for not decorating his Christmas tree which the neighbor at 1221 Oakwood Ave. always has enjoyed – until now! And speaking of Houk Stream – **George Houk** was there.

Terrific to see old 'fox hunting friend' **Barb Thomas**. "Has the water frozen-up in your stable?" asked a fellow former water bucket carrier'. "No, I've got a heated tack room and keep three buckets there –

so far so good!" **Dr. Ludolph van der Hooven** arrived and received thanks from a fellow 'bruncher' for a bottle of rum – with a 'ho-ho-ho!' **Sally & John Fisher** announced they'd just shipped-off their last grandchild – "...we all had a fabulous Christmas together.

Alice and **Burt Saidel** arrived – which always adds to the fun of a party. But, 'Round Town' did not hear a 'New Years joke' from Burt!

Something was wrong. **Tony** and **Pokey Huffman** were there – and that's an event for they're so often off and away to some foreign destination.

The January 2010 issue of the *Smithsonian* magazine carried a large, color, photo of the Wright Brothers home in Oakwood, Ohio. The photo of the façade was just like the one on last week's issue of 'The Oakwood Register' – except the *Smithsonian's* picture did not have a large buck looking in the window.

The 'copy' under the photo read: I have lived in several communities in the US. But I've never encountered the hometown feeling of Oakwood, Ohio...the feeling of community and the beauty of the homes are unmatched...Oakwood was the home of Orville Wright for most of his adult life...Hawthorn Hill is now a national historic landmark...the Wright Library was built in 1939... Orville was vice-president of this project...you should be proud to say Oakwood is your hometown." - **Dave Bohman**.

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age 85, of Miamisburg, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at Miami Valley Hospital surrounded by his family. He was a lifelong resident of Dayton and was preceded in death by his parents, Howard & Viola Beck, brother, Howard Beck Jr., and son David Beck. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ellen Dennison Beck, son Matthew Beck of Dayton, daughters, Jane (Jeff) Klieve of St. Louis, Margaret (Tim) Neff of Gaylord, MI, grandsons, Ben Klieve, Eric & Kevin Neff, & Brian Beck; granddaughters Ann (Jason) DeLeone, Paige (Bobby) Schuckmann, Anne Klieve, Sarah Neff and Amy Beck. Bob graduated from Fairview High School class of 1942 and Miami University class of 1949 where he was a member of Sigma



Robert Beck

Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy 104th Bomber Squadron in the South Pacific Theater during WW II. Bob served on the Oakwood Board of Education for 8 years, including 2 years as president. He was Scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America Troop 11 at St. Paul's for more than 10 years. He was

a founding member of Oakwood Rotary and a member of the Oakwood Boosters. He earned the designation of Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters & later served as a course instructor for that program. A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45419 on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, The Rev. John F. Koepke, III officiating. Private interment of ashes at David's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dayton Area Food Bank, Salvation Army, Hospice of Dayton or charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements in care of TOBIAS FUNERAL HOME - FAR HILLS CHAPEL. Condolences can be left for family online at www.tobiasfuneralhome.com

Education

OSEF awards \$31,515 in teacher grants

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation recently completed its Fall Grants cycle, awarding \$31,515 to Oakwood teachers and administrators and bringing the Foundation's total grant support over the years to over \$460,000. The Foundation is very pleased to announce the innovative and quality projects, programs and equipment that will be funded beginning in January of 2010.

Dare to Compare: A comparison microscope will be purchased for use by Forensics students to analyze valuable pieces of trace evidence such as hairs, fibers and paint chips. The microscope also will be available for use in other Science courses.

Ti-nSpire Graphing Calculators: Funding allows the purchase of 15 calculators so that every student in AP Calculus has one to use during the year and on the AP exam.

French Library: A library of French volumes will be acquired and available to students to help improve command and comprehension of the language.

"Science Rocks and Rules" Family Science Night: Fourth graders at Smith and Harman will be wowed by this hands-on science event that will be

staffed by Oakwood High School students. Experiments and activities provide opportunities for fourth graders to have fun and make new discoveries.

Expansion of 40 Assets Program: Funds will provide additional copies of From Lange to First Grade, a book written for kindergarten students through the 40 Assets Program. Funding also enables elementary students from Smith and Harman to collaborate and help Kindergarten students understand that even though they will go to different elementary schools, they are still one class that will be reunited in 7th Grade.

iPod Touch Technology: Academic institutions all over the world have begun using iPod Touch technology in the classroom. Oakwood High School soon will be on that list. Some of the key benefits this technology offers are: greater student engagement; effective, easy-to-use digital recording; and convenient, portable digital course content for both students and faculty. This technology also offers students and teachers opportunities to collaborate and integrate a number of disciplines in a single lesson.

Student-Performed Energy Audits: Oakwood High School

students soon will be knocking on doors offering to perform an energy audit on your home. Funds for this grant will be used to purchase an infrared camera and blower door, equipment used to identify energy inefficiencies in homes.

High School Value-Added Project: Partial funding has been offered to provide the opportunity for Oakwood High School to participate in the high school value-added pilot project through Battelle for Kids, a nonprofit organization committed to catalyzing educational change in Ohio. Value-added data measures student progress over time.

The Foundation is very grateful to Oakwood's teachers and administrators who continually strive to enhance learning opportunities for students. We are so appreciative of the many parents, families and community members who value education and support the Foundation's programs, initiatives and fundraising efforts. Your support enables us to partner with our teachers to bring new and exciting opportunities to our students. For more information about the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, please visit our website: www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/osef or contact Karen Gillingham, Director, at 297-5332.

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Wednesday, Jan. 6, Bldg 12 Sinclair Community College W. 4th at Perry St., Dayton OH 45402
INVESTORS FORUM: 6:30 p.m. **TOPIC:** "Getting Started in Real Estate Investments." Jerri Todd, our immediate past President, will go over the basics of Real Estate Investments 101. Jerry and her partner Marsha have been investing in Real Estate for a while. Jerri knows investing in real estate inside out and upside down. You will benefit from her vast experience and tips to doing it right the first time. There will be plenty time for questions. OPHP

CREDIT: 1 Hr, Elective. **MAIN PROGRAM:** 7:30 p.m. **TOPIC:** "Ultimate Buying and Selling Machine" Larry Goins, a National Speaker, an Investor will go over his "Ultimate Buying and Selling machine". He buys and sells 8-10 properties a month without even seeing them. It's a very unique system using internet, phone, fax, e-mail and overnight mail to buy and sell these properties some of them being out of state. There will be plenty time for questions. OPHP **CREDIT:** 1 Hr, Purchasing.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, ASK **THE EXPERT, BUY/SELL/**

TRADE SESSION: 6:30 p.m. A Real Estate topic expert will answer questions relating to that topic. Then we will have a few minutes for members to share items they either have to sell, want to buy, or trade **ACTION GROUP EARLY SESSION:** 7 p.m. **TOPIC:** "Anatomy of a Real Estate Closing" Betsy McCord and Teresa Ganka, with Partners Land Title, will take you through a typical closing process on a real estate deal. This includes the role of a title company, title search, various documents they prepare, different parties they communicate

with and how they pull everything together behind the scenes. OPHP **CREDIT:** 1 Hr, Local Laws. **ACTION GROUP LATE SESSION:** 8:15 p.m. **TOPIC:** "Speed Networking" This is a very popular program among our members. Each pair of members in the group will have a chance to spend exactly two minutes knowing about one another and exchange contact information. Each one would have a chance to meet about 20 members in this session and forces all the members to be efficient in their communications. OPHP **CREDIT:** 1 Hr, Elective.

For additional information on GDREIA call 216-5724. Greater Dayton Real Estate Investors Association is a non-profit educational organization of small business people who buy and sell real estate and/or manage rental properties. Membership is open to all. Meetings are held the first & third Wednesday of every month at Bldg 12, Sinclair Community College (Perry & W 4th Streets) at 6:30pm. Visitors are welcome. Public Relations Contact: Tom Di Nino at 937-689-3603, vice_president@gdreia.com. Website: www.gdreia.com

November house sales show 42.8 percent increase

Single-family sales reached a total of 900 in November, a huge 42.8 percent increase over last November. This is the fifth consecutive year-over-year increase and is by far the largest increase this year compared to the same time period in 2008. Although down 94 units from October, the drop off is not nearly as steep as last year's 251-unit decline at the beginning of the holiday period.

November's activity generated a sales volume of over \$115.6 million, a 65.7 percent jump compared

to last November. This produced an average sale price of \$128,464, an increase of 16 percent. The median for the month came in at \$112,700, up 25.3 percent. These are also the largest increases year-over-year during 2009 by wide margins.

"The number of sales we've seen continues a very positive trend toward some real recovery in our local housing market," said Harry Vearn, president of the Dayton Area Board of Realtors. "The fact that home prices are going up with the increase in sales activity is a

good indication that we aren't seeing just a surge in transactions of low priced homes."

Although still down compared to the same period in 2008, the year-to-date figures are improving steadily due to the upswing in activity during the last five months. Single-family sales now total 9,923 year-to-date, compared to 10,260 last year, down now just 3.28 percent. At the end of June, this year-over-year gap stood at 13.7 percent.

Volume year-to-date has

reached a figure of over \$1.22 billion, down 6 percent from 2008, and has generated an average sale price of \$123,417, down just 2.8%. The median now stands at \$106,000, now down 3.6 percent. In comparison, these figures showed year-over-year declines of 9.9 percent for the average and 13.3 percent for the median at the end of June this year.

Single-family listings submitted in November represent the only statistical figure that declined compared to last November. The

month's 1,439 listings represented a slight 2.1 percent decline compared to 1,470 a year earlier. Year-to-date listings remain down 17.8 percent, at 20,749 compared to 25,256 in 2008 through November.

The active inventory at month's end had fallen to 7,894 available single-family listings and the supply stood at 8.7 months. This compares to an inventory of 9,052 in 2008 at the same time, and a huge supply at that time of 14.3-months when the pace of sales was much slower.

NOVEMBER 2009 - MLS SINGLE-FAMILY SALES SUMMARY

	2009	2008	% Change
Single-Family Listings	1439	1470	-2.10%
Sold	900	630	42.85%
Total List Price	\$121,851,224	\$74,336,204	63.90%
Total Sale Price	\$115,617,260	\$69,759,263	65.73%
% Sale/List Price	94.88	93.84	1.10%
Median Sales Price	\$112,700	\$89,900	25.36%
Average Sales Price	\$128,464	\$110,729	16.00%



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Kooser 3rd at Holiday Tournament

The Oakwood varsity wrestling team traveled to Vandalia Butler High School last Tuesday and Wednesday to compete in the 47-team, multi-state, and multi division, Greater Miami Valley Wrestling Association "Holiday" Tournament. The tournament is considered to be one of Ohio's toughest early season double-elimination tournaments and includes many state placers and qualifiers in each weight class from Ohio and Kentucky. Our Jacks battled tough for two days and were able to finish in 12th place for the small school division and in 22nd place overall. Leading the way for the Jacks was Alex

Kooser who faced early elimination after dropping his opening round rat-tail match Tuesday morning but was able to win eight matches in a row and capture third place honors. Finishing 3-2 and one win away from the placement round were Kevin Lee (119 lbs.), Jameson Kordik (140 lbs.) and Will LeBoeuf (145 lbs.). Also winning key matches were Brian Huey (152 lbs.), Dan Pohlman (160 lbs.), Cameron Wedding (170 lbs.), and Jake Horlacher (285 lbs.). Next up, the team travels to compete in the Bellbrook Invitational January 9th, 2010 at Bellbrook High School.



Alex Kooser (Oakwood) defeats Angelo Amenta (Oregon Clay) 3rd/4th Place - 130lb class.

Boys basketball tickets available

There are a limited number of seats available for the boys basketball home game against Bellbrook on Jan. 15. General admission adult/student tickets are available for \$6 in the Oakwood Athletic Office from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 11, 2010.

Adult passes, "Fan"tastic Family Discount passes, and reserved seats will be honored. Student athletic passes and Southwestern Buckeye League Passes will not be honored.

Game schedule is freshman at 4:30 p.m., junior varsity at 6 p.m., and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Jr. High basketball wins first two matches

By Michael Thesing

The Oakwood Junior High boys basketball team has opened the season with a great start by successfully winning their first two games against the Valley View Spartans on the road and the Carlisle Indians at home.

Against Carlisle, the Lumberjacks scored 14 points and achieved a great defense by allowing only seven points in the first half, and then rallied 23 points in the second half to beat Carlisle 37-27.

Against Valley View, the Lumberjacks used a balanced attack throughout the game by scoring eighteen points in the first quarter, and then twenty-two points in the second quarter to finish the game off by beating the Spartans 40-31.

In both games, one of the team captains, Tripp French, led the team with the most points in each game by scoring 12 points against Carlisle and nine points against Valley View. As the young Lumberjack's sea-

son goes on the team seems to be getting better and better, and are expected to do well this season. Although they are doing very well the team's main goals include beating the Dixie Greyhounds, who they lost to twice last season in a double over time both games with a close score, and to most of all, win the championship, which hasn't been done since Robby Sherk led the team in 2004. We wish the best luck for this young Oakwood team, and go Jacks!

OHS varsity basketball update

By Coach Paul Stone

League standings overall in the Southwestern Division, Oakwood ranks number three out of a field of seven SWBL teams. We head into a busy month of basketball with nine games this month.

Captains Scott Feldmiller and Kevin Knoth have led the Jacks as we head to important leagues games this month. This is one of the smaller teams Oakwood has had in recent memory. We shoot a lot of threes' and press from tipoff to buzzer. The boys have a lot of

heart and are never out of it.

In our league games thus far we have had the following results: ...beat Valley View 63-62 on the road with Ryan McFarland hitting a basket with less than 0.9 seconds to play. The Jacks hit 13 of 39 shots behind the arc.

...beat Brookville in triple OT 89-83 with senior Dan Manzanillo leading the way with 26 points.

...lost at Eaton 66-48. The Jacks connected on 18 of 54 shots and were only 4 for 22 from the three-point line.

OAKWOOD BASKETBALL 2009-10

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Season Record: 3-3



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10	Feldmiller, Scott	6	47	21	.4468	32	13	.4063	9	6	.6667	5	12	17	2.83	3	0.50	7	1.17	0.43	3	0.50	0	0.00	15	1	61	10.17	8.00
11	Wald, Christian	5	30	13	.4333	5	1	.2000	13	5	.3846	2	3	5	1.00	10	2.00	1.00	8	1.60	0	0.00	8	0	32	6.40	4.00		
12	Anastasio, Dominic	6	18	10	.5556	0	0	.0000	12	5	.4167	5	18	23	3.83	3	0.50	9	1.50	0.33	7	1.17	6	1.00	15	0	25	4.17	6.67
14	Manzanillo, Dan	4	46	22	.4783	19	8	.4211	17	9	.5294	3	8	11	2.75	4	1.00	8	2.00	0.50	6	1.50	0	0.00	3	0	61	15.25	10.50
21	Passet, David	6	9	3	.3333	7	1	.1429	0	0	.0000	3	1	4	0.67	1	0.17	6	1.00	0.17	3	0.50	0	0.00	0	0	7	1.17	0.50
22	Galaska, Michael	6	54	21	.3889	36	16	.4444	11	5	.4545	4	12	16	2.67	17	2.83	26	4.33	0.65	5	0.83	1	0.17	9	0	63	10.50	6.17
24	McFarland, Ryan	6	32	14	.4375	15	5	.3333	3	2	.6667	1	18	19	3.17	20	3.33	9	1.50	2.22	26	4.33	7	1.17	10	0	35	5.83	13.17
30	Jervis, Trent	6	5	2	.4000	1	0	.0000	5	3	.6000	2	8	10	1.67	6	1.00	11	1.83	0.55	1	0.17	0	0.00	7	0	7	1.17	1.33
33	Harmony, Zach	3	1	1	1.0000	0	0	.0000	1	0	.0000	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.67	-	1	0.33	0	0.00	3	0	2	0.67	0.00
42	Knoth, Kevin	6	36	15	.4167	17	6	.3529	5	4	.8000	3	3	6	1.00	8	1.33	14	2.33	0.57	6	1.00	2	0.33	11	0	40	6.67	4.33
44	Dempsey, Ryan	6	15	10	.6667	0	0	.0000	5	4	.8000	4	15	19	3.17	4	0.67	6	1.00	0.67	7	1.17	2	0.33	6	0	24	4.00	7.33
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Police Report

DECEMBER 15

Citations

Joanna Ferrel, expired plates

DECEMBER 16

Incidents

THEFT: In the 300 block of Collingwood Ave. – Resident reported a purse with contents spilled out on the ground had been found lying on the east side of house. Evidence was collected for SUV theft incident that occurred December 15, and the purse was returned to victim.

ACCIDENT: Near the corner of Shroyer Rd. and Hadley Ave. – Unit 1 (Melissa G. McHugh) was apparently southbound on Shroyer Rd. in the left lane traveling approximately 35mph when at Hadley Ave., failed to stop within the assured cleared distance ahead and struck Unit 2 (Elizabeth Bowers Pretzinger) in the rear. Unit 2 was stopped in the left lane on Shroyer Rd. with left turn signal on, waiting to turn left onto Hadley Ave. It is unknown if brake lights were operational.

ACCIDENT: Near the corner of Shroyer Rd. and Triangle Ave. – Police were dispatched to a single-car accident. Unit 1 (Alex Bilinski) was driving with a “temp” license in his mother’s car with his mother (Lisa Bilinski) in the passenger seat. When Unit 1 came to a stop at Triangle Ave. and Shroyer Rd. it made a sharp right hand turn, going up over the curb and striking a fire hydrant. Photos were taken and Unit 1 was cited for failure to control.

Citations

Hazel Adams, expired plates
Josephine Berkshire, failure to reinstate license

DECEMBER 17

Citations

Paul Turner, speeding
Wilma McGee, speeding
Robert Jeckering, speeding
Renee Dentremont, stop sign
Becky A. Applefeller, expired plates
Barry J. Pettyjohn, speeding in school zone

Incidents

THEFT: In the 200 block of Orchard Dr. – Complainant reported that person(s) unknown had stolen two items from her unlocked vehicle parked on the street overnight. A CD player and an IPOD were missing. Neighbors were contacted with no information available.

Citations

Troy Michael Wilke, expired plates, no drivers license, operating under FRA Suspension
James Joshua Rihs, speeding in school zone
Jason S. Utz, speeding in school zone
Sandra Rose Boswell, speeding
David W. Leach, expired plates
Jason Lambert, expired plates
Shannon Nelson, expired plates

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Citations

Meredith A. Richardson, expired plates
William R. Winslow, speeding in school zone, failure to signal
Jon C. Merkle, speeding
James D. Whalen, speeding

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Citations

Victoria L. Cosby, expired plates

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Citations

Colleen Lampton-Brill, expired plates
Paul Gentry, expired plates
Aaron C. Hammett, speeding
Michael R. Baughman, speeding

Incidents

THEFT: In the 400 block of Hadley Ave. – Resident reported theft of Cadillac hubcap covers. Resident does not know when or where theft occurred.

VEHICLE TRESPASS: In the 400 block of Telford Ave. – Police were dispatched to possible theft from a vehicle. Resident reported that sometime overnight an unknown person did enter an unlocked vehicle in driveway. Nothing was removed. Several items were taken out of glove box and placed on passenger seat. No prints were found.

DECEMBER 25

Incidents

STOLEN VEHICLE: In the 100 block of W. Hadley Rd. – Resident reported that sometime over night car was taken. Red Mazda was parked on street, unsure if locked. No evidence of broken glass. Neighborhood canvassed with negative results. Resident does not know anyone who would take car and states it was not repossessed.

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE: Dayton PD found unoccupied vehicle at corner of Brandt Pk. and Dodgeson St. Stereo, subwoofer speakers, stereo amplifier were missing. Damage to dashboard. Prints of unknown value found on “Monster” drink. Set of keys with residence key may have been in vehicle when stolen. Advised to have locks changed. Investigation will follow.

STOLEN BIKE: In 00 block of Harman Terr. – Resident reported unknown subject entered unlocked detached garage and removed purple mountain bike.

RECOVERED STOLEN BIKE: In the 1000 block of Southwood Ln. – Resident noticed purple bike in yard. Police released bike to owner on Harman Terr.

VEHICLE TRESPASS: In the 2000 block of Roanoke Ave. – Resident reports that sometime overnight unlocked vehicle parked in driveway was entered. Items scattered on passenger seat, console open, and side door ajar. Nothing taken from vehicle. No evidence or witnesses.

DECEMBER 26

Citations

April M. Peck, expired plates
Regina L. Kinney, speeding

DECEMBER 27

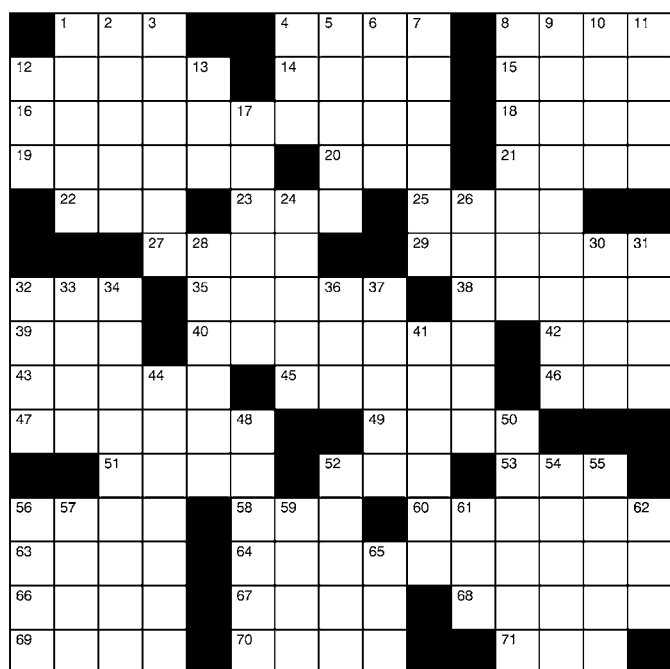
Citations

John Henry Shugart, speeding

Incidents

THEFT AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER OF POLICE OFFICER: In the 300 block of Beverly – Police responded to report of someone entering neighbor’s car. Upon pursuit subject (Jeremiah Lambert) was found on bike path matching description and holding brown plastic bag. Officer said, “Oakwood police, don’t move.” Subject dropped bag and ran. Bag was retrieved containing Nextar GPS with car power cord and four unopened Bud Light cans. Friend was involved, did not flee, claimed not to have participated, gave statement, and was transported home. Mr. Lambert was pursued, taken into custody and transported to Montgomery County Jail.

MEN OF A-CHIEVEMENT



CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

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Kettering man sentenced in child pornography case

Ryan Cofer, 51, of Kettering, was sentenced in United States District Court to ten years imprisonment for possession of child pornography. Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Brian Moskowitz, Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Investigations in Ohio and Michigan, and James Dare, Deputy Court Administrator, Montgomery County Adult Probation Department, announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

A probation officer conducting a visit at Cofer’s Kettering home in February 2008 found 13 computer

floppy disks between the mattress and box springs of Cofer’s bed. Forensic examination of the media revealed approximately 83 images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and depictions of violence involving minors. Cofer downloaded the images from the Internet.

After Cofer completes his prison term, he will be under court supervision for the rest of his life and is not allowed to have any contact with minors. He will also be required to register as a sex offender wherever he lives, works or goes to school and must have monitoring software on any computer that he has access to. He must also participate in a sex offender treatment program.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafekidhood.gov/.

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation by Montgomery County probation officers and ICE agents, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case.

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MEM OF A-CHEIVEMENT

DPO celebrates with Viennese New Year's Eve concert

Burt Sidel



The traditional musical fare for New Year's Eve is a quick trip to the *schlag*-laden streets of Vienna. Orchestras summon up every known, and a few unknown, members of the Strauss family and play their bon-bons feverishly until they end with Auld Lang Syne and the ensuing revelry.

The Philharmonic's maestro, Neal Gittleman, is working, slowly, to emancipate us from all that whipped cream. To end 2009, Neal invited a few guests to join the festivities.

Invited composers came from the Czech Republic, Anton Dvorák, Germany, Johannes Brahms, and New York, Leonard Bernstein. I don't know if these gentlemen had to show visas to get into the New Year's Eve concert. Probably, yes.

Even a greater and more welcome departure was Maestro Neal's invitation to a pair of talented beau-

ties. Their connection – Dayton, Ohio! The special soloists were DPO principal second violinist Kirstin Greenlaw and soprano Laura Portune.

Laura is a native Daytonian who has been in the limelight since her childhood. In regular starring roles with Dayton Opera, she has proven why her career is headed for the top.

Kirstin came to Dayton as Concertmistress of the DPO in the final years at Memorial Hall. My favorite Kirstin Greenlaw story occurred some time ago. I was taking several of my teen-age protégées to a rehearsal. As I explained the aspects of the orchestra, Kirstin came out to take her first-chair seat. I said, "That is the first violinist, the concertmistress." One of the girls retorted, "Is that why she gets to wear velvet?"

The concert was a high-energy gala from beginning to end. A near capacity house heard our fabulous orchestra begin with Viennese aplomb. *Under the Double Eagle* is a march which summons up the very soul of Austrian grandeur. They followed with Strauss' *Die Fledermaus* Overture, which expresses the gaiety

of Vienna.

Laura Portune, a vision in gold, then took the stage to sing Mozart's celebrated jewel, *Exultate, jubilate*. Composed for a noted *castrato* in Italy, it sounded, and certainly looked much better with Laura's brilliance.

After some more Viennese dances, we got the next of our lovely soloists. Kirstin Greenlaw is velvet even when she is not wearing it. The elegance of her long blue gown was forgotten when she began to play Dvorák's opus 11 *Romance*. A work of consummate beauty, it demands a special blending of solo violin, woodwinds and strings. The theme is simple but demands virtuosic sensitivity and was spun into the audience radiating with beauty.

Laura returned with another persona. She became Bernstein's coquette from his opera *Candide*. The aria, "Glitter and Be Gay," continued the joyous tone of the evening.

Before intermission, Maestro Neal offered another special treat. With his usual panache he highlighted the Philharmonic's coming season, calling attention to brochures

placed conveniently in the foyer and Wintergarden.

If the audience was more attracted by the champagne toast welcoming the New Year, a bit prematurely, please don't worry. You will read all about the delights of next season in these columns.

After intermission, the audience worked off the effects of the champagne with a polka and a waltz. Laura Portune strode on stage again, her smiling innocence replaced by a seductive siren's beckoning gaze. With complete aplomb, she sang the aria "*Meine Lippen sie küssen so heiss*." The child we have known her entire life announced to nearly two thousand enthralled listeners, "My lips kiss so passionately."

The libidinous men in the audience got little relief as Laura then sang the charming "Csardas" from *Die Fledermaus*. In translation, Neal and Laura managed to fit the syllabication of the German comfortably into the more difficult English.

The orchestra refused to leave Vienna. The concert closed with a Strauss polka and a waltz, the latter being the "Blue Danube."

The Elder Strauss' *Radetzky*

March has become a New Year's Eve tradition rivaling *Auld Lang Syne*. Always respecting tradition, Maestro Neal gave us both as encores to end the concert and usher in a new decade. Actually, the end of the concert was a cascade of colorful balloons falling from the starry sky in the center of the concert hall.

Hopefully, these new dawning years will be better. We revel in the protective blanket which our arts give us. Let's keep our eyes on the stars and our hopes on America's greatness as we embark on another wonderful adventure together.

Me and orson Wells

And now, for something completely different. Rarely, do I review a film. Cinema is one of the fine arts but few movies deserve comparison with theater.

Currently, *Me and Orson Wells* is playing at the Neon Movies. In contrast to so many of the current celluloid offerings, this is a film with no fluff, no mind dulling special effects or artificial crises. It is literarily true and acted with forceful elegance.

The bad news is that it leaves the theater on Thursday. My advice, don't miss it!

Lise de la Salle to encore with DPO Jan. 7 & 9

Virtuoso pianist Lise de la Salle will be performing on the Schuster Center stage along with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra on Thursday, Jan. 7 and Saturday, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. Entitled "Lise Meets Liszt," the program will include Richard Wagner's *A Faust Overture*, Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Anton Bruckner's Symphony No. 3.

Lise de la Salle was born in 1988, in the northern French town of Cherbourg. Her family background involves both painting and vocal music (her mother sings in choirs). Lise declared her passion for the piano at the early age of four; when she quickly showed extraordinary gifts, she followed the path already marked out for her. Private lessons and her first competition successes led her to her main teacher Pascal Nemirovski, with whom she studies Russian repertoire in particular. The seven piano concertos she currently plays in public include one each by Prokofiev and Shostakovich (their respective First Concertos).

At the same time, Lise de la Salle received exceptional permission to attend the Conservatoire Supérieur de Musique-CNR in Paris from the age of eleven. After graduating with honours in 2001 in the class taught by Pierre Réach, she transferred to Bruno Rigutto's advanced class at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique-

CNSMDP. She has also received precious artistic counselling from



Genevieve Joy-Dutilleux.

Her public career began at the early age of nine, when she played in a concert broadcast by Radio France. It has continued to develop, without excess, through a highly selective programme of podium appearances. Even today, she rarely makes more than twenty in a year.

She played her first concerto Beethoven's No. 2, learnt in just a few days in Avignon at the age of thirteen, bravely standing in for another pianist, with dazzling results. Lise de la Salle is always ready for such adventures, provided they remain the exception. Another

adventure was her first CD for Naïve. The success of this critically acclaimed coupling of Rachmaninoff and Ravel led to an exclusive recording contract with the label.

After a number of first prizes elsewhere, her Special Prize at the 2004 Young Concert Artists International Auditions in New York led to a series of concert appearances in the key American musical centres. In the same year, she made debuts in Japan and at the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival. She has also recently been a much-fêted guest at the French summer Mecca for pianists, the Festival of La Roque d'Anthéron in Provence.

Thus, Lise de la Salle continues unswervingly on her path. With her equal admiration for the calculated perfection of Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and the almost uncontrolled passion of Maria Callas, she wants to make the piano sing and at the same time to evoke the rich colours of the orchestra. Not as some egocentric transgressor and thus allow the colours of the orchestra to be forgotten. Not as some egocentric transgressor of the bounds of the keyboard, but as a true musician with a precocious (though certainly still perfectible) mastery of balance.

Musical to open Playhouse South season

Playhouse South launches its astronomical 50th anniversary season with *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Performances are Jan. 7-9 at the Clark Haines Theater at 3700 Far Hills Avenue in Kettering. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. For the Jan. 7 performance, there will be a dessert and coffee bar to celebrate the Season Opener. Seating for this production will be dinner theater style,

with door prizes given away. The house opens at 7 p.m.

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