

GIFT BASKET WINNERS



The Union Grove area Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Union Grove held its annual Christmas tree lighting event Nov. 29. The evening, sponsored by Union Grove area businesses, featured a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies and hot chocolate. Gift basket winners Roger Crum and Denise Gayhart are pictured with Eric Daniels, center, president of the Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.

Wiklund has winning 'Wustum Story'

RACINE — Tracy Seitz Wiklund took first place in the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts 2012 "My Wustum Story" contest. She received \$100.

In 1938, Jennie E. Wustum honored the memory of her husband, Charles A. Wustum, by donating their house, property and a small trust fund to the city of Racine. She wanted to create an art museum and park that would benefit future generations. Since opening its doors on Nov. 16, 1941, Wustum Museum remains at the heart of the Racine Art Museum and art education in Racine.

This fall, RAM asked people for their Wustum stories. This is Wiklund's winning entry:

"Wustum Museum is why the American Crawl remains, to me, a mystery.

"When I was 7, my mom signed me up for swimming

lessons. The prospect of swimming at the Quarry during teenage summers sounded great. Until I realized swimming lessons meant undressing in front of other kids. After the first lesson, I told Mom I wasn't going back. After the second lesson, I stood my ground and refused to go. My mom, frantic to ensure summer included something educational, offered a choice: swimming lessons or art lessons at Wustum Museum. Since art lessons didn't include public nudity, I chose Wustum. And fell in love with art.

"Six years later, I turned again to Wustum to fill my summer. This time, I wanted a drawing class. The only class available, taught by John Goray, was limited to adults. At 13, I felt qualified but was told Mr. Goray would decide. Goray spoke briefly with me asking why I wanted

to participate, and then said to my mom, "OK, the baby can attend ... as long as she isn't shocked by adult language." That was no problem for a carpenter's daughter ... however, my class name from Day 1 remained "baby." With honest, unvarnished commentary, Goray taught me how to think critically about my work. During class, he would draw with a pen, shade with his coffee, and then discard his work at the end of the night. As if to demonstrate that the process was more important than the product.

"Forty years later, art remains an important part of my life. I may not be able to swim well, but a Goray sketch replete with coffee hangs in my home to remind this "baby" that art is life. It is indeed the process, not so much the final product, that counts."

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Evangelical Lutheran Church, 728 Villa St. The Rev. Nathan Pope will preach, with the Rev. John Roekle and the Rev. Aaron Dolan speaking the liturgy. The 8 and 10:45 a.m. English services will be held as normal. Later that day, the students of Wisconsin Lutheran School will hold their Christmas service entitled, "Now Sing We Now Rejoice" at 2:30 and 4 p.m. The Christmas Eve Sunday School Service, "O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is," will be held at 6:30 p.m., and the Christmas Day Festival Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. with the Senior Choir singing.

JULIUS IS ASSISTANT MINISTER DURING SERVICE AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Charles Julius will act as assistant minister during the 9 a.m. service Sunday at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 2417 Drexel Ave. He will also play violin during the service. Cherie Julius will serve as lector.

MULTIGENERATIONAL CHOIR PROVIDES MUSIC AT OLYMPIA BROWN

In "The Best Gifts I Ever Got," the Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen will explore the oddities of giving and receiving with the Multigenerational Choir providing the gift of music during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday at Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church, 625 College Ave.

ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA

A Christmas cantata, "Coming of Jesus Christ," begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Paul Baptist Church, 1123 Center St. Bishop Lawrence L. Kirby is senior pastor.

Christmas dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Miracle Center, 1100 Grand Ave. The community is invited to attend.

RAYMOND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHOIR PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Raymond Christian Fellowship choir will present a Christmas cantata at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the church, 8638 W. Highway K, Franksville. The theme of this year's presentation is Bethlehem. The public is invited to join the choir in musically exploring the birthplace of Jesus.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CHRIST CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual Christmas program begins at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Christ Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 815 Park Ave. The members will present a Christmas play.

YOUTH/SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVE PRESENTATION AT FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The youth/Sunday School students will light the Advent candles and give a presentation at 10 a.m. Sunday at Faith United Methodist Church, 1013 Harmony Drive. The choir will sing with Lois Hillery at the piano.

WORSHIP SERVICES PLANNED AT FRANKSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a 10 a.m. worship service Sunday at Franksville United Methodist Church, 10402 Northwestern Ave. There will be no Sunday School for any age.

ADULT CHOIR AND ENSEMBLES PERFORM AT RACINE BIBLE CHURCH

The adult choir and various ensembles will minister, celebrating our Savior's birth during the 9 and 10:45 a.m. worship services Sunday at Racine Bible Church, 12505 Spring St.

HOLIDAY MUSICAL AT GREGG CHAPEL CME CHURCH

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