

Vote for Yule tree and do a good deed

The time may have passed for you to vote for a congressman or senator. But you can still cast your ballot for your favorite Christmas tree.

Wickes Furniture in Livonia is the place to go to see 10 trees decorated by members of area organizations. Each group is eager to get your vote because the winning trees will earn \$200, \$100 or \$75 for the organization itself or the charity of its choice.

Voting will continue until 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The winning tree from the Livonia store will join the winners from Wickes stores in Riverview and Warren in an auction at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 in the Livonia store on Seven Mile, west of Middle Belt. Radio personality Tom Dean will auction off the three trees with proceeds going to the club which decorated it.

The 27 trees remaining will be donated to children's homes, convalescent homes, pediatric sections of local hospitals or to the place requested by the organization decorating it.

When you pick a favorite, you may favor the homemade look of the tree festooned by the Livonia Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association with its strings of popcorn, pinecones, decorated milkweed pods and walnuts used as a tiny setting for an even smaller toy baby.

Or maybe you'll dig the tree decorated by the Redford Jaycee Auxiliary. A large brilliant red bow sits on the top with its streamers falling down the side of the tree. Auxiliary members have used egg shells the way the Livonia gardeners used walnuts, as a background setting for wee flowers, in this case.

You'll have two choices of trees prepared by the Livonia Association for the Academically Talented. Those involved with programs for grades three through six raised a corn husk angel to the top of the tree and put a tiny golden halo on her head. There are strings of popcorn, walnut shells holding red berries, thistles with red ribbons attached, and a collection of corn husk angels arranged among the branches.

RAGGEDY ANN GRACES the top of the tree decorated by those involved in the Frost Junior High School program for academically talented students in grades seven to nine. Cranberry and popcorn strands circle the tree. Farm men and women made of clothespins mingle among the pine needles, along with a colorful collection of handmade toys, drums, a car, a drum, stagecoach, airplane, car, bear, bobby horse, wagon bird and train engine.

Purple and gold bows, Lions Club colors, hold up numerous pairs of glasses and provide an appropriate theme for the tree assigned to the Livonia Lionsess Club. The organization helps the blind and recycles glasses.

The tree that best reflected the concept stressed by Wickes Furniture for the Christmas tree of love was trimmed by the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women. Red hearts were all over the place, dominating the view. They were augmented by gold bows.

The Women of St. Fabian Church of Farmington Hills went in heavily for pink and maroon bows, white felt doves, bouquets of dried flowers and sparkling silver bells and snow flakes.

Divine Child School in Dearborn created a dramatic effect with a white dove floating on the top of their tree. Down through the foliage hung silver frames of nativity and other scenes.

Red is the main color brought to the tree decorated by the members of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church of Farmington Hills. Two red velvet bows sit on top with smaller velvet bows placed throughout the tree, with contrast provided by the hand-crocheted white snowflakes, bells, stars, and wreaths.

Interesting is the word for the tree assigned to the Lutheran Women's



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Missionary League, Pontiac zone. It features designs used by early Christians to identify themselves to other Christians. A cross on a round ornament stands for the cross triumphant over the world. The shapes are studded with gold and white beads.

Holiday tidbits for the holidays

"Holiday Appetizers," a see and taste demonstration of unusual tidbits for season serving, will be brought to the Farmington Community Center at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1.

The gourmet cooks doing the demonstrating are Judy Antishin and Barbara Dermody.

Mrs. Antishin, a former school teacher and mother of six children, thinks of gourmet cooking as a fascinating hobby.

Mrs. Dermody has worked as a cooking instructor for five years in adult education departments in the metropolitan area, and now gives classes in Ten Mile Community School.

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Becky James takes a good look at the tree dressed up in red ribbons and white angels, snowflakes, stars, wreaths and bells by members of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

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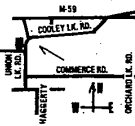
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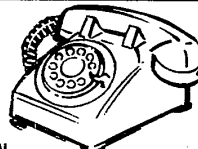
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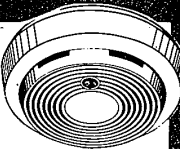


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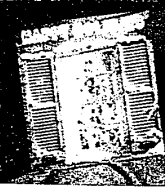
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