

What's up this weekend? Twilight sparkles in the spotlight



The Ford MacNichol home located downtown Wyandotte is preparing for a Victorian Holiday open house on December 19. Photo: Delaney Cade

BY DELANEY CADE

Wondering what to do to keep you busy over Christmas Break? Here are some fun holiday-related events that might interest you.

A unique event coming up this weekend is a Victorian Christmas at the Ford-MacNichol Home downtown Wyandotte.

This event is unique because it is an event that shows traditions from Christmases in the past. So, if you are looking to get a different holiday experience the Victorian Christmas is your answer.

This event takes place on December 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on December 20 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free on these days.

Also going on this weekend is Wyandotte's Third Friday festivities.

The annual event consists of trolley

rides and rides given by horse drawn sleigh. Downtown Wyandotte businesses also have sidewalk sales and in-store sales.

If you are looking to get out of Wyandotte over break, downtown Detroit is the place to be.

Campus Martius Park is open and the ice rink is ready for use.

The ice rink is set up among thousands of lights and holiday decorations to enjoy while skating.

November thru January 1, the rink is open Monday thru Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m. to midnight, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to midnight and Sunday noon to 8:00p.m. The cost for the ice rink is \$7.00 for ages 13-49 and \$6.00 for kids under 12. Ice skate rental is also available.

BY BRITTANY COOPER

Twilight: Starring actress Kristen Stewart, (*The Messengers*, *Panic Room*) as Bella Swan, and actor Robert Pattinson, (*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*) as Edward Cullen, the two become involved in an everyday love story between two teenagers.

Bella lives with her mother and stepfather in Phoenix, Arizona. But, when her mother decides to travel the country with her husband, Bella chooses

to move to the small town of Forks, Washington with her father and is not ready for what surprises await her.

While living in Forks, she meets the strange, yet handsome Edward Cullen, not knowing that he would change her life forever. Edward happens to be a vampire and along with his family, they try to maintain normalcy by not having fangs and keeping their eating habits to animals and not humans. Unexpectedly, Edward becomes extremely attracted to

Bella, and although he tries everything he can to resist her scent, he is still wrapped up in an uncontrollable obsession with Bella Swan.

As I was watching *Twilight*, I was amazed at how after every scene I was on the edge of my seat, waiting to see what would happen next. If you are into watching movies that will bring you shock, excitement, and joy all at once, then you will surely love *Twilight*.



We've got the beat on beats

Various Artists

Twilight Soundtrack

BY SAMI MICHAEL

Even after seeing *Twilight* more than three times, there is nothing more satisfying than playing the soundtrack non-stop. Each song directly from the movie will keep the scenes fresh in mind. A song that will bring tears is "Flightless Bird, American Mouth" by Iron & Wine played when Edward and Bella dance at prom. And when Edward plays "Bella's Lullaby" by Carter Burwell on the piano for her, it will be sure to make your heart melt.



David Cook

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BY SAMI MICHAEL

After winning season seven of *American Idol*, what is David Cook to do? Put out an album of course. His songs, such as "Light On," send a powerful message and leave the listener with a tune they can sing over and over again and can relate to.

David Archuleta

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BY DEVIN CADE

The American Idol runner-up's self titled album has a variety of songs that are a mixture of pop and R&B. The album is full of those cheesy love songs that everyone still listens to and loves. Overall this album could be compared to a combination of Jesse McCartney and John Mayer albums but with a much wider vocal range that Archuleta shows.

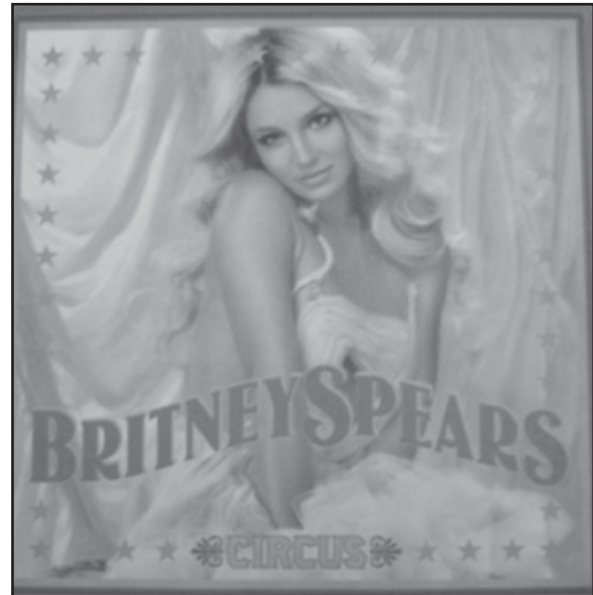


Britney Spears

Circus

BY DEVIN CADE

After a troubling couple of years, Spears is "reborn" with her new album *Circus*. Although the sound of the album is not very surprising for Spears, it is a different sound that still has the dance quality of a Britney Spears album listeners have come to expect.



Comic drawn by Nathan Bogart

Speak Out What are some of the holiday traditions that you do in your family?



"Every year on Christmas Eve we pick one present to open early."
-Freshman, Brett Newman



"Me and my family usually go to my cousin's house and we just do the traditional exchanging gifts."
-Sophomore, Brittany Jezylo



"At my house we always put the tree up the day after Thanksgiving, and we blast Christmas music all day."
-Junior, Kenneth Swaro



"My family and I usually go to both grandmas', on both sides. One on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas day."
-Senior, Katherine Cade



"On Christmas morning, we get up and just watch DVD's, eat, and open presents."
-Teacher, Harold Delaney