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Little Stars members perform a holiday concert at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks. LITTLE STARS

Little Stars bring holiday cheer to seniors

The Little Stars, a Canton-based youth organization (www.thelittlestars.org), brought holiday cheer to the seniors in four local nursing homes Dec. 24 with holiday concerts and gifts, as they have done the last 11 years.

Little Stars performed at Four Season Nursing Center (Westland), Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (Canton), Halsted Place Senior Residences (Farmington Hills) and Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks (Novi).

They also brought 360 fuzzy socks as this year's Christmas gifts, purchased with the funds they raised through fundraiser activities.

Little Stars director Anna Sun, an 11th-grader, distributes fuzzy socks at Halsted Place Senior Residences. LITTLE STARS

Little Stars members distribute fuzzy socks at Four Season Nursing Center. LITTLE STARS

Drunken drivers arrested during New Year's Day weekend in Livonia

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Quick tip to those wanting to spin in the middle of the road: It's probably best to not do it in sight of a police officer.

That was exactly the case early New Year's Day at the intersection of Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia, where a driver was seen by a police officer at the intersection doing "doughnuts" in the middle of it.

After pulling over the vehicle, the officer began doing a sobriety check, at which point the individual urinated on himself. Preliminary tests indicated alcohol and the man was arrested under suspicion of operating while intoxicated-first offense.

The case at Seven Mile and Middlebelt was one of five such drunken-driving cases Livonia police handled over the New Year's holiday, said Sgt. Brian Leigh of the Livonia Police Department.

It's more than a usual night, Leigh said, but the numbers appeared to be "on par" with previous New Year's holidays.

"That's pretty standard for a New Year's Eve," he said.

Another case took place at the Woodbridge Apartment, located east of Middlebelt between Six Mile and Seven Mile, that night. In that incident, a woman driving a 2017 Chevrolet Camaro struck a snow bank, causing the car to overturn. She did not sustain any injuries.

After police arrived, they investigated and determined she had been drinking and arrested under under suspicion of operating while intoxicated-second offense.

Leigh said about 254 breath tests appeared to have been utilized over the holiday across the state.

Even with the numbers staying relatively the same, Leigh said the ultimate goal is to reduce drunken driving at New Year's Eve and other times of year to zero.

With more options in traveling around town, Leigh said it's always a better to find an alternative way home than driving drunk.

"Take a cab. Use Uber. Use Lyft. Call a friend," he said. "Don't drive drunk."

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