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## Upcoming Events

March 12 LEADERSHIP MONROE

March 25 Annual Meeting

March 30 Legislative Gathering

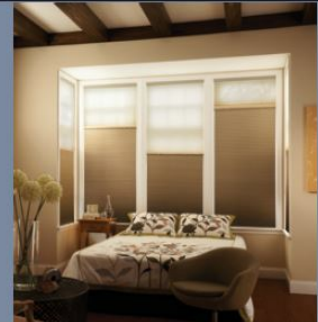
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## Members in the News

### American Cancer Society

The Relay For Life of Monroe County is excited to announce their 2020 event!

Plans are in motion for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Relay For Life of Monroe County, which will take place on June 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning with their Survivor Celebration at 10:00 a.m. The theme for this year is Mardi Gras. This year's event will have a vendor and craft show, a car show, a silent auction, a raffle, bounce houses, live entertainment, a glow 5K, a youth fun run, and so much more!

They are looking for sponsors, teams, vendors, new partners, and auction items for this year's event - if you are interested in learning how you can make an impact in the fight against cancer, please contact Kristen Pilon at 734.624.0571 or [Kristen.Pilon@cancer.org](mailto:Kristen.Pilon@cancer.org).

### Sisters, Servants of the IHM

Sunday, March 22, 2020 · 3:00 p.m.  
IHM Chapel Concert Series - Concert Pianist Jim Hendricks

Jim Hendricks has worked with such legends as Dave Brubeck (piano duets), Della Reese, Rita Moreno, Maynard Ferguson and many others. He has performed more than 1,400 Christian piano concerts in churches throughout the country, including several appearances at the former Crystal Cathedral. He has made 14 piano recordings, performed on ABC, CBS, TBN and PAX, and wrote the book *Contemporary Arrangements for Today's Church Pianist*.

## County

The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG) has named Brad Bice as an Associate in the firm, effective January 1, 2020. Brad specializes in Construction Management and has been with the firm for nearly 16 years. In his position, Brad provides a wide variety of management services in his role as a Group Manager for MSG's Michigan Construction Group. He is responsible for establishing and overseeing project budgets, maintaining construction and project schedules, communicating with clients, contractors and local residents and providing construction engineering and inspection services to clients. MSG recognizes Associates as accomplished senior level professionals who have demonstrated leadership in technical, business development, and/or project management excellence. Candidates are nominated by MSG Shareholders and elected by the Board.

Madonna Bevington Burkit, recent DTE Energy retiree and Madonna University graduate, has accepted the role of Executive Director of the Humane Society of Monroe County. Madonna's experience at DTE coupled with a Master's Degree in Humane Studies with a focus on animal welfare, the environment, and non-profit leadership, propelled her into this position.

Madonna remains an active member of DTE's Monroe Area Task Force and has touched many non-profit organizations such as March of Dimes, Oaks of Righteousness, Paula's House, Monroe YMCA, Children with Hair Loss, MCOP, and the United Way.

Madonna attends local Monroe Vineyard Church with a strong Faith in God and a passion for the community whose personal motto is "Let us be good stewards of the earth, her inhabitants, and each other".

## Spine Specialists of Michigan

Spine Specialists of Michigan is proud to announce their sponsorship with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Monroe County being held June 6-7, 2020 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. The American Cancer Society's mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. They are the only organization attacking cancer from every angle. Local volunteers help make an impact in the lives of cancer patients, survivors and their families. Help fight to find a cure! You can join their Relay team or form your own, become a Relay sponsor, host an event, donate, and so much more. Contact Amy Osthaus at

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