

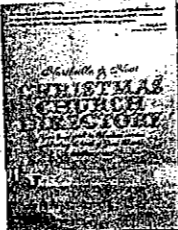


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## 12 Days of Christmas

With the holiday season finally here, 89X, Caribou Coffee and bd's Mongolian Grill have partnered in their

"12 Days of Christmas" campaign to encourage Novi residents to donate new toys or monetary donations to benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit at their local Caribou Coffee and bd's Mongolian Grill through Dec. 6.

Toy donations can be made at the Caribou Coffee at 47490 Grand River Avenue (or any Metro Detroit Caribou Coffee location) and monetary donations can be made at the 43155 Main Street Mongolian Grill.

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# Novi audit shows city in good financial health

## Revenue, fund balance increased in 2010-11

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson called the city's comprehensive annual financial report a "full depth X-ray" of its financial picture.

And once again that X-ray came

back negative as the consulting firm that audited the report for 2010-11 fiscal year gave the city an unqualified opinion and rave reviews.

Pearson said the budget picture was "much clearer" for that fiscal year as the statutory state shared

revenue and interest earnings that were declining in years past had bottomed out. The city's diverse tax base, which is 60 percent residential, helped the city weather the storm over the last few years.

"This last budget was less difficult than two years ago when we



Clay Pearson

had to make cuts," Pearson said. "We didn't have to make these large reductions... and we are not going to just cut our way out. We are going to grow the tax base."

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Attendees of the Nov. 23 ribbon-cutting, grand re-opening of Novi Road stroll along its bridge that now spans the train tracks. Novi Road had been closed to traffic since May of this year for the \$25 million project.

# Novi Road reopens after seven-month closure

## Structure hailed as 'Mackinac Bridge of Oakland County'

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Shoppers, business owners and residents in Novi had a reason to rejoice last week as Novi Road between 10 Mile and Grand River Avenue reopened slightly ahead of schedule after a seven-month closure.

The \$25 million project — which had been in the works for nearly two decades but was often delayed because of funding issues or priority — included widening the road from two lanes to five, a continuous center left-turn lane and construction of a bridge over the CSX Railroad among other upgrades.

"If you want to know what \$25 million feels like, just walk that bridge," Road Commission for Oakland County vice Chairman Greg Jamian said to the gathered crowd last Wednesday at the ribbon cutting. "It feels good."

Those who attended the event were able to walk the bridge dubbed the "Mackinac Bridge of Oakland County" by RCOOC Chairman Eric Wilson as it is the largest spanning



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt shakes the hand of Road Commission of Oakland County Chairman Eric Wilson on Nov. 23 after they officially re-opened Novi Road after its seven month long rehabilitation.

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# Novi lights up for the holiday season

## Free community event features visit from Santa

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

The holiday season is here and the city of Novi will once again kick off the celebration with its annual Light Up the Night event at the Novi Civic Center.

The event, which runs from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow, will feature even brighter lights, new performances and activities, and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

"It's a nice, free community event to bring people out to start their holidays," said Emily Stevens, recreation supervisor for the city. "It's a good way to connect with the community, and there is something for everybody."

Santa and Mrs. Claus are expected to arrive in a Novi fire truck at 6:25 p.m., and the tree will be lit 10 minutes later. Some of the activities include a craft show, performance of "The Nutcracker," singing by the Novi High School choir and the Novi Chorales, food samples, miniature train rides, wagon rides, face painting, magicians, bounce houses and more.

There also will be an ice sculpture, and new this year, reindeer. Stevens said a dusting of snow to make it more winter-like wouldn't hurt either.

"We are just hoping that it's not too cold, and if it's snowing that is fine, just not freezing," she said.

Jason Mangum, director of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, said: "Light Up the Night is a great way for the community to come together and experience the spirit of the holidays in Novi. This event gives us all the opportunity to sing, laugh and enjoy the wonders of the season."

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## Taj announces U.S. House bid for 11th District

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer



Taj wants to give up Medicare. It's something people have paid into from a very young age, and they expect to have it once they reach retirement age.

Vowing to help create jobs and protect Medicare and Social Security, Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj has announced he will campaign as a Democratic candidate in 2012 in hopes of unseating U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, in the new 11th District.

Taj, chief of medicine for Dearborn-based Oakwood Hospital and a third-year Canton trustee, said his longtime career as a doctor and his elected position have prepared him to serve in Washington, D.C.

"I don't want to see our country going down the path it is going right now," Taj said. "It has been really frustrating to see people suffering and losing their houses and jobs — and nobody is doing anything in Congress."

Taj criticized Congress as "dysfunctional" and said he wants to help change it. "Nobody wants to lose their Medicare, and Congress is trying to change it," he said. "Irrespective of political party, nobody

McCotter also is facing a challenge within his own party from candidates such as state Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake and Kerry Bentivolio of Milford.

Taj, in his sixth year as Oakwood's chief of medicine, has said he has shown he can work in a bipartisan approach as the only Democrat on the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees.

He also serves on the Canton Community Foundation's board of directors and has been involved in Wayne County Senior Alliance.

Taj made his announcement in the same week McCotter issued a statement bemoaning the national and state unemployment rate and criticizing President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

Taj has rolled out his campaign website, www.tajforcongress.com. He was born and raised in India and moved to Michigan in 1982 with wife Sofia. They have a son, Asaf.

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## State tax credits for donating to charities coming to an end

### Library encouraging people to donate before year ends

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

People who give to a charity expecting to receive state tax credits for their donation have just over a month left to take advantage of that incentive.

Starting Jan. 1, all state income tax credits for charitable donations will be eliminated thanks to the tax reform bill signed into law in May. The state legislature hopes the reform will help them work to repair its struggling budget.

That means receiving money back at tax time for contributions to food banks, state universities, community foundations,

libraries and more will be gone. Laura Liddicoat, communications specialist at the Novi Public Library, said they are in the process of sending out reminders to community members to make their donations now so they don't miss out on the tax credit.

Liddicoat said fundraising was something the library never had done before this year, but is something that will have to continue as funding is becoming more scarce.

"It's become increasingly more important," she said. "I just feel bad because they will now be losing that credit."

Most people will notice the change when filing their taxes in 2013, and it does not affect federal tax credits for donations. The elimination takes effect Jan. 1, meaning most people will notice when filing their taxes in

2013. The library receives a variety of donations, with individuals getting up to \$100 back and joint filers up to \$200. Businesses that file the Michigan Business Tax may reduce their tax liability by \$5,000 or 10 percent of business tax liability.

Liddicoat said fundraising was something the library never had done before this year, but is something that will have to continue as funding is becoming more scarce.

Two fundraising opportunities coming up for the library are Scrapbook for a Cause on Jan. 28 and Book It! on April 27. For more information about these programs or donating to the library, call (248) 349-0720 or visit www.novipubliclibrary.org.

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## Longtime Novi Concert Band member has played his last song

### Band will play annual free holiday show Sunday

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

The Novi Concert Band will be short one member at its annual holiday concert on Dec. 4.

That's because Ron Salow, one of the band's original members, has decided to retire after 39 years with the group.

Salow, who was asked by Guy Smith to start the band, said if the Novi Concert Band was never started, he likely wouldn't have continued his music career. Salow was a former high school band director and plays in the Michigan State University alumni band.

"I will miss it, but things change," he said. "I've had a lot of enjoyment out of it and enjoyed the fellowship of it and keeping up with

the music. It really keeps your ear in tune."

Salow started playing the soprano clarinet but ended up playing the bass clarinet the majority of the time. He also served as band manager, booking the shows and setting everything up.

"He will be missed not just for what he meant to the band as far as the jobs he did and playing, but as far as the person himself we are going to miss that," said Diran Kochyan, assistant director and first chair clarinet.

Salow said there wasn't anything in particular that stands out over the last 39 years because playing always came naturally to him. He has enjoyed the friendships he has made and still plans on attending shows, including the holiday

show where he will be honored.

**Holiday concert**  
The Novi Concert Band will continue its four decade long tradition of putting on a free holiday concert when it performs at 2 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the Novi Civic Center.

"The band will play several seasonal favorites including selections from the Nutcracker and an audience sing along. "We play the music for the audience," Kochyan said.

He said the group has very talented musicians who care about each other and that "shows in the way we play."

"This is going to be a really fun one," he said.

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Fox Run residents Fran Finsilver, Bertel Reis, and Nori Braude, far right, join employee Rhonda Kotzen inside the Novi retirement community's temporary "sukkot" structure on Oct. 18. Sukkot are shelters, erected during the Jewish holidays - just before Yom Kippur - and celebrate the harvest time. Fox Run will leave its structure up about a week and then re-use it next year.

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# City preparing for another tough winter

## Budget cuts continue to hamper RCO

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Temperatures are starting to drop, and slowly but surely winter is creeping in. And as the city is coming off one of the top five snowiest winters in its history, Novi is rolling out some changes — and new trucks — in an effort to clear the roads faster and thus make them safer during winter storms.

Rob Hayes, director of public services, said the prediction for this winter is similar to last year, with the majority of the major

storms coming late in the season. "I expect now until January will be normal, but then after late January through March we will have some major winter weather to deal with," he said.

The city will continue to operate under the policy of using overtime for major storms of at least four inches or any accumulation of ice, with the goal of having the major roads and local streets open to traffic within 24 hours of the end of the storm. Storms without ice accumulation or less than

four inches will be handled during the driver's regular eight hour shifts. Hayes said they have 16 fully outfitted trucks with underbody plows, front plows and salt sprayers, and is expected to get two new trucks within the next month. Two or three of the trucks currently available "are really dinosaurs and we don't want to put those out on the roads unless we have no choice," he said.

He also said he will have on average about 15-20 people they can mobilize, which is still "not enough."

New this year is the addition of about eight employ-

### WINTER FACT SHEET

- City of Novi has policy that there must be at least four inches of snow or any accumulation of ice before they can use workers on overtime.
- City's goal is to have major roads and local streets open within 24 hours of the end of a major storm.
- City has 16 fully outfitted trucks.
- RCO uses an average of 83,000 tons of salt per winter.
- RCO expects to spend approximately \$12 million on winter road maintenance this year.
- RCO has approximately 135 snowplows/salt trucks, though all trucks are never used at the same time.

ees from other departments in the city who will only be used during major storms to clear municipal lots and pathways.

"They cannot drive the big trucks, but they can drive the pickup trucks with plows. And, for major storms where we cannot get to major pathways or parking lots, they will be a huge help," Hayes said.

Also improved this year is the automated vehicle locator system that is on all the trucks. The GPS system allows employees in the office to track the trucks in real time and see what streets have been done or need to be done.

"It will allow us to have a better feel as far as what percent complete we are

in terms of overall clean up of the storm," Hayes said. "And if we need to redirect resources during a storm we can do that too."

### Message to community

Hayes said he knows people often are frustrated with snow clean up and asks that they be patient throughout the season. The DPS employees will work from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. unless there is ice on the ground or the snow accumulation is at least four inches.

"Our strategy is to clear the major roads first because we want to make sure public safety vehicles can get through and people can get into the major thoroughfares," he said. "And once those are trafficable we go into subdivisions and starting clearing those."

He also said there is no set order in which the subdivisions are plowed.

"We do them randomly," he said.

### Mailbox policy

The Novi City Council discussed creating a city policy on replacing mailboxes damaged by plows or snow, but did not make a decision on Monday night.

Hayes said traditionally if a mailbox is damaged the city has fixed it at no cost to the homeowner. But after spending almost \$30,000 a year including up to 500 man hours of labor, and knowing of no other communities in the state who do such a thing, Hayes feels a formal policy is needed.

"Most communities will repair the box and if they cannot do that they

would offer reimbursement or get them a standard box and post," Hayes said. "It's a more common sense approach."

### RCOC asks for patience

Budget cuts continue to wreak havoc on the Road Commission for Oakland County as the agency is down 122 employees since 2007.

"This winter we continue to have about 50 fewer employees to drive snowplows/salt trucks than we had in 2007," said RCO board chairman Eric Wilson in a press release.

"That is more than one quarter fewer drivers than four years ago."

The RCO usually has 106 trucks on the road during a major snow or ice storm, but those drivers can only be on the road for 16 hours before they must rest. The drivers available for the second shift is less than 40, thus making major snow clean up a longer process.

"Because of the reduced level of service we will be able to provide this winter, it's critical that motorists be aware of the road conditions and drive appropriately for those conditions," said RCO vice chairman Greg Jamian. "We simply can't salt or plow the roads as we have in the past."

The RCO has jurisdiction over 2,700 plus miles of county roads and also maintains 230 miles of multi-lane state highways on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation, including I-75, I-696, I-96, M-59 and Telegraph Road among others.

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### Suspect steals from SUV

A Novi resident had his GMC Yukon and son's Dodge Dakota broken into overnight on Clermont Avenue while they were parked outside his home on Nov. 18.

According to the police report, the alleged suspect stole a GPS worth \$500 from the SUV and attempted to take the stereo system out of the truck but was unsuccessful.

The victims said their vehicles were left unlocked and do not know who may have committed the crime.

### Drunk minor makes false police report

A 19-year-old man was arrested on Nov. 23 for minor in possession of alcohol and making a false report of a crime after he called police saying he was robbed at gunpoint.

According to the police report, officers found the man walking on Grand River Avenue near Marty Feldman Chevrolet, and he told them he was supposed to be buying a car when the two made-up suspects robbed him. Every time he told the sto-

ry to the officer, something changed.

The officer smelled alcohol on his breath and he submitted to a preliminary breath test, registering a blood alcohol content of .08 percent. He then admitted that he was at the mall buying iPhones for people and he was left with no ride home.

It was then that he called 911 and made up the robbery story.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

### Minivan damaged overnight

A 1998 Toyota Sienna minivan had its rear taillight smashed overnight on Nov. 23 while it was parked near a residence on Portsmouth Avenue.

According to the police report, the victim's daughter said she believe she heard people near the vehicle around midnight. She said she looked outside and saw several people around a white SUV, and then saw a man run from her driveway and into the SUV.

Police have no suspects at this time and the tail light is estimated to cost \$100 to replace.

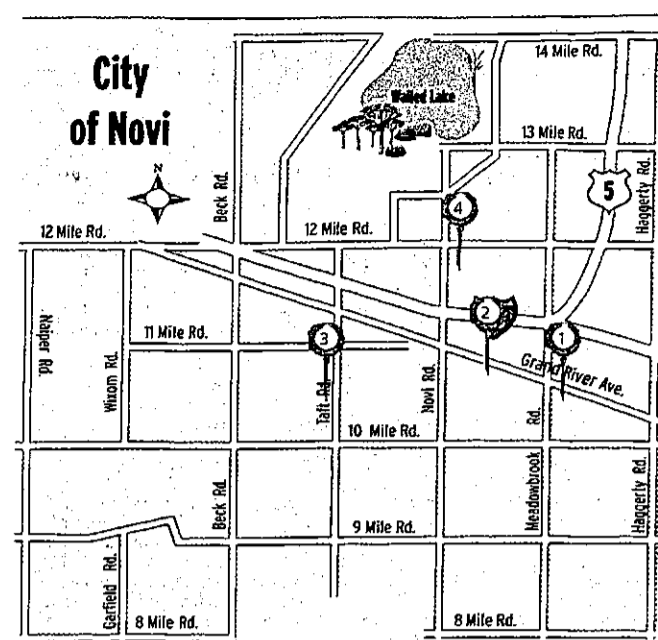
### Woman has stolen credit cards used

A Novi woman, who had her credit card in her possession, found out on Nov. 23 that it had been used in four different locations.

The suspect used the card to make a \$228 purchase at Nordstrom, a \$772 purchase at Apple and one at Footlocker in Dearborn. She showed the police officer her card, and did not find out about the purchases until she received a call from the credit card company that it had been declined at a KFC in Southfield.

Novi police are continuing to investigate the crime.

Compiled by staff writer  
Nathan Mueller



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# Novi Bowl asking for holiday help

## Alley hosting clothing, food drive through December

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Tari Rutkowski admits she thought people and families in Novi did not struggle financially as much as those in other communities. But after the assistant manager at Novi Bowl met with people associated with the Northville Civic Concern and those in Novi organizing clothing closets and food pantries, that mind set quickly changed. "I know as much as everyone wants to say the economy is getting better, but it's not really getting

*"I just hope people look in their hearts and give what they can."*

**TARI RUTKOWSKI**  
Novi Bowl

all that better," she said. "Drive through a subdivision or listen to the kids when they come in here - people are losing homes and struggling left and right, just like in any other community."

In an effort to help those struggling during the holiday season Rutkowski has organized a Cans and Coats for the Community program at the bowling

alley. This is the first time Novi Bowl has hosted this program, but Rutkowski is optimistic that many people who frequent the business will step up to help. She said people can drop off new or gently used winter items such as hats, gloves, scarves, coats and more, and in terms of food. Any non-perishable food item can be used.

The clothing donation will eventually be given to clothing closet at Holy Family Church and the food to the pantry at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

Rutkowski said while many families and people are struggling, there is always someone who has it worse. "I just hope people look in their hearts and give what they can," she said. Novi Bowl is located at 21700 Novi Road. It's open from 9 a.m. to midnight every day, and donations can be dropped off at the boxes inside.

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Novi Bowl's Tari Rutkowski is organizing a "Cans and Coats for the Community" drive at the Novi Road location. They're asking patrons to drop off good winter coats and canned food which will be donated to the foodbank at Novi's Faith Presbyterian Church and clothes will be sent to Novi's Church of the Holy Family on Meadowbrook.

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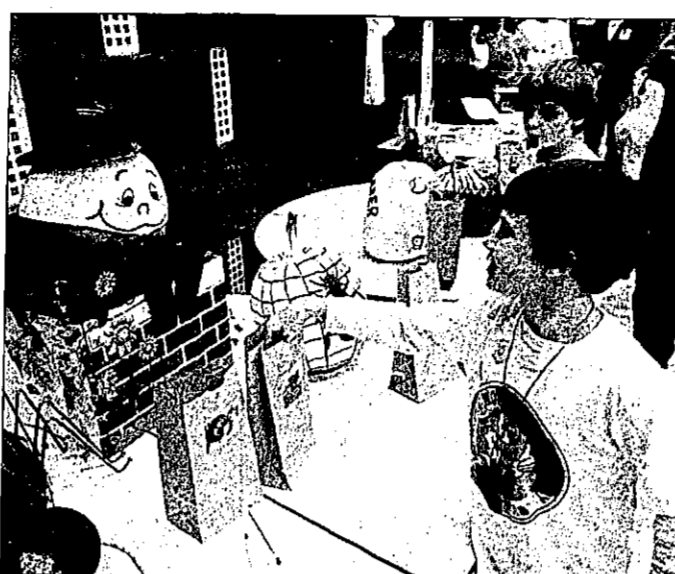
## Road trip



Novi Meadows Girl Scout Troop 45719 is shown in Chicago holding a copy of the Novi News. The girls used earnings from their annual cookie sales to fund a weekend trip to the Windy City, which included visits to the Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry.

# EDUCATION

## 20th anniversary



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This year, Hickory Woods Elementary is celebrating its 20th anniversary with "20 Years of Learning and Leading." Although located on Novi Road in Novi, the school is in the Walled Lake School system and the majority of students reside in Novi. The school recently celebrated its annual Fall Festival with a huge turnout of families. Activities included games, crafts, a magic and a robotic soccer demonstration. Pictured, Max Gorman hopes to win the pumpkin decorated by the first grade teachers.



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Novi Woods students hold up letters with their school's name on Oct. 21 as a DEA surveillance plane circles overhead to capture the image. A parent of a Woods' student works for the DEA and arranged the fly-over to commemorate the school's kick-off to its Red Ribbon Week, beginning Oct. 24, to encourage school spirit.

## Tenacity needed for school district to succeed

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

I learned a lot from our family dog Kaya, a three-year-old Siberian Husky. We try and walk frequently in an effort to keep me healthy and to tire her out.

Nearing the end of a recent walk, Kaya grabbed what I thought was an old scrap of newspaper. We try and walk frequently in an effort to keep me healthy and to tire her out.

Super Talk

Steve Matthews

I reached down to take it from her and discovered that what I thought was an old newspaper was really the rotting carcass of a squirrel that had met its untimely end on the street. What was old, dirty, and disgusting to me was obviously very appealing to Kaya. She wasn't going to give up this new prize without a fight.

I tried to grab it several times while we finished our walk, and each time I was unsuccessful. As we reached our final destination, I straddled Kaya, grabbed one end of the furry remains of the squirrel and started to pull. I was determined to get this away from Kaya. Kaya, just as determined, pulled in the opposite direction. We must have been quite a sight. I was pulling and yelling for Kaya to drop it, and she was pulling just as hard, determined to keep what she had discovered.

After we returned home I reflected on the experience. I try to learn lessons from my life experiences. I was having a hard time identifying what this experience had taught me, but I finally identified a possible

life lesson. Kaya is tenacious. Once she locks in on an idea, she is very reluctant to change.

As I thought about Kaya's tenacity, I thought about our goals here in the Novi Community Schools. The Board of Education has established four very challenging goals. All students will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time. All students will achieve at a high level. The district will enhance educational opportunities for students while maintaining a 10 percent fund balance. We will improve organizational quality and customer service.

If we are to be successful we have to be tenacious as well. Half-hearted efforts will not help us reach our goals as we have to have a laser-like focus on these goals if they are to be accomplished.

The four goals will drive our district forward. These goals will not be accomplished in one year. These four goals will require us to focus our effort and become tenacious.

In order to succeed we will have to be resolute and determined, dogged in our determination to accomplish these goals.

These goals require us to measure our progress, identify areas that can be improved, and take the appropriate action to ensure success. We cannot be haphazard in our approach if we expect to accomplish these goals. In short, to be successful, I think, we need to be as tenacious as Kaya is at times.

I recognize that I can apply the lessons that my dog Kaya teaches me just so far. But this lesson about being tenacious I hope we can all apply in an effort to accomplish the goals of our district. If we do then we will be successful in preparing the students in our district for their bright future.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools District. He can be reached at smathews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1204; www.twitter.com/dostmathews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

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## Flag etiquette

Novi Woods Principal Ascher instructs Cub Scout Pack 54 Wolf Den boys on what the U.S. flag represents, how to raise and lower it and how to fold it. Shows: Ascher, Yuro Shirashi, Luke Sterling, Jimmy Schaefer, Caleb Desmire, Mr. Kaley, Ben Kaley, Trevor Papparella, Collin Shinohara, Eric Johnson, Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Sterling, den leader.

## NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Empty Bowl

Schoolcraft College's annual Empty Bowl Project sale and luncheon will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 in the VisiTech Center on the college's main campus in Livonia.

Ceramic bowls and other ceramic pieces created and donated by the students enrolled in ceramics classes at the college will be available to purchase. Items range in price from \$10-35. The purchase of a bowl includes a bowl of soup, a piece of bread and a glass of water provided by the college's Culinary Arts and Food Services departments. The simplicity of the meal reminds us of those in our community who need our help during the holiday season and throughout the entire year.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Schoolcraft College Student Food Pantry, which provides food for students and families who are food

insecure. The food pantry opened in April 2011 and operates on donations from students, staff, faculty, and the community. To date, the Pantry has received nearly 5,000 pounds of donated goods and are currently serving 38 families.

In addition to helping the hungry, the ceramic pieces make great holiday gifts - something to consider as the holiday season draws near. The items for sale include a wide array of styles, from the very simple to more intricate pieces of art.

"This is a great event for the local community and students to come together for a cause that knows no boundaries. We are hoping that people can find the time, make the commitment, and get involved with this singular effort that can make such a profound local impact," said Todd Stowell, Student Activities Coordinator. In addition to helping others in need and sharing a delicious

bowl of soup, the Empty Bowl Project sale and luncheon is a great opportunity for the community to examine the work of Schoolcraft College's talented ceramics students.

(... awkward pause)

The Novi High School social issue group - (... awkward pause) - puts on shows for each class senior, junior, sophomore and freshman, and for the general public throughout the year. Talking about the issues that everyone knows about but they are just too scared to actually say, their goal is to provide thought provoking theatre. They tackle issues that students face day to day: too much school work, pressure from parents, and friends/peer pressure. The troupe will be having their second performance of the 2011-12 school year at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Black Box of the High School for \$2 admission.

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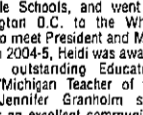
**BELL, MURRAY F.**

A resident of Milford since 1976, and a native of Fenon, died on November 27, 2011 after suffering a heart attack at his home. He is survived by his wife, Rose, who he married in 1954. He was over 64 years old. His sons, Doug (Margaret) Bell of Farmington Hills and Craig Bell of Farmington Hills and grandchildren, Kirk, Amy, Chris and Jeffrey Bell. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Agnes Bell, and brothers, Graham and Donald. Murray worked as a cost accountant with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn for 35 years, retiring in 1987. Funeral services were held at the Milford Presbyterian Church, Milford, on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 with burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenon. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-8645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



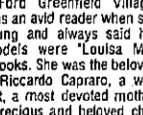
**DALE, ROSALIE E.**

Age 83, passed away November 25, 2011. She was born on August 21, 1928 in Saginaw, Michigan, daughter of the late Harold and Evelyn Darling. Rosalie was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She could often be found on her favorite croquet court watching golf, curling or foosball. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Susan, and her grandchildren, George, Leigh, Tim, Melissa, Michael, Joshua, her great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Emma, Jackie, Jasmine, Jesse, Siena, Jimmy, Zach and Melissa. She was also survived by her son, David, and her sister, Bonnie and her brother, Don. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis and four children. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 29 with funeral services Wednesday, November 30, at 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis. Online Guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



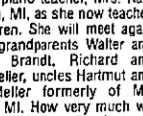
**KAY, RICHARD ALTON**

A longtime resident of Milford and Casewell, Michigan, died on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at the age of 82. He is survived by daughters, Debbie Sadler, Patricia (Steve) Harris, and Janet (Doug) Wright, son, Joseph, and his wife, Elizabeth Kay; eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy (Bill) Madocck. Mr. Kay was a Veteran of the U.S. Marines, a member of the Milford and Casewell American Legion Posts, and worked as a carpenter for many years with Burton Brothers. A Memorial Gathering will be held at Milford American Legion Post 216 on Thursday, December 1, from 1-4 PM with a service and Military Honors beginning at 1:15 PM. Memorials may be made in his name to St. Joseph Mercy Living Hospice. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-8645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



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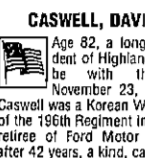
**HALL, ROBIN M.**

November 14, 2011, age 58. Loving mother of Erin and Brian Hall. Dear daughter of Donald. Funeral was Nov. 19th. Donations: American Cancer Society. [obitiansullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obitiansullivanfuneralhome.com)



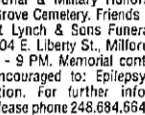
**HERKNESS, RONALD SR.**

Age 65, passed away Nov. 25, 2011. Visitation Friday, Dec. 2, 1-3pm with a funeral service at 3pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



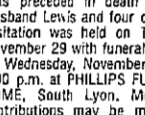
**CASWELL, DAVID E.**

Age 77, passed away November 18, 2011, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. He was born and raised in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 20, 1934, but spent part of her adolescent and teen years living in Norway. She met Michigan resident Eric Hoberg on a ship named the Stavergerfjord, during her second journey to Norway. At the age of 20, she returned to the United States to marry Eric. They settled in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, and then later retired to South Lyon. She is survived by her loving husband, Eric; Daughters: Annie (Lee) Murray, Karl (Tom) DeStefano and Debra (Michelle) Kratt; Grandchildren: Kig (Kim) and Steven (Joshua) Hoberg, Andrea, Heather, Rachel and Karl DeStefano, and her sister, Evelyn Erlendson. Funeral services to be held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 9:30am. Donations to the National Stroke Association. Online Guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



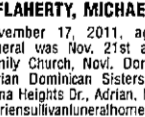
**HOLLIS, MARGARET H.**

Age 99, passed away on May 28, 2011. She was born on May 28, 1912 in Alberta, Canada to the late Sam and Mary (Waller) Picard. Margaret is survived by her children, Sylvia, Beverly, Gladys (James) Froh, Max (Nancy) Hollis; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert in 1950 and 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Visitation Nov. 30, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Dec. 1, Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. a funeral service will be held on Dec. 1, Thursday at West Lake Street, South Lyon, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Green Oak Funeral Home, 10111 Fieldcrest, Brighton, MI or South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2000 Parkway, South Lyon, MI. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



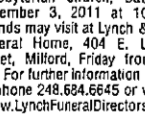
**JONES, JACQUELINE MARIE**

Age 82, passed away November 22, 2011 at the age of 82. She is survived by daughters, Cheryl A. Phillips, granddaughters, Mary, Grace, Aria, and Emily Phillips and Justin, Nathan, Sabrina and Nicholas Kenawabikie; a sister, Jean (Dale) Wittbracht and many nieces, nephews, dear friends, and co-workers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip. She was a member of the Milford Preving Grounds where she worked for over forty years. Services will be held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-8645. Condolences may be left at [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



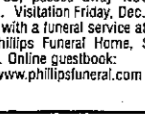
**ROSE, INEZ**

Age 91, passed away November 28, 2011. She was born on June 16, 1920, in Canton, NY, to the late Johnnie and Donna Deaton. She was a resident of South Lyon Senior Care & Rehabilitation Center. She was employed with the South Lyon School District as a cook for 20 years. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church for over 45 years. Inez is survived by her children: Sus (Lenora) Bolke of Ann Arbor; Gary (Linda) Rose of Brighton; 4 grandchildren: Jason Bolke, Michele Bowen, Matthew R. Rose, Richard Ewert; 5 great grandchildren, Kasey, Thomas, Morgan, Chloe, Claudie; her brothers: Cecil and L.C. of Dayton, OH; Troy and Henderson of Campton, KY; her sisters: Beulah Gilger of South Lyon, and Irene Bradley of Farmington. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lenore; her brothers: Roy Deaton and Edward Childers; her sisters: Reva Fletcher and Wayne Mitchell. A funeral service will be held on Nov. 30 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



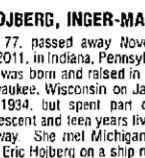
**RUCK, ROBERT J.**

November 14, 2011, age 87. Funeral was Nov. 16th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment: Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. [obitiansullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obitiansullivanfuneralhome.com)



**WRIGHT, DELMAN H.**

Age 79, New Hudson, passed away 11/27/2011. Private family services held. Contributions to Michigan Parkinson Foundation appreciated. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home Inc., South Lyon.



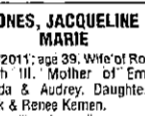
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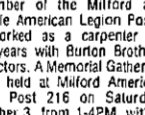
**SCHWEIZER, MARY RUTH**

Age 83, of Livonia, passed away Nov. 26, 2011. Visitation Thurs. Dec. 1 from 5-7pm with a memorial service beginning at 7pm, Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville (248) 349-9311



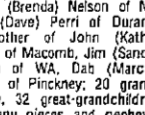
**LUDON, ERIC JAY LUDON**

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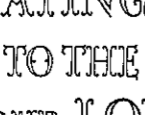
**SPENDER, VIRGINIA**

Ol Waverline Lake was born June 22, 1931 in Heidelberg, Kentucky. She was the wife of the late Andrew (Mike) Remar, her grandchild, George, Leigh, Tim, Melissa, Michael, Joshua, her great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Emma, Jackie, Jasmine, Jesse, Siena, Jimmy, Zach and Melissa. She was also survived by her son, David, and her sister, Bonnie and her brother, Don. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis and four children. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 29 with funeral services Wednesday, November 30, at 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis. Online Guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**PHILLIPS, JOSEPH DAVID**

A "long time" resident of Milford and a former resident of Detroit, died on November 22, 2011 at the age of 80. She is the beloved wife of 62 years to the late Frank Spencer (d. Sept. 2011). Loving mother of Rodney (Michelle) Spencer and the late Wayne Spencer. Dear grandmother of Dan (Romonee) Spencer, Devin (Christina) Spencer, Ryan Spencer and Megan (Aaron) Collins. Great grandmother of Addi and Trenton. She is also survived by her siblings: Goldie Misa Sparks, Neal Smith, Jr., Harold Smith, Charles Smith, William Smith, Elma Ruth Ross, Marilyn Smith and the late Johnny Smith. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Funeral from Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-8645. Condolences may be left at [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



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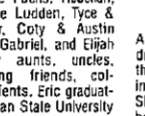
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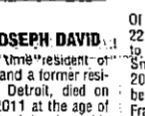
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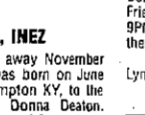
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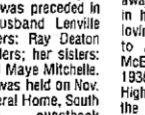
**SCHWEIZER, MARY RUTH**

Age 83, of Livonia, passed away Nov. 26, 2011. Visitation Thurs. Dec. 1 from 5-7pm with a memorial service beginning at 7pm, Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville (248) 349-9311



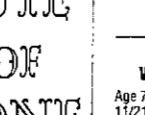
**SPENDER, VIRGINIA**

Ol Waverline Lake was born June 22, 1931 in Heidelberg, Kentucky. She was the wife of the late Andrew (Mike) Remar, her grandchild, George, Leigh, Tim, Melissa, Michael, Joshua, her great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Emma, Jackie, Jasmine, Jesse, Siena, Jimmy, Zach and Melissa. She was also survived by her son, David, and her sister, Bonnie and her brother, Don. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis and four children. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 29 with funeral services Wednesday, November 30, at 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis. Online Guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**PHILLIPS, JOSEPH DAVID**

A "long time" resident of Milford and a former resident of Detroit, died on November 22, 2011 at the age of 80. She is the beloved wife of 62 years to the late Frank Spencer (d. Sept. 2011). Loving mother of Rodney (Michelle) Spencer and the late Wayne Spencer. Dear grandmother of Dan (Romonee) Spencer, Devin (Christina) Spencer, Ryan Spencer and Megan (Aaron) Collins. Great grandmother of Addi and Trenton. She is also survived by her siblings: Goldie Misa Sparks, Neal Smith, Jr., Harold Smith, Charles Smith, William Smith, Elma Ruth Ross, Marilyn Smith and the late Johnny Smith. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. Funeral from Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-8645. Condolences may be left at [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



**LUDON, MARIANNE E.**

78, died November 27, 2011. Loving wife of John Ludon; beloved mother of Melody (Marion) Ferrel of Fenon, Pamela (Tom) Avey of Central Lake, Debra (David) Sanchez of TX, Bradley (Brenda) Wilson of NC, Becky (Dave) Fern of Durand; step-mother of John (Kathy) Ludon of Michigan; Jim (Sandy) Ludon of WA. Dab (Marcie) Ludon of Michigan; 23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews also survived. Preceded in death by daughter, Linda Brandt, brother, William (Brad) Brandt, brother, Jodee Sonneberger. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, Friday from 4-9 PM. For further information please phone 248.684.8645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



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## NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit [holymfamily.org](http://holymfamily.org)  
**Mass Schedule**  
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.  
**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**Weekdays:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service.

## CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.  
**Destiny Worship Center**  
Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville  
Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org)

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 34557 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or [www.nwhepocenter.com](http://www.nwhepocenter.com)

## FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing Road  
Contact: (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. First Saturday of every month

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or Please see CHURCH, A9

## PHOENIX CHURCH

Location: 200 E. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-9311 or visit [firstpresby.org](http://firstpresby.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Children's Programs:** 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9000

## WARD CHURCH

Location: 4820 E. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-9311 or visit [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)  
**Traditional Worship:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.  
**Children's Programs:** 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
The traditional service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. or 5:50 a.m.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 200 E. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-9311 or visit [firstpresby.org](http://firstpresby.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Children's Programs:** 9:00-10:00 a.m.  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9000

## CHURCH

Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
**Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1  
**Details:** Dr. Carol Fischer discussing holistic and homeopathic methods to maintain well-being and good health. Ice cream social follows; \$5 donation, please.  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9  
**Details:** Annual Fund Raising Auction - Every one is invited to this fun evening which helps fund Single Place throughout the year. If you have gifts, crafts, sweets, or services you would like to donate to the auction, bring them at 6 p.m.  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16  
**Details:** Jennifer Vogel's guide to a healthy holiday; social follows; \$5 donation, please.  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29  
**Details:** One Dollar Gift Exchange Night. Check

## FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit [firstnazarene.org](http://firstnazarene.org)  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service.

## LOD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Location: 5261 Pleasant Hill Road, Brighton, MI 48116  
912-227-1113  
9:30 a.m. Communion Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
Rev. Dale Hordab, Pastor  
[www.lodoflife.com](http://www.lodoflife.com)

## HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

At the corner of Warren Lake & March Rd.  
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit [www.holyspirit.org](http://www.holyspirit.org)  
**Sunday Mass:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.  
Please see St. Paul's for more details

## HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

Location: 2350 Hayes Lake Rd., (248) 687-4556  
Contemporary Service  
8:00 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays  
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
2nd & 4th Sundays at 10 a.m.  
Pastor: Rick Fuller

## NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

122 Bishop St., Highland  
Contact: (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Danny Dierker  
888-723-07-556

## HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Location: 5837 W. Warren Rd., Highland, MI 48137  
248-887-3111 or [www.uychurch.org](http://www.uychurch.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Church & Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.  
Youth Night: Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor: John Rose

## LIVONIA FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 16100 Highland Rd., Livonia  
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit [www.fpc-livonia.org](http://www.fpc-livonia.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Revelation Bible Study:** 10:00 p.m.  
10:30 a.m. Prayers and Praise  
Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: David Crowder

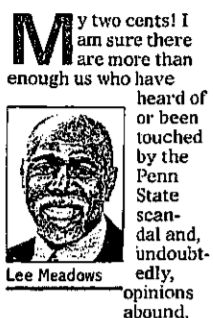
## NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Location: 5185 Grand River Ave., Livonia, MI 48150  
Phone: 248-474-6161  
Sabbath Observance: 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
[www.uucg.org](http://www.uucg.org)

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# Leadership lacking in Penn State scandal

By Lee Meadows  
Guest Columnist



Lee Meadows

My two cents! I am sure there are more than enough of us who have heard of or been touched by the Penn State scandal and, undoubtedly, opinions abound. One thing that is for certain is that this story is not just another sports discussion in which eyes are rolled at the mere mention of a statistic or a questionable call. We know that we have been pulled into an unfortunate and unconvincing event that staggers the imagination and intertwines so many angles that it is hard to know where to begin. The legal angle, the ethics angle, the moral angle, the humanity angle, the trust angle, the institutional angle and more, make this the kind of news event that has more legs than a chorus line! Yet, through it all, there is one prevailing notion that is an arc in which all of the aforementioned angles are bullet points. The leadership angle has been mentioned and directed toward, specific individuals who hold key, institutional leadership roles. As a society, we hold leadership to be the one constant in an ever-expanding kettle of social stew. Since the economic debacle of 2007, most cor-

porations have been subject to a microscopic eye and chamber of voices that define higher expectations that are a part of corporate social responsibility. The underlying assumption is that when faced with a dilemma, the option is, always, to do the right thing. In the case of the Penn State scandal, the expectation to do the right thing meant going beyond passing along information, but to take decisive action under the umbrella of 'serving the greater good'. Even if it meant chasing down the information and finding out that it was an unsubstantiated rumor. In the case of these innocent victims, the greater good would have been served knowing that the 'alleged' actions were false and, then, having to apologize versus finding out the 'alleged' actions were true and hoping it goes away. There is nothing that explains away inaction when the perpetrator is an adult, who is supposed to know better, and children who cannot fend for themselves. Leadership demands action, even if information is minimal. Leaders are paid to make decisions. When those decisions involve the slightest hint of malfeasance among staff members, leaders are judged by the swiftness of their decisions where innocent lives are at stake. It can be argued that swift decisions are not always good decisions, but inaction decisions, more often than not, result in more harm than decisions that are made too quickly. There are those who would make the argument that leadership expectations in a public institution, like Penn State, are different than what is expected of a business. However, as our friends in Ann Arbor have demonstrated, when over 100,000 people show up for a home football game and spend money on all the surrounding businesses, that's a business! The expectations are no different. We expect our state institutions to adhere to high standards of ethical and moral conduct without making a differentiation. In the 1958 film "The Buccaneer" the character of Jean Lafitte, played by Yul Brynner, is confronted about a ship that was attacked resulting in the loss of lives. "The attack occurred despite contrary orders from Lafitte. When asked if he attacked the ship, he responded, "I was responsible." The irresponsible behavior of staff members is just as much the responsibility of the leader. The leader is held responsible no matter if they were directly involved in the act or heard of it by way of a third party rumor. Leaders do not have the option of saying, "I did my job!" More is expected - and in the case of the Penn State scandal, more was demanded.

Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D is a professor of management at Walsh College working at the Novi Campus. He can be contacted at leameadows@walshcollege.edu.

## Walsh leaders



Walsh College honored professionals at its Leadership Awards dinner at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester on Oct. 29 for their service to the community or as an outstanding Walsh alumni. (Pictured with his family): Lake Angelus resident Paul Glantz, MST '84, president of Novi-based Imagine Entertainment and president/CEO of Troy-based Proctor Financial, received the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award for his personal and professional success and contributions to the community. Glantz also is an outstanding contributor to the College. The funds raised from the awards dinner went to the Jeffrey W. Barry Scholarship Fund and the General Scholarship Fund. More than \$1.5 million has been raised toward student scholarships since the first awards dinner in 2005. The event included dinner, a silent and live auction and raffle, and dessert afterwards.

## A night in Hollywood

Novi Rotary hosting star-studded fundraiser

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Roll out the red carpet because the glitz and glamour of Hollywood will be coming to Novi on Dec. 10. The Novi Rotary Club is set to host its annual fundraiser that night at the Suburban Collection Showplace with the theme this year being "Holiday in Hollywood." Guests will be greeted by paparazzi as they enter and treated like stars for the night. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will emcee the event, which includes a chance to win several prizes, mingle with celebrity impersonators and claim the top spot in the New-Ywed game show that is open to everyone who attends. Bryan Berent, member of the Rotary board, said the theme is the best part.

### DETAILS

**Event:** Holiday in Hollywood  
**Organization:** Novi Rotary Club  
**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 10  
**Location:** The Suburban Collection Showplace (Grand River Avenue between Beck and Taft roads)  
**Cost:** \$60 (includes dinner, drink); can be purchased online at [www.novirotary.org](http://www.novirotary.org) or by calling Keith Tappan at (248) 202-3270  
**Raffle Tickets:** \$50 each; three for \$125

are \$60 and include dinner and a drink. Raffle tickets cost \$50 each or three for \$125. The person holding the winning ticket will receive at least \$3,000 (winner received \$6,000 last year) and there also will be nine other drawings for various prizes. Berent said the raffle, along with sponsorships, are the most important parts of the fundraiser. Rotary regularly donates between \$20,000-\$30,000 into the local community every year, and this fundraiser accounts for half that amount. "Without it we cannot do as many of the things we like to do in the local community," he said. "It's actually a party with a fun theme. People don't have to come and buy things, they can just come and have a great time." Tickets for the event

[nmueller@gannett.com](mailto:nmueller@gannett.com)  
(248) 437-2011 ext. 255

## NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Local events

#### BEHAVEMENT MEETING

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. third Thursdays  
**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)  
**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyers, D. Min. -- goal is to give each participant an opportunity share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

### Business

#### NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)  
**Location:** Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road  
**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com](http://www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com)), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.  
**Contact:** Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or [fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com](mailto:fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com)

#### METRO NOVI BNI

**Time/Date:** 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday  
**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

**Details:** BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more effectively. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.  
**Contact:** For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or [juliepaquette7@gmail.com](mailto:juliepaquette7@gmail.com); [www.metronovibni.com](http://www.metronovibni.com).

#### NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday  
**Location:** Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Details:** Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leader-

ship skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome -- and bring a friend. Visit [www.novitoastmasters.com](http://www.novitoastmasters.com).  
**Contact:** Linda Kreuter at [PR@novi.freeoasthost.us](mailto:PR@novi.freeoasthost.us)

#### NOVI ROTARY CLUB

**Time/Date:** Noon every Thursday  
**Location:** Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Details:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; [novirotary.org](http://novirotary.org).

#### NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Contact:** [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call (248) 349-3743

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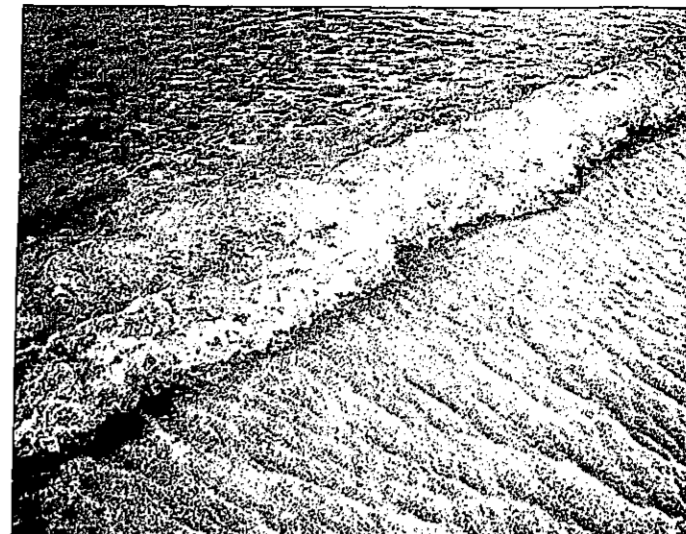
#### WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

**Location:** 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
**Contact:** (248) 624-3772  
**HUD Counseling**  
**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. first Mondays  
**Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.  
**Book Discussion Group**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays  
**Details:** Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group. The next meeting is Dec. 1, and the book under discussion is "Still Missing" by Chevy Chase Stevens. Copies of the book are available at the library.

#### NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Location:** 45255 W. Ten Mile Road  
**Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
**Details:** Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0720  
**Web:** [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org)  
**Story Times:** Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.  
**Knit 2gether Knitting Circle**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8  
**Details:** If you have a leaning towards knitting or any of the related handicrafts Knit 2gether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. No instructor, no registration, and of course, attendance is free.  
**Teen Advisory Board**  
**Time/Date:** 3:15-3:45 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 2**  
**Details:** Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time. Grades 9-12.  
**Winter Craftiness**  
**Time/Date:** 3:45-4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2  
**Details:** 'Tis the Season as we get into the spirit to "Light Up the Night in Novi" later on in the evening. Winter snacks, snowflake cutting and gift-making are sure to get you in a festive mood for the coming days. Registration is required. For grades 7-12. Light Up the Night in Novi at 8 p.m.  
**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2  
**Details:** Light Up the Night crafts start at 6pm at the library, followed by award winning Metro Detroit Magician, Tom Plunkard, with spell-binding performances filled with modern music, fun audience participation and loads of humor at 7pm. and/or 8 p.m.  
**Kiddie Crafts**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3  
**Details:** Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child



## Sea love

The Providence Center for the Healing Arts opens a new exhibit Dec. 1 at the Assarian Cancer Center. This collection of digital photography and ceramic art sculptures, titled Sea Love, is created by Novi resident and nature enthusiast Barb Shike. Her images represent shots taken from snorkeling visits and scuba dives along the exotic seashores of places such as Alabama, Turks & Caicos Islands, Grand Cayman, Roatan and Honduras. Shike's fascination and skill for capturing sea life began while growing up in Gulf Shores, Ala. Over time she became "addicted" to the beauty of the sea which compelled her to extend her reach to photograph other exotic sea shores. "Each day as the tide recedes, the sea reveals its treasure of shells, starfish, jellyfish, seaweed, algae and evidence of man," she said. Sea Love will be on display daily through Jan. 31 in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery located adjacent to the Reflection Space in the Assarian Cancer Center on the Providence Park Campus, southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi. An artist's reception for Barb Arrie will be held at the Assarian Cancer Center from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7; all are welcome to attend.

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Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3930 for a free consultation. You have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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OUR VIEWS

## Winter hazards

Begin to prepare now for snowstorms

According to the National Weather Service, Michigan's temperatures last winter were below average across the state and the coldest since 1993. This past winter ranked as the 20th coldest winter on record. The most extreme arctic cold occurred on Jan. 13-18, when lows dipped below zero across much of the state. Dangerous wind chill temperatures reached 30-40 degrees below zero. Snowfall and precipitation were also above average, especially here in southeastern Michigan.

Information on winter safety tips including FAQs, frozen pipes, roof ice dams, flooding, flood damage, heat sources, and generator safety can be found on the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site at [www.mcswa.org](http://www.mcswa.org).

Here are some safety tips to help you prepare for a winter storm.

**At home**

- Gather appropriate goods for your 72-hour emergency kit.
- Have a supply of warm coats, gloves, hats, and water resistant boots available.
- Be sure to have extra blankets available in the event of a power loss.
- Be sure to have items needed for infants, elderly and disabled family members.
- Also have needed items available for your pets.
- Be aware of potential fire and carbon monoxide hazards if using a fireplace, wood stove or other heating device. Never use a fuel-powered heater indoors.

**Outside**

- Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow. Sweating can lead to chill and hypothermia. Cold weather puts additional strain on your heart.
- Be careful walking on snow or ice covered sidewalks or parking lots.
- Wear loose fitting, lightweight warm clothing in layers, with the outer layer being waterproof. Wear a hat and mittens or gloves.
- Keep your clothes dry. Change wet clothing immediately to prevent loss of body heat.
- Understand the hazards of wind chill. As wind speed increases, heat is carried away from your body more rapidly.

**Vehicle preparedness**

- Winterize your car now. Ensure that there's the proper mixture of antifreeze and water in the cooling system. Top off windshield washer fluid. Check tires, belts, hoses and the battery.
- Keep fuel level near "Full" as much as possible. Low fuel levels allow condensation to build up in your tank, allowing for fuel line freeze-up. In severe weather, it may also be difficult to find a gas station that is open, so fuel up when severe weather is being predicted.
- Every vehicle should be equipped with the following emergency supplies, kept in a storage bin when severe weather is predicted or when going on a trip: flashlight with extra batteries, cell phone, windshield scraper, jumper cables, fire extinguisher, maps, shovel, blanket/heavy clothes, flares, bottled water/food/snacks, first aid kit, tow chain or rope, de-icer, antifreeze.
- When on the road, know your routes and plan ahead. This list may sound a little excessive, but if you're caught off guard, you'll be glad you had every one of these items available to you.
- Remember, in a true emergency, you need to be able to take care of yourself and your family first. Emergency responders will be flooded with true "9-1-1" emergencies (fires, medical emergencies, downed utilities, etc.).

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite part about the holidays?



"I just love the spirit of Christmas, that people are nicer over the holidays. Usually."  
Richelle Tragge  
Novi



"Just giving back to the community, trying to bring smiles to the less fortunate in the area."  
Kalvin Patterson  
Novi



"Just watching our kids enjoy the traditions our family has established. Watching them smile as they open their presents."  
Wendy Mason  
Redford



"It's when people get together. I don't see my family every year, so it's really important to do so over Christmas."  
Javier Ramirez  
Novi

LETTERS

**Jobs bill support**

We have heard a lot lately about our president waging class warfare on the rich. There's class warfare, all right; it's on the middle class and the poor.

We have billionaire Warren Buffett saying he thinks he shouldn't pay the same percentage as his secretary. He feels he can afford it. Our president states that 89 percent of the cost of the Jobs Bill could be paid by the millionaires and billionaires paying their fair share. They got a \$70 billion a year gift from the previous president, 73 percent of the people favor they need to give it back. We could stop giving the oil companies \$90 billion a year in subsidies. Is there anyone out there who feels the oil companies aren't making enough money?

A Republican candidate from Texas says he's against government handouts. He does seem to enjoy the oil subsidies. We could use the \$90 billion toward jobs. We should also take a look at loopholes for corporations who continue to send many jobs overseas and put their assets in foreign banks.

Since 2009, U.S. corporate profits rose 42 percent to a record \$1.68 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2010. How is that for the trickle-down theory?

The unemployment rate spiked at 10.1 percent before ending the year at 9.4 percent. I have yet to hear of a good jobs plan from the side opposing our president.

However, by bailing out the auto industry, our president added 133,000 jobs since its low point in 2009. Where would the Millford Proving Ground be without saving GM?

My guess is the other side does not want the president to succeed, to the detriment of people out there who need jobs. What has the opposite side done? Our governor claims to be for jobs. How has that worked for us? He has cut \$1 billion in public education funding, laying off teachers and closing schools. He has raised taxes on middle class families by \$1.4 billion, reduced unemployment benefits by 25 percent and eliminated tax credits for donations to food banks and other vital nonprofits.

He has given corporations a \$1.6 billion special interest tax break that doesn't promise to raise one job.

Our president promised a tax break to the corporations that keep jobs in the U.S. What else should we expect from a corporate CEO who sent his Gateway jobs to China? He is following the policy of his party. We should not be surprised that people by the thousands, all over the U.S., including Detroit, are taking

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Online: Due to space limitations, not all letters submitted can be published in our print edition. However, all letters will be published online each week at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**Get Kowall out of office**

As a resident of South Lyon and a constituent of state Sen. Mike Kowall, I have a message for my fellow constituents: we need get him out of office. Sen. Kowall's recent decision to stop a vote on the new international bridge is simply reprehensible and could kill the bridge proposal.

That proposed bridge would not only provide a direct jobs boost for Michiganders, but would provide \$2.2 billion in additional federal infrastructure funding for Michigan.

The bridge would provide a much improved corridor for transporting goods to and from our biggest international trading partner, Canada.

GM, Ford and Chrysler want the bridge. Oakland County and Wayne County want the bridge. Gov. Snyder wants the bridge, the federal government wants the bridge for improved homeland security and the people of Michigan need the bridge. The only person who really does not want the bridge is Matty Moroun, the owner of the Ambassador Bridge. Mr. Moroun and his minions have lied about the bridge and continue to obstruct the better good. So why did Sen. Kowall prevent a vote on the bridge? This can only be explained in two ways:

Sen. Kowall has his hands in Matty Moroun's pockets, and/or Sen. Kowall has so bought into the Republican tactic of obstructionism that he would choose to harm his constituents rather than do what is right.

In either case, we need to ask ourselves whether we want this kind of governance. We need to stop this destructive behavior and vote Mr. Kowall out of office at the next election.

Steven Hoin  
South Lyon

if the bully really, sincerely believes that his/her taunts and verbal humiliation are religiously or morally based. This anti-bullying bill certainly appears to allow any bully to excuse and legally defend their actions, rather than put an end to such unacceptable behavior.

Whose interests are being served when an anti-bullying law allows for bullying under specific religious or moral circumstances? I challenge any senator that voted in support of this bill to explain their position on this legislation.

Until we demand more of our elected officials, apparently this is the sort of government we should expect and deserve. I believe we all should expect and deserve better.

Marty Drury  
Highland

CALENDAR

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must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.

Open Office Hours in the Local History Room  
Time/Date: noon-2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5

Details: On the first and third Mondays of each month, a member of the Novi Historical Commission will hold office hours in the Local History Room to help researchers use its many resources.

Monday Evening Book Discussion  
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5

Details: Join your neighbors for a lively discussion of Mennonite in a Little Black Dress by Rhoda Janzen. Help for Families From Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13

Details: Need help with transportation, food, health, support services, child care education, finances or housing? Through Dec. 27, residents can drop in and meet with an OHLSS staff member at the Library.

English Conversation Group  
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13

Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.

RefUSA Level 2 Training  
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8

Details: Database training for experienced RefUSA users for people who have already attended the Level 1 training session.

Advanced search strategies and tips will be presented. Users will also learn how to use the mapping capability.

NOTE: This is an online webinar presented by RefUSA staff with NPL staff hosting in the computer lab. Please register.

Intermediate Word Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 10

Details: Take your basic Word skills to the next level in this hands-on workshop. Please register.

Special Thomas Story Time  
Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10

Details: Attention all preschool aged Thomas fans: Join us for some special Thomas fun! We'll read a story, see a short movie, and even do a craft.

Power Point Basics  
Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10

Details: Learn how to use Power Point 2007 to create dynamic, visual presentations by selecting suitable design layouts, inserting text and images, and using animation to enhance your slideshow. Participants need to be confident using

a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Please register.

Empower Me 4 Life  
Time/Date: 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11

Details: The first of two sessions of this fun and practical healthy living course equips kids ages 8-12 with new attitudes, skills, and knowledge about eating better and moving more - for life.

Registration is required and we need a minimum number of participants to proceed. Second session is Dec. 18.

Snack Tales  
Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12

Details: Each time we meet you will get a chance to listen to some great stories and cook up a tasty snack. Registration required.

Internet Instruction for Seniors  
Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13

Details: This half-hour session provides personal instruction by a librarian on internet basics such as navigating the task bar, searching with known addresses and keyword searching.

Starlight Story Time  
Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13

Details: One of your favorite NPL Youth Librarians will combine stories, music, and fun for a special bedtime treat at this preschool story time.

Booked for Lunch  
Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14

Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Christmas Cookie Club by Ann Pearlman. Friends Board Meeting  
Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m.



Novi Woods Elementary School students play along with their Nov. 22 presentation of their seasonal musical "A Time to Give Thanks." The musical on Thanksgiving was performed in the afternoon and was attended by parents and grandparents and siblings.



Parents and siblings of Novi Woods students applaud their musical "A Time to Give Thanks" on Nov. 22.

Wednesday, Dec. 14  
Details: Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the Library's Board Room. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite you to attend.

Battle of the Books Coaches' Kick-Off Meeting  
Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14

Details: Team registration forms for Battle of the Books will be available at the Library's information desk beginning Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011. Registration is limited to the first twelve teams to return their registration form. All teams must register by this meeting or a place for their team is not guaranteed. At this meeting titles for this year's Battle will be announced, a set of books for each team will be distributed, and a discussion of coaches' responsibilities will be conducted. Coaches will also have the opportunity to see a DVD of a previous year's Battle. Bring your questions and, if you've been a coach before, your suggestions for "newbies!"

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	2009	2010	2011
Revenue	\$5,584,602	\$1,377,714	49,026,436
Expenditures	60,083,728	60,532,737	48,415,962
Excess Revenue	(4,499,126)	(9,155,023)	610,474
Ending Fund Balance	58,099,785	48,809,690	49,420,164

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Growing is exactly what the city did in 2010-11 as government-wide net assets increased \$5.5 million to \$331 million and the population jumped 16.5 percent since 2000 based on the 2010 census. That population jump also led to the city receiving additional constitutional state shared revenue. The total state

shared revenue was up 22 percent, from \$3,046,979 in 2010 to \$3,725,690 in 2011. Government-wide revenue increased \$1.7 million and expenses by \$1 million, while the fund balance in the general fund also increased by \$1.7 million. The city also was able to pay down its debt by \$8.7 million to \$56 million. "Our audit reflects a financial picture that is very solid," Pearson said.

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bridge in the county. "I believe this will increase jobs for Oakland County, the city of Novi and the state of Michigan," he said. Economic vitality was the theme for the day as all the speakers talked about the impact the new road would have on area businesses and people. "For years we have called this project the Novi Road Link, and the meaning became apparent this year while the roadway was under construction," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "Not only is it a major link between the north and south ends of our city, it's also an extremely vital link to the economic prosperity of our community."

Not only will the bridge provide an economic benefit, it also should improve safety and traffic flow. "The wider roadway will provide for a higher volume of traffic, which means the public will now be able to get where they're going that much faster," Gatt said.

Jim Oleksy, owner of 10 North bar and restaurant on Novi Road which is now open for lunch at 11 a.m., opened his business in July just after construction started. He said business has been good, but is excited for customers to now have full access.

"People have stayed away from Novi Road," he said. "They saw barricades and went a different direction."

A Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund grant, which was a combination of state and federal funds, covered 80 percent of the cost of the project. The remaining 20 percent was split between the ROCOC and city of Novi.

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**NOVI NEWS BRIEFS**

**Special needs Santa visit**

Santa has set aside a special time to meet with children (and the brothers and sisters of children) with special needs from 9-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. This is a free event for children with autism and special needs to spend private time with Santa. My Great Kid, LLC are the hosts of this event each year. They offer educational tutoring and are I.P.D. Advocates. Owners Steve and Staci Bockmann are the parents of a child with autism and know how difficult it can be to see Santa with all the commotion. This is their gift to all special needs families.

For more information, contact Staci at staci@staciandsteve.com or (734) 612-3934; www.MyGreatKid.com.

**Choralaires kick off holidays**

Novi's community chorus, The Novi Choralaires, are once again ready to kick off the holiday season with their popular holiday concert series. Titled "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," this year's concert will feature many classic holiday favorites along with some new selections from around the world. Accompanied by Trena Baldridge, this will be the Choralaires' first concert under the new direction of Liz Wolber — the new artistic director after the retirement of long-time former director Janet Wassilak.

The Choralaires are a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding areas whose annual holiday concert series has become a tradition for many people in Novi and the surrounding communities who return year after year to start their holiday season.

The concerts are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at Novi Civic Center, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at Church of the Holy Family, Novi, and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. Tickets for "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" are on sale at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile (between Novi and 13th roads) at the Novi Senior Center. For information, call (248) 347-0400. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

The Choralaires will present a preview to the public as part of the "Light Up the Night in Novi" at the Novi Civic Center on Friday, Dec. 2.

**Light Up the Night**

The City of Novi is eager to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with Light Up the Night in Novi on the Civic

Center Campus from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will light the holiday tree at 6:30 p.m.

The fun will be held indoors and out and includes a craft show, Santa visits, kids' activities, marshmallow roasting, hockey skills competition, live reindeer, miniature train rides, and free food samples from several local restaurants. Hey wags will shuttle people to and from the Novi Public Library to enjoy face painting and Tom Plunkard the Magician (performances at 7 and 8 p.m.).

**Santa at Twelve Oaks**

This holiday season, take an enchanted journey into a magical world at the Ice Palace at Twelve Oaks Mall (east side of Novi Road just north of I-96). Kids can visit Santa and have their photo taken or have your family's photo taken on the Ice Throne.

**Big Family**

Big Family of Michigan tries to ensure that in need children are given toys for the holidays. Over 6,000 toys will be given out and Michigan Surgery Specialists and Oakland Regional Hospital have volunteered to help Big Family reach their goal. MSS office locations, including Novi's (44000 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 205), are hosting a toy drive that is open to the public and their employees. Residents are asked to drop off new, unwrapped toys or Target gift cards for children — from infants to 18 years of age — through Dec. 4.

**Cantate!**

The 13-voice chamber chorale Cantate! will present its annual holiday concert, "Holiday Treasures," directed by Gerald Custer, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, corner of 11 Mile Road. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

For further information, contact Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or visit the Cantate web site at www.cantate-detroit.com.

**Donate your car**

This year has been tough on almost everyone because of the economy and the high unemployment. Americans are a very resilient people. Even during troubling times, they are always ready to lend a hand to someone who needs help and is struggling.

A great way to help a person or an animal in need is to donate a car you do not use anymore to charity. The process is

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very special, the pickup is free and the rewards are great.

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**Breakfast with Santa Claus**

Enjoy breakfast with Santa Claus, children's entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus at Macy's in the Twelve Oaks Mall (east side of Novi Road just north of I-96) at 9 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 10 and 17 and Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18. Call (877) 556-2297 to reserve a place. Tickets are \$16.95 per person and \$12.95 for children under 10 years.

**Holiday happenings at Twelve Oaks**

Twelve Oaks Mall invites you to join in the festivities for the holidays in a series of special programs held in November and December:

Visit the Ice Palace and Santa: Shoppers can experience an Arctic wonderland and the majesty of winter in the enchanted Ice Palace. A joy for all to experience, the Free, multi-sensory exhibit features falling snow, interactive elements, breath-taking footage of Arctic animals and landscapes, fun facts and a beautiful Ice Princess.

The last stop on the magical adventure is a visit with Santa, who offers a small gift for each child who visits and the option for guests to have a commemorative photo taken to remember their Ice Palace adventure.

Those who purchase a photo package when visiting Santa or the Ice Throne will receive a free 20-page photo book from Snapfish.

Santa will receive guests during all mall hours throughout the holiday season (with special hours on Black Friday and

Christmas Eve). Santa's breaks are from 12:30-1 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-1:30 p.m. Sunday. For complete hours and photo pricing, please visit [www.shoptwelveoaks.com/holidays/](http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com/holidays/).

Don't leave Fido or Fluff out of the fun. The ever-popular Santa Paws photo program will be hosted from 9-10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Space is limited, and reservations are a must. Call (248) 948-9438 to reserve a spot for your pet's special moment with Santa. Cats and dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier and up-to-date on shots.

**Flu shots**

Oakland County Health Division will offer \$11 flu shots at Health Division offices located at the following addresses:

- North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac
- South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield

Hours are noon-8 p.m. on Monday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Registration is preferred. To register for a flu shot, go to [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health). Clients may select the location, date and time of appointment. Online registration also provides a consent form that must be taken to the clinic where the client is pre-registered. Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard, Medicare and/or Medicaid. If you are unable to register online, please call (248) 858-7350 or (248) 424-7120.

**Junior legislator**

More than a dozen Oakland County students came to Lansing to serve as "Representatives for a Day" with state Rep. Hugh Crawford (R-Novi, 38th District), after being named winners in the third annual district-wide Summer Reading Contest. The students met with Crawford on the floor of the House of Representatives, took a ceremonial oath of office and participated in a mock committee hearing about a bill to decide if candy should be allowed in school vending machines. Students then observed an actual legislative session from the House gallery, toured the Capitol and had photos taken. Parents attended the event with their students. Grishanth Manoharan, a student at Hickory Woods Elementary School in Novi, was a Representative for a Day joining Crawford in Lansing. "I liked the committee hearings and particularly the voting part," Manoharan said. "It was fun and at the same time I learned a little bit about the government functioning. I was proud to be a junior representative and I also liked the Capitol tour."

**Salvation Army seeks bell-ringers**

As a chill starts to come over Metro Detroit, many of us will begin to hear those familiar bells ringing every time we walk in and out of our favorite grocery and department stores. The Salvation Army will soon put out its famous red kettles to raise funds to support our unemployed, homeless and hungry neighbors — and it's calling out to the community to volunteer as bell ringers. Sign up at [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org). Bell ringers can make a big difference right in their own community during Red Kettle season.



COURTESY

National Institute on Aging (NIA) at NIH in Go4Life, a new national exercise and physical activity campaign for people age 50+.

The goal of Go4Life is to provide resources to older adults that they can use to incorporate exercise and physical activity into their everyday lives. This federal campaign is based on research showing that exercise and physical activity can help people stay healthy and independent, and prevent some of the chronic conditions associated with aging.

As a part of today's campaign launch, mention was made of NIA's distribution of free Go4Life print materials on exercise and physical activity to Fox Run. In the near future Fox Run wellness staff will be sharing this information with residents and showing them how they can take advantage of this fitness outreach campaign. "Fox Run is a vibrant community where residents enjoy staying active and fit," said Alice Hixon, Wellness Manager. "This campaign fits perfectly with the existing campus wellness program which enables people to enjoy a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle."

**See pics online**

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Jean Meyer appointed to Acute Care Operations

St. John Providence Health System has named Jean Meyer, M.S.N., R.N., to the newly-created position of president-executive vice president, Acute Care Operations for the health system. The



Jean Meyer

appointment is effective Dec. 5. She is currently president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi. In this new role, she will be responsible for overseeing business and clinical patient care operations for all five system hospitals. Meyer joined St. John Providence Health in 2008 as senior vice president and chief nursing officer and later became chief operating officer of the Providence Region before being appointed Providence Park Hospital President. Prior to joining



Joe Hurshe

SJPHS, Meyer served in a variety of leadership roles with St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

"Jean has exceptional talent and experience in leading hospital operations. We are thrilled that she has taken on this extremely critical role," says Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH, President and CEO, St. John Providence

Health System. A resident of Northville, Meyer earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Loyola University of Chicago, and has a bachelor's degree in public health from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. Joe Hurshe, currently the vice president of operations at Providence, has been named interim president to replace Meyer at Providence Park Hospital. A search for a permanent president is underway.

Anis Ahmed joins Forum

Northwestern Mutual is honoring Novi-based financial representative Anis Ahmed with membership in its 2011 Forum group, recognizing an outstanding year of helping clients throughout the region achieve financial security. The Forum conference is an extremely exclusive achievement, with only 5 percent of Northwestern Mutual's more than 6,000 financial representatives invited to attend.

Ahmed, affiliated with The Wilshire Financial Group based in Troy, joins this distinguished group along with representatives from across the country who have qualified for this honor. "As economic turmoil continues, consumers are seeking guidance

Nicolas E. Milani

Vistage Michigan (www.vistagemichigan.com), a membership-based organization that provides business lead-



Nicolas E. Milani

ers with business perspectives and innovative strategies, recently awarded KEY program members with the Golden KEY Award, including Novi's Nicolas E. Milani. Members of the program are top level executives and others who directly report to a company's chief executive. The recipients of the award contributed to the CEO and the growth of their company, were

open to feedback and coaching, implemented ideas gathered from their meetings and supported and helped his or her KEY group and the program in general. Milani is the vice president of marketing and business development for Havis, Inc., a manufacturer of mobile office solutions. He also serves on the board of directors of Push International, and is a member of the American Press Association. Milani received his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Western Michigan University in 2003.

"Our 2011 Golden KEY Award recipients have exhibited the best in professional development and leadership," said Robert Holland, CEO and chairman of Vistage Michigan. "Each has worked tirelessly to improve the bottom line of their company and have become mentors to their colleagues and fellow group members." Vistage Michigan operates four KEY groups. Members take part in nine full-day peer group meetings per year led by a professional Vistage business coach, attend small group workshops led by expert speakers and have access to the Vistage global community of more than 14,000 business leaders, connectivity resources, a best practices library, webinars and member conferences.

Novi Meadows students watch as Howell Nature Center's Kathy Frantz talks about and shows them birds of prey on Nov. 22.



Kathy Frantz of the Howell Nature Center displays a great horned owl to students of Novi Meadows on Nov. 22. Frantz, who brought a number of big birds to the Novi school including a peregrine falcon and bald headed eagle, taught the kids where the birds fit in to their environment.

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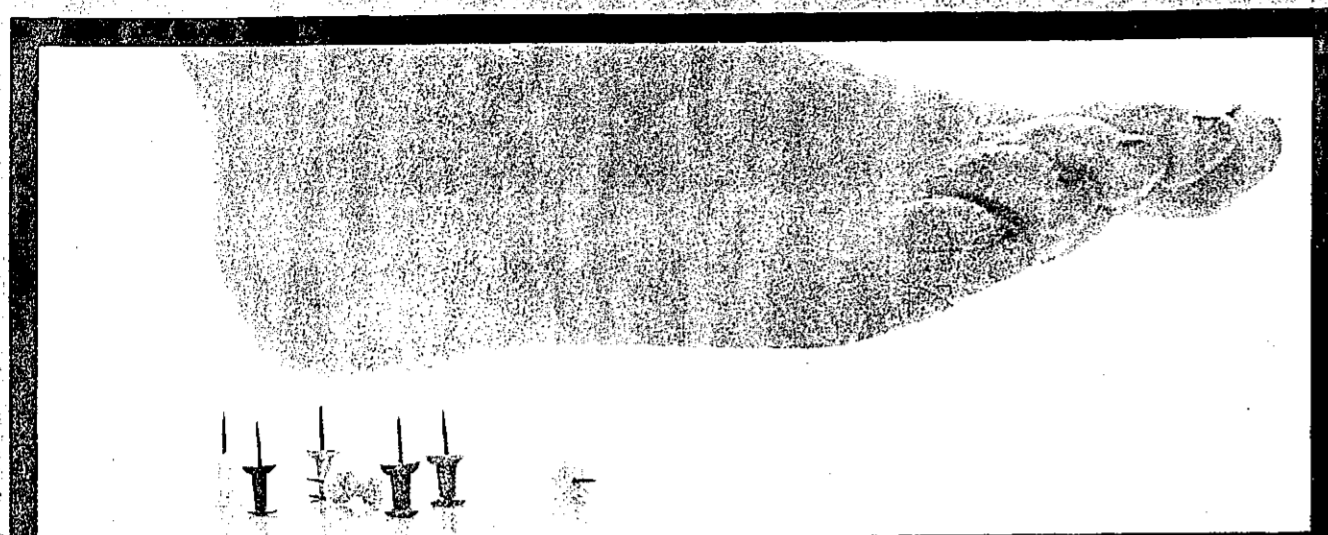
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## Cass Tech passes final test against CC

**CASS TECH 49, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 13**

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By Jeff Theisen  
Sports writer

Cass Tech walked as a team from its campus Saturday at Ford Field. Once there, the Technician offense picked up the pace and ran by Catholic Central for a 49-13 victory and the Division 1 State Championship. "We got outplayed today," said Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach. "I was very proud of our team throughout the whole year, we met our match today. They did a great job."

Cass Tech freshman quarterback Jayru Campbell passed for 240 yards and five touchdowns to lead the explosive offense.

"We wanted to get a little more pressure on him, but we didn't," said Mach. "They did a very good job of keeping us out and not putting pressure on him so he could stand back there and wait until people came open and hit them. They had us spread across the field. They used the talent they had very well."

"Every time we would blitz or go to a sixth man in the middle, they would throw. When we went to a fifth man in the middle, they ran. They put us in a bind."

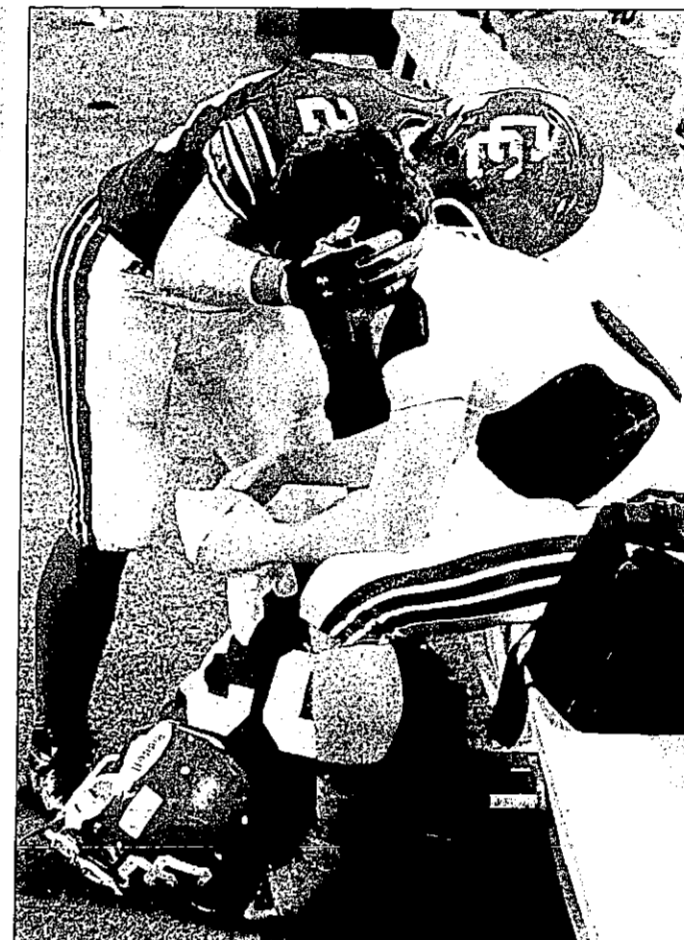
The Technicians scored the lone points of the first quarter when Royce Jenkins-Stone broke free for a 32-yard run. The extra point was no good.

The lead grew to 14-0 when Campbell connected with Ruben Lile for a 46-yard strike and threw added a two-point conversion via the pass.

Catholic Central answered right back on the ensuing drive when quarterback Kyle Cooper delivered a screen pass to Anthony Darkangelo who got a block and was gone for a 47-yard touchdown with 7:25 remaining in the half.

Cass Tech regained a 14-point edge right before the half when Campbell hit Terry Richardson with a 36-yard TD.

"They're very fast, and we didn't stay with



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In the waning moments of CC's Saturday loss to Cass Tech, Shamrock Pat Collins comes over to console teammate Jeff Sugg. Sugg had been knocked out of the game with an injury in the 4th quarter.

Please see FOOTBALL, B3

## Mencer minces Rocks in second period of Novi win

Wildcats score 7 unanswered in 7-2 conference opener

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The turnaround at Novi's Thanksgiving Eve hockey game is a pace the Wildcats hope to maintain the rest of the season.

Down 1-0 in the first intermission at Plymouth Cultural Center, Novi (2-1-0) outscored the Rocks 7-1 during the final two periods for a 7-2 KLAAs Kensington Conference opening victory.

"We didn't have a good start at all. We were pretty sloppy," Novi coach Todd Krygierek said of the slow start.

Much of the burst can be credited to junior Jon Mencer, who scored Novi's first two goals before setting up the third by

**ON TAP**  
The Wildcats' ice hockey team (2-1-0) were scheduled to host Livonia Churchill (3-0-0) last night for the state championship banner raising ceremony before visiting Northville (2-0-0) 6 p.m. Saturday at Novi Ice Arena.



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Wildcat Curtis Herzog makes a pass against Salem High on Nov. 23.

Please see HOCKEY, B3

## CC puts on clinic against Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Perhaps someone forgot to tell the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team that games against Catholic High School League opponents are supposed to be close, dramatic affairs. Obviously, the Shamrocks didn't get the memo before they took on Brother Rice last week, defeating their CHSL rivals, 6-1, in an offensive clinic.

The Shamrocks started the game out with a score at the 15:31 mark of the first period as Max Wanko found the back of the net off assistance from Nolan Gluchowski and Joe Steele to take a 1-0 lead. Before the Warriors could even respond, the Shamrocks were leading 4-0 off goals by Michael Babcock, Steven Haydon and Steele in the second period. Assists were credited to Orchard Lake St. Mary's tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Orchard Lake. The team will then host DeLaSalle Saturday at 7 p.m. before visiting Wyandotte Wednesday at 7:40 p.m.

Brother Rice managed a goal of their own at the 13:15 mark in the second to cut the Shamrocks dominant lead to 4-1 as Blake Bazzi scored, but the Shamrocks came right back with another goal just three minutes later off the stick of Tyler VanNorman. Haydon and Babcock assisted on the play.

Detroit Catholic Central put the final nail in the Warriors' coffin at 13:48 in the third stanza as VanNorman took assistance from Halash and Carson Gatt to score his second goal of the night for the 6-1 final.

The Shamrocks played disciplined hockey, earning just four two-minute penalties on their way to the victory.

Shamrock goalie Derek Moore earned the win, stopping 13 shots on the night while Brother Rice's Jack Bowman faced 36 shots on goal, stopping six in the losing effort.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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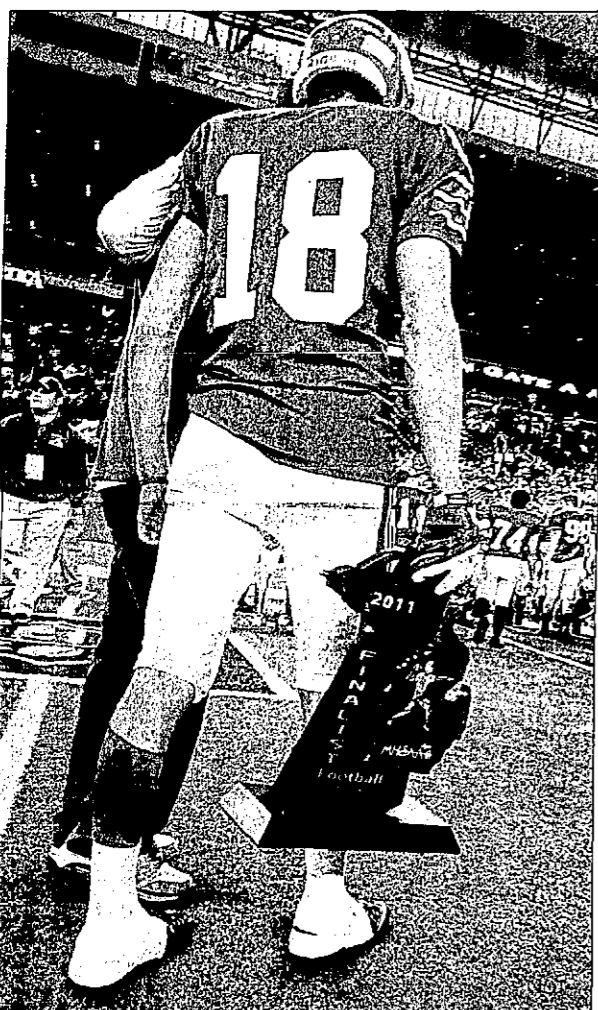
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CC fans cheer their team after it scored its first touchdown on Nov. 26.

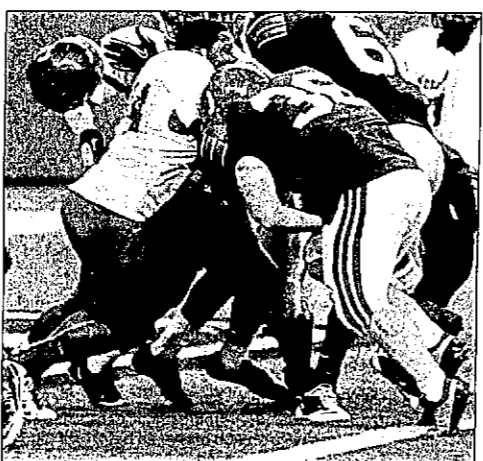
# Catholic Central vs. Cass Tech



CC quarterback Kyle Cooper walks off with the Division 1 runner-up trophy after Saturday's game at Ford Field.



The Catholic Central Shamrocks D-line lines up against Cass Tech during Saturday's finals at Ford Field.



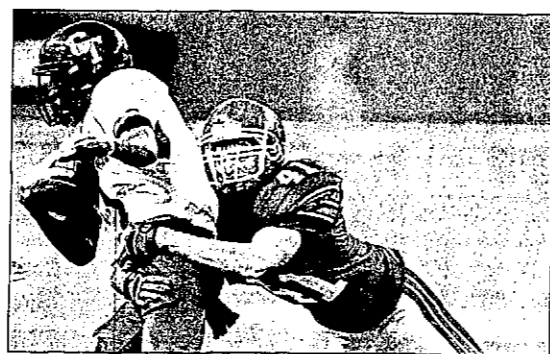
Shamrock David Houle pops the helmet off at Cass Tech player as he scores CC's late touchdown - in the 4th quarter - at Ford Field.



Shamrock Zach Bock is brought down by a Cass Tech player.



CC's Anthony Darkangelo, right, is congratulated by teammate Zach Bock after he'd scored CC's 2nd touchdown against Cass Tech on Nov. 26.



Cass Tech's Lewis Jordan is tackled by Shamrock David Racey.



Catholic Central head football coach Tom Mach is presented the Division 1 Finalist trophy after CC lost to Cass Tech 49-13.



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Wildcat Mark Baker takes off for the Salem Rock zone with the puck during Nov. 23 visit to the Plymouth Ice Arena.

## HOCKEY

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senior Brandon Ramsay, senior Curtis Herzog and junior Wes Guenther set Mencer up to tie the game with a power play goal before senior Jacob Hole fed Mencer a pass for the go-ahead goal.

After receiving the puck from Guenther, Mencer set up Ramsay for what would be the game-winning goal.

"Mencer played real well," Krygier said. "He's got good skills. He's big, strong and fast."

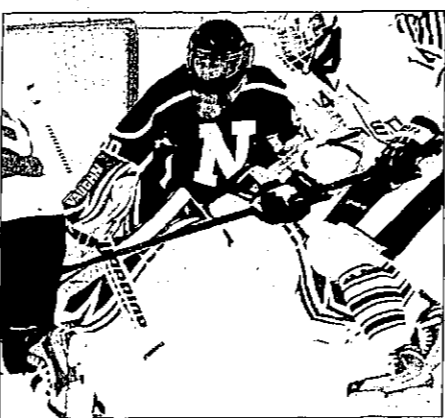
The Wildcats outshot Salem just 6-4 in the first period, but had a 9-3 advantage in the second period. Novi sophomore Jacob Mastropalo made a shot set up by senior Derek Engebretson, who also had a power play assist on the final goal.

Engebretson and junior Jason Grand set up senior Jacob Mastropalo to make it 7-1 before the Rocks put in their second goal.

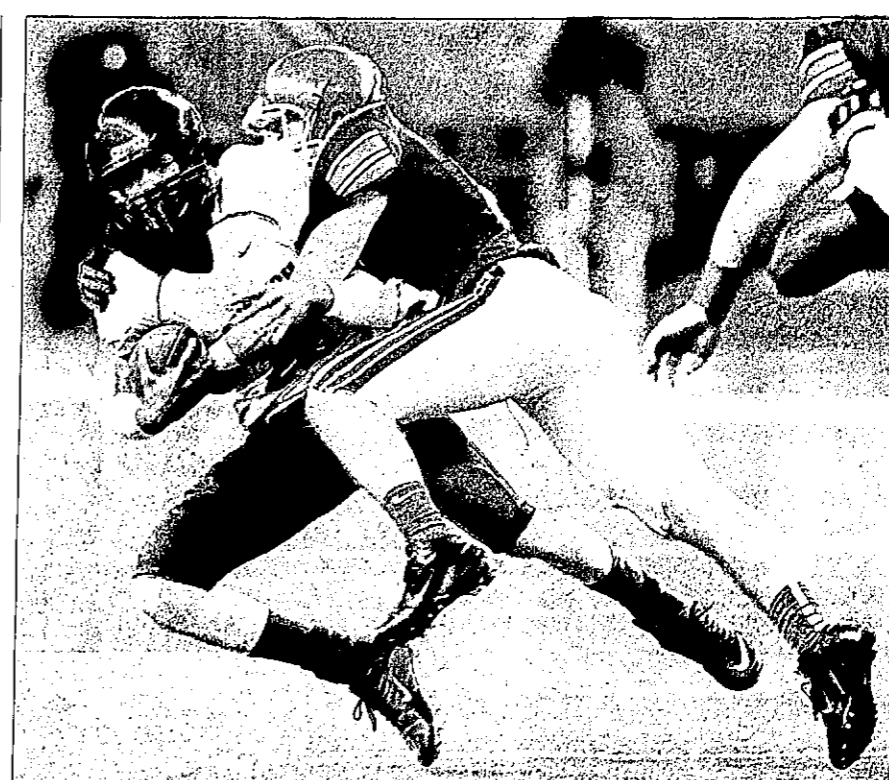
The Wildcats only took three trips to the penalty box Nov. 23, an improvement on recent seasons.

Chris Jakkett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

Novi netminder Austin Petty tries to keep an eye on the puck during the Wildcat's Nov. 23 game against Salem.



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CC wasn't able to get to Cass Tech's freshman phenom Campbell Jayru often — but did sack him on this play.

## FOOTBALL

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them," said Mach.

The Technicians (11-3) added two more scores in the third quarter - a 16-yard pass from Campbell to Shuron Jackson and a three-yard pass to Jenkins-Stone for a 35-7 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Cass Tech didn't let up as Campbell found Jordan Lewis for a 46-yard score in the opening minute of the fourth.

The Shamrocks aren't built for big comebacks, and the next play proved it. Jenkins-Stone picked off a CC pass and returned it for a score and a 49-7 lead.

The final score came with a little more than two minutes to play when David Houle crashed in from a yard out, but the point after was no good.

Catholic Central was held to 83 yards rushing on 30 attempts. Passing, Cooper hit on seven of 14 for 143 yards, but a third of that came on the screen to Darkangelo and the one interception came back for a score.

"We're a pound-it-out type of team and that's what we like to do," said Mach. "We weren't able to do that today."

Houle led the ground game with 57 yards on 11 attempts. Zach Bock was next with 18 yards on eight carries.

Darkangelo was lone Shamrock with multiple catches. He hauled in four for 97 yards and a score.

While the finish was hardly what the Shamrocks could've envisioned, Mach was impressed with what his group accomplished along the way to the State Finals.

"I'm very proud of our team," said Mach. "Until this game, we were fighting and clawing through a pretty tough league. Very few teams in our league have lost at all. We've been great up to this point. Today, it just came unraveled. I'm very proud of our football team and the effort they have given us from the beginning to the end. They're a great bunch of kids."

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## Ireland Raffle



The Detroit Catholic Central Dads' Club Ireland Raffle Committee held a pre-game breakfast for fans at the Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia before the semi-final football game on Nov. 19. The Dads' Club raises money each year by holding the Ireland Raffle. First place includes a five-night stay at the Ashford Castle in Ireland, round-trip airfare for two, and ground transportation. Second place is \$1,000. The money raised goes to help the school with expenses for community outreach, capital expenditures and items needed in the classrooms and extracurricular activities. This will be the Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia third year sponsoring the Ireland Raffle. "This is a great way for The Claddagh Irish Pub to be part of the community," said Mike Prusak (far right), general manager of pub. "We are glad we can help the Detroit Catholic Central Dads' Club and are ecstatic to be involved with such an upstanding local organization. Anytime we can build business while helping a local cause, count us in." The drawing will be held on St. Patrick's Day March 17, 2012 at the pub, 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia; (734) 542-8141. For more information on the raffle please visit www.irelandraffle.com.

## Go green!



SHERRY BANDYK

The Michigan Jaguars U11 Girls Green team placed first in the fall 2011 MSDSL soccer league. The girls were undefeated against teams from Canton, Lansing, Livonia and Grosse Ile. The team includes Kelsey Adams, Jessie Bandyk, Crystal Bock, Mara Cousino, Sophie Kowaleski, Lexie Whalen, Nina Smith, Emmie Takada, Julia Stadther, Callie Rich and Coach Mike Sobole.

## CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

### Godin gets glimpse of future

All season long, football pundits have been discussing Detroit Catholic Central's Matt Godin, a finalist for Mr. Football and a University of Michigan-bound defensive lineman. The future for the standout all-star, everyone seems to agree, is pretty darn bright.

But Godin got a glimpse of just how bright that future might be in the Division 1 state championship game last weekend. Admittedly, the outcome of that game wasn't what Godin and his teammates wanted it to be, but the future Wolverine got a chance to see the intense level of play and capabilities of two of his future teammates in action as they put on quite a show for Detroit Cass Tech.

Both Royce Jenkins-Stone, who had three touchdowns in the game against Catholic Central, and Terry Richardson, who had a touchdown reception, are headed to Michigan as well.

### Former CC standout earns first collegiate win

Miles Trealout, a former Shamrock grappler,

didn't take long to earn his first collegiate wrestling victory as a member of the University of Michigan Wolverines squad. The freshman, who hails from South Lyon, has appeared in three open tournaments so far this year and started the year off with a 1-2 record at the Ashland Harris Open just two weeks ago.

There, Trealout earned his first victory as a Wolverine, pinning Mount St. Joseph's Justin Meineke in 3:58.

### NHS hoop boosters reminder

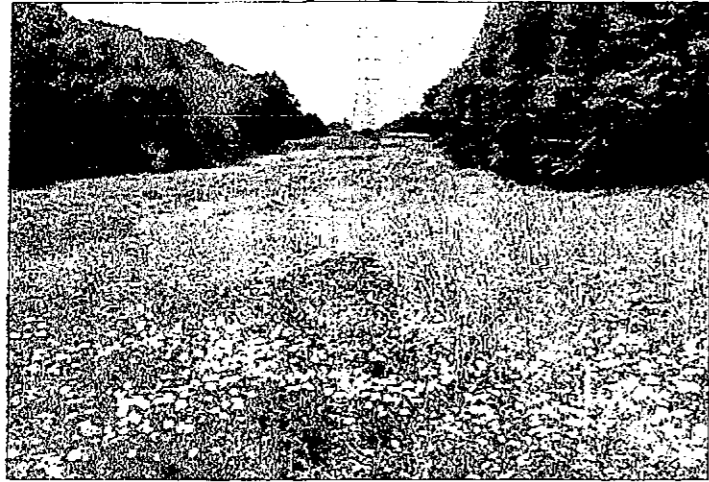
Boosters for the Northville High School boys and girls basketball programs are kicking off the season with their first-ever Pancake Breakfast/Meet the Teams event from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 3 at Northville High School.

This event will include a food drive for Northville Civic Concern as well as opportunities for participants of all ages to show off their basketball skills in the gym with the teams and enjoy a pancake breakfast prepared by team players and their families.

For more information, contact Susan Alameddine, Booster representative, at (734) 834-4963.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. earned Wildlife at Work certification for its contributions to wildlife habitat conservation in the company's power transmission corridor at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, Mich.



## ITC's Stony Creek corridor recertified

The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) has awarded Wildlife at Work certification to Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. for its contributions to wildlife habitat conservation in the company's power transmission corridor at Stony Creek Metropark in Shelby Township, Mich. ITC received the recognition at WHC's 23rd Annual Symposium, People, Partnerships and Pathways, on Nov. 15 in Baltimore, Md.

The Wildlife Habitat Council is a nonprofit, non-lobbying organization based in Silver Spring, Md., dedicated to increasing the quality and amount of wildlife habitat on corporate, private and public lands. ITC Holdings Corp. is the nation's largest independent electricity transmission company.

"Formed as an unbridled partnership between corporations, communities and conservation organizations, the Wildlife Habitat Council exemplifies the power of collaborative conservation as the foundation of environ-

mental stewardship," said Robert Johnson, WHC President. "We congratulate ITC for its commitment and contributions to wildlife habitat enhancement, community outreach and conservation education."

ITC's transmission corridor at Stony Creek Metropark near Detroit occupies more than 4,000 acres and serves as a multi-use recreation park with a nature center and more than 30 miles of trails. ITC occupies 25 acres across the northern portion of the park, of which 20 acres are actively managed for wildlife.

"We are honored to again be recognized by the Wildlife Habitat Council for our environmental stewardship efforts," said Donna Zaleski, director of Local Government and Community Affairs for ITC. "ITC's commitment to sound environmental management practices naturally extends into our operating mission of delivering clean, responsible, low cost energy

across our high voltage electricity transmission lines to homes and throughout our footprint."

Prominent features of the Wildlife at Work program are vegetation management plans focusing on the removal of invasive woody and herbaceous species, and the re-establishment of native vegetation. Native vegetation provides habitat opportunities to native species, increasing the biodiversity in the area. To support ITC's educational goals, native trees and shrubs were planted near the Stony Creek nature center to create a demonstration arboretum, and interpretive signs were designed to educate visitors about the ecosystem and its management. In addition, ITC partnered with a biology class from Michigan's Oakland Community College in 2010 to conduct an inventory of plant and wildlife species, providing an educational experience to students while also gaining results from a site inventory.

## OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit [www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar) or call (248) 858-0783.

### Pre-Business Research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research division, and a business reference librarian.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 5:30-8:45 p.m. at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

### CEED Microloan Orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the MicroLoan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by the Center for Empowerment & Economic Development (C.E.E.D.).

Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 9-11 a.m.

This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

### Small Business Loan Workshop

Getting a small business loan can be a challenging process. Learn the "5 C's of Credit," how to develop a winning loan proposal and what you need to know to position your business to be "bankable" before you meet with a lender. Presented by The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Oakland County Business Center.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$20 per person. (Please make checks payable to SCORE). Includes: Handouts and SBA Source Book. No refunds.

### Fundamentals of Starting a Business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about going into business. This course helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products. The basics of business ownership are introduced, along with resources available to help launch new ventures in Michigan.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$30.

### Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

This workshop is for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources is provided.

Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$40.

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## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

### 'They're off and ... shopping'

The traditional holiday shopping period began Nov. 25, but shoppers and retailers were already out of the starting gates in what's expected to be a good season. The Michigan Retail Index edged up in October to its highest level of the year at 58.3.

The index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

"The numbers suggest that consumers have already started their holiday shopping and could be on their way to meeting retailers' and analysts' expectations," said MRA President and CEO James R. Hallan.

"There are a number of positives out there, including declining or stable gasoline prices, an improving unemployment rate and resilient consumer spending leading into the final two months of the year. Retailers are optimistic."

In September's survey, nearly nine of 10 Michigan retailers said they expect a holiday season as good or better than last year, with 54 percent forecasting increased sales. On average, their forecast was for a 6-percent gain for their businesses during the holiday season.

The Michigan Retail Index for October found that 45 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 33 percent recorded declines and 22 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 58.3, up from 57.9 in Sept., 55.9 in Aug. and 53.6 in July.

Looking forward, 49 percent of retailers expect sales during Nov.-Jan. to increase over the same period last year, while 19 percent project a decrease and 32 percent no change.

That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 64.4, up from 61.4 in Sept. Nationally, the U.S. Commerce Department reported that retail sales rose 0.5 percent in Oct., 0.7 percent excluding autos and gasoline.

### SRI Energy changes

Srinerger, a Novi-based company formerly known as SRI Energy, has launched a website at [www.Srinerger.com](http://www.Srinerger.com) to unveil its new name and logo.

"When I launched the company, we were very much focused on design, engineering and installation of solar energy systems for our residential and commercial clients," said Prasad

Gullapalli, president and founder of Srinerger. "This hasn't changed. However, with several installations completed and new ones underway, our new company name, logo and website help us to more readily showcase who we are and what we do."

It was important for Gullapalli that the first three letters of the company's name remain unchanged. "SRI" stands for "socially responsible individual" to give emphasis to the company's offering of green energy solutions to individuals and organizations that are socially responsible.

Along with providing customized solar energy systems for commercial and residential installations, Srinerger offers pre-designed "solar kits" that are designed to meet average energy consumption needs for different customers.

"These kits fill a need for 'do-it-yourself' homeowners and others who know their energy consumption usage and are ready to go 'green' quickly," added Gullapalli. Srinerger also provides solar thermal systems for hot water tanks to help lower utility bills and reduce energy consumption.

Srinerger finances many of its own projects, including the ability to finance projects through GE Capital with 0 percent down payment required. Along with servicing a wide variety of clients including non-profit organizations, the company works with local trade associations, municipalities, building and development authorities, and neighborhood associations.

For more information, visit [www.Srinerger.com](http://www.Srinerger.com) or call (248) 254-6477.

### Mayflower recognizes Premier

Novi-based Premier Relocation, LLC, an agent of the nationwide household goods carrier Mayflower, was honored recently by the van line for exceptional professional performance. The recognition was conferred during Mayflower's 2011 Convention, held in Orlando, Fla., with more than 400 Mayflower representatives in attendance.

Announcement of the recognition, conferred as part of van line's annual awards program, was made by Mayflower CEO Richard H. McClure. Premier Relocation, LLC received the following honors for achievements during calendar year 2010: • Million Dollar Club Award, \$1 million level — recognizing top Mayflower revenue producers

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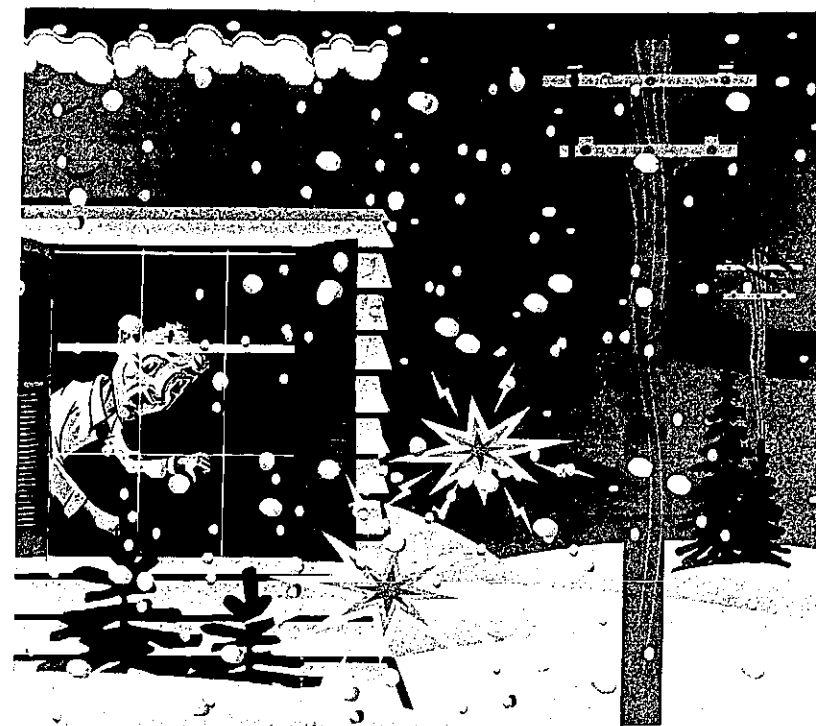
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## Safety practices reduce risk of wintertime home fire

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By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist



Robert Meisner

As we move closer to winter and home fire deaths begin to increase, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) remind everyone that fire safety and prevention are especially important in the coming months. Because home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season, NFPA and USFA are once again jointly sponsoring a special initiative — Put a Freeze on Winter Fires — to help raise public awareness about winter fires.

"These fires are a painful reminder of what we see every year — the temperatures drop and fires increase," said NFPA President Jim Shannon. According to NFPA statistics, space heaters account for about one-third of home heating fires and approximately 80 percent of the home heating fire deaths.

The USFA's Winter Residential Building Fires (PDF, 1 MB) report shows that each winter an estimated 109,400 residential building fires occur in the United States, resulting in 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter residential building fires at 36 percent followed by heating at 23 percent. Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The winter season brings the highest number of home fires, more than at any other time of year," said USFA's Deputy Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines. "Home fires increase in part due to cooking and heating. Winter storms can also interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources that contribute to the increased risk of fire during the winter months."

The NFPA and USFA recommend following these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard.
- In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.
- Do not put your live Christmas tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Avoid using lit candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn.
- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.
- If you have preventable causes of winter fires, winter storm fire safety, holiday fire safety, and tips that will help prevent the incidence of fire in the home, visit the USFA website at [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and the NFPA website at [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

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Q: I note that they have built a "High Line" in New York between 10th and 11th Avenue and I am wondering if you have any knowledge of the consequences on the real estate market there.

A: Having just walked the High Line, I can tell you that there have been a number of restaurants that have sprung up near the stairs that go to the High Line at every five or six blocks. Of particular interest to you would be the fact that a number of buildings are being renovated for residential use, and because of the landscaping of the High Line, shops, restaurants and boutiques are springing up along the line. In addition, it is giving an opportunity to various merchants to sell merchandise in buildings where the High Line traverses. Generally it has become a tourist attraction which, of course, increases the residential and commercial value of the buildings surrounding the High Line.

Q: I am thinking about buying a condominium in New York and I am wondering what suggestion you may have with respect to getting a reasonable price on a place near Central Park.

A: Unfortunately for a homeowner, the real estate glut has not affected the condominium cooperative market in New York and, in particular, around the Central Park area. Indeed, prices continue to increase as well as the number of assessments that are being charged by the associations in order to meet the increasing costs of operation. My experience recently in observing the market there is that New York continues to be one of the most expensive places in the world for residential housing. You are best advised to get a knowledgeable real estate agent who can point out to you areas where a bargain may be possible.

Q: Our condominium association is considering posing a restriction on the installation or use of solar energy devices such as panels and associated devices by a homeowner. Is there any state prohibition on this in Michigan?

A: To the best of my knowledge, Michigan and 11 other states do not have provisions to address solar rights issues and usage within their state codes.

Only three states currently prohibit covenants or restrictions placed upon homeowners which would prevent the installation of solar powered panels and associated devices. Fifteen states currently have laws that protect easements and their establishment on a legal contractual basis without having an express solar rights law. Therefore, if you are in Michigan, your association can enact whatever restrictions you wish to place on the installation of solar panels and/or solar devices to the extent that the documents are so amended.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operations: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [meisner-associates.com](http://meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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33101 Barkley St \$225,000	16122 Johnson Creek Dr \$458,000	13101 Leverne \$62,000
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40489 Bernynedale St \$142,000	47956 Johnson Creek Dr \$757,000	24975 S Sylbert Dr \$47,000
33315 Broadmoor Ct \$180,000	510 Randolph St \$275,000	9307 Sarasota \$84,000
15081 Cavel St \$95,000	15225 Sylvania Dr \$620,000	25432 Southwick \$35,000
14201 Deerling St \$74,000	41032 Stone Haven Rd \$208,000	23817 W Chicago \$43,000
36732 Grove St \$149,000	18043 Stonebrook Dr \$430,000	WESTLAND
30676 Hathaway St \$105,000	39557 Village Run Dr \$240,000	2251 Ackley Ave \$23,000
5924 Ingram St \$145,000	15711 Westover Dr \$235,000	32316 Anita Dr \$81,000
9523 Loveland St \$93,000	40104 Woodside Dr \$325,000	32027 Avondale St \$82,000
14362 Melrose St \$168,000	PLYMOUTH	8572 Berwick Dr \$82,000
19489 Norwich Rd \$160,000	40467 Broken Ridge Ln \$215,000	46220 Birchwood \$42,000
32125 Oakley St \$92,000	46351 Curtick Ct \$368,000	36791 Canyon Dr \$80,000
48442 Inveraray Rd \$295,000	42659 Five Mile Rd \$80,000	770 Eastley Dr \$65,000
40937 Lemont Rd \$160,000	11180 Gold Arbor Rd \$85,000	38456 Meschan Ln \$30,000
45093 Lemont Rd \$157,000	11180 Gold Arbor Rd \$118,000	8325 Melvin Ave \$93,000
50250 Mott Rd \$375,000	15030 Plymouth Xing \$243,000	8330 N Henry Ruff Rd \$55,000
7966 N Lilley Rd \$33,000	11729 Plymouth Dr \$72,000	32053 Parkwood St \$57,000
47728 River Woods Dr \$233,000	1116 Vassa Dr \$119,000	1538 S Parkwood \$28,000
288 Robyn Ct \$145,000	9382 Timberline Ct \$315,000	2420 Steiber St \$21,000
4746 Sherwood Cir \$192,000	390 W Ann Arbor Trl \$169,000	33718 Tawas Trl \$87,000
543 Stonehenge Dr \$230,000	770 York St \$93,000	7743 Terri Dr \$87,000
GARDEN CITY	REDFORD	1341 Windham St \$68,000
31010 Dawson St \$84,000	19146 Delaware Ave \$54,000	
1231 Gilman St \$35,000		

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1320 Forestglan Ct \$142,000	110 Benfield \$460,000
1961 Golf Ridge Dr \$278,000	NOVI
6222 Indianwood Trl \$243,000	43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr #94,000
243 N Gungahray Rd \$335,000	22340 Cascade Dr \$340,000
7160 Parkhurst Dr \$360,000	24065 Cranbrook Dr \$100,000
1199 Pevelin Rd \$120,000	43038 Oxford Ct \$390,000
1972 Post Chase Ct \$175,000	24500 Riverfield Ln \$185,000
7635 Saint Auburn Dr \$235,000	11168 Potomac St \$170,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	39786 Village Wood Cir \$21,000
9510 Garden Ter \$116,000	1181 West Lake Dr \$300,000
3510 Newsum Rd \$75,000	SOUTH LYON
850 Ridgmont St \$78,000	54210 Birdwood Dr \$30,000
FARMINGTON	147 Easton Dr \$200,000
32030 Grand River Ave Unit A \$29,000	61248 Greenwood Dr \$34,000
22147 Harstable Rd \$170,000	9437 Heathwood Dr \$125,000
32808 Slocum Dr \$119,000	834 Norchester St \$137,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	23731 Prescott Ln W \$61,000
29788 Briarclon St \$170,000	1116 Vassa Dr \$119,000
24082 Creekside Dr \$119,000	SOUTHFIELD
29610 Gilchrist St \$140,000	29869 Brentwood St \$42,000
2147 Harstable Rd \$325,000	23866 Merrill Ave \$37,000
38840 Holloworth Ct \$205,000	11689 Potomac St \$65,000
33133 Hopecrest Ct \$155,000	22570 Shewington Dr \$142,000
6963 Sandalwood Cir \$147,000	WHITE LAKE
1750 Tiverton Rd Unit 31 \$130,000	24595 Sarah Flynn \$170,000
3542 W Bradford Dr \$125,000	1307 Round Lake Rd \$65,000
620 Willow Glen Ct \$480,000	
1251 Windcombe Dr \$139,000	

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# The Elements of Résumé Style

Writing wisdom from Strunk and White. Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder

The classic "The Elements of Style" by William Strunk Jr. and E.B. White is not just for term papers. If your copy has been buried in a box since graduation, dust it off and polish your résumé with its timeless advice.

**Elementary rules of usage and composition**

- "Use the active voice."
- "Put statements in positive form."
- "Use definite, specific, concrete language."

As the book's introduction states, the authors are all for "cleanliness, accuracy and brevity." They want writers to select words that convey exact meaning -- an excellent idea on

résumés when you want to make a big impression in a small space.

"I often see dry, passive language that makes the job seeker appear as a follower or simple order rather than a leader or someone who drives results," says Abby M. Locke, master résumé writer and personal brand strategist for Premier Writing Solutions in Washington, D.C. "For example, 'Responsible for the development of new programs and services' works better when rewritten with active, engaging language like 'Conceptualized and created revenue-generating programs and services that increased the company's bottom line by 20 percent.'"

Locke also reports that candidates get stuck in a rut of using the same verb over and over again, such as "developed new brochures," "developed

marketing materials" and "developed a system." "When bullets like these are read very quickly, the only words that the reader remembers are 'developed,'

Another elementary rule to remember: Watch lenses. Strunk and White note that "shifting from one tense to another gives the appearance of uncertainty and irresolution." Tiffany Murray, a résumé writer and career consultant for PersonalityOnPage.com, says that she's seen gauges where the applicant has used two different tenses in the same sentence.

"For past roles, you should use past tense," Murray says. "For the current job that you are working in, present tense works unless you are referring to a project that is completed. You want to be consistent and accurate with your tense in

portraying what you have done in the past for an employer and what you are doing now."

**Words and expressions commonly misused**

Many a candidate writes the "lead a team" when he meant "led." Another common dilemma: "effect" versus "affect." (The former can be a noun meaning "result" or a verb meaning "to accomplish" or "to bring about." The latter is a verb meaning "to influence.")

Carolyn Yencharis Corcoran, assistant director of the Insalaco Center for Career Development at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa., reports that job seekers often confuse:

- "to" and "too"
- "your" and "you're"
- "there" and "their"
- "then" and "than"
- "wonder" and "wander"
- "its" and "it's"
- "a" and "an" before a word that begins with a vowel (as in "an excellent opportunity" when it should be "an excellent opportunity.")

"I advise students not to say they are 'excellent speakers who have extensively...' or other similar phrases," says Cynthia Favre, director of career services at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. "Comparative words like 'excellent' raise the question: Compared to whom? And most hiring managers will have a hard time believing a 21-year-old new graduate has done anything 'extensively' anyway. Instead, give evidence, and let the reader decide if it is excellent or not."

**An approach to style**

- "Avoid fancy words."
- "Using language that is too formal or too academic can make an applicant's résumé and/or cover letter sound derogatory or speaklike, which may appear like you are trying to fool the employer about your qualifications," Corcoran says. "The best way to set yourself apart is with examples that use industry-relevant words from your experience, not formal words that may make the reviewer feel stupid or -- if used incorrectly -- laugh at your application."

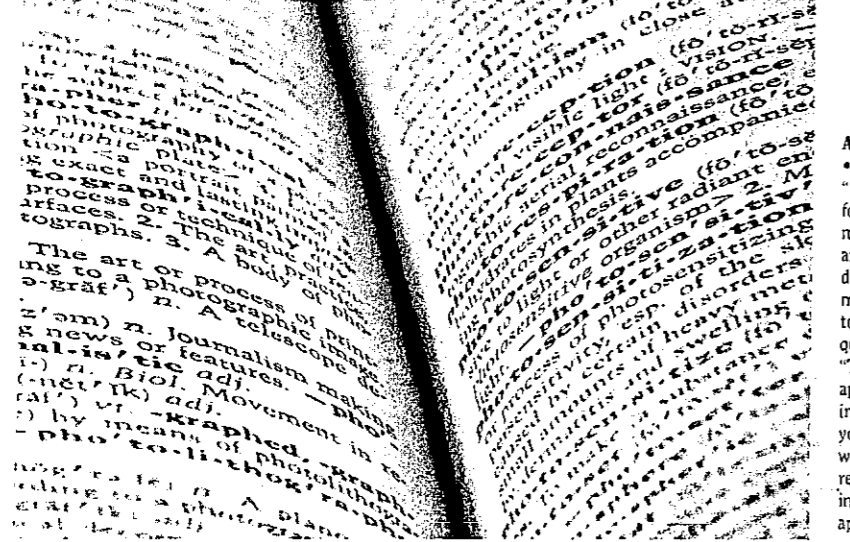
**"Do not take shortcuts at the cost of clarity."**

"Most people write about their titles and functions in terms they understand, instead of taking into account if it will be understood by a hiring authority," says Tony Beshara, author of "Unbeatable Résumés: America's Top Recruiter Reveals What Really Gets You Hired." "Likewise, most people write the names of the companies they have worked for with no explanation about what the companies do. There are 7.5 million companies in the United States... most of us don't know what any of them do. It needs to be explained in detail."

**"Do not overstate."**

Finally, heed Strunk and White's warning, "When you overstate, the reader will be instantly on guard, and everything that has preceded your overstatement as well as everything that follows it will be suspect in his mind."

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