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## Main Street lawsuits jump to 10

### Fatoosh is latest downtown business battling in court

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

The number of lawsuits involving Novi's downtown businesses reached double-digits after the owners of Fatoosh Mediterranean Cuisine joined the list of disconcerted Main Street business owners.

Nabil and Rana Matar's list of reasons why they filed a counter-suit against their landlord is long, but mainly centers around the now empty Vic's World Class Market the eatery overlooks.

According to documents prepared by the Matar's attorney, Matthew Brown, Fatoosh's \$25,000 lawsuit centers around what they feel is a breach of covenant of quiet enjoyment between the restaurant and landlord - Luna Properties.

According to documents filed in 52-1 District Court, the accused breach occurred when the east access to the restaurant was closed after Vic's went out of business in February.

Brown also lists loss of business, damage to the diner's goodwill and reputation, an electrical interruption, insect infestation and noise and dust from Vic's as other reasons for the breach.

During an interview with the Novi News earlier this year, Rana



Nabil Matar



Rana Matar

Matar stated Fatoosh's adjacency to Vic's was one of the factors that drew the Matars to the Novi location in the first place.

She explained the restaurant's setting used to portray how restaurants in the Middle East are - overlooking the hustle and bustle of markets and shoppers.

Since the market closed, Matar

told the Novi News Fatoosh's business dramatically declined.

Rana was unavailable for comment and Nabil declined comment except to say the matter would be discussed in court.

Despite the Matar's legal accusations, they are not the original parties filing the lawsuit.

Luna Properties originally filed a complaint of non-payment of rent against Fatoosh beginning the legal battle.

Attorney for Luna Properties, James Oegema, filed the suit in April stating Fatoosh did not pay its March rent of \$4,000 along with an additional \$3,422.13 for common area maintenance fees and tax recovery.

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Photo by John Heider

Ken and Kim Irvine have added three to their family through adoption recently. Their kids are, from left, Emily, 9, Mary, 5, Cole, 9, Liz, 15, Chad, 8, Jessica, 7, and Kayla, 6.

## Family Affair

### Novi couple keeps four sisters together

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, the four Correll girls — then, ages 13, 7, 6 and 3 — were taken from their Oakland County home when their father became too ill to care for them. The girls were then split up.

Novi residents Kimberly and Kenneth Irvine took in the oldest child, Elizabeth, who is their niece. She is now a student at Novi High School.

The three younger ones — Emily, Jessica and Mary — have a different mother than Elizabeth and moved in with a foster family, which had plans on adopting the three girls.

Kimberly Irvine thought the arrangement would work well — the oldest child with them and little ones together in a good family — as long as Elizabeth would be able to retain frequent visiting rights with her sisters.

The Irvines had their hands full with three children — and now four — themselves. They thought another family with less parental demands would be able to give more individual attention to each child.

However, fate dealt the Irvines a new hand. After adoption arrangements were made for the three little girls, the foster family wanted to block Elizabeth from visiting her younger sisters. The Irvines knew they had to keep the children together. So, their plans changed.

On May 31, the Irvines headed to the Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac, where their expanded family became legal. They officially adopted all four Correll girls — nine months to the day after their plans changed and the three younger girls moved into their home in Novi.

"We're all excited. It's been a long haul, but it's going to work out," said Kim Irvine, who is a substitute hall monitor at Novi High School.

Kenneth Irvine is a conference room and boardroom salesman for Blue Water Technologies in Southfield.

"(The younger girls) are very happy. They wanted to be with me," said Elizabeth Correll. "They're happy, and I'm happy. It's awesome."

The four new Irvine daughters now join an already lively household with three children — Cole, Chad and Kayla who are 10, 8 and 6, respectively.

"We're going to take it one day at a time," Kimberly Irvine said. Elizabeth Correll agreed. "It's going to be stressful, but cool," she said.

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## NOVI Remembers

### City prepares to recongize Vietnam vets

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's American flags will remain flying high and its veteran pride will remain strong as the city prepares for the upcoming Vietnam Veteran's Recognition Day celebration.

Building on the recognition and gratitude offered to veterans of past wars during the city's 2002 Memorial Day Parade and Service, the special ceremony will serve as a tribute to area men and women, as well as several from across the state, who served their country during the Vietnam War.

Event organizers said this event is even more special because for some, the June 30 ceremony will be the first time anyone has said "Thank you."

City of Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark has been heavily involved with making this day possible and places a great significance on honoring the area's veterans.

Declaring the Vietnam War "the war of the forgotten veterans," Clark wants to "set the record straight and recognize those men and women in our community who served their country and stepped forward without question and did their duty."

The Sunday event begins at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center and will feature displays created by the honored veterans, patriotic music, presentations and a theatrical performance.

The Novi Theatres is honored to present "War Stories."

The special play is an adaptation of actual letters written by Vietnam servicemen and women to their loved ones back at home.

Other highlights include a performance by the Novi Community Band and Marty Eddy, presidents of the POW Committee of Michigan, will offer reflections during the ceremony and present the Missing Man's Table.

All veterans participating in the event will receive a certificate of recognition by city, county and state officials.

In addition to Clark, State Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. (R-Highland), State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Novi) and representatives from U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg's (R-Bloomfield), U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's (D-Detroit) and Oakland County Executive's offices will be present.

The Vietnam Veteran's Recognition Day will be the third remembrance ceremony hosted by the city.

Last year, the city honored Korean War veterans and in 2000 those who served in World War II were the recipients of the community's gratitude.

For more information about the event or to register for recognition if you yourself served in the Vietnam War, call (248) 735-5628.

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## OC Automotive Solutions moves into Beck West

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Owens Corning opened its 57,000-square-foot Automotive Solutions Center in Novi's Beck West Corporate Park last week, strengthening the park's presence in the city.

The value of the center, located at 46500 Humboldt Drive, is estimated at \$12.5 million and brings about 83 employees to Novi.

"By the end of 2002, our technical, engineering and sales and marketing

staffs will have grown to 103 including administrative staff, scientists, engineering and OC Automotive management, said Dr. Andrew Hopkins, general manager of Owens Corning Automotive.

The OC Automotive Solutions center offers 25,600 square feet of office space and dedicates 30,000 square feet to prototyping.

The open and spacious office area includes meeting rooms, quiet rooms, state-of-the-art conference facilities and training center, media room,

cafeteria and product display area.

The prototype lab serves as the company's laboratory and pilot facility.

The engineering and architectural firm responsible for the new stately structure is Middough Engineering Co. based in Cleveland. Bloomfield Hills based Chantrel Partners in the developer for the project.

"The new center is designed to bring together our strengths in application development, program management and our strong technical capabilities to accelerate the growth

of composites in the automotive market," Hopkins said. "Our focus is the development of applications that are enhanced by Owens Corning's innovation and expertise in composites materials."

With more than 50 years in the automotive industry, OC Automotive focuses on the implementation of unique structural and acoustic composites solutions to the global automotive industry using its more than

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Dr. Andrew Hopkins  
OCA general manager

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Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer congratulates Sergeant Kevin Hebert, left, on his promotion during a quick ceremony in the Police Training Building. The former detective was to begin his new duties on the midnight shift that evening.

**Novi City Council Briefs**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Members of the Novi City Council will hold a public hearing 7:30 p.m. July 1 to hear the public's opinion on Special Assessment Districts 159 and 160 - a water main extension and street paving for the John Hawthorn Subdivisions I and II. The connection to the City of Novi Water Distribution System was requested by the residents on Jan. 9, 2000 and will cost about \$508,000. The street paving, which was also requested by the residents, will cost about \$1.11 million. If approved, the city initially pays for the improvements and the benefiting property owners pay the city back through annual installments during the term of the SAD. Novi City Council member Laura Lorenz expressed concern about approving the street paving SAD because the width of the lake area street does not meet emergency vehicle standards. Novi City Manager Richard Heving explained the area is almost like a historic district and must be looked at specially. One citizen in the neighborhood reported residents are becoming frustrated because the process has been going on for two years and many while they are dealing with what

**NO SAKE AT HAPPY SUSHI**

Happy Sushi was denied the approval to obtain one of the city's four available beer and wine licenses by members of the Novi City Council. The June third vote was unanimous as members believed the restaurant did not meet the criteria established to receive a liquor license. One of the requirements is the restaurant must show it is unique. Novi City Council member Kim Capello said although the eatery has excellent sushi and is a very good restaurant, there are many Japanese restaurants in Novi. Happy Sushi is located at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads in the Farmer Jack-anchored shopping plaza.

**GRAND RIVER AVENUE**

Members of the Novi City Council approved right-of-way acquisitions and grading easements for road and utility improvements on Grand River Avenue between Beck Road and the CSX railroad bridge. The June 3 approved right-of-way acquisitions totaling \$15,300 were requested for the Mansfield prop-

erty and Clare Investments. Permission for grading permits totaling \$2,300 were given by Freeway Drive Investment, Dennis and Robin Cregar and Thomas and Mary Ellen Creech. The city is proceeding with the property acquisitions and grading permits necessary for construction of the new five-lane roadway and associated utility and sidewalk improvements. Bidding is expected to begin late Summer and construction should be completed during the summer of 2003. The total project is estimated to cost \$9,250 million. A grant from the State of Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund will provide \$5 million and the city will pay the balance from the 2000 Road Bond Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Members of the Novi City Council and Novi city officials met two times in the past week to discuss ongoing settlement talks with Sandstone Associates Limited Partnerships and other legal issues. The first executive session was held Wednesday, May 29 and the second non-public meeting was held June 3 immediately following the council's Monday meeting.

**Police Report**

**UNKNOWN PADDLERS**

On May 31 at about 2 p.m. the Novi Police Department received a phone call from a concerned resident stating there were some paddlers in the area of Fernan and Williams. The unidentified caller said a red Chevy pickup truck was driving around the area with kids in the bed of the pickup with paddles. The caller said the kids were jumping out and chasing other kids who were outside. The caller was unable to provide license plate information. The responding officer was unable to

locate the truck or the kids with paddles.

**NO UNDERAGE DRINKERS HERE**

A 28-year-old Canton man called the Novi Police Department on May 31 at about 9:30 p.m. to report Fifth Avenue Billiards and Billroom on Novi Road was letting underage drinkers into the establishment. Police checked the bar after the call came in and did not find any problems. The bar manager told police Fifth Avenue's employees always check for identification and will continue to watch for any problems. The department determined it was an unfounded complaint.

**MALT LIQUOR**

Novi police responded to Borchart near Meadowbrook Road on June 2 at about 2 a.m. to investigate a reckless driving complaint. After determining the reckless driver was gone, the officer saw a man getting into the driver's seat of a black Mazda on the same street. The officer approached the Novi resident to ask if he knew anything about a reckless driver. He smelled intoxicants, observed the man talking with slurred speech and noticed an open 40-ounce bottle of Colt 45 Malt Liquor in the back seat. The 20-year-old was given a preliminary breath test and blew a .13. He was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

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**LAKES AREA TIMES**

**Kuhn vies for school board seat**

By Angelo Parlove  
 STAFF WRITER

As Walled Lake Schools looks ahead to budget cutbacks, school board candidate Sandra Kuhn looks towards solutions to the unavoidable problem.

Kuhn said the district must be prepared to help students find reduced or eliminated services elsewhere. She said if cutbacks impact such programs as tutoring or counseling services, parents and kids need to be directed to these services in the community.

"The schools need to help families find these services," Kuhn said. "The schools' leadership needs to help develop stronger relationships in the community."

Kuhn is one of three candidates running for two seats on the Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education on June 10, vying against incumbents Thomas McConnell and Michael Cramer.

Kuhn is the mother of three boys who attend Walled Lake Schools, where she has been active in the PTA and other educational organizations, including Reaching Educationally Advanced Children and the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society, as well as fundraising for the district.

and the school board candidate said encouraging parental involvement would be at the top of her agenda as a Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education member.

"It's a necessity for parents to participate in educational decisions. Parents need face-to-face contact with those individuals providing educational services," Kuhn said. "We all care for our children. We all need to put something in the pot."

"Kuhn has been involved in other aspects of the community, as well, including volunteer work for the Huntington Metro Parks for the Osprey Reintroduction Project and legislative lobbying.

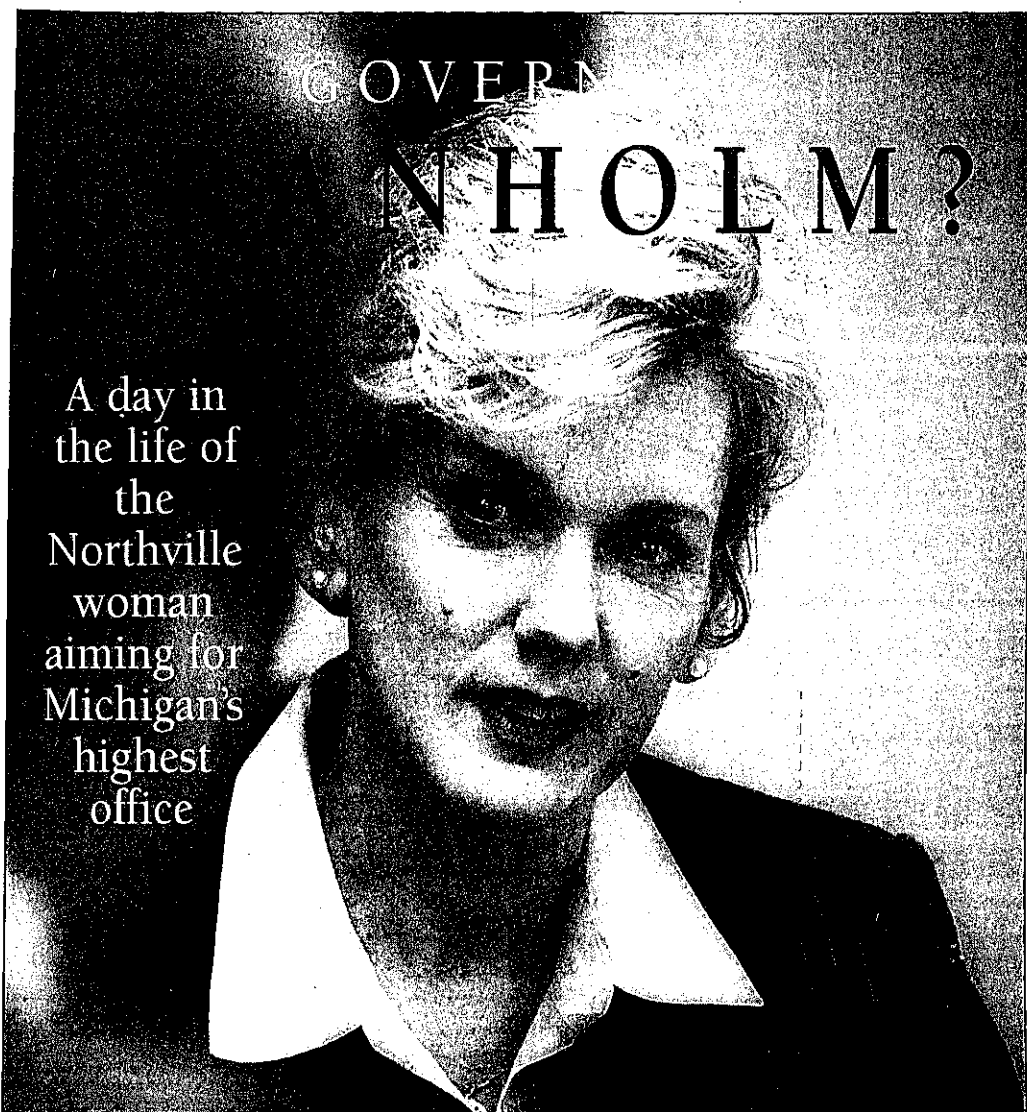
"I'm good at team playing," Kuhn said on her community involvement. "I'm good at asking questions and reading alternatives for discussion."

And Kuhn wants to bring this knack for discussion and problem solving to her children's school district.

"It's a complex system. School is just not for education, but also a support system," said Kuhn, noting the daily dependence of parents on school transportation and consistent program scheduling each year.

"Thus, Kuhn said this complex system needed to continually improve its communication links between parents and educators. She added that parents should be aware of controversial programming, such as the DARE program and health education, and given sufficient notice to those who choose to make alternative plans.

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5 a.m., McDonald's parking lot

**FROM THE EDITOR**

While the *Northville Record* has traditionally steered clear of gubernatorial election coverage, the participation of a Northville resident in the race for the highest office in the state was a compelling reason for us to spend a day with Jennifer Granholm on the campaign trail for governor.

This article was written largely as a personality profile. Inevitably, political viewpoints made their way into the finished story.

This package of photos and text, while large, is not an endorsement of Ms. Granholm. Rather, it's a story of a resident aiming to win the office of Michigan's chief executive.

Chris C. Davis  
 Editor



At 8:40 a.m., Granholm shakes hands with Jenison School District Assistant Superintendent Tom Kuicek, left, and meets Superintendent David Dressler, right.

It was then. This is now. The stars are still visible, there's virtually no traffic on the road, and without any coffee in my system, I'm beginning to question my judgment. Maybe I could have met her someplace in Grand Rapids, where she'll be spending the day campaigning. Maybe I could have gotten in bed an hour earlier than I did. All that doesn't mean much, right now. It's time to shift gears and be a reporter. It's time to learn

what it's like to be the state's top cop, to run for governor, to be a mother and a wife and to be a Northville resident.

I take a deep breath of the frosty morning air outside the Northville Township Mickey D's. I don't know it yet, but my appearance at the McDonald's will be the first of many such visits to a Ray Kroc restaurant during the course of the day.

A white Mercury pulls up alongside me. The power window drives down with a whining sound, revealing the familiar blonde-haired woman I've seen but never known personally.

"You must be the famous Chris Davis," she says, smiling, extending her hand.

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**Main St. manager moves on**

Conlon steps down from DDA

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
 STAFF WRITER

After nearly nine years of service, Tracy White Conlon resigned as Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority's Main Street manager.

Board members approved her resignation during a board meeting May 21.

She was given the option to leave her current position or take on a new position with the DDA with added responsibilities. Conlon's husband, whom she recently married, works on the other side of the metropolitan area. Therefore, it would be difficult with the new position for her to drive the distance to Walled Lake after relocating.

"It was a personal decision that I needed to be closer to my husband's work," Conlon said.

As Main Street manager, Conlon was responsible for recruiting and promoting new businesses in the city. She was also instrumental in getting Walled Lake accepted into the Main Street Oakland County program. She was later equally responsible for organizing committees and getting the program off the ground.

Additionally, Conlon started the largest banner program in the state. Business owners sponsored a banner with their business name on it, which currently decorates the roadside in the downtown district. She also started having a DDA booth at the annual Walled Lake Market Day, which brought recognition to the DDA and the city.

However, Conlon's finest memories of her job in Walled Lake was working with the people.

"One of the greatest things about the job was I was able to touch so many different parts of the community and get involved," Conlon said. "I was privileged to work with quite a few people."

She worked with business owners the most by helping to promote their businesses. Many new business owners often said how important she was to their business success in the city.

Phillip Vawter, city manager, said Conlon was excellent at working with the media in order to get positive press attention for business owners and the city.

Casey Ambrose, DDA chairman, agreed.

"Tracy was instrumental in a lot of the success we experienced here in Walled Lake for business area improvements," Ambrose said. "She deserves only the best for all her efforts and success in Walled Lake. Whatever path she wishes to take, I'm sure she will have as much success as she had here. We sure hated to see her go."

Conlon said she tried to help business owners by answering any question they would have.

"I gave them someone to talk to," Conlon said and added that she might not have known the answer, but she would try to help them find out. "It was fun to watch them grow and get to know their employees on a personal level. I think Walled Lake has a great future."

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**Walled Lake Central students have the time of their lives at prom**

By Mike McGinniss  
 SPECIAL WRITER

As the limousine bills are paid, the sequins are stored away and the photos are developed, the opinion of the Walled Lake Central Class of 2002 is near unanimous: the senior prom, held on Thursday, May 20, was a memorable and successful event. The damp weather conditions earlier in the day were unable to thwart the excitement of the approximately 500 attendees for the evening.

The anticipated event, running from 6 in the evening to midnight, was held at Penna's of Sterling in Sterling Heights. Organized by the senior class council, this year's prom was themed "We Had the Time of My Life," which was also chosen for the class song.

Senior proms are intended to serve as a celebration for the end of high school and the beginning of

the rest of the students' lives, as well as a final opportunity to have fun with school friends, according to class council members. The event is often looked forward to throughout a student's high school career, particularly during the senior year.

For most seniors coming from the Walled Lake area, though, the commute to the hall was a long one. Though the location was far from home, it was well worth the trip, senior Veronica Vasquez said. According to senior class council members, the location was chosen because of its impressive accommodations and reasonable pricing.

Yet the most important aspect, according to many, was the presence of close friends during the night. "I couldn't have gone with a better group of people," said senior Jessica Livernors.

"My friends, old and new, were all there with me, and I most definitely had 'the time of my life,'"

"absolutely smashing."

As expected, dancing was a central component of the evening. To meet the demands, the senior class council arranged for the renowned DJ Marquis to provide the music. With mixed numbers ranging from hip hop to alternative, an eclectic variety of music was offered.

"I had so much fun dancing with my friends," said Keller. "The music was done really well."

Vasquez agreed. "The music was excellent," she said. From most observations, the dance floor was full almost immediately following the completion of dinner.

Midway through the night, the winners of the king and queen of prom were announced. Senior Zach Dufresne and Tracey Johnson were feted with the titles and the couple undertook a dance together. The two had been dating for several years. Votes for the position of king and queen were collected during lunches at school leading up to the dance. Seniors cast their choices when they purchased their tickets.

Considerable emphasis was placed on the attire by attendees. Weeks, months and even years prior to the 20th, seniors went hunting for dress selections and tuxedo choices. Some even traveled for hours to hunt down "the perfect dress," according to senior Katrina Bramante.

Taking advantage of the opportunity to showcase their formalwear, some students tried to demon-

strate their creativity with original clothing. One senior, Rebecca Ridenour, constructed her dress entirely from men's neckties. "I thought it would be an interesting challenge that would look good, so I did it. It took me over the course of a year to complete it, though," said Ridenour.

Many seniors also enjoyed the opportunity to undertake roles that they normally wouldn't. "I felt like Audrey Hepburn," said senior Kathleen Marsh, referring to the late screen star known for her regal beauty and charm. Marsh selected her attire with the intentions of being "elegant and classy."

Tickets at the cost of \$35 each, were available for purchase beginning in early May. "We were really glad to be able to keep the costs low for prom-goers," said Senior Class President Dufresne. "It was a

**Junior Bill Dignelt places the corsage he purchased for date senior Calte Entwistle on her wrist.**



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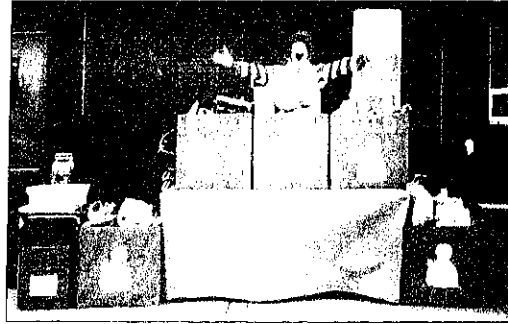




# McDonald's and Novi Woods students rally behind each other

By Angelo Pavlov  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Woods Elementary and area McDonald's often rally around each other's events and causes. Over the years, Novi residents Claude and Theresa Murphy—who own the McDonald's restaurant in Oakland County—have supplied many Novi Woods' events with beverages, food and hard work, such as the school's Family Fun Day on May 3. They grilled burgers for kids and families.



Courtesy photo

The Family Fun Day is Novi Woods' annual spring event, which lasts four days. The school plans to continue the same community service project next year, as well. The school plans to continue the same community service project next year, as well.

Families from Novi Woods Elementary donated household items to the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.

Novi Woods has also been collecting pop-top tabs this year for its community service project. Families from Novi Woods Elementary donated household items to the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.

## Obituary

Charles J. Lech

Charles Lech of Novi, died May 24, 2002, at Charter House of Novi. He was 98. Mr. Lech was born January 11, 1904, and was preceded in death by his wife, Louise. Survivors include his children, Charles J., Rose Mifsud and Joan Hooper; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and his best friend, Corwyn Wynings. A funeral service will be held June 10 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Interment will be at St. Hedwig, Dearborn Heights. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.

## Beebe-Brown TAPPED for project

Linda Beebe-Brown, a Novi resident, has recently been accepted as a participant in the Teacher Academy Project (TAP) of the National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI) at Texas A&M University. Linda Beebe-Brown is a K-3rd grade science teacher at Fisher Elementary School in Detroit. The Teacher Academy Project (NSBRI TAP) is a three-year, nationwide teacher staff development project that will prepare Master Science Teachers/Leaders to assist their local middle-school peers in implementing cutting-edge space-based science concepts related to NASA's planned mission to Mars in the classroom. This mission to Mars is expected to be the scientific and technological cutting-edge space-based science concepts related to NASA's planned mission to Mars in the classroom. This mission to Mars is expected to be the scientific and technological cutting-edge space-based science concepts related to NASA's planned mission to Mars in the classroom.

## On Campus

More than 3,500 undergraduate graduate and professional students received degrees May 12 from Duke University. Duke President Naturnett O. Keehove presided over the ceremony and Tom Wolfe, award-winning journalist and author, delivered the commencement address. Novi resident, Peggy Bayce-Liao, received a doctor of medicine degree. The Dean's List at Kettering University is an honor earned by students who, in a given term, have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits. Named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for the winter 2002 semester, representing January through March of 2002, is Novi resident Emily Curtin and Walled Lake residents, Andrew Brown and Andrew Weiss.

The following Novi residents were named to the Schoolcraft College Dean's List for the winter 2002 semester: Kristel Ambrecht, Shirley Kay Aschwander, Sherry Kay Belles, Kathryn Grace Bellor, Mark Jason Budd, Susan Lynn Buegehl, Michelle F. Cameron, Jessica Lee Chapman, William Henry Clendenin, Stacy Lynn Demers, Daley Michael Dickerson, Ann Marie Donnelly, Ashley Claude Earl, Cynthia Anne Fisher, James Francis Fogarty, Marilyn Margaret Fogarty, Michael Roman Fournier, Ashley Lynn Fouts, Jessica Elizabeth Gilbert, Anthony Edward Golunbeck, James Wesley Griffith, Jeffrey Dale Harris, Rhonda Jean Hawkins, Debra Lynn Hirschfeld, Loretta Anne Houseworth, Michele Jane Hunley, Nicholas Wayne Hutchens, Andrew John Jewell, Marie Joninson, Bryce Wayne Kidder, Joseph Daniel Klamka, Andrea Susan Koveses, Kimberly Marie Koveses, Julsson Lee, Mowika Elaine Merita, Linda Ann Nugrant-Arncliffe, Anthony Linh Nguyen, Shannon M. Parker, Erica Lynn Peterson, Amy Frances Radzick, Jeffrey Alan Reuschberger, Maria Elisa Sangs, Gannor Singh, Debra Spelman, Rebecca Jo Stevens, Trevor Manuel Tarpinian, Abir Souheil Temraz, Maria Lisa Trejo, Beverly Jane Vallance, Ross Jack Wagner and Kerri L. Wolgate.

Novi resident, Scott A. Kortlandt, Novi High School received an Albion College Merit Scholarship. His probable career field will be Secondary Education. Novi resident, Sowyan Rangarajan, Novi High School received a Michigan State University Merit Scholarship. Probable career field will be in Natural Sciences. Woborn resident, Jason M. Mitchell, Walled Lake Western High School received a Michigan Technological University Merit Scholarship. His probable career field will be in Computer Programming.

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# GOVERNOR GRANHOLM?

A day in the life of the Northville woman aiming for Michigan's highest office

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ing a hand outside the car. I extend my own.

"I don't know about the 'famous' part, but it's a pleasure to meet you, Ms. Granholm," I respond, noting that the air inside the car is a lot warmer than the air I'm standing in.

"Hop in," says the driver, who I later learn is one of her aides, Tom Kerr. He's joined by another aide, Sheila Mulhern, who's seated in the rear of the car. Her comfort in the car is visibly more difficult on account of the case of diet Coke on the floor which is occupying an abundant portion of her area of the back seat. I make my way around to the driver's side, eager to seek refuge from the cold.

**6 a.m. — Interstate 96, near Brighton**

Since it's what I'm paid to do, I was fully prepared to ask Granholm questions. Very quickly, though, the tables are turned, and it's me who's on the receiving end of the inquiries. It's a pleasant surprise, quite frankly. I've interviewed people in all kinds of high-profile positions, but I've never been given this level of virtually unabated access to someone in so big a position of power.

Today, she's wearing a black plaid suit over a dust-blue blouse. Her jewelry is very simple — pearl stud earrings, a wedding band and a watch.

Granholm asks me questions about my background at the Northville Record, my schooling, my family, and my interests. They're the kind of questions I'd probably be asking myself — and still plan on asking later on in the day (there will be plenty of hours left to do that) — but they're great icebreakers. I find myself telling my own story and sensing a genuine interest on her part about my own background.

It becomes very evident that Granholm is in love with Michigan, even though she's not originally from the area. Her parents were Swedish immigrants who moved to Vancouver, British Columbia. It wasn't until later in life that she made the Great Lake State her home.

"My dad moved around from job to job," she says, the car barreling along past billboards and the familiar orange barrels. After moving from British Columbia, Granholm and her family set up in San Carlos, Calif. After graduating from high school, Granholm went to the University of California-Berkeley and then to Harvard Law School, where she met her husband-to-be, who happened to be a native of Inkster.

The conversation slows to a snail's pace, at which time Kerr jumps in with an all-car question: "Who needs coffee?"

"I certainly do, but Granholm beats me to the punch.

"Yes!" she says, with the kind of enthusiasm you'd expect a snake bite victim to have if you had an antidote to offer.

We pull into another McDonald's. Jeff hops out of the car and trots inside. Granholm is in the front seat, perusing some of the day's docket with a small nighttime reading light. She's referencing a black three-ring binder, aptly labeled "Wednesday." My hunch proves correct — there are six other such binders, labeled "Thursday," "Friday," and so on. Inside the binders is a schedule of appearances and events she'll be tackling during the course of the day, complete with contact names, telephone numbers and brief synopses of what it is she'll be doing.

"Three cell phones are mounted on the dashboard of the car.

"One is for my campaign and another is for my duties as attorney general," Granholm tells me. The third belongs to either Kerr or Mulhern, although I never quite figured out who.

Kerr returns to the car with the coffees. Granholm reaches for hers the way a centerfielder would stretch for a fly ball. I take mine, as well. By now, the sun is just peeking over the Lansing sky, and the faintest shade of orange-red is appearing on the horizon.

I continue my inquiries about Granholm and her background. I ask her if she has the chance to return to Vancouver all that often.

"About once a year," she says. "My parents come out here more often."

What about other vacations? Where does she like to get away from it all? Wherever there's an outdoor adventure to be had, it turns out. The Great Outdoors has Granholm's number, it seems.

"I'm a tomboy at heart," she says. "When I was a little girl, I hated playing with Barbies, and I think that carries over to what I'm like today." She talks about her love of fishing and heading to a cottage in the northern Lower Peninsula.

Granholm rummages through her purse.

"Three dollars isn't going to get us through the day," she sighs. "I'd

better get inside and hit an ATM." I find myself surprised to watch the attorney general and gubernatorial-hopeful walk inside the adjacent convenience store to extract a few twenties from the money god.

I turn to Mulhern, who's done her best to catch up on some sleep for the half hour we've been in the car so far.

"How often does she get recognized when you guys go out on the road?" I ask.

"Not as often as you might think," she says. "Usually, someone will see her and say 'You look familiar...where have I seen you before?'"

With that, Granholm returns to the white Mercury Marquis.

"Okay — off we go," she says, folding the bills into her black leather purse.

**8:15 p.m. — Grand Rapids Holiday Inn Express**

A middle-aged man stands dead-center between a bowl of fruit and a platter of Danish pastries. His head bobs back and forth for a moment, reminiscent of one of those devil vs. angel moments you'd see in cartoons. Eventually, though, the man gives in to his weaker side and passes up a banana for a cherry strudel.

We're in the lobby area of a Holiday Inn, where the morning continental breakfast is being served. We made a wrong turn earlier in the morning, and found ourselves making a mad dash across the city to get to the right spot. Now, a few minutes late, the Marquis empties itself. Granholm wastes no time before she's shaking hands and making introductions with representatives of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, with whom she'll be filming a short endorsement / promotional video.

Mulhern and Kerr stay back in the lobby, but I follow Granholm and the union reps into a small meeting room. The shades have been drawn and video equipment unpacked. Five members of the union are in there with us.

"Give me a quick rundown of what it is we're going to be talking about here," Granholm asks the man who'll be sitting opposite her in the interview. He explains that he wants Granholm to discuss the impact the Union has made in her campaign and how important unions are to Michigan's economy.

Granholm follows the man's lead, and gives a lengthy statement on the contributions of the RWDSU. She comments on how the union has provided working people with information about her campaign, helped sign petitions on her behalf and has helped spread the word on her run for the governor's office.

"That was a beautiful answer, but it's too long," the man says. Granholm doesn't bat an eye, but instead adjusts the position of her glasses, which she's placed on her lap. The camera operator is asked to reshoot the response, which Granholm does, and in the requested condensed format. One phrase, in particular, catches my attention.

"The climate in this state has been so anti-working people that we've really sleeted out an entire segment of our culture," she says. Nods of agreement rain down from the techs and the other off-camera union members.

Satisfied with the footage they've acquired, the reps shake Granholm's hand and usher her back out to the lobby. Kerr is helping himself to another cup of coffee and chatting with another campaign contact. Mulhern is robbing her eyes. (I find out later Granholm and several of her staffers got a whopping four hours of sleep the night previous, as they'd attended a candidate's forum in Brighton.) Members of the Union pose with Granholm near a fireplace in the lobby area. A few parting words later, we make our way back to the car.

**9:15 a.m. — Jenison High School**

We walk into the main entrance of Jenison High School. Much like Northville's neighbor Novi, Jenison is also home to the Wildcats, and green-and-white Wildcats, at that. We're greeted at the door by Jenison's administrators, including superintendent Dave Dressler, principal Mark Divendorf, assistant superintendent Tom Tenbrink and Sandy Harvey, a parent from the district. They, along with a pair of Jenison students, escort Granholm to Divendorf's office.

"What do you think Jenison is doing best?" she asks the people gathered around the table. The answers bear a striking resemblance to the sorts of things you'd expect to hear out of Northville.

High expectations from students out of the gate.

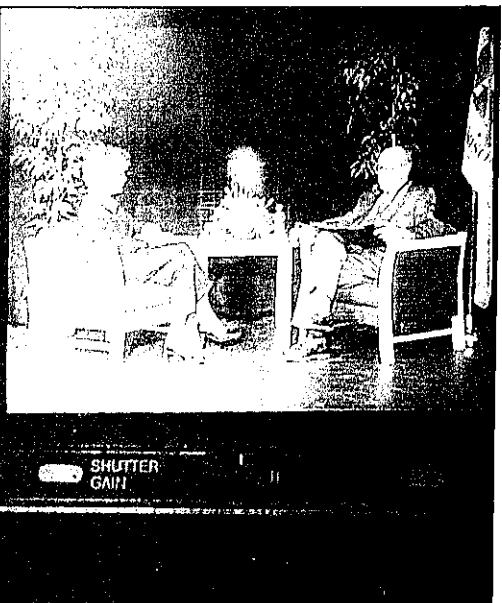
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Along the way, Granholm is penciling notes on a pad of paper. As I begin moving my way around the



Gesticulating to the Jenison High School history class of Carl Jautakis, Granholm tries to instill some passion in her audience about state government.



As seen on this TV camera's monitor, Granholm is interviewed by Gil Dykstra's Georgetown Journal TV show at Jenison High School around 9:15 a.m. Wednesday morning.



Retired Teamster official Herm Aurich talks to Jennifer Granholm after the Attorney General accepted the endorsement of the Grand Rapids' Police Officers Labor Council.

room to listen to Granholm (she has a very soft voice) a crop of photographers begins filing in the office. I come to understand that even though Granholm is a candidate from my hometown, we're on some other newspaper's turf.

Fortunately, I don't have to strain to listen very long. We're shuffled off to a government classroom, where about 25 students have gathered. It's early in the morning yet — relatively speaking — so initially, at least, the attention level is a bit questionable. More than a few droopy eyes are visible. The words "WELCOME JENNIFER GRANHOLM" have been written in black on the dry erase board, along with a star or two. The greeting flanks student-created posters which give synopses of famous Supreme Court cases. A few faded prints of former U.S. presidents occupy wall space on the other side of the room.

The students' attention level jumps several notches when Granholm begins telling a story about an investigation the attorney general's office handled on a sordid Internet love affair that ended with arrest of one of the parties for murder. Those droopy eyes grow as big as saucers as details of the event

are revealed. That story done, Granholm begins preaching the importance of education, and how in her own life, it meant the difference between staying put on the social strata or getting ahead of her parents.

And since she's speaking to a pool of potential voters...

"How many of you are registered to vote?" she asks. About three-quarters of the hands in the room dart upward.

"Good — make sure you get out and vote," she says. "If you aren't active in the system, you don't have the right to complain about it. This is the only country in the world where people have the right to select their own leaders as freely as we do. Take advantage of the opportunity."

Granholm opens the field to questions, which come sporadically at first, but gradually pick up the pace. A girl sitting on the left side of the room raises her hand. Granholm calls on her.

"What's your position on school vouchers?" the girl asks.

"I'm very pro-public schools," Granholm responds. "If people want to go to private schools, that's their choice, but I think public tax dollars should go to public



Jennifer Granholm has her photo taken with a young fan at Jenison High School before her 10 a.m. departure for the Grand Rapids Police Officers' Labor Council.



Before going to a fast food restaurant for a quick lunch, Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm confers with her campaign manager Chris DeWitt outside the Grand Rapids Police Officers' Labor Council building.



A little after 11 a.m. Granholm shares a quick McDonald's meal with her campaign staff and Record editor Chris Davis, left.

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# GOVERNOR GRANHOLM?

A day in the life of the Northville woman aiming for Michigan's highest office



Michigan's Attorney General is interviewed by Grand Rapids' Channel 8 reporter Jam Sadar after addressing the city's Bar Association at the Kent County Courthouse.



Jennifer Granholm meets Esther Hanes after addressing the River Grove Senior Center in Cornstock Park.

schools.

**10:45 a.m. — Somewhere on U.S. 196**

Before we leave Jenison High, Granholm spends 30 minutes in the school's auditorium sitting in as a guest on a local political talk show, "Georgetown Journal," brushing up on her French skills when she sticks her head into a foreign language class and takes a quick tour of the school's interior. When we exit the building and head back to the car, the sunshine is brilliant, but the thermometer tells a different story. It's a ridiculously cool 42 degrees right now.

I pop back in the back seat of the car. Granholm, who up to this point had sat in the front passenger seat, joins me in the rear of the vehicle.

"I really should take a few moments with you," she says. "What would you like to know?"

I explain that my purpose in tagging along today has more to do with getting to know Jennifer Granholm the person than Jennifer Granholm the attorney general or gubernatorial candidate. As such, my line of questioning stays on the personal side. The buildings of the outer edge of Grand Rapids zip by in the windows.

"How'd you get into politics?" I ask.

It turns out that Granholm — who graduated with honors both in her undergraduate and law school education — was a decidedly different person in her younger days. Now age 43, Granholm floundered two years after high school, toyed with going into modeling, but eventually realized, she said, that she wasn't going to be getting any further in life if she didn't improve her educational standing.

"Neither of my parents are really all that involved in politics," she says, adding that they're Republicans. (She's a Democrat.) "My dad was a banker."

We're only five hours into our day, and I'm already feeling the effects of campaigning. I suddenly realize that if I'm feeling this way, Granholm is most certainly experiencing the same thing.

"What do you like doing in your off-time, when you're not campaigning or working?" I ask.

"I love spending time with my kids," she tells me. Quickly, the conversation segues into my review of the latest "Star Wars" movie. I told that all three of her children are heavy into the George Lucas sci-fi epics, but they haven't yet seen "Attack of the Clones." I'm further told that Granholm and her oldest son have a definitive ritual for sharing Popsicles on summer afternoons. And I'm also told that she has apparently entered into a binding "puppy pact," which requires the family to take in a chocolate Labrador, should she win the big prize in November.

"They've got it all written out, about the terms of the contract and everything," she says.

"Do your kids know they're dealing with the state's leading attorney?" I ask. "This is serious stuff to be bringing to the attorney general, you know."

"Yes, they know," she says, smiling.

I harken back to what I was talking about earlier.

"How'd you meet your husband?" I ask. She gives me a slight chuckle.

It turns out she met him at Gate M while the two were waiting for a flight. The two were enrolled at Harvard together. He had noticed her in classes. She didn't know he existed.



With maps at their sides, Jennifer Granholm meets with an Alpine Township official around 5 p.m. to hear their input on local land-use and conservation issues.

"He tried the Mister Smooth routine at first," she said. "I wasn't really impressed, but we eventually hit it off."

And when they hit it off, they hit on all cylinders. Their dating lasted for about three months before the two were engaged. Granholm says her husband has been a source of strength and inspiration for her throughout their marriage.

I try jockeying for something with a bit more bite: "What really grinds you?" I inquire.

A pause.

"Apathy," she says. "I can't stand people thinking that it's not my kids who are having trouble learning, or it's not my lake that's polluted, so why should I care? We need people to get involved and take a stand on things. Apathy doesn't sit well with me."

Apathy is quickly joined by partisanship, which she says is prevalent no matter where someone in public office goes, but gets particularly pronounced in Lansing.

"There's a whole lot of this thing going on, where it's Democrat-versus-Republican or Republican-versus-Democrat," she says. "It wears on you after a while."

Kerr brings the car to a stop. I glance at my watch. We've been in the car about 20 minutes, but this jaunt just flew by.

"Where are we now?" I ask.

**11 a.m. — Grand Rapids Police Officers' Council endorsement**

We're in the back alley of a location not far from downtown Grand Rapids. On the way here, we breezed past a series of video stores and Mexican restaurants.

I gather my notebook and pens. It doesn't take long, but Granholm is already out of the car and saying hello to the small welcoming party that's waiting for her.

We make our way inside the meeting hall. It's empty, except for a podium at the front of the room. Granholm smiles and talks briefly with the union steward, who's joined by a few fellow officers. Some are wearing blue T-shirts and jeans, while others are in full uniform.

The labor council president, who I later learn is named Ed Hillyer makes some introductions, speaking highly of Granholm's record in law enforcement, before formally telling the small crowd that the Council was throwing its support behind the Northville resident.

Applause, followed by Granholm stepping behind the podium.

"I am honored to receive this endorsement from the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect us," Granholm says. "Working together, we will crack down on parole violators who commit violent crimes, fight for crime victims, and improve technology for law enforcement." Granholm then reflects on the

accomplishments of her attorney general's office since she took the position four years ago, specifically drawing attention to her cyber-crimes and Internet predator-type investigations.

"I'm only half-listening to her speech. The reason I'm only half-listening is because I'm trying to figure out what a woman had given to her when we first arrived. I observed the woman, who was wearing a beige jacket and skirt, hand Granholm something very small and whisper something to her."

As we make our way back outside, I realize I'm no closer to figuring out what it was I'd seen than I was before. I roll the dice and ask the question.

Granholm gives a look that tells me I may not like the answer.

"That woman is involved in some kind of a lawsuit with the police department," Granholm says. "It's an ongoing sexual harassment suit. She gave me her last business card and a lapel pin. I think it was something of a symbolic gesture — she wants them back if I win the election."

"Oh, I'm stumped for more to say, so I don't say anything. Luckily, Kerr fills in the uncomfortable silence when he climbs back into the driver's seat and shuts the door. He glances at his watch.

"You guys hungry?" he asks.

"Yes, we are. And so we make the drive to yet..."

**11:30 a.m. — Another McDonald's**

"How much time do we have?" I ask, the sound of deep fryer timers piercing the dining area. Granholm and her entourage (of which I fancy myself a part) stand out here. Most of those helping themselves to the mid-day meal are blue collar, factory types. The suits and ties we're donning look like hunter orange on opening day of deer season.

Kerr looks at his watch again and processes the time constraints.

"About half an hour. We can eat here."

Good, I think. I have bad luck eating in a car. All it'll take is one bump in the road and some glob of ketchup will find its way to my tie.

I make a mental wager that Granholm will help herself to a salad and an iced tea.

"I've got a secret," she says, leaning toward me. "I really do like fast food."

The salad never comes into fruition. Instead, it's a Quarter Pounder with Cheese Extra Value Meal. It turns out to be the same thing I order, too. Granholm and Mulhern invite me to join them at their table.

"You want my pickles?" Granholm asks. She peels back the crown of her sandwich and slides



Jennifer Granholm is warmly greeted by school officials at Grand Rapids' Westwood Middle School Wednesday afternoon.

off the small green discs. There's something amusing about the moment, and I laugh.

"Now you can tell everyone you ate the future governor's pickles from her hamburger," she says, smiling.

We begin to make smalltalk again over our lunches, which is lasting damn good, since my stomach is now operating on just a couple cups of coffee. We discuss everything from the perceived class struggle evident in "Animal House" to the likelihood a fast food restaurant will have the shake machine running if a shake is ordered. I take notice of the fact that despite being packed with people, no one approaches Granholm or seems to make the connection as to what importance she has in state government. As near as I can tell, she goes virtually unnoticed. (Note for real trivia buffs: Granholm's favorite drama movie of all time is "Ghandi.")

We begin talking about plans she has for Memorial Day weekend. Last year, Granholm participated in Northville's Memorial Day parade. This year, she'll be participating in Southgate's festivities.

We polish off the lunch in what seems to be record time. Granholm's spokesperson, Chris Dewitt, steps up from his chair and announces we're off to our next appointment.

**Noon — Grand Rapids Bar Association**

Darting through downtown Grand Rapids traffic isn't quite as tense an experience as navigating Interstate 696 at rush hour, but it's close. Even so, the Mercury pulls up outside the Kent County Courthouse. Earlier in the day, I breezed through the docket and knew this was one of the destinations Granholm would be hitting, but I can't recall the specific purpose of her being here.

That question is answered after we pass through the metal detectors (yes — even the attorney general of Michigan has to pass security) and into a large meeting room to the left of the main entrance.

This, it turns out, is the dedication of The Legal Assistance Center. I pick up a copy of the bulletin on the registration table outside the room.

The Legal Assistance Center will



Moments after arriving at her first fundraiser for the evening at Grand Rapids' Bridgewater building, Jennifer Granholm makes a cell phone call from her car.

ensure that all citizens with legal issues or perceived legal issues have meaningful access to our courts and other community resources," the pamphlet reads. According to the itinerary printed on the inside, Granholm is to be the first individual providing remarks about the project.

Several hundred contributors to the project have their names listed inside. It's a safe bet most of them are here, as the room is packed. Granholm makes her way to the front of the room. I take a seat in the back, which is also occupied by a television reporter and a few guests helping themselves to the catering trays which have been spread out.

Granholm sits facing the room. Grand Rapids Bar Association president Dale Ann Iverson and Assistance Center co-chair Jon Muth comment on the future the facility holds for Grand Rapids-area residents looking for help in solving their legal woes. Before too long, it's Granholm's time to speak. A big round of applause precedes her taking hold of the mic.

"I do love lawyers," Granholm says to the crowd. "When you think of people who could be billing people for services rendered, and then offering up those same services to

help others, it speaks to the commitment you all have to the profession and to the community. This is more than just a building. It's what's in the space that counts."

I step outside for a few minutes to catch up on my notes. In the meanwhile, the television crew has also set up shop. A little while later, Granholm emerges, shaking hands and chatting with lawyers and others in attendance before answering TV reporter Jam Sadar's questions about the Center.

We gather up our things and exit — this time, without having to pass through the metal detectors.

**1 p.m. — River Grove Senior Center**

Ask anyone campaigning for public office — anyone — and you'll learn that the capture of the senior vote is critical to a victory. Whether by design or otherwise, that's precisely where we've ended up now. Seniors in this facility have gathered in the complex's dining room.

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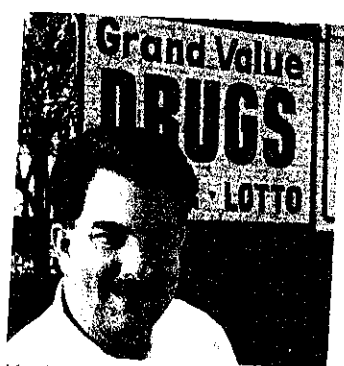
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## Main Street: Fatoosh latest business to file a lawsuit, now up to 10

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Brown said his clients withheld their rent for the reasons listed in their countersuit. According to court documents, Luna Properties is attempting to

terminate Fatoosh's tenancy and impresses the owners may not remove any of the leased equipment from the building and must transfer the liquor license into Luna's name. It is also stated Luna denies as

untrue the allegations the restaurant endured excessive noise, dust and insect infestation and "it is unclear as to which entrance defendants/counter-plaintiffs are referring to in their allegations regarding the 'east entrance.'"



Vic's World Class Market, empty of its goods and shoppers in March of 2002.

On May 20, Novi police officers responded to the Mediterranean restaurant two times after receiving calls reporting a dispute at Fatoosh.

The first call came in at 10:50 a.m. and, according to the police report, Nabil Matar was upset because he said the property manager wanted to lock him out of his banquet facility.

According to the police report, the Matar said is used on a frequent basis. Is another controversy in the lawsuit.

Brown said the question of who controls the banquet room is part of the suit because of ambiguous wording in the lease.

"My position is that is a legitimate legal issue," Brown said. He said attorneys representing Fatoosh's landlord have been co-

operative and both sides are working to reach a solution. The Novi officer told Nabil he would not be able to stop the property owner from entering the facility. Another call was made to the department at about 2:30 p.m. regarding the same dispute.

This time Ogeema was on the scene. According to the police report, Ogeema was there because he was "concerned that Matar may damage some of the property."

The officer advised both Matar and Ogeema to contact the court. Attorneys representing both parties will appear before 53-1 District Court Judge Brian Mackenzie tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

The Luna Properties versus Fatoosh, Inc. lawsuit brings the number of downtown cases heard

before Mackenzie to 10. Ogeema was contacted and declined comment.

Last year, the principal owner and managing partner of Evergreen III, James Chen, filed a lawsuit against a group of Main Street business owners for withholding payments.

The owners of the now nine businesses argue that, along with other complaints, they have been billed for suspiciously high common area maintenance fees without supporting detail and were promised when they rented a completed development which has not yet materialized.

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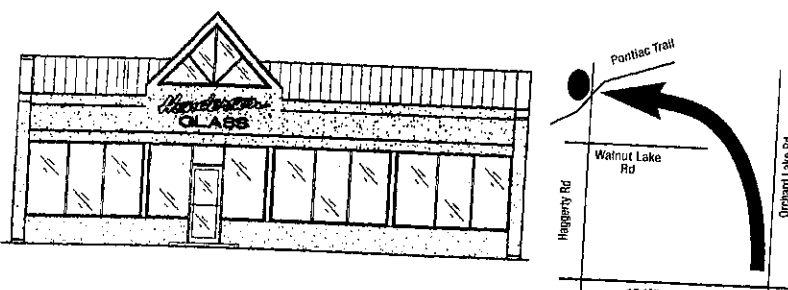
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**In Father's Footsteps: Burk and Aficial families linked through time**

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident and World War II veteran Cliff Burk saw his son, Cliff Burk Jr., walk in a few of his footsteps that he took nearly 60 years ago.

Burk Jr. traveled to the Philippines for the April 20 wedding of San Francisco residents Mauro Aficial Jr. and Jenn Lopez. He represented his father's Commando group, the U.S. Air Force 341st Airborne Squadron, at the garden wedding in Dagupan, Philippines.

The elder Burk originally attended the 1945 wedding of Aficial Jr.'s mother and father, Mauro Aficial and Maxina Parayno, when he was a first lieutenant in the 341st Airborne Squadron. Burk Sr. fought to liberate the Philippines from the Japanese during World War II. Burk's unit bought bamboo from a local merchant to be used as lumber for their motor pool garage.

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# Service club holding benefit to help blind

Novi Lions Arts & Treasures set for Saturday, June 8

By Victoria Sadiouha  
SDFE/STAFF

This weekend, the Novi Lions Club invites area residents to the "Novi Lions Arts & Treasures" benefit festival scheduled for Saturday, June 8 in the city's downtown area. There will be paintings, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, weaving and other crafts," said Jerry Coonce, event organizer and Novi Lions Club member. "There will be artists from Indiana and Michigan. A lot of the staffers are from the west side of the state and Grand Rapids area."

Coonce said Novi artist Julie Seymour will also be displaying her work. "It will not be quite as big as Ann Arbor," Coonce said, but for a first year's effort, left the festival will provide an enjoyable day.

And although everyone looking for an enjoyable way to spend the day is invited to come and browse, day, buy and buy is the outdoor street fair's motto. "This is because proceeds for the event will benefit the Pennekett Center for Blind Children's building fund."

The Pennekett Center is a private, non-profit residential day care agency serving blind, multi-disabled children ages 1 through 12. To continue its pledge of maintaining a free-care center,

Pennekett counts on financial support from individuals, service clubs, corporations and foundations. Received donations help the majority of children who stay at the center throughout the week before returning to their homes on weekends and holidays.

The "Novi Lions Arts & Treasures" festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. up and down Novi's Main Street. Local restaurants will be open the day of the event, providing lunch, dinner and other refreshments.

For more information about the

benefit, call Jerry Coonce at (248) 348-0531.

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# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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## More than just an ice cream parlor



Rebecca's waitress Danielle Stickland takes a customer's order on a recent Friday afternoon. Photo by John Heister

## Rebecca's on Center Street prides itself on being a full-service restaurant

By Annette Jaworski CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**REBECCA'S ON CENTER STREET**

Now a full-service restaurant and a soda shop, Rebecca's on Center Street is located in a historical building dating back to 1920. The restaurant's cream shop was formerly Cloverdale's Dairy. It's the longest continuously running ice cream parlor in the area, open since the 1930s, said Good.

Visit Rebecca's one of a kind restaurant and ice cream shop located in historic downtown Northville at 134 N. Center St. Northville, MI. 48167. Open seven days a week. Kitchen hours are open daily at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday until 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday until 4 p.m. Ice cream is served until 9 p.m. every night weather permitting. Call (248) 348-2660. Carryouts are also available.

The homemade soups are another must try here. They offer at least four different homemade soups and chill every day - often more in the winter.

In fact, all of the food served at Rebecca's on Center Street is cooked to order, not pre-packaged, she says proudly. It takes longer, it can be challenging in small spaces, but it's worth it. And it allows them to offer the wide variety of food their menu carries at affordable prices. New homemade specials are featured daily. Every Friday night you can count on a fish fry. And coming soon is a new menu with even more choices - as Good likes to put it, "something for everyone" including Mexican entrees.

"And if it's not on the menu, and we have the ingredients, we'll try to make it. We do our best to accommodate," she added.

"You'll find a kiddie's menu at \$2.99, with the perfect size portions for breakfast. The kid's lunch menu gives them great choices in a la carte fashion, where they can choose one entrée, one side and one drink for \$3.99.

For those who aren't coming for a meal, there's always the great ice cream. 32 flavors of Gurnsey's, Ashby Stierling and Strohn's. There's also Colombo soft serve frozen yogurt. Dill it up with more than 15 toppings from fruit to nuts. Get ready for something new - a fruitie soon be offering gelato, a specialty in Europe. Good calls it the adult ice cream. It's lower in fat, but very elegant and very concentrated in flavor they can.

Don't walk out without taking another look around. The owner and staff are Red Wing fatalities - that's obvious by one wall of memorabilia. Other interesting pieces include a montage of transportation memorabilia. Her favorite piece includes a hand-built model of Stinson Reliant aircraft in green and yellow. (Probably because the Stinson was manufactured in Northville.) And children and adults alike enjoy the 70-gallon fish tank.

## Business in brief

**Maklebust Nightingale Award recipient**

Northville resident JoAnn Maklebust was a recipient of a 2002 Nightingale Award for Nursing, which was presented by the Oakland University school of nursing May 9. Maklebust was given the award for advanced practice nursing.

**Smith an MSU Distinguished alumni award recipient**

Northville resident Joshua Smith, executive managing director of hospitality advisors was granted the Distinguished Alumni award by Michigan State University's school of hospitality business. The award recognized distinguished leaders in the hospitality industry who had given back time and talents to MSU.

**Pothier re-elected treasurer of CLF of Michigan**

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) announced May 28 that Kathryn Pothier of Milford, has been re-elected treasurer of the foundation's Board of Directors.

Pothier, a Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer for Bank One, was re-elected at CLF's spring annual meeting and will begin her term as treasurer on July 1, 2002.

Since joining the board in 2000, Pothier has played an active role in the growth of CLF. She hopes to increase public awareness and develop new activities for CLF families during her new term.

**Orthopedic specialists move into Brighton complex**

RBS Companies, Inc. has leased space in its Genoa Office Park in Brighton to a new orthopedic medical practice called Advanced Orthopedic Specialists. The company has leased 4,600 square feet and will move approximately 10 employees to the new offices. The move is scheduled for September 2002.

RBS Company President Brian Soy said, "Advanced Orthopedic Specialists provide an important medical practice to residents in Livingston County, and we are pleased they chose to locate their practice and physical therapy clinic at our Genoa Business Park. Advanced Orthopedic Specialists is a medical practice owned by Lath J. Farjo, M.D. and Edward Loniowski, D.O. Both physicians are board certified and fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeons. Dr. Farjo, who has been practicing medicine in Livingston County for three years, is a specialist in sports medicine, arthroscopic surgery, and knee and shoulder surgery. Dr. Loniowski, who has been practicing medicine in Livingston County for six years, is a specialist in joint replacement and osteoporosis. Dr. Farjo and Dr. Loniowski practice out of McPherson Hospital in Howell and the Woodland Health Center in Brighton.

From their offices in Genoa Business Park, they will offer orthopedic surgical services, non-surgical orthopedic treatments, and physical therapy. The physical therapy clinic will be staffed by physical therapists and athletic trainers who will design exercise programs for people being treated for athletic injuries, arthritis, joint sprains and fractures, among other conditions.

"The Genoa Office Park is a perfect location for Advanced Orthopedic Specialists," said Lath J. Farjo, M.D., a co-founder of the practice. "The central location will allow us to serve patients from a broad section of Livingston county. RBS Companies made it very convenient for us to locate in their facility. We look forward to being in our new space in September."

Headquarters in Brighton and utilizing the combined knowledge and expertise of architect and CEO Ralph Soy and President Brian

**Bluhm promoted to project manager**

Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. (SDA) is pleased to announce that David W. Bluhm, PE has joined the Municipal Engineering Department as a Project Manager.

Bluhm has over 15 years of experience in the industry with specialization in the municipal engineering field. He has dealt with city ordinances, water and sanitary sewer master plans, design and construction engineering services; and road and utility projects.

Because of SDA's continual growth and expansion, Dave's knowledge and expertise will play a vital role of responding efficiently and effectively to local authority clients' needs and requirements.

David Bluhm obtained his MBA from Oakland University and his BSCE from Michigan State University. He was awarded his Professional Engineer's license in 1990. Dave is an active member of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

Dave lives in Milford with his wife and three children. He enjoys sailing, golf, skiing and racquetball.

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# Owens opens

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50 years of research and development of glass fiber technology. The main focus of OC Automotive - the composite - is a material system made of two or more material components.

Representatives from the company explained what makes its composites superior are the reinforcements Owens Corning uses to increase the composite's strength, stiffness, electrical insulation, heat resistance and dimensional stability making the materials outperform metals, woods and concretes in applications all over the world.

Products of OC Automotive may be found in the interior, exterior, structure and under the hood of automobiles such as end gates, pickup beds, instrument panels, hoods, tailgates, door trim, mufflers and aerodynamic body panels.

Representatives from Owens Corning said the location was chosen because of its accessibility to automobile makers and suppliers in metro Detroit.

Beck West Corporate Park is located off of West Park Drive east of Beck Road and north of 12 Mile Road.

Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson said the park consists of 34 lots with 11 under construction.

Some of the other businesses located in the corporate area include Access Interactive, Danton Service, Work Squared LLC, Coast Log, VSC Inc., Cognex, Gleason Works, Battenfeld of America and Mactec.

Owens Corning automotive business is one of the company's most significant growth initiatives, reporting sales of about \$200 million in 2000.

Owens Corning was founded in 1938, and reports current revenue of \$5 billion and employs 19,000 people worldwide in its more than 125 manufacturing facilities and 170 distribution centers in 30 countries.

Headquartered in Toledo, the company's products are widely used in homes, buildings, cars, trucks, boats, recreational equipment, infrastructure, telecommunications and consumer goods.

The Thursday, May 30 grand opening included a presentation by Owens Corning Automotive General Manager Andrew Hopkins, ribbon cutting ceremony and an open house.

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Photo by John Heider

Ashish Diwanji, director of Programs and Marketing at the newly-opened Owens Corning Automotive center in Novi, discusses some of the composite materials his company provides to BMW for this front-end grill section of its Mini-Cooper.

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## Don't look beyond our younger Novi athletes

Well, summertime is here again and with school about to let out and graduation either right on top of us or already behind us, the athletes and their teams will have all summer to think about what they want to do next year.



Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

I will have the same opportunity. While I am hunting down local stories to run this summer, I will have plenty of time to think about what I want to accomplish next year for this sports section. I have plenty of ideas, and I am sure the returning athletes to our schools have plenty of ideas of what they want to do as well.

This seemed like a year of underclassmen to me. Now, don't get me wrong - I think the seniors did a remarkable job all year long to get things going in the right direction. It was up to them, no matter how few there were on some teams, to point their teammates in the right direction and to lead by example both on and off the field. They did their jobs, and the seasons and their records show that. For me, I look at those who are leaving thanks to graduation and it makes me sad to see some very, very talented athletes hit the road - but then all I have to do is look at those who will be back to grace the sports pages next year.

The underclassmen of all four high schools that I cover have been remarkable this year. Look at half of the teams and you will see that their statistics were all but dominated by those juniors, sophomores and even freshmen who helped complete the roster. It is just a sign of the future for myself and for these high schools - Northville, Novi and Walled Lake are not even close to giving up their competitive edge on the field of play.

Some teams will lose that one-two-three punch that they had this year with a slew of senior athletes who were able to lead the way with their remarkable skill and their dedicated determination. Others are going to be returning their primary starters. As with every year, some teams will succeed while others will have a rough time.

It is during this particular time of year that addressing the underclassmen becomes so important. Right now, they are the forgotten players and athletes. Their elder counterparts are hitting the road, graduating with diplomas gripped firmly in hand as they pack up for the road not yet traveled by their peers. To them, it is a whole new world. For the underclassmen, it is a continuation of one that they have already started to grow very accustomed to.

I have no doubt that our underclassmen will be the lifeblood of our sports teams come next year - truth be told, they have little choice but to be so. If their teams have any hopes of winning their conference or regional, the underclassmen of this year are going to have to step up and show the world what they are capable of come next.

For many underclassmen, next year already marks the possibility of great things. Starting positions are open and they are going to be gunning for them. For this year's juniors, they now have the responsibility to be the leaders on the field of play while balancing all that makes up a senior year - homecoming, college application, sports, friends, jobs, college acceptance/decline, prom, finals and, ultimately, graduation.

Good luck, athletes. For those graduating, I hope to see your names again in the Next Level Athletes portion of our sports section. For those not, I look forward to writing about all that you accomplish next year.

# Moore grabs two state track titles

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

There was little doubt that Tim Moore could do it - but a few people probably doubted him doing it twice.

Moore, along with two other Novi boys and one Novi girl, took a trip to Rockford to make a run at the state title - Moore not only notched a victory in one state finals event, he took home two of them.

"He went into the 1600 placed fourth," Smith said. "He wasn't odds on favorite by any means."

Moore didn't care though. The energy-filled senior, who will be running for Notre Dame in college, took first in four minutes, 14 seconds flat.

"He ran a perfect race," Smith

said. "It was just flawless. He neutralized kids with big kicks by having them run his race. You neutralize a sprinter by running faster through the entire race than they want to run."

Moore ran much faster than most people wanted to in order to keep up with him. His first lap was recorded at 63 seconds and his second lap - which is traditionally slower - was finished in 62.

"And then it was over for everyone else," Smith said. "Tim just kept powering away. No one was able to maintain that speed and hope to have any legs left."

When Moore finished up his run in the mile, he turned around and trotted his way to a first-place finish in the 3200-meter run as well.

"After a few laps I think Tim realized that it was not his day to

**"He ran a perfect race. It was just flawless. He neutralized kids with big kicks by having them run his race."**

Robert Smith  
Novi track coach on Tim Moore

break nine minutes," Smith said. "After he realized that, he just ran to win."

And why he did. Moore's time of

9:21.9 was nothing to scoff at as he blasted his way ahead of the pack and finished out the race without much trouble.

"Tim wants to break nine minutes, but once he realizes he isn't on pace after five or so laps, he settles down and runs his race," Smith said. "You have to choose your battles and you can't always go to the well. If you go to it too many times, it eventually runs dry."

Moore will have another chance to break under nine minutes in the two-mile when he takes a trip to North Carolina to compete in the National Track and Field meet June 14.

"One kid already broke into the high eight minute mark," Smith said. "Tim is going to have to run his best if he hopes to win it."

Besides Moore, the Wildcats took Derek BuWalda, Dan St. Clair and Jen Mehl to the state finals.

BuWalda found himself running into an old problem that has plagued him this season, while St. Clair gave it a good go and didn't place in the top 10.

BuWalda, who ran the 300 hurdles, found himself crowding the first hurdle as he came up on it, which threw off the rest of his race.

"That was a problem throughout the season," Smith said. "We changed the way his starting block was set and that seemed to fix it. I'm not sure why it happened again."

BuWalda finished the race in 40.7 seconds, which wasn't his

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Photo by John Heider

Novi's #9 fires a shot on goal during the Wildcats' home playoff game against Ann Arbor Huron last Thursday afternoon.

## 'Cats fall in district title bid

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't exactly the way the Novi Wildcats wanted to see their season come to an end - but like Coach Rick Green says, "Hey, that's baseball."

The Northville Mustangs baseball team, led by coach Mickey Newman, beat Novi in the district playoffs 11-10 before edging a very tough South Lyon squad 12-10 to earn the district title.

"It was one of the better games I have ever been involved in," Newman said of the Novi tilt. "Neither team wanted to lose. Both teams played extremely hard and it was back and forth the whole game."

The Mustangs fell behind right from the first pitch as the Wildcats earned three runs in the first period, scoring all of them with two outs against them. The 'Stangs wouldn't let this one slip away that easy, especially after taking two regular season losses to their cross-town rivals.

Senior Robbie Harner started off the first inning on the Mustang offensive, blasting a double to score a run before Matt Sebastian stepped up to the plate and connected on a ground-out that scored another.

"We chipped away at it," Newman said.

Chipped away and took the lead, actually. The Mustangs were able to put two more scores on the board as Ben Abbott crossed the plate on a double by Tyler Carter as the Northville squad took a 4-3 lead. The third inning found the 'Stangs scoring another run off a Scott McNeish single that scored Harner for the 5-3 advantage.

"Novi just kept coming back though," Newman said. "There were two outs and Tyler got a little wild (on the mound) and walked the eight, nine and one hitters."

That's when two-hitter Mike Crawford stepped up to the plate. As the ball released from Carter's hand, Crawford stepped into his swing and blasted a Grand Slam Home Run over the fence to give the Wildcats a 7-5

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## Mustangs stop Wildcat girls

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

Saturday's loss to the Northville Mustangs in the district final marked the end of the season for Novi soccer, and the end of high school soccer careers for four Novi athletes.

Tina Fennelly, Margaret Grgurich, Christine Jewell, and Karie Smith will all be heading away from Novi High School and leaving their memories of high school soccer behind.

"I'm not playing soccer in college and I'm going to miss it," said Jewell.

Both Jewell and Fennelly will be heading to Central Michigan University next year and Smith will be going to New York to study fashion. Smith credits soccer as something that has taught her a lot about life and has helped her make decisions.

"There are lessons that I have learned through things, and one of them is never giving up," she said.

Smith also said that soccer has inspired her to go out and do things because she feels it is the right things to do.

The teammates will remember the friendships that they have made through soccer and also the big games in which the team performed.

"I've made a lot of friends through soccer," Jewell noted. Smith feels similarly.

"They're all awesome girls," Smith said.

However, for a lot of the team,

this season was just another under their belt as they go on for a few more years. It was Chelsea Attyeh's first year in high school and on the varsity soccer team. She said that the adjustment of coming into varsity soccer as a freshman was not too hard in a large part due to her teammates.

"I adapted pretty well and all the players were pretty nice," Attyeh said.

She has three years ahead of

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## Novi's Fennelly moves from soccer to Central

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

Novi varsity soccer player and senior Tina Fennelly has been able to do a lot because of soccer and is looking forward to her post high school experience.

Fennelly loves soccer and has been playing ever since she accidentally ran onto the field in fourth grade.

"I was playing tag and J.R. Muldoon ran onto the soccer field and I just started playing."

Ever since then she's loved soccer and has continued to play it through high school.

"I'd be lost without soccer," she said. Fennelly loves both the competitive aspect of the game and the friendships that he has gained from the sport.

"I like it because it's really competitive," Fennelly said. "This year has been fun because you've been friends with everyone on the team." According to her, she has gained

a lot of valuable relationships with members of the soccer team that have been very important to her.

"Carrie Smith and I became really good friends because of soccer," she said. "I also became friends with a lot of underclassmen I probably wouldn't have become friends with if I didn't play soccer."

Within the sport of soccer, Fennelly said that Mia Hamm is her favorite athlete. Outside of soccer, she said that she likes Marlon Jones as a sprinter.

In life, her role models are her parents, Pat and Suzy, who have been very supportive of her in everything she is involved with.

"They've sat through every freezing cold game," she said. Fennelly is very happy to have the parents that she has and said that she really looks up to them.

"They're amazing people," she said. "They couldn't be better parents."

Fennelly also has a younger sister, Danielle, who is 16 and is also a student at Novi High School.

With her family, one of Fennelly's favorite things to do is to travel up north and have fun with activities such as four-wheeling.

Fennelly is also very close with fellow Novi High School seniors Jon Bateman and Mike Kowalski.

"They're my two best friends," she said. She has been friends with Kowalski for a couple of years, but they just started dating this past January.

"He's amazing," she said. They met at a float-building meeting for the homecoming parade in 10th grade and were best friends for a year after that.

"He's hilarious and just really fun to hang out with and be with," she said. "When you're with him you just have to have a good time."

Next year, Fennelly has plans of going into sports medicine and physical therapy and is going to attend Central Michigan University next fall.

"It seems really interesting," Fennelly said.

This summer, Fennelly plans on continuing her work at the Sports Club of Novi and will be attending a Young Life camp.

For now, she enjoys listening to the music of the Dave Matthews Band and John Mayer and eating Italian food. She drives a 1989 Ford Bronco II and is very fond of it.

"I love it," she said. Although Fennelly doesn't go out to eat much, she said that her favorite restaurant would have to be Subway.

"I love Subways," she said. Fennelly is finishing up her high school career at Novi and will be moving on to new things in the fall. She has a bright future ahead of her and is looking forward to the new challenges that will come her way at Central Michigan University.

Brian Doyle is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



Tina Fennelly

GAME OF THE WEEK



Novi  
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Underclassmen





# Northville golf takes fourth

By Sam Eggleston  
Photo: Walter

What a way to end an impressive high school golf career — as the medalist of the Michigan High School Athletic Association State Finals tournament.

Kate MacDonald did just that as she shot a 75, 72 in the tournament that the Mustangs were able to finish fourth as a collective team.

When all was said and done, she won the shooting match, Northville coach Fred Murray said. She showed that four years of hard work can really pay off.

Despite MacDonald, the Mustangs bowed to Lenoir School, Shannon Tevick, Andrea Phillips and Theresa Johnson to make their mark as well. She better shot an 86, 91 on the day while Lenoir collected a 91, 80 while being fourth for the Mustangs as she hit a 92, 90 in the tournament while Phillips recorded a 100, 94 over two days.

Our goal was to make the top five after we made the cut and we did bet-

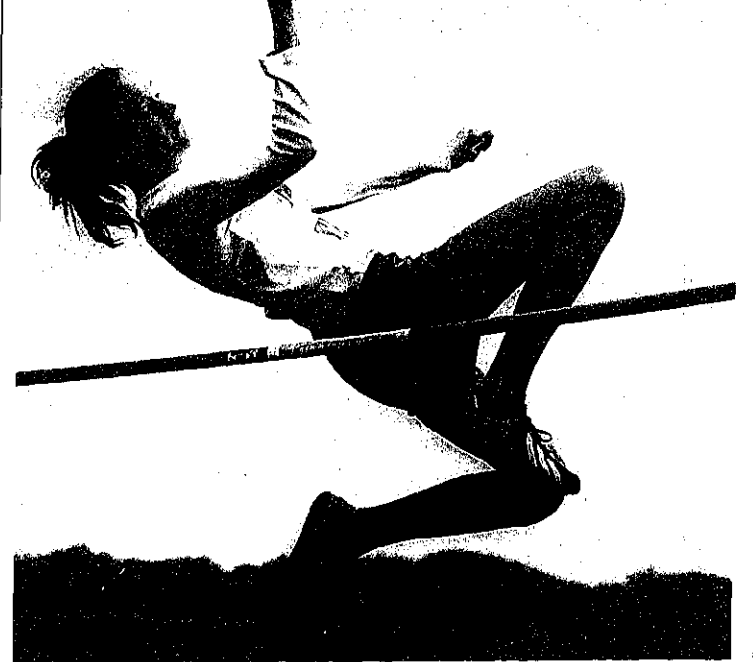
ter than that," Murray said. "To be in the position of only down two strokes from the leader heading into the second day, we've never been in that position. We always want to play our best, but this year we were running with the big dogs. I told the girls they had to play hard, because their was no sitting on the porch when you were down with the big dogs."

Of the four seniors graduating this year — MacDonald, Lauren Farris, Stephanie O'Neill and Lauren Longton — watching MacDonald go will be our hands-on Murray.

"It was sad to watch her come up on that last hole and put in her last put," Murray said. "Then I realized that she wasn't mine anymore. The coach from Grand Valley State invited her to come and watch with Kate. I kidded around with her at the beginning and said that Kate was still mine for a couple of more holes."

Murray said that one thing she wished was that MacDonald had received more exposure for her abilities.

"She really hasn't gotten the expo-



High flying Wildcat

Photo by John Heider

Novi freshman Christina Liss clears 4'10" on her first try at the KVC meet held at Novi High two weeks ago.

# Central wraps up softball season

By Brian Doyle  
Photo: Walter

The Walled Lake Central Vikings wrapped up their softball season last Saturday after alternating all the way to the district championship. The team, returning only four starters from last year, ended up with a 17-15 record on the year.

"We had a young team," Walled Lake Central coach Gordon Glennie said. "Overall we played well."

The Vikings beat out the Millard Redskins 6-5 in the district semifinals to advance to the finals last Saturday.

Sara Stone had a big day at the plate and went 3-4. She ended up with a .430 average second only to her co-captain, Brittany Coram. Coram went 2-4 in this game and had 3 RBIs. Lora Lorange, Kelli Lary, and Amber Hicks each went 2-3 on the day and helped out the Vikings.

On the pitcher's mound, Jennifer Jorgensen came in and took the victory for Walled Lake Central. The team did suffer from errors made in the field which have contributed to the close score the game ended up with.

"We didn't play that well," Glennie said. "We made several errors."

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After narrowly defeating Walled Lake Central in the district championship, the team was defeated soundly by the Warriors and was only able to muster two hits against Walled Lake Western.

"We didn't hit," Glennie said. "Coram and Lauren Young were the two Vikings able to muster hits. Coram, along with Stone, have been leaders of the team all season long."

"Every game, every day, they are there," Glennie said of the pair.

They lead the team in hitting averages as Coram posted a .434 and Stone followed right behind her.

Walled Lake Western was known to be a strong team, but the Vikings felt they were capable of winning the game if they played their absolute best game.

"In order to beat them we had to be error free," Glennie said. "They knew they had to play their best possible game to beat Western and they didn't."

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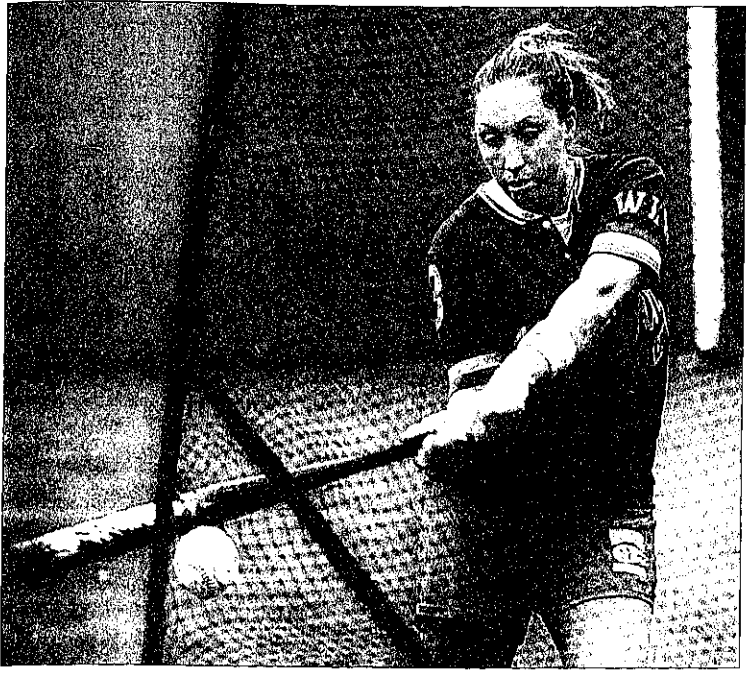
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Western's Alexis Jolly takes batting practice before last week's away game at Plymouth Canton. Alexis and the rest of the Warriors were waiting in the rain for the game to begin.

# Softball: District queens

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"I've got a group of dynamite ballplayers."

Ron Repicky  
WLW Coach

iber that were playing, there was a lot of nervous tension," Repicky said.

In the field, Erin Rutherford returned to her usual spot as shortstop after being out with an ankle injury for a while.

"Erin was getting back into the swing of things," Repicky said. "She had a couple of errors early on and then she served a great purpose and provided a much needed victory."

Rutherford turned an impressive double play to end the game in the last inning.

Talbot pitched a very impressive game against North Farmington and did not allow a single hit. In her no-hitter, she only walked two batters and had seven strikeouts.

Offensively, Whittle went two-for-four. Bell went one-for-four. Aschinger went one-for-three and Burgess scored the winning run.

The game was one that was not overly impressive, but

one RBI and one run scored. The team had six other players who got hits that game.

"We have a very good hitting team," Repicky said.

Now the Warriors will look onto their regional semi-final match up against Clarkston this Saturday.

"Clarkston is a real good team every year," Repicky said. "This is going to be a real tough game."

The team also had three players earn all-conference honors and four others earn all-division. Burgess, Tucker, and Bell received all conference honors while Talbot, Rutherford, Dye and Boujoro were all-division.

Repicky said, "I've got a group of dynamite ballplayers."

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# Baseball: Title tilt champs

Warriors, Mike Pisha will advance in playoffs

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thanks to a grand slam homerun by the game's winning pitcher, senior Mike Pisha (six hits, six strikeouts, four RBI). Western then completed the game's scoring with a three-run third.

"I was telling a story that I felt like (Alex) Gable, Coach Patrick Roy. Everything that could possibly go wrong, went wrong," said Lakeland lead Coach Brad Paughar.

"We had one concern coming into the game, and that was struggling in the first inning... giving up four runs, which against a team like Western and a pitcher like Mike Pisha, you just can't afford to do. Our worst fears came to light."

Conversely, Connor said the early lead was just the springboard his Warriors needed.

"It was nice to get a good jump like that," Connor said of his team's first-inning eruption. "We wanted to be aggressive. That's been our style all year. I have to give credit to our seniors. They know what to do, and they came out and did it."

Certainly no single player contributed more to Western's first game victory than Pisha who, as one of the team's three captains, might be better dubbed the Leaning Tower of Pisha.

In addition to striking out six batters and one-hitting the Eagles during six solid innings, Pisha tattooed a first-inning grand slam, assisted on a timely double play and sparked a third-inning triple play with a diving catch of a batted sacrifice bunt.

"Maybe we could have him cut the grass or fix up the mound a little bit," quipped Connor, when asked after the first game if there was anything else his senior pitcher could have contributed to the 7-0 victory. "Mike just had a bethel day."

And so, too, did the Warriors, who parlayed the day's first victory into a district crown after defeating Millard, 8-2, in the district final game.

August Millard, the Warriors' again struck first, this time with a modest 1-0 second-inning lead. And though the Redskins loaded the bases in the top of the third against starting pitcher John Sowders, the best Millard could muster was a single run that left Royal Oak Kumball. The Warriors will face Clarkston during a tournament round where the winner of that game will then face the winner of a U-D Mercy-Brother Rice matchup.

Pisha is expected to start Western's first game.

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"I am very proud of this team. Our leadership and experience really showed today."

Ken Connor  
Walled Lake Western Coach

# Novi Track: Moore wins again

personal best and not fast enough to place in the meet.

"He ran hard and fast," Smith said. "He finished the last straightaway catching people and he never gave up. I am really proud of him for that."

St. Clair, who is heading for the Air Force Academy very shortly, notched a throw of 145-feet-2 in the discus, which was longer than his average but not enough to gain points for the Wildcats.

"It's a great kid," Smith said. "I know it was frustrating for him this season, with his injury and all."

The Wildcats will see these three athletes, all who broke school records this season, and record-holding senior Scott Kortlandt graduate this year. Now they just have to hope they have enough talent in fill in the gaps.

"It's going to be tough," Smith said. "We have a lot of talented athletes coming back next year, but some of these guys you can never replace."

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## Warriors beat path to district championship

By David Aguilar  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Western retired the Huron Valley in order last Saturday as the Warriors claimed their fourth district title in five years by defeating both Lakeland and Milford during District 13-1 play.

Western, Lakeland, Milford and Walled Lake Central each competed for the district title during a day-long tournament that was held at Walled Lake Central High School June 1. During the triple-header tourney, both Western and Milford advanced to the day's final game by respectively defeating Lakeland, 7-0, and Central, 14-4.

Western then claimed its District 13-1 title by defeating Milford in the afternoon's final contest, 9-2.

"We have leadership and experience on this team, and that

came through today," said nine-year Western Head Coach Ken Connor. "This was very satisfying. These guys worked very hard for this."

The Warriors dominated the playing field Saturday and outscored their combined opponents 16-2. Western also displayed solid pitching and sound defense.

In fact, during the first game against Lakeland the Warriors seemed eerily reminiscent of the Detroit Red Wings team which had jettisoned the Colorado Avalanche from the NHL playoffs the night prior. That Game 7 showdown turned into a Friday night rout, 7-0.

And as though Western had picked up precisely where the Red Wings had left off, the Warriors struck first against the Eagles for a quick 4-0 advantage.

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Walled Lake Western's Mike Pisha hits a heater towards homeplate in their match against Milford.  
Photo by David Aguilar

## Warriors queens of softball tourney

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

The 2002 Walled Lake Western girls softball team recently became district champions. The Warriors advanced past Novi, conference champion North Farmington and Walled Lake Central to become the lone team to play out of their district.

"It's nice to come out on top," Walled Lake Western coach, Ron Repicky said. "The girls have worked real hard for this."

In the district championship game, the Warriors knocked out the Vikings 8-1. The Warriors were led from the mound by Lauren Talbot who only gave up two hits and two walks while striking out seven.

"Lauren Talbot is playing real well," Repicky said.

The team obviously had a sound game offensively as well as they scored eight runs on the day. Nicole Tucker went three-for-four with one run and two RBIs. Kristen Burgess, Courtney Dye, and Alexis Joli

all went two-for-four on the day. Burgess scored twice, and Dye once, as she and Joli each knocked in one run.

Lauren Talbot also knocked in one run and went two-for-three. Becky Whittle, Danielle Bonjero, and Laura Bell each went one-for-four on the day while Kathleen Aschinger scored a run on her own.

### WL1, North Farmington 0

In the district semi-final earlier that day, Northville knocked off conference champion North Farmington. Walled Lake Western was eliminated by North Farmington in district competition and had lost by one run earlier this year, so this game was very big.

"It was a great feeling," Repicky said.

The game was laced with errors on both sides, but the Warriors were able to come up with the victory. They committed three errors while North Farmington committed five.

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