## Auction goes over top, raises \$600,000

The 10th anniversary edition of the Charmel 58 Auction, which completed its nine-day run Saurday, is the most successful sellation of donated merchandise in the public TV station's history, raising an all-time high of 858,487.

"This is a 19 per cent increase over last year's "Great TV Auction" total of 858,487.
The station exceeded its \$600,000.

The station exceeded its \$600,000 goal despite having to shorten the

hours of the auction in the final two days to conserve incoming merchan-dise. However, the station pat out a final call for dorations which was responded to promptly by area mer-chants. Channel 56's warehouse, was then replenished with enough merchandise, to carry the auction through its sched-uled Saturday night signoff.

Station General Manager James Christianson stated: "Revenue from

the auction will help cover our broad-cast expenses for the coming year. Through their support, the citizens of southeastern Michigan and southern Ordario showed us that they value the public TV programming that Charnel 56 provides."

Auction manager Honey Friedman noted that past auctions have contrib-uted more than \$3.5 million to the sup-port of non-commercial Channel 56.

Proceeds help make possible the broadcast of public television shows like "Sesame Street," "Dick Cavett," "Monty Python" and "Masterpicce Theatre."

#### Jazz group to play in Novi

The Novi High School Band Boosters and the Novi Foundation for the Per-forming. Arts have made arrange-ments for Brookside Jazz Ensemble to ments for Brookside Jazz Ensemble to perform on stage at the Novi High School Auditorium on May 7 at 3 p.m. Brookside is a metropolitan Detroit area jazz band made up of 21 profes-sional musicians dedicated to contem-porary "Big Band" music. Ursula Walker is a featured attraction of the leaded of the profession of the leaded of

warker is a learner attraction of the band and a jazz singer. Sell-out concerts are commonplace for the band, whether on stage at Meadow Brook or poolside at the Pon-tchartrain, where they perform in the

summer. Reserved tickets are available by contacting Craig Strain at Novi High School, 349-5157.

#### Location changed

#### for final concert

A change in location has been amounced for the Pontiac Oakland Symphony Orchestra concert scheduled for 8 p.m. Priday. The Concert scheduled for 8 p.m. Priday for

David Daniels, will play Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major,



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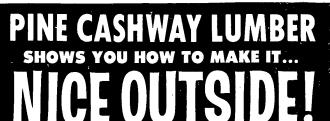
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a close were general clusirwoman Joan Hicks, official host Bob Talbert of the Detroit Free Press and hundreds of volunteers. The concluding totals show that of the 68 gublic television stations that hold auctions, Channel Se ranks fourth in dollars raised, behind New York, Chiago and San Francisco.

Joan Hicks, a Ibyear auction veteran who, as general chairwoman, headed the volunteer force, said,

"With the wrap-up of the 10th auction. Channel 56 and the community which supports it have passed a major mile-stone.

"We offer our thanks to the viewers and bidders, the merchandise donors, the celebrity auctioneers, the suppor-tive media and the hard-working volunteers and staff."



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