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Michigan Film Gala

Global Pictures and Michigan Movie Magazine and Specs Howard present the first-ever Michigan Film Gala on Dec. 31 at Sheraton Novi Hotel. The Michigan Film Gala will include a showcase of Michigan films starting with "CornerStore", a Red Carpet, meet and greet, a dinner, special guest speakers and countdown to New Year's.

Brandon T. Jackson (Tropic Thunder, Roll Bounce and Big Momma's House 3) will be hosting the event. Special guest speakers include Tanya Ryno (producer of SNL); Rod Harrell (CEO of RLH Talent); and Susan Frishman (entertainment attorney).

The event is open to actors, directors, producers aspiring film-makers and fans.

The showcase begins at 9 a.m.; there will be a Red Carpet event beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a meet-and-greet. The evening will conclude with a dinner, special guest speakers and the ringing in of the New Year with a champagne toast at midnight Jan. 1.

Red White and Tuna

The Farmington Players will hold auditions for the comedy "Red White and Tuna", the third in the four-play saga of greater Tuna -- third smallest (fictional) town in Texas. It is time for the Fourth of July High School Class Reunion where we re-meet many of the characters from Tuna and a few new ones.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. The Barn is located at 32332 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills (north side of 12 Mile Road halfway between Orchard Lake and Farmington). If you would like more details, or to request a script call Maggie Gilkes at (586) 383-0125.

Principal cautions students after Facebook issue

Photos of girls said to be copied off their pages

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi school and police department officials are encouraging parents and students to brush up on their Internet safety skills after it was reported that pictures of high school girls were being copied and posted on a Facebook account from the Middle East.

Principal Carol Diglio and Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said they have not received any

complaints from students, rather they learned of the situation after being contacted by a local television news station last week.

Two other high schools, Livonia Stevenson and Ladywood, also had situations where girls had pictures of them in bathing suits copied off their pages and put on the page of a man named "Salem Issa."

Diglio sent a letter home to parents on Nov. 18 to address the issue.

"While we recognize the positive

educational and social opportunities that are available through the use of the Internet and social media sites such as Facebook, we constantly caution our students of the potential risks of sharing personal information, including photographs," she wrote.

The man is believed to have sent the girls "friend requests," and then used the access he had to their profiles to obtain their photos.

"You have to use common sense in who you are adding as a friend on Facebook and what you are posting," Molloy said. "There are people out there preying on individuals like them."

Diglio said she hopes parents use this as a teaching moment to give their children more information about the dangers of social networks.

She also said it is important for students to regulate what they are posting. "The thing you worry about is some of them are getting ready to go to their next step in life and it is important to be conscious of what you are putting out there to represent who you are," she said.

The Detroit Free Press continued to this article.

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Julie Williams and her son Joshua, right, give out awards to four Orchard Hills students who earned top honors for the essays they submitted to recognize National Adoption Month. From left, teacher Melissa Israel; Neeharika Aniruddh, runner-up fourth grade; Renee Boudreau, first place fourth grade; Morgan Burt, first place third grade; and Adam Carozza, runner-up third grade.

Students share ideas for giving others a home

Orchard Hills honors winners of National Adoption Month contest

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Four students in the third and fourth grades at Orchard Hills Elementary were recognized last Thursday for their innovative ideas on how to find every child in the world a home.

The students, along with 67 of their peers, wrote essays about child adoption and how they would help children as part of National Adoption Month. The winners and run-

ners-up received Toys "R" Us gift cards for their entries.

Julie Williams, who served as chair of the contest for the PTO, said they wanted to plant the seed of thinking about adoption in the student's heads because she sees them as the generation that "could make a difference."

"After reading all of these essays it really shows the goodness in our children," she said.

Morgan Burt was the third-grade winner at the school,

and in her essay she wrote about creating a traveling orphanage.

"It would work with the census program to know which families don't have children," she wrote. "I'd drive to their house and ask the same questions. The main question would be, 'Do you want a child?' If they say yes, I'd give them some files on some children that would work for them."

The fourth-grade winner, Renee Boudreau, also had a unique idea through her program "Sensational Children." In her plan, the organization

would be divided among the different regions of the world and representatives would ask every house if they would like to adopt a child.

"I would pay families (who) adopted children \$200 every two weeks to cover the child's needs," she wrote. "Hopefully, in one or two years every (child) will have a home that they deserve."

Adam Carozza (third) and Neeharika Aniruddh (fourth) earned runner-up honors for their entries. Carozza wrote about creating a "robot family that is programmed to

take care of the kids," while Aniruddh wants to create a center that educates students and ensures no child is ignored based on physical appearances.

Melissa Israel, a teacher at the school, said she views adoption as "the greatest form of humanity," and her students were excited to write about it.

"It gave them a chance to write about something that can extend beyond school and has value and meaning," she said.

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Santa to help light up Novi

Attendees asked to bring food, winter items for needy

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Santa should have no problem finding his way from the North Pole to Novi next Friday as the civic center campus lights up for inaugural Light Up the Night in Novi event.

A plethora of holiday lights and over 2,500 luminaries from Novi school children will make the campus glow with holiday spirit.

Tracie Ringle, communications specialist for the city of Novi, said she hopes people make

the event part of their own holiday traditions.

"It is great to have the opportunity to share special moments with your family and be able to share them within your community," she said. "We hope this is something that will continue to grow."

Light Up the Night in Novi is replacing Ringing in the Holidays, which took place on Main Street and featured a parade. The change to the civic center campus was made

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Women focus on Faith, Fun & Fitness every Thursday

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Their workout complete, the women gather around the snack table. Fitness instructor Stella Schelske of South Lyon has joked with the women at Faith Covenant Church this morning about their workout, reminding them of Halloween candy recently eaten.

The weekly "Faith, Fun & Fitness" sessions are Thursday mornings at Faith Covenant Church at 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills. The current session will wrap up soon with a Thanksgiving potluck, with the next session to start in January.

"It's kind of like a Mother's Morning Out," said church member Jean Jacquin of Farmington Hills. She likes that "Faith, Fun & Fitness" draws women of all backgrounds and ages, including young moms.

"They can come and have their children babysat," she said, adding one Japanese mom with young twins was grateful for the help at the church. Jacquin began attending

when the sessions started in the early 1980s. Her daughter was then 1. "She's now 30," Jacquin said with a smile.

"We also take walkers outside and we walk through the neighborhood," she said. Women who attend aren't all church members.

"The women at the church have been able to help the Japanese moms with questions like how to find a doctor.

Each morning begins with roughly an hour of exercise, with aerobics done to Christian music, followed by snacks and a program. A recent program was on cake decorating, and on Nov. 4, Faye Buchan of Warren was the speaker.

"I'm showing how to do gift boxes with fresh flowers on top," Buchan said. "These are my examples here," she added, pointing to festive and colorful gift boxes.

Just before Buchan began, the women focused on the 23rd Psalm's meaning, with some translation into Japanese. Keiko Olsen of Commerce Township was invited by originator Jan Larson, who now lives in

California but visits Michigan in summers.

"With the winter weather the exercise is not built into your daily life," Olsen said. "This is one time you're going to exercise."

Olsen, whose husband is American, also likes the speakers. She's originally from Japan and has been in the U.S. 19 years. She's attended the church program eight-nine years and is among women who volunteer at the Hills church in planning programs.

"We've got a lot of Japanese ladies," said Nancy Sjogren of Novi, one of several women who coordinate "Faith, Fun & Fitness." Speakers are her responsibility.

"A lot of expatriate families," Sjogren said, noting others have come from Germany and other countries. "We've got an age range, too.

"You learn from each other," Sjogren said. "It's fun and interesting."

The child care for preschoolers is helpful, said Sjogren, whose kids are 14, 12 and 8.

"Some of them used to come with me when they were

younger," she said.

Additional information is available through the church office, (248) 661-9191. Jacquin noted the group starting in January generally goes up through Easter time.

"It brings the ladies together," added fitness instructor Schelske, who's in her fourth year teaching at the church and 12 years overall.

"The whole body-mind-spirit health, what health and fitness is all about."

Faith Covenant Church also hosts a 10-11:30 a.m. Monday Spotlight program which provides an environment where non-native English speakers can listen to English, practice speaking and form friendships.

There are nine women who assist as conversation partners, with six helping with child care. The group of 25-30 is open to both women and men. Participants are primarily Japanese, as well as Korean, Romanian and Iraqi.

Sessions of Spotlight are wrapping up, but will resume Jan. 24. For details on Spotlight, call Laurie Larson, (248) 624-7441, or Doris Toll, (248) 714-9406.



Nancy Sjogren (left) of Novi and Candace Cesarz of Farmington Hills.

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Three residents file for open city council seat

Interviews slated for Nov. 29

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council will have at least three candidates to choose from as they look to replace outgoing council member Kathy Crawford.

The filing deadline to interview for the appointed position was 4 p.m. on Tuesday, and as of press time Monday, Anamaria Kazanis, Lou Martin and Wayne Wrobel were the only ones to put their name in the mix.

Interviews for the seat are slated for 7 p.m. on Monday at a special city council meeting that is open to the public. The appointment is expected to be

made on Dec. 6.

All three candidates have experience with the city, either as a former employee in Martin's case, or as volunteers on a board or commission like Wrobel and Kazanis.

Wrobel appears to have the most experience of the three candidates as he served on the planning commission for five years, the master plan and zoning committee for three years and currently is in his third year on the zoning board of appeals, where he is vice-chairman.

He also ran for election to the city council in 2009, losing to current council members Justin Fischer, Andrew Mutch and Terry Margolis.

Martin, who worked in the communications department for the city, currently the director of public relations for Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Novi, where Kazanis used to serve on the certification commission and the economic development corporation.

The seat opened up after Crawford stepped down after a seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. She volunteered to step down early so the new council member can get up to speed on the city issues before council's goal setting session in January and budget discussions.

The appointed person will serve until November 2011, when the position will be filled via an election.

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Inspired by Masters

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department presents a collection of fiber art work from the Assuse Study Group at the Novi Civic Center through Nov. 28. The Assuse Study Group's exhibit, inspired by the Masters, consists of 31 pieces by award-winning, international artists Mary Andrews, Lois Ann Fulton, Karen Olson, Robbie Payne, and Carol Tamasiunas. This collection of unique and colorful quilts explores the ideas, color and methodology of two art Masters, Friedensreich Hundertwasser and Gustav Klimt. The Civic Center Atrium Gallery provides local artists the opportunity to display their work and share it with the public. Upcoming exhibits include Donn Angel Perez, Dec. 10-Jan. 2, and Novi resident David LaGriff, Jan. 7-30. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road and generally open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Fridays until 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks Department at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org. Shown is a piece by Carol Tamasiunas.

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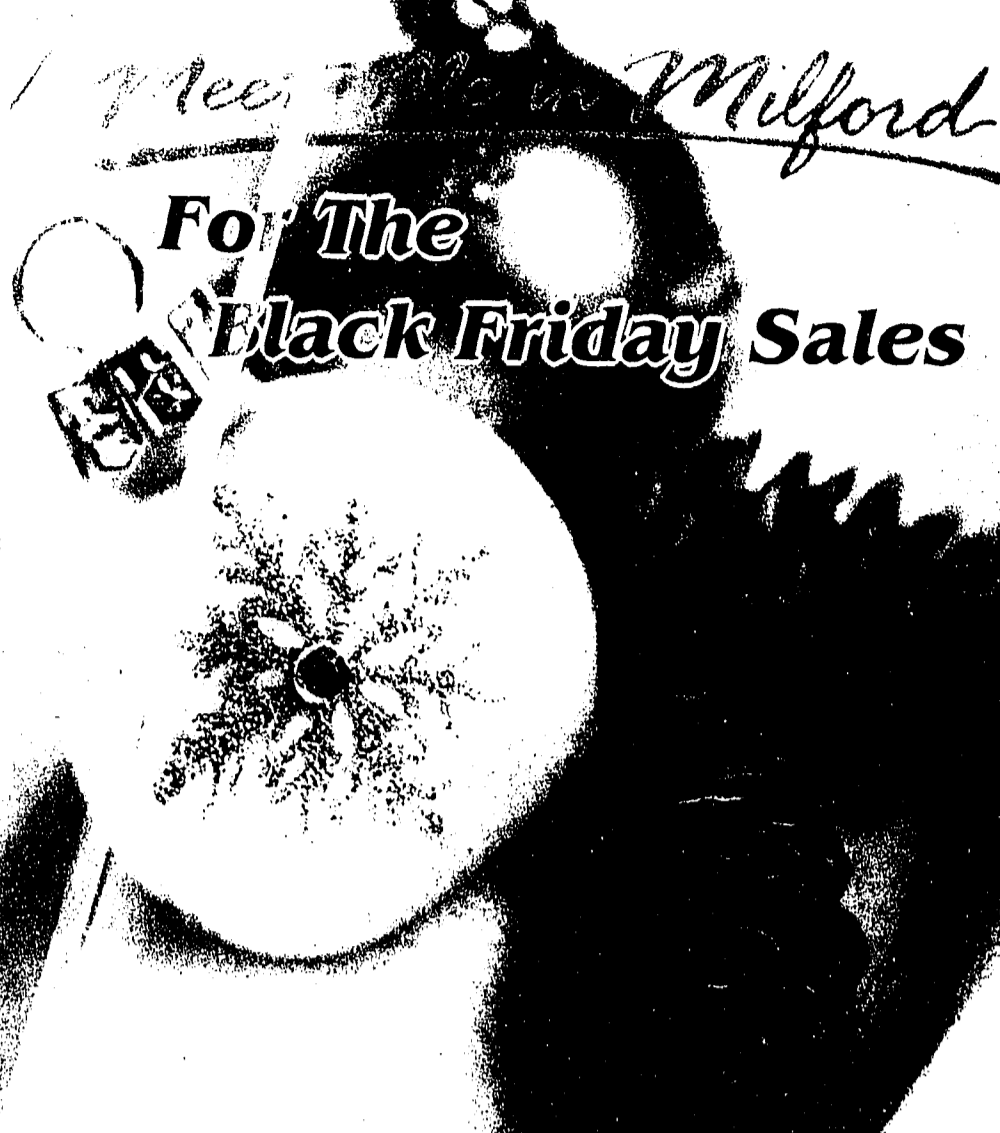
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A group of Novi High School students listen to a speaker during the school's first Career Showcase program.

Career Showcase aims to help students find their way

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Mike Brown knows he made some mistakes as he went through college searching for what he wanted to do as a career. Now the Compunerve employee wants to help students avoid running into the same problems.

Brown, who is the husband of Novi High School teacher Alaina Brown, recently started a program at the school called the Novi High School Career Showcase and hopes to give students a leg up before heading to college or directly into the job market.

"This kind of came from the frustrations of my own career path," he said. "And I want to be able to provide students with an idea of what they need to do so they can get into a certain school or find a particular job."

"It's important they think about it."

The first career showcase featured Brown, sales consulting business owner Erik Meier and Novi High School graduate Jennifer Thomson, who is pursuing Ph.D. in neurological pharmacology.

Meier told the group of students who attended that the most important thing is they "find something you are passionate about and something you enjoy."

Thomson's advice for career success was doing as many internships as possible.

"You can put your feet in the water in a bunch of different areas and figure out what you like," she said.

Brown hopes to host a career showcase once a month featuring different business professionals throughout the community.

Anyone who wants to be a presenter should contact Alaina Brown at abrown@novi.k12.mi.us.

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Novi High School graduate Jennifer Thomson talks to a group of current students about her career path so far after an undergraduate degree from Kalamazoo College. Thomson, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in neurological pharmacology from the University of Michigan, and two other business professionals talked to Novi students about the various career paths they took after graduating from high school.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Donations needed for Senior All Night Party

Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this year's event the best one yet.

The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and monetary donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee can plan a budget. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@earthlink.net or Anne Lewis at alewis13@mm.mn.com.

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Jenna Sutton, a freshman from Novi, participated in the Pull, one of the nation's oldest college traditions, on Sept. 25. She was a moraler for the class of 2014 team.

The Pull, first held in 1898, is an annual fall highlight at Hope. It started as a tug-of-war between the freshman and sophomore classes for the freshmen to earn their place on campus.

Sutton, a Northville High School graduate, is the daughter of Richard and Tamara Sutton.

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Holly Ashworth (l), Lauren Zwarzych, Carly Bins (hidden), Anna Goward, Morgan Whitehead and Faith Hamelin rehearse a scene from 'Melodies of the Season: A Holiday Cabaret.' The show - playing Dec. 10-12 at the Novi Civic Theatre - includes a variety of holiday songs, along with dance and comedy. Tickets for the 'Melodies of the Season: A Holiday Cabaret' are available at (248) 347-0400 or cityofnovi.org. The Friends of the Novi Public Library and the Friends of the Novi Civic Theatre are co-sponsoring a free show preview Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Novi Public Library.

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because officials wanted to incorporate the "city center," and give people an intimate look at the heart of the city. The event runs from 6-9 p.m., with the arrival of Santa slated for 6:30 p.m. Santa and Novi Mayor David Landry will light the tree, setting off the start of the holiday season in Novi.

The library will have a face painting station and performances from John the Magician at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., while the rest of the campus will feature a bake sale and craft show, marshmallow roasting, hockey skills competition, miniature train rides, ice sculpture demonstrations, culture-related crafts and activities for kids, food from several local restaurants, a "Tons of Trucks" display with trucks from the city and local businesses open for kids to explore and more. Country music radio station

WYCD also will be broadcasting live from the event. The city also has partnered with Glenda's Garden Center and the Novi Boy Scouts to have a tree sale to benefit Trees for Troops. The lot will be open Dec. 3 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. People who attend Light Up the Night in Novi also are asked to bring canned goods and new hats and mittens that will be donated by Novi Youth Assistance to needy families in Novi.

Experts share holiday weight control tips

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At Annie House's, you just might get stuck with cleanup duty after a holiday meal if you don't join in some fitness fun.

"You make them stay in the kitchen and do the dishes," House, a registered dietician with Botsford Hospital Diabetes and Nutrition Services, said of couch potato revelers.

The South Lyon resident who works at the Farmington Hills hospital is a Michigan State University graduate with a bachelor of science degree in dietetics. She agreed it's tough to stay in shape this time of year.

"With the nights coming earlier, it's hard to get out" and exercise, House said. "The calories add up and so do the pounds."

Pam Horetski is wellness director at the Farmington Family YMCA, with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science from Oakland



Robert Bowbeer of Novi works out at a Botsford fitness facility. Many people will face struggles this time of year staying in shape while attending holiday parties.

University, and a certified personal trainer.

"It is behavior modification, not only what you eat," said Horetski, who had a minor in psychology. "It is your lifestyle."

Sleep matters during the busy holiday season, too, she said. "They just run themselves down so much." People's immune systems are weakened, Horetski said, and they often get sick.

She agreed with House that good eating habits and regular exercise are vital. Horetski has clients keep a food diary so they're aware of what they're eating and drinking.

She finds most people are on maintenance plans now through the end of the year, with Thanksgiving through Christmas a likely time for weight gain of five-10 pounds.

"The extra desserts, the extra couple of desserts," Horetski said. "Calories are calories, it all adds up. Lots of good-tasting food out there. The temptations are high basically from now through the New Year. People are more apt to eat on the run between eating and shopping."

Horetski recommends walking distances to the store when shopping and using stairs if possible. You can carry nutritious snacks with you.

"That will deter you from getting to the point, I'm so hungry, I'll eat anything," she said. House urges party-goers to eat breakfast and lunch so they're less likely to binge at a party. At the party,

try to enjoy conversation with family and friends, she urged, avoiding the food table.

Candies and pastries have lots of calories, as do nuts, which have some nutritive value but must be eaten in moderation. House recommends fruits, vegetables and festive salads as good picks.

"There are other, healthier foods there. It's just our self-discipline," House said.

Holiday hosts also can help boost fitness.

"You are the nutrition gatekeeper at that point," House said. Recipes can be modified, such as serving whole wheat rolls and breads, lower-calorie salad dressings and dips made from yogurt.

House also recommends preparing stuffing outside the turkey. The traditional Thanksgiving meal includes a lot of carbs, she said. A host could think about serving just stuffing and sweet potatoes and leaving out the corn and rolls.

pie over pecan due to calorie counts. House added high fiber crackers can be a good snacking choice for a party.

"Just provide a variety," she said. Incorporating fitness into celebrations helps, such as a brisk walk or a football game outside after a meal. House said to avoid second helpings.

"My family, they like to do up Thanksgiving and Christmas," she said. It's easy to get carried away with holiday foods, but she urges people to get back on track quickly.

"It's really what you're doing day by day the rest of the year," House said. Horetski, a Ferndale resident, and her family also like the holiday season. "I try to practice what I preach," said Horetski, who grew up on a farm in the Thumb's Port Austin.

She still enjoys her mom's home-cooked meals.

"It's about control," Horetski said. "You don't want to take away something you really enjoy."

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Anita Cochran (right) poses with her friend and fellow country singer Terri Clark (left) and country music legend Loretta Lynn in September at a celebration honoring Lynn's 50th anniversary in the music business.

Coming home

Country music singer/songwriter looking forward to playing for old friends

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Anita Cochran has toured far and wide since hitting the country music charts big with her number one smash hit *What I'll Say* back in 1998. Regrettably, the one place she hasn't played in is front of her hometown fans.

"That will all change in a couple weeks when the South Lyon native headlines the Operation Injured Soldiers Christmas Spectacular Dec. 4 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi."

Cochran, 43, is looking forward to coming home, where her roots run deep — just like the music that has always filled her life.

"I'm really looking forward to it. I only get back to Michigan about once a year, and that is usually spent with family," the 1985 South Lyon High School graduate said. "I hope to see some old friends from school. That would be great."

Cochran (born Anita Renee Cockerham) has had a very successful career since she moved to the country music mecca of Nashville back in 1994 — something she dreamed about as a little girl playing in a band with her music-loving parents.

However, Cochran says her route was a little different than many starry-eyed kids who just show up in Nashville with a guitar in hand — and then don't know what to do.

After high school Cochran landed a job at a well known recording studio — Pearl Sound Studios — in Canton, and learned the business from the inside. Along the way she got to work with such renowned artists as Bob Seger and K.D. Lang, which not only made a huge impression on her, but

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also taught her what it meant to be a professional. That was a big advantage, she says, when she moved to Nashville — where she still resides today.

"You come down here to Nashville and there's so many talented singers. I came up with a different route. Fortunately for me, it's worked out," she said.

Boys has it worked out. She signed with Warner Bros. Records in 1997, and that year released her debut album, *Back to You*. That album produced the hit single *What I'll Say* — a duet with country music artist Steve Wariner. The song climbed all the way to number one on the country charts in 1998. Everything changed after that, she says.

"Having a Number One song is like winning the lottery. It really was. It takes so many things to happen for a person to get a number one hit. I was so fortunate," Cochran says.

Cochran has recorded two records since her debut, the most recent called *Serenity* released in 2009. For the last couple years, she has also begun producing records, plus touring with country star and good friend Terri Clark. Cochran both opens the show and then plays in Clark's band. They are getting ready to go on a tour of Canada, she says.

First though, she will play the hometown gig — something she is real excited about both because she will be coming home, and also it is for a

great cause. Operation Injured Soldier, which is based in South Lyon, provides recreational trips for soldiers wounded in America's wars. Many of the trips revolve around fishing or hunting, and most of the soldiers who are aided by the group live in Michigan.

"It's a great cause. It doesn't matter if you are a Republican or a Democrat, for the war or against the war. We should all be for our veterans. Gosh knows we don't do enough for them," Cochran said. "I'm just hoping everyone comes out and supports it."

Al Hogan of Operation Injured Soldier said the group was looking for someone who could draw a crowd for their second annual Christmas Spectacular. Last year's event featured Aaron Tippin, but the group didn't get the response it was hoping.

Hogan was able to contact Cochran (the two had mutual friends during their high school days) on Facebook and mentioned the annual benefit. She agreed to do it. He is optimistic Cochran's hometown connections will make a difference for the group.

"Last year was a bit slow. We only had 180 people come out. Our goal for this year is 350 people. We're hoping this hometown gig will get a hometown draw," Hogan said.

Operation Injured Soldier is in need of volunteers for all of their events. If interested, call the group at (248) 437-1144.

Season of Sharing food drive kicks off at Busch's

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Catherine Luty is only in third grade, but she already gets it. "It's a bad economy, so we should help the poor to try to survive," she said Monday, during the kickoff of Busch's Market's annual Season of Sharing Food Drive at the Farmington Hills store on Drake and Grand Rivers.

Her Woodcreek Elementary classmate Neha Subrahmanyan also understands what it means to help others.

"We should help people in our community, to make our community a better place," she said.

Students at Woodcreek decorated the "Ready to Go" grocery bags for the food drive.

The third-graders joined a large group of North Farmington High School students in supporting the kickoff of the food drive to benefit Forgotten Harvest, which goes through Nov. 24 at all 15 Busch's Markets. Locally, there are Busch's stores in Novi at 41840 W. Ten Mile Road and in Northville/Plymouth at 15185 Sheldon Road.

It's a partnership that's valuable in many ways, said Russ Russell, the chief development officer of Forgotten Harvest, a nonprofit organization that "rescues" surplus prepared and perishable food from 455

sources and delivers it to 158 emergency food providers in the metro Detroit area.

Russell said Forgotten Harvest steps up the pace around the holidays.

"Hunger knows no season," he said. "But the holidays are the most important season of giving for us. Busch's has been a tremendous supporter of Forgotten Harvest and this drive also helps others realize that Forgotten Harvest is legitimate and is meeting a tremendous need."

Russell said one in five people are facing hunger this year, compared to one in seven last year.

"One in five people don't know where their next meal will come from," he said. "Hunger has found new addresses in every community, even Farmington Hills. If you support Busch's effort, you're probably helping someone in your own community."

There are three ways to give. Customers can purchase pre-made "Ready to Go" bags for \$10 that are filled with food items for a family in need. Russell notes that \$10 creates 80 meals during the holidays, thanks to a matching grant from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

Busch's customers can make cash donations in any amount, at the checkout registers. The money goes directly to Forgotten Harvest.

Or, customers can buy \$5 gift cards for produce and \$10 gift cards for meats — the gift card purchases will be converted into produce and meat donations to Forgotten Harvest at the value of the total amount of gift card purchases.

The goal is to collect at least \$100,000 this year, said Doug Busch, owner of Busch's Markets. They raised \$106,000 last year.

He said everyone can get involved in helping to feed the hungry, even young children.

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Age 84 of Brighton, formerly of Pentwater and Milford passed away Friday, October 29, 2010. She was born July 29, 1926 in Detroit, the daughter of Russell A. and June Marie (Stue) Cole. Beloved wife of the late Frederick F. Dermody (12/23/1939) whom she had married in 1943 in Detroit. Dear mother of Kevin (Robert) of Highland, MI, Ingrid Bellef of Howell, Romie (David) Long of Cheboygan, Thomas of Monument, CO and Kelly (Christine) of Erie, CO. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Sybil was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Novi and the Chicken Band in Vero Beach, FL. Private graveside services will be held by the family at a later date. Please visit the family's online guestbook at: www.macdonaldfuneralhome.com

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

LOCAL EVENTS

Senior Luncheon

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 Location: Novi Middle School

White Pine Clee Club Concert Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 Location: Novi Middle School

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education Center

Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for sale.

Details: The club is seeking new members to join in the planning, planning and more.

Details: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for additional information.

Details: Borders Books & Music, 42075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi (Novi Town Center)

Details: Lynette Toma, author of I Can Dance, Too!

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4

Diane Dignan, author of Bartholomew's Gift Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays

MSU Extension Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi

Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Antique Arms Show Time/Date: Nov. 27-28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 Sunday

Details: Featuring antique and collectible firearms from the Revolutionary War to modern times.

Details: Extravaganza promises to be a shopping treasure trove of one-of-a-kind gifts.

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The Fabulous '50s

Jamie Harrison dances with her daughter Olivia, 5, during Parkview Elementary's Nov. 17 celebration of the 50th day of kindergarten.

Details: The morning's fun was 50s-themed and kids danced to Elvis tunes, ate cookies with "50" tied on them and the young ladies wore their best poolie skirts.

Details: For adults; free for children under 12; admission to the show is cash or check only.

Details: The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other.

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Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Leggo Club Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29

English Conversation Group Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7

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Thanksgiving holiday. Is there a child in your life who could use the gift of a library card this holiday season?

Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

Details: Join us once a month for Lego show and tell and building activities.

Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills.

Details: Recreational: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Details: Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road

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Fox Run's Yarncrafters give Olympic effort

The Yarncrafters at Fox Run in Novi gave an Olympic effort this summer so more than 100 athletes will have striped scarves to wear when they compete in the Michigan Special Olympics in February.

The monumental but enjoyable project started last June right after Virginia Gardner told fellow Yarncrafters that the Michigan Special Olympics would need 2,500 scarves to outfit the athletes competing in the games in February.

The Special Olympics scarves can be made in any pattern and the Yarncrafters created an assortment of their own patterns for the project and donated the yarns in the two specified colors. They determined it would probably take three or four days to knit a scarf, depending on how much time knitters could devote, and that two skeins of yarn would yield three scarves with a little left over.

By August, Deloris Roman and fellow Yarncrafters Shirley Handley were curious to know how the project was coming along. So, they hosted a "Special Winter Olympics Knitting Spree" for all Yarncrafters to show their designs and accumulate their scarves.

"We met on a beautiful day on the poolside patio and enjoyed looking at the wonderful assortment of scarves while we knitted and enjoyed dessert," said Roman, a Fox Run resident since 2005 and founder of the Yarncrafters in 2006.

"When we adjourned, several people asked when we could do this again. I guess it was a huge success," she said.

"Everybody really gravitated to this project because it's for Special Olympics," Roman said. "We couldn't bear for



Members of the Yarncrafters at Fox Run in Novi are pictured here modeling just a few of the 100+ scarves they knitted for athletes competing in the Michigan Special Olympics in February. Seated on the floor: Shirley Handley and Carolyn Bradley. Seated: Deloris Roman, Dorothy Robbins, Barbara Katterman, Peggy Schimpke, Virginia Gardner. Standing: Norma Nook, Deloris Felice, Ruth Hayes, Jytte Wynn, Nan Pritchard, Bing Sung, Geneva Corbin, Mildred Perry. Yarncrafters not pictured include: Rosemary Beggs, Helen Casey, Bobbie Chirio, Joyce Christensen, Carolyn Gundlach, Elaine Gustafson, Takeko Hayashi, Sue LaMont, Jean Lytle, Jan Pickell, Nancy Ryan, Jane Schmeck and Anne Worpell.

some of the kids not to receive a scarf. We just wanted to do our bit. It's been a real fun project and everybody has enjoyed it."

Roman said the project is winding down now so all scarves can be shipped to the Michigan Special Olympics before the Christmas rush.

The Yarncrafters isn't the only group knitting scarves, nor is this project the only one that members support. The Yarncrafters formed

to knit and crochet items for charity. Members knit together twice a month from September through June. Roman notes it's a very conge-

nal group of active, busy people. At least 20 people attend each meeting with some members working on their own and joining the group to bring work they've finished.

"We all chit chat and share ideas," Roman added. "It's strictly a social time and we're talking about everything, but everybody knows enough to stay away from politics. And, if we have a problem, there's always someone there who's a very good knitter who can help."

"We mainly make lap robes, afghans, children's hats, scarves and hats for people going through chemotherapy," Roman said. All of the items are given to hospitals, church clothes closets for the poor and for Renaissance Gardens.

"We also are currently involved in knitting helmet liners for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and baby blanket squares for Beanie Baby stuffed animals that are distributed to shelters and children's hospitals," she added. The helmet liners are provided to the Military Moms of Michigan that sends them overseas. Residents at Renaissance Gardens, the extended care neighborhood at Fox Run, wrap the stuffed animals in the blanket squares.

The group accepts donations of acrylic yarn or members provide their own supplies. They also sell some of their items at the Holiday Fair at Fox Run to fund the cost of wool yarn specifically for the helmet liner project. Roman adds that making the scarves for Special Olympics athletes has been a monumental project and that all the Yarncrafters are looking forward to seeing pictures of the Olympians in their scarves. "Wouldn't that be fun," she said with a grin.

EVENTS

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The music for the service, under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford. Although the concert is free of charge, attendees are encouraged to give generously to a free-will offering. Benefits from the concert will be donated to the Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners, which was founded in Detroit in 1977, distributes more than 28 million pounds of food annually through its five Metro-Detroit distribution centers.

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Man arraigned in fatal crash killing South Lyon resident

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

A Novi man was arraigned Nov. 15 on charges stemming from the Oct. 31 fatal car crash killing South Lyon resident Donald Dinatale.

Robert Bennett, 54, appeared in 14A District Court in Pittsfield Township and faced five charges including operating while intoxicated causing death, possessing a weapon under the influence, operating with a high blood-alcohol concentration and operating while intoxicated. Sheriff officials said Bennett's blood alcohol level was .19. The

legal limit in Michigan is .07 or below.

Bond for Bennett was set at \$2,000 to his surety. He is scheduled to return to court for a preliminary examination 1 p.m. Dec. 14.

Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office community engagement director, said the Office was waiting for the Novi man to be released from the hospital before charges could be brought.

According to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, the 2008 Chevy truck driven by Bennett was traveling eastbound on Ford Road

approaching Plymouth Road at about 6:30 a.m. at nearly 80 mph when he was unable to stop, crashing into the rear of the 2010 Ford Focus driven by Dinatale.

Deputies said the South Lyon man's vehicle was pushed upon impact into a 2010 Chevy driven by a 56-year-old Whitmore Lake woman.

The Whitmore Lake woman and Novi man were transported to St. Joseph Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Dinatale, 57, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

Novi Woods evacuated due to electrical problem

Students returned to school the following day

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi Woods Elementary students went on an impromptu field trip last Wednesday when they were forced to evacuate the school because of electrical problems.

The evacuation occurred shortly after 9:30 a.m. when the power went out in half of the building and came back on followed by a loud noise.

Principal Pam Quitquit helped get the students to the Novi Meadows sixth-grade gym and called the fire department.

Police and fire department personnel, as well as staff from the school district, walked the entire building, including the roof and air handling systems, and found no fire of evidence of a fire.

DTE Energy workers arrived and determined the problem was with their pole on Taft

Road, and it would take a "high wire crew" to fix the problem. They said it would take about two hours for that crew to arrive.


Because the air handling systems were not working and heat and air could not be moved from the building, school was canceled for the remainder of the day.

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Students were back in school on Thursday.

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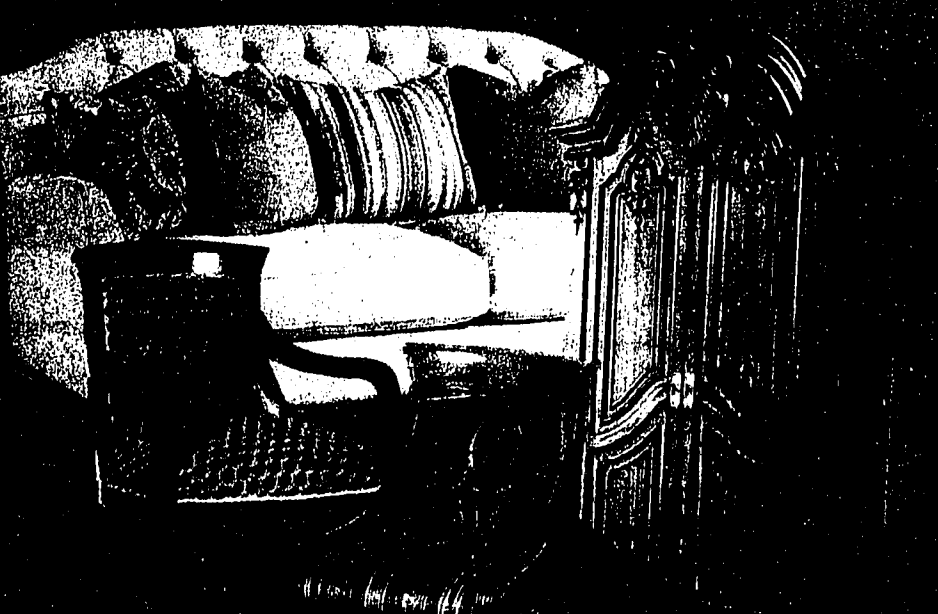
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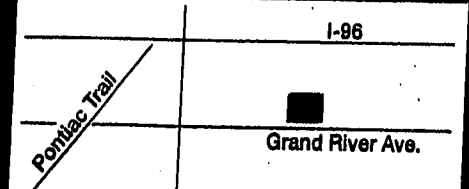


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Home for the holidays

Abbey Park senior community lights up this holiday season with Festival of Trees, friends and family

By Allison Accavitti
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Abbey Park's Lyon Township community will transform into a holiday haven filled with festive cheer this Friday, kicking off the annual Festival of Trees celebration that supports local charity and community giving.

"Various community groups will deck our halls with holiday trees trimmed to the 9's and 10's," said Tamra Ward, Abbey Park Administrator. "Our residents, their families and the local community are invited to vote through Dec. 12 for their favorite tree with a \$1 donation. The winning tree will be announced at our Holiday Party. All proceeds will go to the charities designated by the groups and organizations competing in this year's festival."

Located on Milford Road just south of Grand River Avenue in Lyon Township, Abbey Park has transformed into a popular attraction for seniors looking for affordable retirement living near friends and family. The community has welcomed 32 new residents since September and has leased 130 apartments since opening in January 2009.

"A lot of residents here are from the South Lyon area and further out," said Thomasine Blake, 82, who moved from Farmington Hills to Abbey Park in August 2009. "They just make me feel so welcome here. I haven't met one person who isn't nice."

Many residents share Thomasine's sentiments about their new home.

Helen Shepar, 93, said she moved to Abbey Park to be closer to her son, who visits almost daily.

"My son Bob saw this unit, and he loved it," Helen said. "I really like it here, and I'm really, really happy. I have friends who live here too."

Something for everyone

The Festival of Trees is just one of many exciting activities scheduled at



Festive holiday decorations, warm smiles, lots of cheer and an extensive schedule of visiting performances by local schools and community group make Abbey Park at Mill River a great place to spend the holidays.

Abbey Park. Residents recently enjoyed martinis and a little midnight madness at the community's first Pearls, Pumps and Pajamas Party. In celebration of the autumn season, residents were treated to an Oktoberfest event including serv-

A recent post on Abbey Park's facebook page: "My grandmother is moving in today. I think she'll like it!"

- HOLLY WOLF, GRANDDAUGHTER OF EVE

ing wenchies, musical entertainment, marching waiters, bratwurst, cabbage, German potato salad and apple strudel - along with a little beer.

A typical week at Abbey Park kicks off on Sunday with an elegant Champagne Brunch, all faiths church service and relaxing time with family and friends. An average week at Abbey Park offers over 45 events and activities, including live entertainment, bingo, card clubs, two ice cream socials, weekly dinner trips, chair fitness classes, shopping, scheduled chauffeured transportation, movies and a weekly Happy Hour.

Residents also enjoy monthly casino trips, trips to Kensington Metro Park and the apple orchard, attendance at local plays and concerts and visits to annual festivals, such as Milford Memories and Pumpkinfest.

Like a community all their own, residents operate a small Country Store with basic grocery and personal items, and participate on a council that weighs in on the daily menu and activities schedule.

"Anything our seniors are willing to do, we make available to them," Ward said. "We encourage residents to be as active as they can be for as long as possible so they can maintain their independence."

Live, longer, happier and healthier

A full activity schedule, great food and a wealth of amenities are just the beginning at Abbey Park. The community features 24-hour staffing, a medical alert system, scheduled chauffeured transportation, a beautiful dining

room, delicious meals, in addition to a cafe, theater, chapel, library, fitness center, beauty shop and the reassurance of a full-facility generator.

Abbey Park residents are no strangers to the local community. Group trips are planned for events like the Milford Veterans Day Parade and Milford Memories Summer Festival, plays and performances at South Lyon East High

School, shopping trips and dinner outings at Deadwood Bar & Grill in Northville and other nearby restaurants.

Abbey Park has generously supported many local events and organizations including South Lyon Pumpkinfest, the Lyon Township Kite Festival, Lyon Film Festival, the Center for Active Adults, Active Faith Community Services, Operation Injured Soldier and the Lyon Area Rotary Club in addition to Grace Care Center in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

Located across from Coyote Golf Course, Abbey Park offers affordable luxury. From beautifully landscaped grounds and courtyards to an elegant lobby with fountains, fireplaces, a grand piano and comfortable lounge areas,

residents are proud to welcome visitors to their new home.

Life at Abbey Park includes a variety of complimentary conveniences that are often an added expense at other communities. On a daily basis, housekeepers make the beds and take out trash, and residents can enjoy a continental breakfast in the cafe, and a delicious lunch or dinner in the Grand Dining Room. Once a week, all residents are treated to full cleaning services, including laundering bed linens and towels. There are nine floor plans to choose from, ranging from one to two bedrooms, with walk-in closet options. All apartments include either a balcony or a patio and a medical monitoring system that is easily accessed from several areas within each unit. Heat, water, electricity and basic cable services are also included.

With an average of 45 weekly events and activities to choose from, days at Abbey Park are full of fun and friendship. Activity Director Cindy Kometh and Hospitality Director Charles Dury work full-time to provide opportunities for great food, socialization and entertainment.

The community stays connected on its facebook page. Visit www.facebook.com and search "Abbey Park" to check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep up on scheduled events. The community also produces a monthly newsletter, weekly activity schedule and a daily posting of menus, schedules and photos from previous events on their in-house monitor system.

"Our friendly staff members arrive each day and work with one directive: to treat our residents as if they are our own parents," Ward said. "As a result, we all feel like part of one big family here; this is our home away from home."



Last year, 16 community groups participated in Abbey Park's Festival of Trees. Proceeds from every \$1 vote will benefit charities designated by groups and organizations competing in this year's event.

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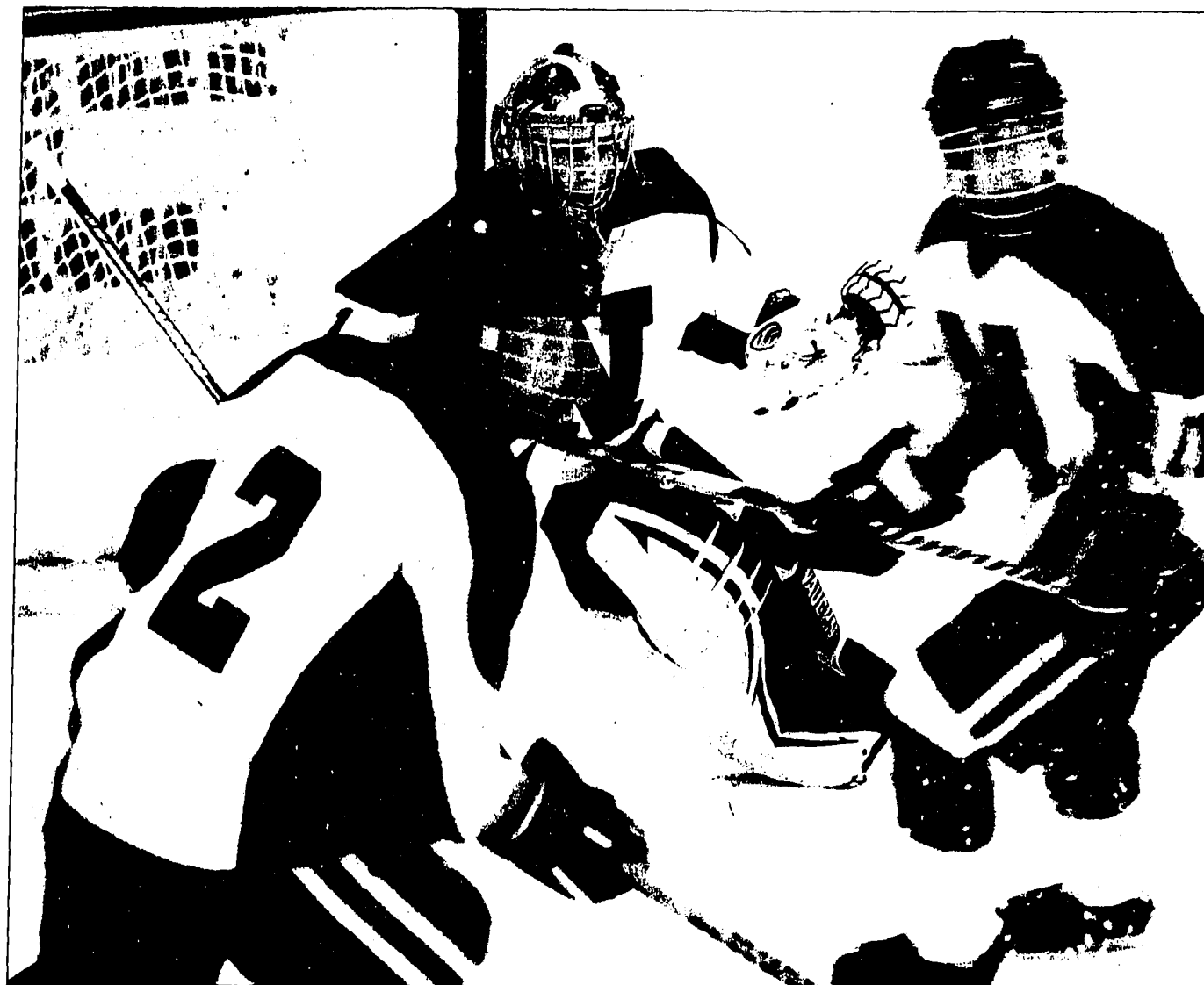
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As his teammates skate around him, Novi goalie Michael Pesendorfer mans the net against South Lyon.

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Wildcat icers tear through opponents

Novi shuts out two at Metro Invite

ON TAP

The Cats (2-0-0) were scheduled to host Plymouth Salem last night in the Rocks' season opener before hitting the road 3:30 p.m. Saturday for their first road game of the season, at Plymouth (0-0-1).

"If we stay out of the box, yea," Novi coach Todd Krygier said of liking his chances against the two KLA South schools. "If we actually keep playing our game and keep out of the box, I'm looking forward to playing anyone in the state."

Novi will then host defending KLA champion Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Novi Ice Arena in what could be an early measuring stick for the young season.

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Two games into the season and the Wildcats' ice hockey team is shaping up to be an offensive dynamo.

Novi outscored two opponents a combined 10-0 while hosting the Metro Invite at Novi Ice Arena last Friday and Saturday. The team also totaled a 76-15 shot advantage.

"I thought we played well. It's always nice to start out with two wins," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "(Michael) Kruse is doing a real nice job on defense. Everyone did pretty good."

A senior playing his first season with the Wildcats, Kruse paired with veteran senior Nolan Valleau to keep Novi's zone clear, helping senior netminder Michael Pesendorfer pick up his first two shutouts of the season behind seven- and eight-save performances.

Novi started out hot against Rochester United in Friday's opening contest, demolishing a usually physical team 8-0.



Wildcat Mason Pew in action against South Lyon on Nov. 8.

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Wildcat swimmers finish 11th in state

Berman earns All-State honors after committing to MSU

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

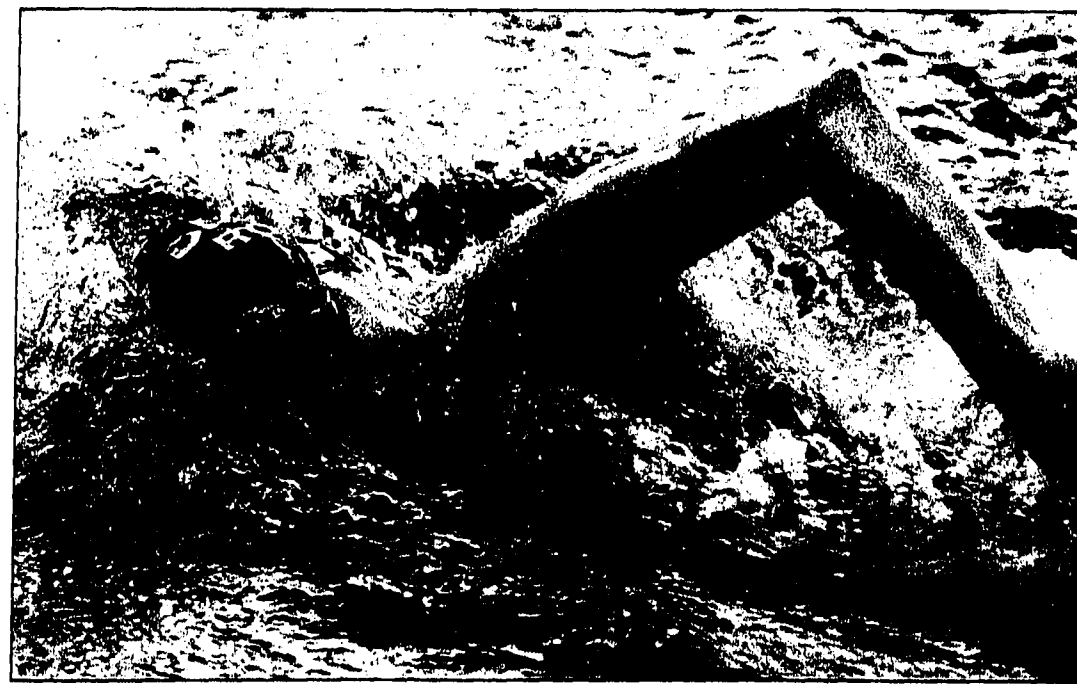
A tough preliminary round left Novi's swim and dive team at the short end of the stick battling for a Division I state championship.

The girls who advanced had a much better showing during the second day of competition, allowing the Wildcats to finish 11th.

Between three individuals and two relay teams qualifying last Friday for two events apiece in last Saturday's finals, Novi finished with 70 points in a pool of 38 schools at Oakland University. Saline repeated as state champions with 307 points, followed by Holland West Ottawa's 221 and Bloomfield Hills Marian's 194. The K.L.A.A. Central Division was well represented, as South Lyon finished fourth in Division I with 190.5 points and Livonia Stevenson and Northville tied for ninth with 72, just ahead of Novi. Plymouth Salem was 21st with 27 points.

"It was a how fast the meet was from top to bottom, a lot of crazy fast swims," Novi coach Eric Lynn said. "Huge representation by the K.L.A.A., showing just how strong our league is."

Defending Division I 100-yard



Salem's Abby Aumiller swims at Friday's MHSAA state final preliminary round at Oakland University.

PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

backstroke champion Andrea VanderMey had a bittersweet showing at this year's meet. Due to a migraine headache during preliminary swims on Friday, VanderMey landed outside the top eight in 59.80 seconds, meaning she would not be able to repeat

as state champion (56.12 seconds in 2009) during Saturday's finals flight and could finish no better than ninth place in the event, but no worse than 16th, by swimming in the B-final.

The sophomore did just that, finishing ninth in a career-best

56.07 seconds, a full 2.6 seconds faster than the 10th-place finisher, but also 0.66 seconds better than the overall runner up. It was 3.92 seconds faster than VanderMey's season best and

Please see SWIM, B3

CC hockey bows in season opener

Orchard Lake St. Mary's gets edge against defending state champion

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Detroit Catholic Central hockey coach Todd Johnson isn't kidding himself or his team: They knew heading into the season that they weren't going to be undefeated.

To be the best, you have to play the best, and the Shamrocks hockey team found out in their season-opening game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's that sometimes that means taking a loss or two.

The Shamrocks, the two-time defending Division I state champions, fell, 3-2, against the Catholic High School League foes to start the year off.

"The schedule is tough," said Johnson. "We're not going to win every game."

Despite the tough schedule, Johnson admits that his team has a lot of work to do in order to maintain the level of excellence that has come to be expected from them.

"It was a high intensity game that was very even, but we made a couple of big mistakes that ended up in our net," he said.

Scoring for Orchard Lake St. Mary's was Cody Milan, a freshman who tallied two goals. His first game in the first period on an unassisted, short-handed breakaway goal. He added a second score on a power play in the second period with assists from Shane Bednard and Connor Lyons. Trevor Bardalis scored the final tally for the Eaglets with Alex Fasan getting the assist.

Stats for Detroit Catholic Central were not available at press time but can be seen on the team's website at www.mhsl.org.

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



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Catholic Central's Joe Dubè lost only one game out of 24 in his first two matches during the MHSAA regional tennis games hosted by Novi High on Oct. 8. He is shown playing on Friday morning against his second opponent.

CC's Dubè earns best in area again

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

If the state coaches association names a student-athlete Mr. Tennis, it should be no surprise that he also earns the All-Area Player of the Year honor. That distinction goes to Detroit Catholic Central senior Joe Dubè.

In the one singles slot for the Shamrocks, Dubè was 24-3 this season (116-8 career) while finishing second in the state after winning Catholic League and regional championships in his flight.

"Joe has been one of the most successful student-athletes in the history of the Catholic Central tennis program," CC coach Joe Stafford said. "Joe is a 4.0 student and I am very proud of how he has conducted himself in the classroom, as well as on the court. He has been a class act, an outstanding team captain and great teammate. He has shown a great deal of poise and maturity in his four years at Catholic Central. He has inspired his team-mates and coaches with his leadership, determination and self control."

Dubè has been named All-State and All-Catholic four times apiece. He also won this season's Hoxie Award (Outstanding Male High School Tennis Player) from the U.S. Tennis Association's Southeastern Michigan district.

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"I thought we played well, obviously. I think Rochester is a little down this year, or a slow start," Krygier said.

The Falcons didn't have much of an answer for the Wildcats, who kicked off the season when sophomore Jon Mencer put one in the back of the net after junior Jacob Mastropalo and Vallean set him up.

Mencer had a second goal later in the game to put Novi ahead 5-0.

Following suit with goals of their own were junior Brock Krygier (two assists), senior Zach Mohr (one assist), junior Dylan Shepard (one assist), junior Kent Burnett (three assists), senior Joey Ferriss (one assist) and Vallean, who assisted on Novi's goal, in addition to Mencer's season-opening goal.

Sophomore Mark Baker chipped in with one assist and Kruse and junior Curtis Herzog each had two assists apiece as the Wildcats rolled.

Todd Krygier said his team moved the puck around well, but the team's ongoing problems with penalties continues and got worse during Saturday's 2-0 victory over visiting Clarkson.

"Against Clarkson, it was one of these games where there were too many penalties and it interrupted the flow of the game," Todd Krygier said. "We've got to



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Novi Wildcat Joey Ferriss faces off.

stay out of the penalty box. Fortunately, our penalty kill was strong and their power play was weak."

Novi picked up 12 penalties against Clarkson and eight against Rochester, allowing the Wildcat offense as they had to stay on their toes while playing short-handed much of the game.

"There was just too much activity after the whistle and stupid mistakes. There's no reason for that," said Todd Krygier, who noted he hoped to fix the problem before K.L.A.A. play this week. "We'll put an end to it. All we can do is focus on the next game."

Pesendorfer held down the fort in goal while senior Taylor Howell got the game winner. Ferriss and Burnett assisted, and Howell returned the favor by assisting on a goal by Ferriss later in the game. Vallean was also credited with an assist on the second goal.

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Milford's Barrett leads strong list of underclassmen

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Milford girls cross country has had quite a storied past. What Rachel Barrett did this year rewrote the record books for Milford freshmen.

Barrett capped off a stellar season with a 16th-place finish at the State Finals, finishing in 18:09. Her time places her second all-time for Milford girls behind only 2006 State Champion Carrie Green.

"Rachel's performance at the State Finals sure was an impressive one," said coach Brian Salyers. "In a freshman to place 16th in one of the fastest races in state history speaks volumes about her composure and ability to perform under any circumstances. She is a runner well beyond her years, as performances such as this reveal."

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South Lyon: Caitlin Millis, Meghan Shelton, Katie Beaber; South Lyon East: Courtney Collins, Sarah Sherman, Callie Olsen, Megan Horn; Northville: Claire Courtney; Milford: Alana Noone, Jennie Feigley, Brittany Greenleaf, Shayna Joyner, Mikaela Jakic; Novi: Victoria Cortez

"The Mustang freshman set a new school record with a 18:41 finish. She went on to finish 39th at the State Finals in 18:50. She earned All-Regional and All-Conference honors."

"She's an outstanding addition to the program real competitor, hard worker and determined, great pack runner," said coach Nancy Smith. "She was medalist at every invitational we attended."

RACHEL COLEMAN, NORTHVILLE The Northville sophomore made a return trip to the State Finals, finishing in 10:2nd. Her season-best time of 19:07 came at the regional meet. She earned All-Region and All-Conference honors.

ERIN DUNNE, NORTHVILLE The Mustang sophomore ran a season-best 19:53 to finish 143rd at the State Finals. It was her second appearance at states.

LINA ERLINGIS, MILFORD The Milford freshman ran her best time of the year at the State Finals to finish 117th in 19:35. She ran the eighth-fastest time for Milford freshman. She was a medalist at the County meet.

SARAH MCDONALD, LAKELAND The Mustang junior made her second appearance at the State Finals, finishing 52nd in 18:59. She earned All-Conference for the third-straight year and All-Region for the second time.

MAGGIE SADLER, SOUTH LYON The South Lyon junior won Team MVP honors. Her best time of the season was 20:03. Christina Swain, South Lyon

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"Michael was dominant this year. He never looks rattled and always gives a 100% percent effort," CC coach Joe Stafford said. "Michael only lost one set in a tiebreaker all year. His 33 6-0 set victories is a record for the CC tennis program. Michael is a very tough competitor and is looking to pick up right where his older brother left off for us."

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A masterpiece

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Oakland County offers December workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in December, 2010 offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, seminars are held at Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The fee is \$30. No refunds. Thursday, Dec. 2, from 6-9 p.m.

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

free, but pre-registration is required. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6-9:30 p.m.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Thursday, Dec. 16, from 6-9 p.m.

BUSINESS BENEFITS

Hear federal tax lectures

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will present federal tax lectures from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

Hear the latest in business and individual federal taxes from two of MACPA's most highly-rated speakers, Steve Diley and Doug Van Der Aa. This comprehensive program gets you up to date on the key issues that affect your clients today. Spend the day with Steve and Doug - this program is guaranteed to make an impact! Recommended CPE Credit is eight hours. Cost for MACPA members is \$215; \$315 for registrants.

Register at www.michcpa.org using the course code FTL or call 888-877-4273.

Cooper-Standard's third quarter

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive Inc., announced strong financial performance for the third quarter of 2010.

Cooper Standard reported sales for the third quarter of \$585.7 million, an increase of 13.1 percent over the third quarter of 2009. The company's sales for the first three quarters of 2010 were \$1.8 billion, an increase of \$442.7 million, or 32.4 percent, from the same period in 2009. The increase was primarily due to an improvement in automotive production volumes in most regions of the world.

Gross profit in the third quarter was \$102.1 million or 17.4 percent of sales. Gross profit for the first three quarters of 2010 was \$312.8 million, or 17.3 percent of sales, compared to \$175.2 million, or 12.8 percent of sales, for the first three quarters of 2009.

The company posted net income for the third quarter of \$20.5 million compared to \$10.8 million in the previous year. The improvement was due to the increase in automotive production volumes and the company's improved cost structure.

Caribou Coffee helps Goodwill

The "12 Days of Christmas" campaign sponsored by 89x Radio and Caribou Coffee encourages Metro Detroiters to donate new toys for area children whose parents are unemployed and working toward new jobs with help from Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Donations will be accepted at all 19 Metro

Detroit Caribou Coffee locations - including Novi (47490 Grand River Avenue) from Nov. 26 through Dec. 7.

The toys will be available for purchase in Goodwill Industries' Santa Shop, which offers individuals receiving employment education and training support from Goodwill the opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their children at greatly discounted prices. Santa Shop shoppers are Goodwill Industries clients working to become trained, trusted and ready to work.

Anyone donating a new, unwrapped toy to Goodwill Industries at any of Metro Detroit's 19 Caribou Coffee locations throughout the campaign will receive one dollar off a Caribou beverage redeemable upon a future visit at any area Caribou Coffee location.

Troy Clogg joins SnowCare for Troops

Troy Clogg Landscape Associates, LLC of Witom joins ranks with the SnowCare for Troops program, a new community-based program to provide free snow removal services for military families with a spouse or family member serving in the armed forces. Troy Clogg Landscape Associates will participate with snowplow and landscape professionals from across the country that donate their services and time to ease the burden on military families seeking help on the home front. SnowCare for Troops is a national program coordinated by Project EverGreen and underwritten by THE BOS Snowplow.

"We're proud to support the SnowCare for Troops program and lend a hand to help our local military families who already carry so much on their shoulders, the last thing they should be worrying about is digging out after the next snowstorm" said Troy Clogg, owner. "This is just one small way we can say thank you for their dedication to country and military service."

Before the first snow flies, Troy Clogg Landscape Associates is urging interested military families to register for participation in the SnowCare for Troops program by calling (248) 685-0123, visit www.projectevergreen.com/seft or call toll free at 1-800-611-2956. Participation is limited.

Along with the participation from Troy Clogg Landscape Associates, there are many opportunities for the community to get involved, including loaning snow removal equipment to volunteers or groups, and donating money, transportation or gas cards to offset the snow removal and maintenance costs.

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What is the next sought after designer jewelry?

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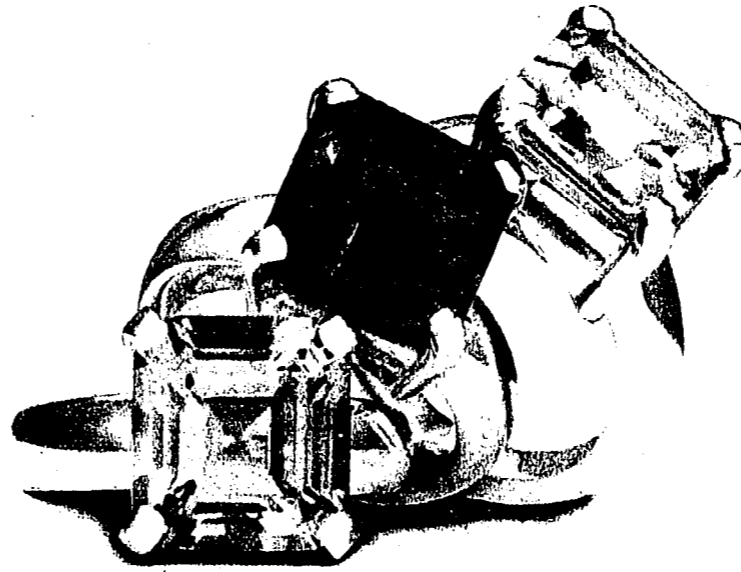
You are attending a holiday party and everyone comments about the fashionable, sophisticated bracelet you are wearing. You smile, and say, "I just got it at Rottermond Jewelers, and you won't believe the price."

This new line of high fashion, sophisticated, well-priced jewelry is from Metalsmiths Sterling™, a European inspired company established for over ten years has just launched its brand in the U.S. this year to the applause of sophisticated jewelry lovers who want something unique, well-made and at a price point that makes you feel good about wearing it.

Metalsmiths Sterling™ features 5 exciting collections with more than 800 different pieces, starting at just \$48. Many of its exquisite pieces feature an array of all natural, premium grade stones cut to the highest standards - with each piece labeled with Metalsmiths Sterling™ hallmarks to guarantee its high quality craftsmanship.

"We feel this is going to be one of the most sought after designers lines that we have added to our store this year," said Cindi Rottermond, Vice President of Rottermond Jewelers in Milford and Brighton. "When Metalsmiths Sterling™ was introduced at a jewelry show earlier this year, it was the most sought after line by jewelers. We are proud to be one of only three jewelers in Michigan to carry this fine line."

The quality of the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line speaks for itself, yet has been rewarded with the most prestigious of honors, named as a member of the American Gemologist Society (only 5 percent of designers are awarded this honor) and won the prestigious award by jewelers as "Best of Show", "You can watch for the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line as an official jewelry supplier to Fox Studios and in upcoming episodes of "Lie to Me," said Cindi. "One of its edgier collections, 'Ink,' has already been spotted on celebrities like Richie Sambora and Lionel Richie."



By using expertly cut and unique gemstones framed in sterling silver, Metalsmiths Sterling™ has distinguished themselves from all the others.

The beauty of the Metalsmiths Sterling™ line is in the unique fashion statement of each of its collections, offering a number of style possibilities that all work together under the fash-

ionable, quality Metalsmiths Sterling™ name. With all fashions this year, it is about layering and with Metalsmiths Sterling™ various collections you can stack bracelets, wear multiple necklaces and flash a major gemstone ring at an affordable price.

To view the exciting Metalsmiths Sterling™ collection of fine sterling silver jewelry, visit: www.rottermond.com and click on the "Designers" link.

• The Signature™ Collection features timeless classics in elegant designs that never go out of style.

• The Marquise™ Collection offers fashion-forward interpretations of classic pieces with exotic gemstones in expert cuts. They feature spectacularly sleek sterling silver, framing impressively large gems. They are breathtaking with a little black dress and an unexpected way to spice up a professional wardrobe.

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During the month of December, customers making any Metalsmiths Sterling™ purchase of \$120 or more will receive a jewelry travel box, while supplies last.

Collection drives its creative inspiration from the endless beauty of the natural environment. The artistry of the pieces comes from the flow of form and tone found in the semiprecious stones that are the focus of each creation. This line appeals to a woman's sense of originality, as well as to her distinctive taste.

• The Panos Konidas™ Collection is inspired by the timeless beauty of European cities, bringing together old world class with modern sophistication. Reminiscent of European architecture detailed with elegant lines, this style speaks of sophistication for today's worldly woman.

• The Ink™ Collection is an edgy line inspired by some of the world's most brilliant tattoos, featuring bold designs for the confident man or woman.

Whichever collection calls your name, there is a piece and a price that will add excitement to your holiday. Each Metalsmiths Sterling™ gift will be exquisitely wrapped to make gift-giving a pleasure. "Stop in at Rottermond Jewelers and ask a sales professional to help you set up a Holiday Wish List," invites Cindi. "We also are pleased to offer layaway services."

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