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VOICES OF TROY PODCAST

Cynthia Kmett

Troy Gazette City Editor

On this week's Voices of Troy podcast, Gazette Editor in Chief Andrew Neal interviews Cynthia Kmett, longtime editor of the Troy-Somerset Gazette.

Kmett started working at the Gazette soon after it was established by founder and publisher Claire Weber in 1980. She has had a hand in writing, editing, and laying out over 2,000 newspapers since then.

On the podcast, Kmett talks about how she made her way to Troy from Cleveland, the early days of working at the Gazette, and what residents are concerned about these days.

As the age of social media has taken over, Kmett also discusses the importance of local journalism.

"The thing that concerns me is that people will jump to judgement too often," Kmett said.

Listen to the interview at Anchor.fm/VoicesofTroy or wherever you get your podcasts by searching "Voices of Troy."



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I-75 CONSTRUCTION RETURNS (AS IF IT EVER WENT AWAY)



AT THE MDOT OPEN HOUSE last week, guests were shown how this year's I-75 construction season will provide the new Big Beaver entrances and exits to I-75, and how much land will be available – perhaps for trees – when the cloverleaf is gone. MDOT Traffic Engineer Cathy St. Pierre and construction team member Aaron Angle came to the Troy Community Center armed with maps and props to demonstrate the changes. A list of bridge work construction scheduled for this summer can be found on page 3.

by CYNTHIA KMETT

Construction of the Modernize I-75 project is about to spring back into action, unless there's really bad weather postponing some work, like concrete applications. In fact, you might have noticed some closings on 14 Mile last week.

It's just the beginning.

What will you notice most? The cloverleaf designs at both 14 Mile and Big Beaver are going to disappear completely. In their place will be what is known in the traffic business as Diverging Diamond Interchanges (DDI), which will take their place. The removal of the cloverleaf loops means we'll no longer see speeding cars which have slid off the road as those drivers thought their SUV could handle the ice.

MDOT staff and members of the construction team were at the Troy Community Center last Thursday armed with drawings and experts to explain what

drivers can expect.

In anticipation of this new look, which MDOT says will be faster and safer, The Northbound I-75 Big Beaver loop ramps – in preparation for the construction of the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) – the westbound exit ramp and eastbound entrance ramps have been removed. Motorists should exit to Big Beaver Road and use the nearest available crossover (think Michigan left) to go west on Big Beaver. Motorists can enter northbound I-75 via westbound Big Beaver Road.

There's a very interesting sidewalk at part of this plan. While some are on the north side of the street and some on the south side, there's quite a healthy pathway coming right through the middle of the Big Beaver median as you approach Crooks Road.

At the Northbound I-75 to 14 Mile loop ramp - in preparation for

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Vital Anne named to School Board

The Troy School District's Board of Education last Tuesday voted to appoint Vital Anne to fill the trustee position vacated by Paula Fleming.

Ms. Anne has been an engineer at Altair in Automation Alley on Big Beaver since 1994, is a frequent volunteer in our schools, a mentor, and an active participant in our community. She will be sworn in at the next official meeting on February 25.

When asked in the interview

process about her goal for the school district, Anne said, "Children are our future. We need to do everything to equip them to succeed personally and professionally and transform them into passionate, driven, global citizens of this world."

She billed herself as compassionate, highly motivated, and open-minded, as well as a working mother, woman of color, IT professional with STEM

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When Mark Twain came to Michigan

The Troy Historic Village will host its Thursday Tea at Two event on February 27 from 2-3 p.m.

Based on Mark Twain's own diary and images from his journey through Michigan, researchers Al and Dave Eicher will share the life

and travels of the famous author and his family through photos.

Tickets are \$8 for Troy Historical Society members or \$9 for non-members.

Call 248-524-3570 to purchase tickets in advance as space is limited.

Anne is newest member of the Troy Board of Education

SCHOOL BOARD from page 1 background and that she was seeking the position on the Troy Board of Education to represent the diverse community of Troy. She had also noted that many members of her community were reluctant of volunteers because they didn't see many like themselves in volunteer positions in the city and didn't know if they would be welcomed.

But if members of the Indian community want to volunteer, Anne will not only welcome them, but she will be an excellent representative for any of us to follow.

She coached the middle school Science Olympiad team on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) for five years. As a 16-year Troy resident, she's been a volunteer at six different schools in the PTOs, Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters and sports teams She's worked on MDOT's Adopt-a-Highway Program, and worked at



her master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University to enhance all our lives. One of her goals is to "create excitement" about STEM among our children.

She and her husband, Siva, are originally from India and have been residents of Troy for many years. They have two daughters – one is a graduate of the International Academy East and attending college, studying STEM, naturally, and the other is a junior at Athens. The Anne family is also passionate about green/renewable energy, driving electric vehicles, and with solar panels on their Troy roof.

She loves watching sports – especially football and soccer and enjoys Indian classical dance.

The Board of Education also recognized that there were eight excellent candidates who volunteered for the position, and praised the willingness of so many accomplished residents to serve our District.

international cultural events at three different schools. In addition, Anne has been a volunteer for over a decade for MS, and has tutored math and science for kids in the programs of the Detroit Education Society. She does all this while using

Celebrate the city's birthday at 28th Taste of Troy

The 28th annual Taste of Troy benefits the Boys & Girls Club of Troy on Sunday, March 1 from 1-4 p.m. at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver Road. Advance

tickets are \$45 (call 248-689-1687) and \$55 at the door.

"Thanks to the San Marino Club, attendees will enjoy a Biggest Birthday Bash themed TasteFest to celebrate the 28th Anniversary of Taste of Troy," said Cindy Stewart, B&GCT Board Member and Chair of the Taste of Troy event. "Experience the fun of celebrating one of the best fundraisers in town, along with lots of mouth-watering food prepared by Troy's finest restaurants. We also have some great items for both the live and silent auctions including an African Safari and Mexican Villa."

What could be more fun than savoring delicious cuisine, enjoying great music, live and silent auctions and winning raffles, all while raising money for a great cause?

"Proceeds from the event will help the organization provide a safe place for 1,200 young people to interact, learn, grow, and develop into contributing members of this community," said Jeff Evans, Executive Director of

the Boys & Girls Club of Troy.

In addition to the food sampling, Taste of Troy attendees can bid on gift baskets, sports tickets, spa, hotel, and restaurant gift certificates in the silent auction, enjoy music, and be a part of the live auction with WDIV TV 4 Meteorologist Andrew Humphrey. The Live Auction will include bidding on either an African Safari at the Zulu Nyala Game Reserve for two or a 10,000 sq. ft Villa Aves del Paraiso located on the Santiago Peninsula near Manzanillo, Mexico. You and your family or friends will enjoy a week in complete luxury with a pool overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Participating restaurants compete for awards including Critics' Choice and People's Choice.

For more information, contact Cindy Stewart, B&GCT Board Member and Chair of the Taste of Troy event, at 248-930-2383 or cindy.stewart@troymi.gov.

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One day, road construction will end (just kidding)

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its construction of the diverging diamond interchange (DDI), the northbound exit ramp to westbound 14 Mile Road has been removed. Motorists should exit to 14 Mile Road.

These new entrances and exits will be straighter and easier to construct. So, if the weather holds, they are expected to be finished by fall, even early fall. You might want to consider alternative routes until then.

There will still be traffic lights to stop those exiting the freeway from just cascading into traffic.

Rochester Road exits are also getting a tune-up but nothing thing as drastic as the DDI model, MDOT says. They also promise that it will be well signed so you know which lane is only headed for East Big Beaver.

If you've been avoiding I-75, you might not have noticed that the bridges and even the sound walls are getting a new look: brick.

It's all done with a stencil that is applied when the concrete work is done. Then it's peeled off and painted.

Two lanes will be maintained on I-75. Motorists and area residents can expect limited nighttime and weekend freeway closures for bridge demolition and beam setting.

Final pavement markings, tree replacements/landscaping, and site restoration will follow in 2021.

I-75 bridge work slated for summer construction

- Southbound I-75 bridge over 14 Mile Road
- Southbound I-75 bridge over Maple Road
- Southbound I-75 bridge over Rochester Road
- Southbound I-75 bridge over Livernois Road
- Southbound I-75 bridge over Big Beaver Road
- Southbound I-75 bridge over Long Lake Road
- Rehabilitation of Crooks Road bridges over I-75
- Southbound I-75 bridge over Coolidge Highway

Training facility for Red Wings alumni opens in Troy



MAYOR ETHAN BAKER was on hand last Friday to welcome The Training Room to Troy. Located at 4062 Livernois Rd, the new facility will serve as the official training center for the Detroit Red Wings alumni. On behalf of the city of Troy, Baker presented The Training Room with a welcoming proclamation and helped cut the ribbon.

Speed Dating the Candidates at Troy Community Center

Speed Dating the Candidates, organized by FEMS for DEMS, has three scheduled events for the upcoming 2020 elections. Candidates running for every electable office will be available to 'date' voters in a small-group, rotating fashion.

The flow of the crowd allows voters to get upfront and close to

the candidates. The 'Speed Dating' event is free and open to all.

Candidates will be at the Troy Community Center on Wednesday, March 18. On Tuesday, March 24, the event will be held at FlexTech Novi High School and on Thursday, May 7 at UAW Local 228 in Sterling Heights.

Fems for Dems is an

independent political action committee in the state of Michigan whose main goal is to elect progressive candidates, and to engage and activate voters to participate in the political process.

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Oakland County Michigan Works hosting 2020 U.S. Census Team recruiting event Feb. 24

Oakland County Michigan Works is hosting a 2020 U.S. Census team recruiting event at its service centers in Novi, Oak Park, Pontiac, Southfield, Troy, and Waterford, on Monday, February 24, 2020, from 1-5 p.m.

Representatives from the U.S. Census and center staff will be on-hand to answer questions and help candidates apply for a number of positions online. Oakland County census officials hope to hire more than 1,800 workers for a variety of temporary positions that run through September. The jobs pay \$22-\$24.50 per hour, offer flexible scheduling, a weekly paycheck, and paid training.

"The census, which takes place every ten years, plays a critical role in our state's representation in Congress and funding for a variety of federal programs for schools, hospitals, roads and more," said Oakland County Executive David Coulter. "Joining the U.S. Census team in Oakland County is a great way to earn extra income and make a difference in our communities."

"We want to make sure everyone is counted," he added. "Our team is focused on communities and neighborhoods where census participation has been traditionally low."

Census workers must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old, have valid social security number, and

be registered with the U.S. Selective Service System (men born after Dec. 31, 1959).

Coulter said the part-time census team positions do not jeopardize state-approved public benefits and workers will be considered federal employees and qualify for priority access to other federal job opportunities. Having one's own transportation is not required, but workers must be able to canvass their assigned communities. Bi-lingual speakers – all languages – are needed.

Jennifer Llewellyn, director of Oakland County Michigan Works!, said the service center teams have already begun helping people apply for census positions online. But she hopes this large, focused event with U.S. Census representatives will draw a larger number of interested candidates.

"We're very excited to be working with county and state officials to help build the team needed to effectively conduct this year's census activities in our region," Llewellyn said. "There are a variety of jobs available, ideal for college students, homemakers, seniors and others looking for part-time work at a nice hourly wage for a number of months this year."

Oakland County Michigan Works offices:

- **Novi:** 31186 Beck Road, (248) 926-1820
- **Oak Park:** 22180 Parklawn Street, (248) 691-8437
- **Pontiac:** 1850 N. Perry Street, (248) 276-1777
- **Southfield:** 21415 Civic Center Drive, Ste 116, (248) 796-4580
- **Troy:** 550 Stephenson Highway, Ste 400, (248) 823-5101
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Those who cannot attend the Oakland County Michigan Works recruiting event can apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs/.

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Teaching your kids about money



BY STEVE FLORES
VP of Operations,
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One of the most common questions I am asked as a long-time member of the personal finance industry is how to talk to kids about money. Questions like, Should I give my kids an allowance? Shouldn't they do chores around the house for free?! How can I teach my kids how to be smart with money?

A well-known 75-year Harvard research study examined what variables from earlier in life predict health and well-being later in life. Researchers found that children who were given chores became more successful adults. Researchers also discovered that the earlier children had positive experiences with money, the more money they made during their careers.

From this we can gather that doing chores and learning about money can result in long-term positive outcomes for kids. Here are some ideas to help you figure out what's best for your family when it comes to kids and money.

Connect receiving money with working and responsibility. There are certain chores my kids do as a contributing part of the family that I don't pay them for like making their beds, clearing their dishes and picking up after themselves. However, there are a few weekly, age-appropriate chores that can be done in exchange for their allowance. For example, the little one sets the table, the middle one unloads the dishwasher, the oldest vacuums. On Sunday of each week, I give them their weekly allowance or deposit it into their savings account. They all know that if chores were ignored that week, no allowance is given, so it keeps them going without my wife and me having to nag them...too much!

Set yearly expectations for each child. Friends of ours have a yearly tradition - every year, during the week of each kid's birthday, they sit down with the child and negotiate responsibilities and privileges for their new age. Topics can include a change in bedtimes, increased cell phone privileges, allowance amounts, chores, etc. The goal is to show them that paired with each privilege is a responsibility. For example, if the child is asking for the privilege of a later bedtime, then they have the responsibility to set their own alarm and wake themselves up in the morning,

without missing the bus. If the child sticks with the responsibility part, then the privilege sticks, too. I may need to use this soon since my kids are campaigning for a dog!

Show them how to Save/Spend/Give. Our kids each have a CORE Youth Account at CCF, and I usually transfer their weekly allowance directly into their accounts. Even if they are saving for something big or taking some money out to spend on vacation, they know they need to keep a base amount in their savings account (usually \$100). I want them to learn how to not spend every penny and show them that even if there is money in their account, they should always leave a savings buffer. Also, we set aside a few dollars each month to give. My wife and I allow them to choose where they want to donate the funds. Sometimes they give to our local animal shelter, sometimes they donate it to a medical mission group at our church, sometimes they donate it towards their classmates' lunch debts at school. However they choose to give back, we encourage them to support the communities of which they are a part.

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Office fire at SaveOn building on Maple Road

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Fire Station 3 was dispatched to investigate. While enroute, the alarm monitoring company called back to report additional alarm activations. Upon arrival, firefighters reported an odor of smoke, with additional smoke inside the building. Fire Station 4 was requested to assist.

Firefighters entered the

building and discovered a fire inside an office, located on the 1st floor of the building. Smoke had migrated throughout the 1st floor, and partially enveloped the 2nd floor. A primary search was completed and revealed the fire was contained to this one office. No other occupants were inside the building at the time of the alarm.

Firefighters extinguished the flames and began to ventilate the structure, to remove the smoke.

This building is not equipped with a fire sprinkler system.

No injuries or fatalities were reported. The origin and cause of the fire is under investigation, but the fire does not appear to be suspicious at this time.

Damage estimates are incomplete. Occupants are being restricted from entering the building until completion of the fire investigation. The Troy Building Department has been notified.

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PLAY REVIEW: *The extraordinary dreams of ordinary people*

REVIEWED BY Suzanne Angeo (member, American Theatre Critics Association; Member Emeritus, San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle), and Greg Angeo (Member Emeritus, San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle)

You may just see yourself, or recognize someone you know, working onstage at Meadow Brook Theatre.

“Working” is an enduringly likeable musical based on Studs Terkel’s 1974 book *Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do*. A celebrated radio personality from the 1950s through the 1990s, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and oral historian, Terkel interviewed dozens of ordinary people all over the country from all walks of life for his book, which offers insight into the often-overlooked “everyday American”.

A few years later, in 1977, *Working* was adapted for the musical stage, with the book by noted American composer Stephen Schwartz (“*Godspell*”, “*Pippin*”, “*Wicked*”) and writer/director Nina Faso (“*Rocky Horror Show*”, “*Godspell*”). Based on the stories of real people and their jobs, it moves through a series of 14 short vignettes revealing the deeply personal feelings people have about their means of livelihood. It also celebrates the joy of meaningful



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre

work, although that joy is dished out in small portions.

It premiered in Chicago in December 1977, then on to Broadway in May 1978 where it garnered several Tony nominations and two Drama Desk awards. It had multiple revisions over the years, gaining contributions by many popular songwriters like James Taylor and Lin-Manuel Miranda. The version presented at Meadow Brook is the 2012 revision which has six main performers – three women (Emily Hadick, Yemie Sonuga, Kim Rachele Harris) and three men

(Cory Cunningham, Gregory Rodriguez, Ron Williams). Their characters have no names other than number designations (Woman 1, Man 3, etc). Rounding out the cast are Katie Akers and Tyler Bolde, identified simply as Ensemble.

“Working” is a nice tribute to the working class - the “salt of the earth”. They share their views on the meaning of life and work, from the mundane to the profound. “Brother Trucker” by James Taylor is a folksy, funky number, performed by Cory Cunningham, that stays in your head long after

the show is over. “Delivery” by Lin-Manuel Miranda has a lively, Latin-pop beat. Fine vocals by Gregory Rodriguez and company make this one of the best songs in the show.

Craig Carnelia’s “Just a Housewife”, is a stark reminder that after all these years, being a stay-at-home mom is still a thankless job. It’s performed with great feeling by the amazing Yemie Sonuga and the three other ladies in the cast. Yet another highlight is “It’s an Art”, where a waitress (played with sassy sparkle by Kim Rachele Harris) shares her trade

secrets for providing top-notch service. Another notable story-song by James Taylor is “Millwork”, featuring Emily Hadick and the other ladies.

“Joe” is arguably the most touching number by Carnelia. In a powerfully poignant turn by Ron Williams, a retired elderly gentleman finds himself trying to fill his too-long days, struggling to stay relevant to his shrinking world, and ultimately failing.

Even though the musical numbers and individual stories have no real connection to each other, director Travis Walter manages to find a common thread through the incandescent energy of the multi-talented ensemble cast. Starting off as a single unit, they break off into their individual characters, then merge once again to sing the anthems of the American worker with one voice.

This musical was created over 40 years ago, before the internet, computers and social media transformed the workplace. But despite some dated material, the central message of “Working” is timeless and underscores the sometime uncomfortable truth: Work can define who you are and your place in society, for good or bad, and the lack of it can make you feel isolated, useless and irrelevant. But work can also inspire you to dream of a better life.

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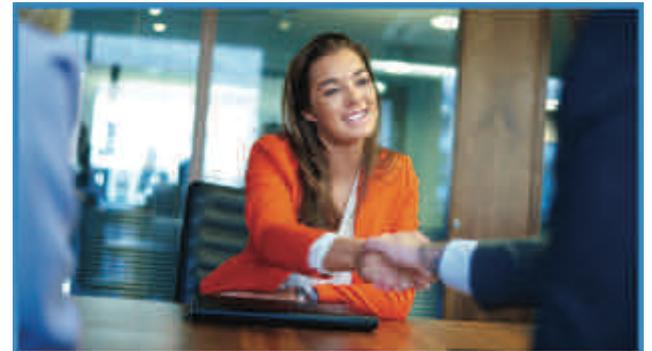


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Gazette city editor Cindy Kmett is the latest victim of Walmart wallet thieves

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HOW QUICKLY THINGS CAN DISAPPEAR

When this victim, a witty writer for a prestigious Troy newspaper, went to pay for her prescriptions, she took out her wallet and set it on the table nearby. When she turned back around, the wallet could not

be found. The victim's wallet contained cash, her operator's license, and various credit cards.

■ **NOT EVEN A LOCK COULD KEEP THIS GYM THIEF AWAY** – An afternoon workout at the LA Fitness on Maple Road turned sour when someone broke off the lock on this victim's locker. The perpetrator stole \$82 in cash out of his wallet.

■ **PUNCHING AN OFFICER DID NOT END WELL FOR THIS GUY** – Officers responded to the area Northbound Rochester Road, South of Troywood Drive on the report of an unknown subject observed entering a victim's black Ford Fusion who resided on

Trombley Drive. The officer recognized the subject walking as a 45-year-old man whom he had an encounter with earlier. Upon seeing the officers approaching, the subject took off running across Rochester Road. The subject then stopped and took an aggressive stance against one of the officers. The subject took a swing at the officer which was blocked. The officer then brought the subject to the ground. The subject was able to get an arm free and struck the officer along the left side of his face. Other officers assisted and the subject was handcuffed. Medical personnel were summoned and treated the

officer's injuries. The subject was arrested and charged with Assault of a Police Officer. Incidentally, the victim whose vehicle was entered did not find anything missing.

■ **NARCAN SAVES ANOTHER LIFE** – A 42-year-old man was brought to Beaumont Hospital to be treated for a drug overdose. The patient was revived with Narcan. While searching his property, medical staff discovered two plastic bags in his pocket that contained an off-white substance believed to be Heroin. The substance was confiscated by the responding officers to be destroyed.

■ **THAT'S A LOT OF UNEMPLOYMENT** – This victim was notified of a wage garnishment of \$478.58 for an outstanding bill of \$99,999.99 for an unemployment claim. The victim reported that she was in fact off work for a while but did not file a claim. The victim was encouraged to contact the Human Resources Department of her employer and the State of Michigan for their help in investigating the matter.

■ **GIFT CARD SCAMMERS ARE GETTING CLEVER** – Victim was contacted by an unknown subject inquiring if she owned a vehicle in Texas. The victim was told by the subject that he was from the Federal Bureau of Investigations and was told she would be arrested if she didn't follow her instructions. The victim hung-up but then received a phone call from a number that was masked to be from the Troy Police Department. The caller stated he was Officer Michael Brown and told her that if she wanted to stay out of jail, she needed to purchase gift cards from target totaling \$1,360. She did as instructed, providing the serial numbers from the gift cards to the caller. The victim later discovered she had been scammed.

■ **IF IT SEEMS OFF, IT IS** – This victim was contacted by a subject identifying himself as Alex Wade from Amazon who convinced him that he was refunded too much money into his bank account. The subject told the victim that he would be in trouble unless he purchased eBay Cards from Walmart, CVS Pharmacy, and 7-11 to refund the money. The victim purchased approximately \$6,000 in eBay Cards, wire transferring the funds to the subject before realizing he had been scammed.

■ **NOT A VERY GOOD REPUTATION** – This Troy resident contracted with a man from a company to have snow removed at her residence for the winter season. She paid \$670 in full for

the snow removal and has only had service once for half a job completed. She posted comments on social media in an attempt to get her money refunded and discovered several other victims received the same fraudulent service. The suspect did contact her after the social media posting, providing several excuses as to why he could not fulfill her contact. When advised she would take him to court, he informed her she would be wasting her time as it would cost her more in money to go to court than what he owes her.

■ **MISSING TIRE IS A RED FLAG** – This Troy officer responded to Big Beaver and Adams on the report of a disabled vehicle. The officer located the vehicle, an orange Jeep Renegade that was missing the driver's side front tire. The officer spoke with the subject sitting in the driver's seat, a 27-year-old woman. She was asked to perform several sobriety evaluations to which she did but the officer noted that she performed poorly. She submitted to a Preliminary Breath Test with a result of .154%. She was transported to the Troy Police Lock-up Facility where she was read her Chemical Test Rights but she refused to submit to a Breath Test. A search warrant for a Blood Test was drafted and signed by a local Magistrate. The search warrant was executed and the driver's blood was drawn by medical personnel. She was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol pending laboratory results.

■ **NOT SAFE ON THE HIGHWAY** – Officers responded to northbound I-75 west of Coolidge on the report that an Express Van that had struck the median wall. The officers arrived and spoke with the driver, a 32-year-old man from Davison, who said he was currently prescribed Prozac which he was taking the correct amount. He then said that he fell asleep which caused the accident. A witness reported seeing the same subject slumped over the wheel on the interstate near W. Fourteen Mile Road before waking up and driving northbound. He was arrested and transported to the Troy Lock-up Facility. His blood was drawn by medical personnel and he was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Narcotics pending lab results.

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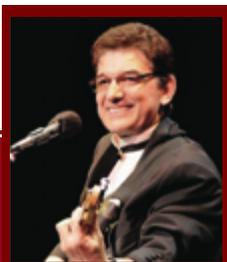
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