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Leaders lament loss of funding

BOARDMAN, HOWLAND OFFICIALS: PHASING OUT TAX WILL HURT

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WARREN
Now that the Ohio Senate has approved its version of the next two-year state budget, nine days remain for legislators to iron out the remaining details before final approval by June 30.

Among the biggest headlines have been cuts in the income-tax rate and taxes to small businesses.

But of more concern to some local government officials are measures that cut funding to townships and other government bodies through a tax that the state started phasing out 10 years ago and plans to resume phasing out during the next two fiscal years, starting next month.



A month ago, Larry Moliterno, a Boardman Township trustee, traveled to Columbus to address a committee of the Ohio Senate about the \$576,000 the township currently receives through a program called TPP.



Howland Police Chief Paul Monroe also testified. The full name is tangible personal property tax, a tax that companies used to pay in Ohio to the school districts and local governments in which they were located, but the state eliminated it in 2005 to promote business growth.

Through 2010, the state said it would reimburse the schools and local governments for their lost tax revenue. The Legislature adjusted the process of reimbursing the schools and local governments, however, and continued to reimburse at various

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THE NEW CRUZE THE BIG UNVEIL

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LORDSTOWN

It's been said you become the best by learning from the best.

In that case, the future looks bright for the next-generation Chevrolet Cruze built here in the Mahoning Valley.

"I have had a chance to see it, and it is amazing," said Glenn Johnson, president of the United Auto Workers Local 1112. "The buying public will be very pleased with the next-generation Chevy Cruze."

The world will see the next-generation Cruze on Wednesday at a global unveiling in Detroit. *The Vindicator* will report live from the Motor City.

Its predecessor, GM's best-selling car, hit success after success to make its presence known in the auto world and the compact-car segment. The plan for its successor is to build off the momen-

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turn and continue to keep things rolling in the right direction.

"The Cruze was a vast leap ahead of the previous economy car, the Cobalt," said Karl Brauer, Kelley Blue Book senior ana-

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COMING: Vindicator Business Writer Kalea Hall will report live from Detroit for this week's unveiling of the next-generation Cruze. Watch for her reports in *The Vindicator* and on Vindy.com.



THE CRUZE CHRONOLOGY

2008

◆ **Aug. 21:** General Motors Co. announces it will invest more than \$500 million in the U.S. to build the Chevrolet Cruze, a new compact car, in Lordstown.

2009

◆ **Sept. 15:** President Barack Obama visits the General Motors Lordstown plant.

2010

◆ **Feb. 23:** Mark Reuss, president of GM North America, announces a third shift at Lordstown.
◆ **Sept. 8:** The Cruze launches.

2011

◆ **May:** The Cruze has its best month to date with 25,160 sales.
◆ **June:** GM sells 22,711 Cruzes in May and becomes the first American-made vehicle to lead the compact-car category in five years.
◆ **July:** Cruze

2012

◆ **Feb. 23:** The Lordstown-built Chevrolet Cruze is named "Best Compact Car for the Money" by U.S. News and World Report.
◆ **April 25:** GM makes 100 temporary workers at the Lordstown plant

2013

◆ **May 2:** Cruze sales drop by nearly 30 percent to 18,205 compared with 25,160 in April 2011.
◆ **June 16:** GM announces the Cruze will have new features for 2013 including MyLink multimedia system, rear-vision camera and side blind-zone alert.
◆ **June 23:** GM will recall all 413,418 Cruzes for the 2011 and 2012 model years because of the risk of a possible engine fire.
◆ **July:** Automobile Magazine ranks the Lordstown plant as the ninth-highest producing vehicle plant in the U.S.
◆ **Aug. 23:** GM announces \$200 million investment in Lordstown plant for the next-generation Cruze.

2014

◆ **January:** GM sales figures for 2013 show the Cruze with a record sales year, 4.4 percent higher than 2012.
◆ **February:** GM recalls more than 1 million vehicles for faulty ignition switches. Among the recalled was the Chevrolet Cobalt, the Cruze's predecessor.
◆ **March:** GM halts some Cruze sales and expands worldwide ignition-switch recall.
◆ **March:** 2015 Cruze unveiled at New York International Auto show.
◆ **April:** One millionth Cruze rolls off the line at Lordstown.
◆ **May 2:** GM announces a \$50 million investment at its Lordstown plant for the next-generation Cruze.
◆ **June:** United Auto Workers Locals 1112 and 1714 announce they will raffle off

2015

◆ **March 23:** GM announces Cruze will also be produced in Mexico, but it will not affect Lordstown.
◆ **April:** North-Point Development announces summer plans to break ground on the Lordstown Logistics Center.
◆ **May:** United Auto Workers Local 1112 re-elects Glenn Johnson as president.
◆ **May:** GM announces the Cruze will be unveiled June 24 at a global event in Detroit.
◆ **June:** More details of the next-generation Chevrolet Cruze are released: larger, yet lighter with new technology, powertrain and safety features.
◆ **June 12:** Several Cruze owners from across the nation meet in Lordstown to talk about the Cruze and tour the Lordstown plant.

A tale of two Valley fathers

Military, martial arts mold parenting skills

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YOUNGSTOWN
When Brent Davis was stationed in Insurlik, Turkey, after the Gulf War, he experienced one of the worst scares a father can imagine.

Davis was living with his wife and baby daughter in base housing while on Air Force assignment

◆ **INSIDE:** Raising twin babies is like being a Cleveland sports fan, columnist Joe Scalzo writes. **B1**

to support a no-fly zone. "There was a fuel pipeline that ran pretty much under our cul-de-sac, and there was a terrorist group that set a time bomb on it to detonate that would

have certainly killed my wife and baby girl," Davis remembered.

Fortunately, U.S. military personnel discovered the bomb and found that it wasn't rigged properly to explode, Davis said.

"We're a Christian family, and I just thank God for that protection [and]

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Brent Davis, center, stands outside his Austintown home with his 19-year-old son, Justin, and his wife, Sonya. Davis holds a photo of his 21-year-old daughter, Laine, who lives in Cleveland.

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