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'A new Black Monday'

UNCERTAINTY AT GM LORDSTOWN; CRUZE PRODUCTION ENDS



David Green, president of United Auto Workers Local 1112, spoke at the union hall Monday about GM's decision to discontinue the Chevrolet Cruze without a guarantee of a future product for the Lordstown plant to build.

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Workers 'did not see this coming'

Community members share thoughts on closure

Staff report

LORDSTOWN

Word of the closure of the Lordstown GM complex sent ripples throughout the Valley.

For many, the news conjured images of 1977's Black Monday and the news of the demise of steel mills and the jobs that employed so many.

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Howland, D-13th, said so much in his initial statement: "Today our generation is facing a new Black Monday in the Mahoning Valley. GM's announcement is devastating for the men and women working at Lordstown and everyone here in the Mahoning Valley."

Throughout Monday, community members shared their thoughts with *The Vindicator*:

"We did not see this coming," Jess Adams, a 40-year GM Lordstown employee, said late Monday as he left the plant after learning the plant would close in March.



Adams

"Hopefully they will change their mind and

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LORDSTOWN

The way Tommy Wolikow sees it, the General Motors Lordstown Assembly plant is as indispensable to the Mahoning Valley as the heart is to the body.

The plant has been crucial to the survival of Wolikow's own family; between him and his father, the two have more than 50 years of service at the plant. For Wolikow, continuing his family's tradition at the plant was a dream come true.

And although both he and his fiancée were laid off from the plant last January, neither has given up hope of returning to work there.

That hope grew dimmer Monday, however, with GM's announcement that it will indefinitely halt



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U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Howland, D-13th, spoke at the United Auto Workers Local 1112 hall in Warren on Monday. He was sharply critical of both GM and President Donald Trump's failure to deliver on promises to save auto jobs in the Valley.

Maryland and one in Canada – and reduce salaried and salaried contract staff by 15 percent.

"If GM Lordstown closes down, it's going to be devastating for our area – and to me personally, it really hits home," Wolikow said.

In a news release Monday morning, GM unveiled several strategies to "accelerate its transformation for the future."

"With changing customers preferences in the U.S. and in response to market-related volume declines in cars, future products will be allocated to fewer plants next year," GM said.

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Howland, D-13th, called the news a "new Black Monday in the Mahoning Valley," a reference to the day in September 1977 when the closure of one of the Valley's largest steel mills was announced.

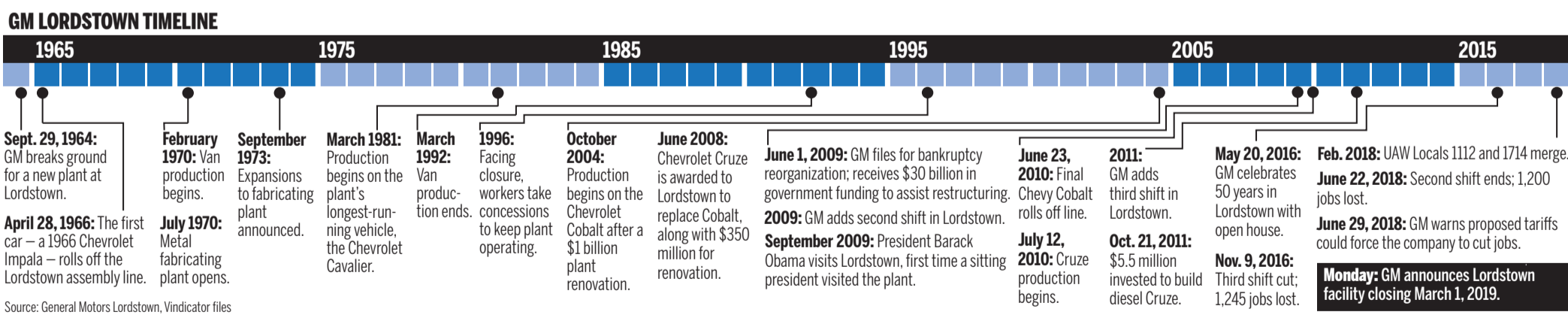
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production at the Lordstown plant on March 1. As part of a significant restructuring of its global operations, the automaker said it plans to idle five plants in North America – Lordstown, two in Michigan, one in

2018 VALLEY CLOSURES

- ◆ **Nov. 17:** Petco Boardman – 10 jobs
- ◆ **Sept. 20:** Northside Regional Medical Center – 468 jobs
- ◆ **Mid-July:** Sears Southern Park Mall – unknown
- ◆ **June 30:** Toys 'R' Us, Babies 'R' Us Niles, Boardman and Poland – 100 affected
- ◆ **June 18:** General Motors second shift – 1,500 affected
- ◆ **June 18:** Lordstown Seating Systems – 83 affected
- ◆ **June 15:** Comprehensive Logistics Inc. – unknown
- ◆ **April 8:** Kmart Howland – 133 affected
- ◆ **Jan 28:** Kmart Austintown – unknown

Source: Vindicator files



CLEVELAND FEDERAL COURT
Suspended judge, husband plead not guilty, released on \$20K bond

Staff report



Vettori-Caraballo

CLEVELAND
Suspended Mahoning County Court Judge Diana Vettori-Caraballo and her husband pleaded not guilty Monday at their arraignments in federal court to charges she bilked a woman's estate out of several thousand dollars and then lied about it on their tax returns.

and her husband, Ismael Caraballo, were released on \$20,000 unsecured bond before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the U.S. Northern District Court of Ohio. The pair were indicted Nov. 15.

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Trump sticks with old playbook to aid GOP in Senate runoff

Associated Press

TUPELO, MISS.
President Donald Trump brought back the playbook he used during the leadup to the midterm elections, warning of the dangers of illegal immigration and painting Democrats as radical "socialists," as he returned to the campaign trail Monday to try to keep a Mississippi Senate seat in GOP hands.

agents deployed tear gas on a group of migrants after some tried to charge the U.S.-Mexico border, Trump returned to the campaign scare talk that had largely disappeared following the Nov. 6 midterms. Trump had made the approaching Central American caravan a central issue of the 2018 elections.

The president has stressed

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President Donald Trump gestures during a rally on Monday in Tupelo, Miss.