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Blood Drives Set At St. Hugo's, Avondale High

Local chapters of the American Red Cross are seeking blood donors. A blood drive will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Another drive is being held on Nov. 16 in the Avondale High School, 2800 Waukegan in Auburn Hills, between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment visit the Red Cross' Web site at www.redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-733-2767.

Construction Projects in Auburn Hills

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what it would take to lure graduate students to live in the city, as well as attend classes there. This development in the downtown area is sure to do just that, helping the city continue to grow.

The graduate student housing development was funded by \$9.5 million in private investment; the parking deck with a \$4.5 million investment by the City's Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA).

This public-private development project is a model of the sort of partnerships both private investors and budding municipalities can benefit from, explains Tom Tanghe, Auburn Hills assistant city manager and the Director of the Auburn Hills TIFA.

"This project is another example of Auburn Hills working collaboratively with developers and private investors to help the city and the region prosper," said Tanghe in a press release.

Laurie Renaud agrees. "We are always working with our developers and businesses to make connections that work for both sides."

Completion of the student housing, retail, and parking development is still too far off to plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony, but it's only a matter of time – perhaps spring 2013? – before the City of Auburn Hills celebrates the "wrapping up" of yet another successful new construction project.



All that remains of the Food Town are the walls, the roof, and a grocery cart at the Inalfa project on Joslyn Road.



Inalfa's light industrial project, by day.



A shopper samples homemade jam at last year's Arts & Crafts Fanfare.

Auburn Hills Arts & Crafts Fanfare Set for Community Center Nov. 17

Whether you're looking for a unique holiday gift or a piece of one-of-a-kind home decor, the one-day 6th Annual Auburn Hills Arts & Crafts Fanfare may be the place to go.

With more than 80 local artisans, crafters, and vendors hawking their wares, including handmade jewelry, clothing, glass, photography, and more, there'll be a lot of decisions to make.

Shelley Chapman, event coordinator at the Auburn Hills Community Center, where the show will be held, expects more than 1,000 people to attend the event. Why such a large crowd?

"It's because of the show's wide variety of handmade merchandise," said Chapman.

For example, she said, vendors include Michele Bradley at Origami Owl, a very unique jeweler, and Oakland University student Wisal Fattouh, who makes ceramics and furniture.

There will also be Bobbie Baker, author of the book, "Grief Re-

flections," a collection of poems and essays about coping with loss, and watercolor artist Norma Pfund will be selling handmade cards.

Shoppers wanting to get a jump on holiday shopping should arrive at the Auburn Hills Community Center, at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. The show will be open until 5 p.m.

Artisans and crafters interested in setting up shop at the show should contact Chapman at 248-370-9353 for more information.

Writers Group to Meet

The Auburn Hills Public Library is hosting a writers' group meeting between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15.

The meeting is taking place in the main library's small meeting room and is open to adult writers 18 and older. Participants should bring a notebook and work they want to share.

Chrysler's 3d Qtr. Net Income Soars to 80 Pct. Over 2011

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) – Strong U.S. sales powered Chrysler to a healthy third-quarter profit.

The automaker last week reported net income of \$381 million, up 80 percent from \$212 million a year earlier. The profit was due mainly to a 13 percent sales increase in the U.S., where Chrysler does three-quarters of its business.

The company sold nearly 417,000 cars and trucks in the U.S. under the Jeep, Dodge, Ram, Fiat and Chrysler brands.

Under the ownership of Italy's Fiat SpA, the Detroit company has been transformed since its 2009 trip through bankruptcy protection. It has posted profits since early last year and is now propping up Fiat, which is struggling with dropping sales in Europe.

Unlike its Detroit rivals General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co., Chrysler has few sales in Europe and its profits aren't being eroded by losses there.

Chrysler's sales have been helped by a series of revamped cars and trucks that began rolling out in 2010, including the Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV, the Ram pickup and the Chrysler 200 midsize sedan.

The company's quarterly revenue rose 18 percent to \$15.5 billion as global sales increased 12 percent.

The automaker earned \$1.29 billion in the first nine months of the year, and it reaffirmed a 2012 profit forecast of \$1.5 billion.

Chrysler Group LLC also repeated estimates that it would ship 2.3 million to 2.4 million vehicles worldwide this year, as well as generate \$65 billion in revenue.

CEO Sergio Marchionne, in an e-mail to employees, said the competition isn't showing any signs of vulnerability, so the company will have to keep fighting for its share of the market.

"We are going in the right direction, and I simply ask you to keep faith in Chrysler and in each other and keep working to shape this company," he wrote.

Chrysler plans 66 new, revamped or special-edition cars and trucks by 2014, Marchionne wrote.

Even though it had a good quarter, Chrysler's rapid growth is starting to slow. Its U.S. sales last quarter fell about 4 percent from the second quarter and it faces increased competition from Honda and Toyota.

The two Japanese companies have recovered from last year's earthquake and tsunami that hobbled their factories and left them short of models for the U.S.

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Hot Wheels Camaros Bring Memories to Life at SEMA

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build themselves. The other is the completed kit, as it were."

The Hot Wheels Camaro will be produced in the first quarter of 2013. Like the collectable toy on which it is based, production will be limited and once it is gone, that's it, Perry said.

The Hot Wheels Camaro will have the Hot Wheels badge on the vehicle and its appearance echoes the cues that Hot Wheels enthusiasts recognize, including a bright graphics-accented metallic paint scheme and red-lined wheels.

The Camaro Hot Wheels edition will be available in coupe and convertible models – in 2LT (V6) and 2SS (V8) trims, blending exterior cues of the high-performance Camaro ZL1 with a Kinetic blue exterior color and unique graphics.

The exterior model highlights include ZL1 rear spoiler, SL1 front upper grille, a ground effects package that features a front splitter and rocket treatment, black 21-inch wheels with red outline stripes, two-tone

matte hood graphics and rear taillight panel "blackout" graphics, fender "flame" graphics and Hot Wheels grille and decklid logos.

The interior will feature black leather trim that is accented with red-and-black seat stitching with the Hot Wheels logo embroidered on the front seats. The instrument panel and door inserts are black, with the Hot Wheels style flame decal on each door.

Rae Human Resources Exec. of Year

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tions to the community, impact on the lives of others, and the success of the nominee's company or organization."

"This award is all about recognizing how critical the HR executive's leadership role is in today's workplace," said Mary Corrado, ASE president & CEO.

"It is all about influencing people at all levels, no matter what their respective roles, to align their own priorities with the overall mission of the organization."

Rae adds this more personal

SS models feature a 6.2L V8. LT-based models feature the "LFX" 3.6L V6 engine, with dual-overhead camshafts, variable-valve timing and direct injection. It's rated at 323 horsepower at 6,800 rpm.

The original Custom Camaro 1:64-scale Hot Wheels model toy car from 1968 was one of the original 16 Hot Wheels issued and remains one of the most valuable models among collectors.

honor to several other recent awards to her organization, including being named among the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers" by *Working Mother* magazine, and being recognized earlier this year by the editors of *LatinaStyle* magazine as one of the 50 best companies for Hispanic women to work in the U.S.

"This is a great honor that truly recognizes the dedication and hard work of so many Chrysler Group people who helped to create a company that is a sustainable world-class competitor and an employer of choice," Rae said.

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