



Rachel Jungwirth caught a fish at the GM Tech Center Pond in Warren.

Some GM Tech Center Employees Enjoy Lunchtime Catch-and-Release Fishing

by Jim Stickford

Amid the technology-oriented GM Tech Center Campus, some employees have learned to enjoy the fishing.

Weylin Mahkimetass works as a semi-skilled operator in pre-production in the Chevrolet Central Office building on the Warren campus.

And there's a pond by the building, a pond with largemouth bass.

"Well, I love fishing," Mahkimetass said. "I learned how to do it on my cousin Brian King's boat."

Mahkimetass said that the pond is nice and he suggested strongly that his colleagues join him fishing during his lunch hour.

"It's a nice pond," Mahkimetass said. "You go out there, eat your lunch and put out a fishing pole and it's almost impossible not to catch a fish."

That's the lesson that his colleague Rachel Jungwirth learned. She had never gone fishing before, but caught a largemouth bass her

first time out. Mahkimetass said that he's been joined with other GM workers, including Dan Forbes and Dave Mercier.

"We're not the only ones who fish in the pond," Mahkimetass said. "I see others fishing there from time to time, but there are no diehards like us. People ask what we do with the fish, and I tell them it's strictly catch-and-release."

Mahkimetass said he doesn't know how long fish have been in the Tech Center ponds, but "legend has it there used to be bass fishing tournaments there years ago."

2014 Cadillac CTS Longer, 244 lbs Lighter

The 2014 Cadillac CTS sedan, when it arrives in dealerships this fall, will offer more interior space, power and technology with more than 20 new standard features compared with the current model.

According to Cadillac officials, inside and out, the third-generation CTS sedan grows, ascending into the heart of the midsize luxury market, with a new design that is longer, lower and leaner. The new CTS is five inches longer, expanding interior space, but also 244 pounds lighter than the previous model. Cadillac officials say it is expected to be the lightest car in its segment.

"CTS has always been Cadillac's centerpiece, and as our brand expands and elevates, the car properly grows to its true place" said David Leone, CTS executive chief engineer. "With last year's addition of the award-winning ATS compact luxury sedan, CTS will directly challenge the luxury midsize competition with uncompromised performance, luxury and technology."

The 2014 CTS standard model will start at \$46,025, including \$925 destination. Three Collections of option packages – Luxury, Performance and Premium – will be offered with either the 2.0T turbocharged four-cylinder or 3.6L naturally aspirated V6 engine in either rear- or all-wheel drive.

CTS will be offered with a choice of three powertrains, including a 2.0L turbocharged four-cylinder engine that puts out 272 horsepower and goes from zero to 60 mph in 6.1 seconds – 1.5 seconds faster than the outgoing model.

Standard front Brembo brakes with ferritic-nitro carburizing, or FNC, anti-corrosion rotors give CTS braking performance that Cadillac expects to be best in the segment.

Magnetic ride control, a fast reacting suspension and a hallmark of V-Series models, is now standard on base models with 18-inch wheels.

Selectable drive modes will allow drivers to adjust the vehicle's performance dynamics for touring, ice and snow, or sport driving. The CTS Vsport model features the new Cadillac twin-turbo 3.6L V6 engine with an SAE-certified 420 horsepower and a "track" drive mode with specific magnetic ride control calibration and enhanced throttle progression for greater track performance.

The Vsport model contains the highest-performing components, led by the all-new Twin Turbo V6. The CTS Vsport model starts at \$59,995, including \$925 destination, and comes equipped with an electronic limited slip differ-

ential and eight-speed automatic transmission in RWD only.

Inside, all CTS models are equipped with CUE, Cadillac's system for connectivity and control featuring an eight-inch fully reconfigurable touch screen. CUE contains functions such as haptic feedback to confirm selections, proximity sensing to reveal hidden icons, gesture recognition and capacitive touch.

A 5.7-inch display in the instrument cluster allows drivers to control radio, phone and navigation functions through steering wheel controls without having to take their eyes off the road.

CTS will come with an 11-speaker Bose premium audio system with HD radio capability. Users will have several options for streaming portable media devices with three USB ports and one auxiliary and SD card port.

BorgWarner Honors Employees

Auburn Hills-based BorgWarner recognized 96 employees from its worldwide operations for operational excellence, product development, customer excellence and collaboration.

From this group, 18 employees received the Innovation Excellence Award from President and Chief Executive Officer James R. Verrier for their exceptional contributions to the company's success.

"At BorgWarner, our employees have a powerful passion for excellence and a driven entrepreneurial spirit. Their 'can-do' attitude sparks innovation, solves difficult challenges and delivers technologies that improve fuel economy, reduce emissions and enhance performance for vehicles around the world," said Verrier. "We are very proud to honor

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The 96 honored employees came from one of the many sites BorgWarner operates around the world.

The company's resources include manufacturing and technical facilities at 57 locations in 19 countries. The award winners have helped the company develop products to improve fuel economy, reduce emissions and enhance performance.

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Warren Library's July Happenings

On Thursday, July 11 at 6 p.m., the Civic Center Library will be hosting the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild. Attendees will be able to learn more about the organization and let your eyes feast on their beadwork.

The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild began in 1992 in the Royal Oak Library and over the last 20 years has become known for the education and promotion of beadwork.

Additionally, beadwork by members of the Guild will be displayed in the Civic Center Library's showcase starting July 1.

On Monday, July 15, at 6 p.m. at the Warren Civic Center Library author Jaye Beeler and photographer Dianne Carroll Burdick will talk about their book "Tasting and Touring Michigan's Homegrown Food: A Culinary Roadtrip."

Through storytelling and photography, the authors spotlight Michigan's culinary landscape from the Straits of Mackinac to Lake Michigan's fruit belt and urban farms in Detroit. There will also be samples of Beeler's pesto, berry tart, roasted tomatoes, and hand-crafted goat cheese. This event will also take place in the Conference Room outside of the Civic Center Library.

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