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Very big thank-yous for making this evening a success to Betsy DeSantis, Barb Miller, Joe Grimm, Richard Epps, Finn Gomez, Claire Ferguson, Ethan Hunter, Madelyn Van Tiem, Kate Vanderspool and Gracie McClure. Thank you to those who donated funds to support students' attendance.

Tonight's Program

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Tim Vos
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Master of Ceremonies

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Wade H. McCree Jr. Advancement of Justice Awards

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Kara Berg
The Detroit News

Lauren Gibbons
Bridge Michigan

Andrea Sahouri
Detroit Free Press

Heather Catallo
WXYZ-TV

Dinner

Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Hall of Fame Inductees

Molly Abraham
Nominator: Jim McFarlin

John Bebow
Nominator: Katy Locker

Carolyn Clifford-Goss
Nominator: Linda Solomon

Eric Freedman
Nominator: David Poulson

Jeff Gilbert
Nominator: Barry Mardit

Larry Lee
Nominator: Zachary Gorchow

Wade H. McCree Jr. Awards for the Advancement of Justice

Sponsored by the Michigan Press Association Foundation

The Wade H. McCree Jr. Awards for the Advancement of Justice are named for one of the most distinguished lawyers and judges in Michigan history. The Hon. Wade H. McCree (1920-87) served as a circuit, federal and U.S. Appeals court judge and as solicitor general of the United States from 1977-81, arguing in that capacity 25 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a champion of equal rights and accountable government and dedicated to advancing a greater understanding of the vital role of journalists in a free society. This is the 50th year these awards have been presented to Michigan journalists.

The winners:

■ Reporter Kara Berg of the Detroit News for series of stories on “Michigan Kids keep dying on Child Protective Services’ watch.”

■ Reporter Lauren Gibbons of Bridge Michigan for her series of stories on “Juvenile Justice Carries High Cost: Crippling debt for parents.”

■ Reporter Andrea Sahouri of the Detroit Free Press for her column “Exposing Racism, Harassment, assault at Detroit’s Renaissance Center.”

■ Reporter Heather Catallo of WXYZ-TV for her reporting on “Problems in Probate: Fighting for Accountability and Access.”

The Michigan Press Association Foundation was established in 1980 to support, encourage and recognize the quality, vigor and fairness of journalism and a free press in the State of Michigan. The Foundation provides college scholarships for journalism students and sponsors the Michigan Journalist of the Year award. To donate or learn more, visit <https://michiganpress.org/mpafoundation>.

Molly Abraham

Restaurant critic set the table for Detroit dining

For generations of readers in Southeast Michigan and beyond, the name Molly Abraham was synonymous with restaurant dining. In a career that spanned seven decades, Abraham’s stylish, detailed, unpretentious restaurant critiques graced nearly every publication in Metro Detroit. She was the only journalist to have written for the Detroit Times, the Detroit Free Press, The Detroit News (twice), The Oakland Press, the Detroit Sunday Journal strike paper and Hour Detroit Magazine.



you could crawl underneath a rock,” recalls former Detroit celebrity chef Keith Famie. “Molly is as much responsible for Detroit’s unique culinary heritage as any of us chefs.”

A Detroit native and University of Detroit graduate, Abraham understood the unique cultural mix of the region’s people and their dining choices. She was just as likely to review the swankiest upscale eatery as a neighborhood’s favorite greasy spoon.

Beyond that, Abraham was a shining light wherever she worked and a friend and mentor to countless journalists. She helped lead the drive that unionized the News editorial department and walked out with her fellow union members in the newspaper strike of 1995. She grew from a writer whose career began in an era where women were relegated to the “society page” to become one of Detroit’s most popular and respected journalists. Molly Abraham was all of that. She died of natural causes in 2023, but her impact may never be forgotten.

Through thousands of reviews, in a medium that creates few household-name celebrities, Abraham became an icon — even though a menu covered most of her column photo.

Readers trusted her; chefs and restaurant owners feared her, yet respected the fact that Abraham was consistently fair, thorough and complimentary whenever possible. “To be featured in a Molly column meant you had made it ... and in some cases, wished

John Bebow

Investigative reporter helped build bridges

John Bebow has had ink in his blood since childhood. From delivering the Lansing State Journal as a seventh grader in Mason, Michigan, to investigative reporter at both The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press, to helping start MLive, to founding Bridge Michigan and growing it into a vital news source, Bebow has helped build Michigan journalism.

Bebow grew up in Ingham County and graduated from Western Michigan University. He worked at the Lansing State Journal, Traverse City Record-Eagle and Ann Arbor News before accepting a reporting position at The Detroit News. There, he covered the mob, corruption in casino development and trouble in the city water department. He deployed to Iraq to report on Operation Desert Storm for the News in 2003, and was injured in a military truck crash. Bebow helped manage MLive in its infancy and, after a stint at the



Chicago Tribune, he returned to his home state where, for the Detroit Free Press, he helped investigate how Baker College took advantage of students.

In 2006, Bebow took the most impactful risk of his professional life, launching the nonprofit “think and do” tank, The Center for Michigan. As CEO, he was the driving force behind the 2011 creation of what is now the nonprofit, nonpartisan publication Bridge Michigan. Under his leadership, Bridge won hundreds of state and national awards. Bebow

more than quadrupled its budget and grew its staff to more than two dozen. Perhaps most lasting in his legacy, he showed a new generation of entrepreneurial journalists how to thrive in a rapidly changing news environment.

As Bebow spends less time in the newsroom and more time knee-deep in the Au Sable, his imprint on Michigan journalism will continue for years to come.

Carolyn Clifford-Goss

A legacy of compassionate journalism

Carolyn Clifford has been a beacon of excellence in Detroit’s television landscape for more than two and a half decades. Her success is a testament to her unwavering dedication and commitment to the highest standards of broadcast journalism.



In 1989, Clifford embarked on a path marked by the pursuit of refining skills, crafting narratives and delivering balanced coverage. Inspired by legendary journalists such as Bill Bonds, Robbie Timmons and Cheryl Chodun, Clifford honed her craft, intertwining heartfelt stories with unadulterated truths, keeping the focus on pressing issues. Beyond her role as an anchor, Clifford’s influence extended to health reporting.

Her exploration of the AIDS epidemic and coverage of breast implant-related health concerns catalyzed policy reforms and heightened healthcare awareness. Her impactful one-hour special, My Answer to Cancer, fused medical expertise with personal narratives, etching an impression on viewers.

Clifford’s legacy extends beyond her reporting, reverberating through her compassionate engagement in critical situations. Her efforts supported those grappling with adversity, spotlighted crucial issues and advocated for change.

For instance, Clifford’s collaboration with the nonprofit Pictures of Hope paved the way for a college scholarship for a young rape survivor. By intervening to avert the eviction of an elderly ex-mayor, Clifford also championed for the vulnerable.

Clifford’s coverage of tragic school shootings and vigils played a pivotal role in fostering healing and unity. Her interviews with survivors and prominent figures including Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ignited pivotal conversations about gun law reform. In addition to her reporting, Clifford vigorously opposed domestic violence, championed literacy, provided tutoring to those in need and computer science and coding skills to underserved children.

Clifford’s legacy encapsulates outstanding journalism, compassion and an unyielding commitment to change.

Eric Freedman

Top recognition in newsrooms and academia

Eric Freedman soon realized that the reporters he met as a legislative aide to New York Congressman Charles Rangel had far more fun than the lawyers he knew.

So, in 1975, armed with a New York University law degree and no journalism experience other than an undergraduate magazine writing class, he applied for jobs in both fields. An editor at the Knickerbocker News in Albany, New York, sought a reporter who was a lawyer. Freedman took the job.

Freedman covered courts and then city hall. A favorite story he broke was of a brothel that operated under police protection in a city-owned building. He wryly recalled, “The madam’s name was Trixie.”

In 1984 he moved to The Detroit News’ Lansing bureau. He reported on courts, government, politics, public affairs, and historical and environmental preservation. He once wore snowshoes to report on state conservation officials tagging moose calves in deep snow.



Freedman helped uncover a scandal that led to 10 convictions, including the director of the House Fiscal Agency and a member of the state House of Representatives. The chair of the House Appropriations Committee was removed and new oversight measures were enacted.

That story won the 1994 Pulitzer Prize in beat reporting.

After winning a dozen major professional awards, Freedman came to the Michigan State University School of Journalism as an adjunct

instructor in 1996. As a full professor, he directs the school’s Knight Center for Environmental Journalism and its Capital News Service. He is an international authority on press freedoms and has been awarded a dozen major academic awards, including three Fulbright Scholar Awards.

Freedman has mentored hundreds of students. He still reports and writes and he still has fun. “Journalism has got its moments,” he said. “It has its economic uncertainties. But the reporting part I still enjoy.”

Jeff Gilbert

The voice that tells the story of the auto industry

Jeff Gilbert is the only radio reporter in the United States assigned to cover the auto industry full time.

With nearly a half century of broadcasting experience, Gilbert covers everything from new products to labor to financial issues to emerging technology. He is heard on Detroit’s all-news WWJ Newsradio 950 and across the country on CBS News Radio.

The auto industry offers unique coverage opportunities. Gilbert often travels to auto shows, and to events where he can learn and drive new vehicles. His daily “Car Chronicles” feature is heard on WWJ and CBS affiliates around the country.

Gilbert estimates he has driven 1,300 to 1,400 vehicles over the years. He currently serves as president of the jury that decides North American Car, Truck and Utility of the Year.

Gilbert regularly interviews industry leaders, visits factories and product development centers, increasing his knowledge of the industry. Major radio and TV stations often call on him to lend his expertise to



important auto related stories. The Associated Press has honored Gilbert 15 times for his reporting skills. He has received hundreds of local, national and regional awards.

Prior to transitioning to the “Auto Beat,” Gilbert covered a variety of breaking news stories, from plane crashes to presidential inaugurations to Rose Bowls and Super Bowls. Immediately after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, he reported from all three sites. Before coming to Detroit,

Gilbert worked in his hometown of Pittsburgh and several smaller markets in Pennsylvania and California. From 1986 to 1990, as news director of WWWW/WCXI in Detroit, Gilbert’s department received four general excellence awards from the Associated Press, beating much larger news teams. In 1987, they received the National Headliner Award for “Consistently Outstanding Reporting.”

Gilbert is married to Dr. Cheryl Kovalsi, an oncologist/hematologist at Karmanos Cancer Center in Lansing. Their son, Dr. Christopher Gilbert, is a neurology resident at Mercy Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Larry Lee

Architect of an innovative news platform

Larry Lee grew Gongwer News Service into the daily must-read for anyone working in or around state government. As reporter, editor and eventually part-owner of Gongwer during his 39-year career, Lee stands as one of the great builders in Michigan journalism.

When Lee arrived at Gongwer in 1970, it was just nine years into its operations in Michigan and still on a tenuous footing, printing on awkward legal-sized paper and being as much a collection of legislative agate as news stories. Lee, who became editor in 1972, was essential in transforming Gongwer into a respected news operation. It began pioneering coverage of the state budget and legislative committee hearings.

Raised on a dairy farm in Marion, Michigan, by his parents, Earl and Mary, Lee took the train to begin his undergraduate education at Michigan State University. He worked at The State News and interned at what is now The Oakland Press. After graduating in 1970 with a



bachelor’s degree in journalism, he landed at Gongwer.

Lee became a great mentor, sharing his knowledge and caring for his reporters, demanding without micromanaging. He introduced reporters to sources and helped them overcome setbacks.

They knew that at some point during the day Lee would stroll up to them with the dreaded question: “Whaddya got?” When the race grew hot to beat the competition on a major developing story, it was, “Whaddya know?”

In 1993, the owners of a web-hosting network approached Gongwer about putting some content onto the Internet, then little known. Gongwer went online three to five years before most news organizations.

Lee retired in 2009, but continues to help the next generation of journalists. He helped organize and helps manage the Mary Adelaide Gardner Scholarship at the MSU School of Journalism. In 2011, Lee began the Larry Lee Overseas Study Scholarship at the school.

Hall of Fame Inductees: 1985-2023

Susan Ager, columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (2018)

Al Allen, Broadcast Journalist (2021)

Frank Angelo, managing editor, *Detroit Free Press* (1987)

Robert Ankeny, reporter, *The Detroit News* (2022)

Patricia Anstett, medical journalist, *Detroit Free Press* (2017)

Albert A. Applegate, chairman, School of Journalism, *Michigan State University* (1986)

Roberta Applegate, groundbreaking AP reporter in the 1940s; educator (2008)

Judd Arnett, columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (1998)

Edmund C. Arnold, editor and publisher, *Frankenmuth News*; newspaper designer (1987)

David Ashenfelder, reporter and editor, *Detroit Free Press* (2002)

Harry Atkins, reporter and editor, *Associated Press* (2002)

Willard M. J. Baird, Lansing bureau chief, *Federated Publications* (1990)

Ray Stannard Baker, magazine journalist and author (1986)

Don Ball, reporter, *Detroit Times, The Detroit News* (1991)

Louis J. Berman, publisher, Whitehall Forum, general manager, *The State News* (1997)

Bill Black, (George Martin), reporter, *WJR Detroit* (1993)

Bill Bonds, anchor and reporter, *WXYZ-TV, Detroit* (2010)

Jane L. Briggs-Bunting, director, journalism programs, *Oakland University and Michigan State University* (2003)

Peter Brown, editor and publisher (2019)

Benjamin J. Burns, reporter, editor,

teacher (2001)

Mary Lou Butcher, advocate for women in the newsroom; journalist and PR specialist (2006)

Robert Button, adviser, *The Tower*, Grosse Pointe South High School (1989)

Charles C. Cain II, reporter and editor, *Associated Press* (2001)

Charles C. Cain III, state capital correspondent, *The Detroit News* (2015)

Stephen Cain, investigative reporter, *The Detroit News* (2017)

Julie Candler, columnist, magazine journalist (1999)

Sue Carter, broadcast journalist; documentarian, Michigan State University educator (2007)

Richard Cheverton, news director, *WOOD AM-FM-TV*, Grand Rapids (1990)

Cheryl Chodun, writer, producer, *WXYZ-TV, Detroit* (2014)

Charles C. Collingwood, correspondent, *CBS News* (1991)

Mary Conway, automotive and business reporter (2019)

William E. Coté, educator, Michigan State University and Capital News Service; journalist, *Booth Newspapers* (2006)

Keith Evans Crain, publisher, editor, columnist, *Crain Communications* (2008)

Mattie Gay Crump, adviser, Saginaw's Arthur Hill High School (2005)

Ding Darling, Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist (1988)

Lucinda D. Davenport, Ph.D., director, MSU School of Journalism (2023)

Edward Deeb, association executive, award-winning writer (2014)

Betty DeRamus, reporter and writer, *The Detroit News* (2015)

Lawrence DeVine, theater critic, *Detroit Free Press* (1999)

Jim Doherty, editor, *Petoskey News-Review* (1985)

Anne Doyle, pioneering female TV sports broadcaster for *WJBK Detroit* (2007)

Greg Dorsett, photo editor, *Muskegon Chronicle* (2022)

Albert J. Dunmore, editor, *Michigan Chronicle* (1994)

Ron Dzwonkowski, editorial page editor, *Detroit Free Press* (2010)

Charles Eisendrath, director, Knight-Wallace Fellows, University of Michigan (2014)

Marvin “Sonny” Eliot, pioneer radio and television weather forecaster, *WWJ* (2005)

Wilbur Elston, editorial writer, *The Detroit News* (1993)

Joe Falls, reporter and columnist, *The Detroit News* (2004)

Nolan Finley, reporter and special projects editor, *The Detroit News* (2012)

Brian Flanigan, reporter, *Detroit Free Press* (1992)

Gene Fogel, *WJR-AM* news reporter (2007)

Dixie Franklin, freelance travel and outdoor writer (2016)

Tom Gage, baseball writer, *The Detroit News* (2020)

Marguerite Gahagan, environmental journalist, *The Detroit News* (2022)

John Gallagher, business journalist, *Detroit Free Press* (2017)

Mary Gardner, professor, School of Journalism, *Michigan State University* (1998)

Joanne C. Gerstner, sports journalist, *Michigan State University Educator* (2021)

Robert Giles, broadcast journalism, *WXYZ-TV Detroit* (2011)

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David P. Gilkey, combat photographer, *Detroit Free Press* (2017)

Julian H. Gonzalez, photographer, *Detroit Free Press* (2016)

Hugh Grannum, photojournalist, *Detroit Free Press* (2013)

Grattan Gray, chairman, *The Monroe Evening News* (1999)

Joe Grimm, college professor, national recruiter, ombudsman, editor, *Detroit Free Press* (2009)

Edgar A. Guest, syndicated poet; columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (1988)

Rod Hansen, investigative reporter, *WJR-AM Radio* (2004)

Fran Harris, pioneer broadcast journalist, *WWJ Detroit* (1986)

Martin S. Hayden, editor, *The Detroit News* (1992)

E.C. (“Ted”) Hayhow, publisher, *Hillsdale Daily News* (1986)

Angelo B. Henderson, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter (2020)

Tom Henderson, journalist (2021)

W. Kim Heron, editor, *Metro Times* (2013)

Dawn Hertz, lawyer, staunch supporter of Michigan journalism (2010)

Jerry Hodak, science and medical reporter, weather and news announcer, *WXYZ-TV Detroit* (2010)

Donald Hoenshell, newspaper journalist (1986)

Kathy Barks Hoffman, investigative journalist (2019)

Arthur M. Horwitz, executive editor and publisher, *Detroit Jewish News* (2020)

Jim Hough, columnist, *Lansing State Journal* (2000)

Grant Howell, editor, *Royal Oak Tribune* (1996)

Guy H. Jenkins, Lansing bureau chief,

Booth Newspapers (1991)

Jean Jennings, automotive journalist (2021)

Sheri Jones, news anchor at *WLNS TV6* (2023)

Ed Kearney, news director, *WLUC-TV 6 Marquette* (2006)

Luther Keith, assistant managing editor, *The Detroit News* (1995)

Tim Kiska, multimedia journalist, author, professor (2022)

Ken Kolker, reporter, *WOOD-TV 8*, Grand Rapids (2014)

Beth Konrad, reporter, anchor, news director, executive, professor (2022)

Mary L. Kramer, editor and publisher, *Crain's Detroit Business, Crain's Cleveland Business* (2017)

Jack Kresnak, reporter, *Detroit Free Press* (2009)

William C. Kulsea Sr., Lansing bureau chief, *Booth Newspapers* (1988)

Ring Lardner, sports journalist and author (1986)

Luise Ruth Mahon Leismer, champion for women journalists (2023)

Edward Lapham, automotive journalist (2021)

Swift Lathers, publisher, *Mears Newz* (1986)

Diana Lewis, television news broadcaster, *WXYZ-TV Detroit* (2012)

Mike Lloyd, editor, *Grand Rapids Press* (2020)

Kenneth S. Lowe, editor, *The Mining Journal and Michigan Out-of-Doors* (2002)

Glenn MacDonald, editor, *Bay City Times* (1996)

Lawrence I. Mack, adviser, Jackson High School (2003)

Gilbert O. Maienknecht, founder and

chairman, Department of Journalism, Central Michigan University (1997)

Louis E. Martin, editor, *Michigan Chronicle* (1999)

Wesley H. Maurer Sr., publisher, *St. Ignace News*; chairman, Department of Journalism, University of Michigan (1987)

Jeanne May, copy editor and staff writer, *Detroit Free Press* (2007)

Richard C. Mayer, graphic artist and illustrator, *Detroit Free Press, Ward's Automotive* (2008)

Mick McCabe, sports reporter, *Detroit Free Press* (2014)

Nancy McCauley, investigative journalist, *WJBK* (2013)

Hugh McDiarmid, political columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (2004)

John McElroy, automotive journalist, *Auto line Daily* (2018)

Jim McFarlin, Detroit entertainment reporter (2023)

Bill McGraw, author, reporter, *Detroit Free Press*, (2014)

Robert G. McGruder, executive editor, *Detroit Free Press* (2003)

W. Cameron Meyers, professor, School of Journalism, Michigan State University (1991)

Walter T. Middlebrook Jr., editor, recruiter, professor (2023) (2023)

Richard Milliman, publisher, *Milliman Newspapers, Inc.* (1994)

Lou Mleczeko, investigative reporter, *The Detroit News*, (2016)

Jennifer Moore, business reporter, broadcast reporter, *WDIV-TV*, Detroit (2014)

Patricia Montemurri, Detroit Free Press reporter (2023)

Bob Myers, publisher, *Lapeer County Press* (1985)

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James T. Neubacher, columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (1991)

Thaddeus “Ted” Ogar, editor, *AFL-CIO News* (1992)

Gloria Olman, adviser, Utica High School (1997)

Harvey Kurek Ovshinsky, producer (2015)

Cheryl McCarty Pell, executive director of Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA); educator, *Michigan State University* (2007)

James Pooler, reporter, *Detroit Free Press* (2010)

Phil Power, journalism entrepreneur, (2012)

Bill Proctor, reporter, producer, anchor (2020)

Longworth Quinn, publisher, *Michigan Chronicle* (1985)

Betsy Rau, educator, H.H. Dow High School, Central Michigan University (2013)

Martha Rayne, founder, first school of journalism in the world; associate editor, *Detroit Free Press* (1998)

Sylvia Rector, food writer and restaurant critic (2019)

Tim Richard, co-founder, Michigan Freedom of Information Committee and director, news services for *Suburban Communications Corp.* (1998)

Dwayne X. Riley, radio, TV, and documentary news storyteller, *WDIV-TV Detroit* (2012)

Rochelle Riley, columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (2016)

David A. Rood, editor and publisher, *Upper Peninsula Newspapers* (1997)

Luster L. (“Les”) Root, radio news producer and reporter, Flint (2006)

Carrie Jackson Rowe, publisher, *The Milford Times* (1990)

Norman C. Rumble, publisher, *Midland Daily News* (1995)

Daniel Ryan, editor and publisher, *Kalamazoo Gazette* (1994)

John Schneider, reporter and columnist (2019)

Hal Schram, sports writer, *Detroit Free Press* (1995)

Mary Schroeder, photographer and picture editor, *Detroit Free Press* (2019)

William Serrin, author, editor, educator, New York University (2014)

Neal Shine, publisher, *Detroit Free Press* (1990)

Osama Siblani, publisher, *The Arab American News* (2013)

Norman Sinclair, investigative reporter, *The Detroit News* (2008)

Tim Skubick, TV, radio and print capitol political reporter and columnist (2008)

Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher, *The Jewish News* (1993)

David C. Smith, editor-in-chief, *Ward's AutoWorld* (2005)

Stan Soffin, director, School of Journalism, Michigan State University (1999)

Linda Solomon, photojournalist (2011)

Marjorie Sorge, automotive journalist (2021)

Tony Spina, chief photographer, *Detroit Free Press* (1989)

Dale Stafford, publisher, *Greenville Daily News* (1985)

Barbara Stanton, editorial writer and reporter, *Detroit Free Press* (2001)

Charlotte “Tavy” Stone, lifestyle reporter, *The Detroit News* (2002)

Joe Stroud, editor, *Detroit Free Press* (1998)

Mark Stryker, arts reporter/critic, *Detroit Free Press* (2020)

Robert D. Stuart, editorial writer, *Lansing State Journal* (1997)

Joe Swickard, investigative journalist, *Detroit Free Press* (2012)

Bob Talbert, columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (2001)

Ted Talbert, documentary producer, *WDIV-TV Detroit* (2000)

John K. Teahen Jr., senior editor, *Automotive News* (2006)

Bill Thomas, watchdog reporter and editor, *The Oakland Press*, *The Macomb Daily*, *Traverse City Record-Eagle* (2012)

Helen Thomas, UPI White House Correspondent (1993)

Vickie Thomas, city beat reporter and mentor (2019)

Henry H. Tinkham, artist and investigative reporter, *Grand Rapids Press* (2005)

Esther Van Wagoner Tufty, newspaper, broadcast reporter (1987)

Jerome Vaughn, radio news director, *WDET* (2018)

Werner Veit, president, *Booth Newspapers* (1996)

Pete Waldmeir, columnist, *The Detroit News* (2000)

Susan Watson, reporter and columnist, *Detroit Free Press* (2000)

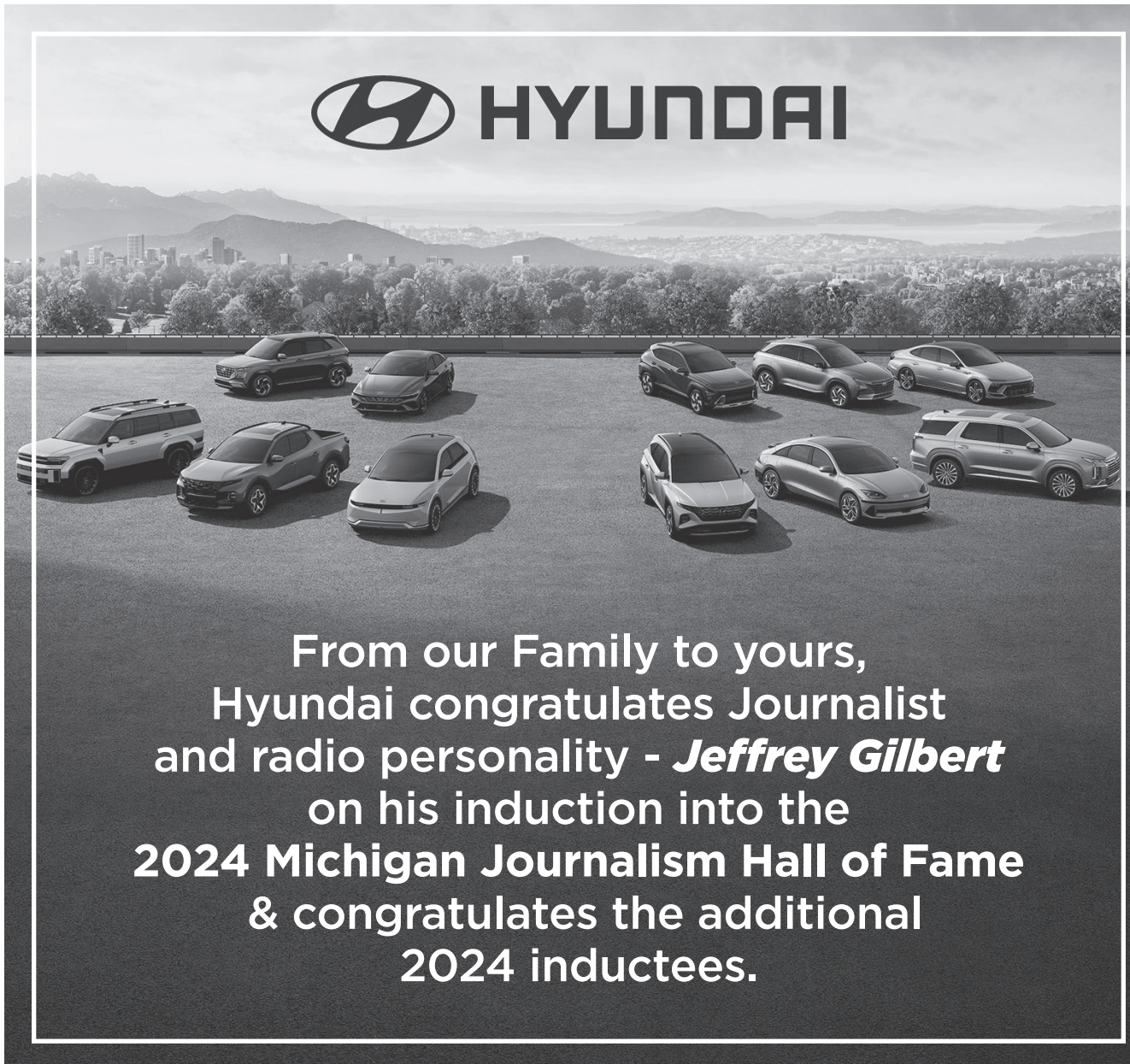
George Weeks, political columnist, *The Detroit News* (1996)

Susan Whittall, music journalist, *The Detroit News* (2021)

Ken Winter, publisher, the *Petoskey News-Review*; educator (2011)

James Wojcik, educator, *Central Michigan University* (2018)

Jean Worth, editor, *Daily Press*, Escanaba (1989)



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From our Family to yours,
Hyundai congratulates Journalist
and radio personality - **Jeffrey Gilbert**
on his induction into the
2024 Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame
& congratulates the additional
2024 inductees.

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George R. Averill, editor-publisher, *Birmingham Eccentric*

William H. Berkey, editor, *The Cassopolis Vigilant*

George Gough Booth, co-founder, *Booth Newspapers*

Vernon J. Brown, publisher, *Ingham County News*

Donald F. Cochrane, publisher, *Hartford Day Spring*

Len W. Feighner, publisher, *Nashville News*

Harry Y. Fitzgerald, general manager, *Pontiac Press*

Howard H. Fitzgerald, publisher, *St. Johns News, Flint Journal*; President, *Pontiac Press*

Charles A. French, publisher, *Holland Evening Sentinel*

A.D. Gallery, publisher, *Tuscola County Advertiser*

Charles Moore Greenway, editor, *Grand Rapids Press*

Joseph Haas, publisher, *Holly Herald*; columnist, *Pontiac Press*

George C. Handy, publisher, *Ypsilanti Evening Press*

John N. Ingersoll, founder of first newspaper in the Upper Peninsula, *The Lake Superior News and Mining Journal*

Fred Keister Sr., founder, *Ionia County News*

Gen. James H. Kidd, publisher, *Ionia Sentinel*

Col. Wm. Franklin Knox, publisher, *Sault Ste. Marie Evening News*

Schuyler L. Marshall, publisher, *Clinton County News-Republican*

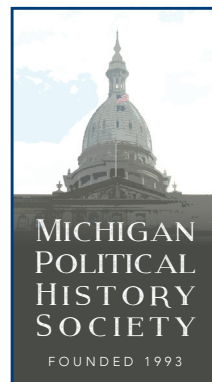
Ernest James McCall, publisher, *Grand Haven Daily Tribune*

J.N. McCall, founder, *Gratiot County Herald*

Wallace Webb McCall, publisher, *Mount Pleasant Times-News*

Floyd J. Miller, publisher, *Royal Oak Daily Tribune*
Chase Salmon Osborn, publisher, *Sault Ste. Marie News and Saginaw Courier-Herald*

Stuart H. Perry, publisher, *Adrian Daily Telegram*



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Michigan Newspaper Hall of Fame: 1952-1968

Elihu B. Pond, publisher and editor, *Ann Arbor Argus*; first president, Michigan Press Association

Phillip T. Rich, publisher, *Midland Daily News*

The Rev. Gabriel Richard, founder, *Michigan Essay*, first newspaper west of the Alleghenies (1809)

James Edmund Scripps, founder, *The Detroit News*

J.P. Sheldon, co-founder, *Detroit Free Press*

Arthur Stace, editor, *Ann Arbor News*

Arthur R. Treanor, editor, *Saginaw News*

Adrian Van Koevering, publisher, *Zeeland Record*

Arthur H. Vandenberg, U.S. Senator; publisher, *Grand Rapids Press*

Al Weber, publisher, *Cheboygan Daily Tribune*

Louis A. Weil Sr., president, *Port Huron Times Herald*

Harry Whiteley, general manager, *Dowagiac Daily News*



CONGRATULATIONS JEFF GILBERT

ON THE WELL-DESERVED INDUCTION
INTO THE MICHIGAN JOURNALISM
HALL OF FAME



Nissan salutes
Jeff Gilbert on his
induction into the
Michigan Journalism
Hall of Fame.
Congratulations, Jeff!

Induction criteria

The Hall of Fame recognizes journalists and educators who have established their professional reputations predominately in the state of Michigan.

The Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame welcomes nominations. This checklist is intended to assist you in submitting a nomination to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Committee. The Committee will base its decision primarily on the material supplied by the nominators.

Nomination material must include:

>> A typed statement that clearly demonstrates how the nominee satisfies the criteria and is therefore qualified for membership in the Hall of Fame. This statement should emphasize the nominee's professional journalism career, and document how the nominee directly made a difference with journalism in Michigan. It is not expected that all criteria will apply or apply equally.

>> A completed nomination form signed by the nominator. The Hall of Fame Committee will consider any nomination received before the January deadline.

>> Clips, photos, video, audio or online samples documenting a nominee's work as a journalist and demonstrating his or her impact. These materials become part of the historical record of the Hall of

Fame, justifying the nominee's selection.

Criteria are:

>> Integrity, Courage, Innovation, Achievement, Leadership

>> Contribution to the industry.

>> Influence on individuals in the profession.

>> At least five but no more than 10 letters of testimony that address any or all of the selection criteria. These letters should document and support assertions that appear in the nomination statement.

>> The nominee's resumé or curriculum vita.

>> Anecdotes and examples that address specific selection criteria. This material may be presented in the nomination statement or in testimonial letters.

>> Other relevant documents that support the nomination such as clips, tapes, etc.

>> Include a 400-word summary of the nominee's accomplishments that can be placed in the ceremony program.

>> Nominators should submit electronic copies of all materials except for books, etc.

More information can be found at:

<https://mijournalismhalloffame.org/>

The Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame was established to recognize those who have advanced the legacy of a free and responsible press and who have inspired others to improve the quality of the profession. It acknowledges the service and dedication of individuals whose distinguished contributions to the profession in their communities, regions or the state have earned them a place in the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame.

Induction memorializes extraordinary and clearly outstanding careers.