

Econ Club sets lineup

On tap: Apple co-founder and four Pulitzer Prize winners

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan will welcome the co-founder of Apple Computer, four Pulitzer Prize-winning writers and the first woman U.S. Secretary of State to its 2015-16 speakers series at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center.

"We're very excited about this year's lineup of speakers," said Michael Cook, president of The

Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan. "We are bringing six of the most influential men and women in America to this community. People who shape how we work, what we read and how we understand national and world issues."

Steve Wozniak, co-



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founder of Apple Computer Inc., is the first guest, Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Others on the roster include Pulitzer Prize-winning political columnists

George Will and Charles Krauthammer; Pulitzer Prize-winning historians Doris Kearns Goodwin and David McCullough; and former U.S. Secretary

of State Madeleine Albright. Silicon Valley icon Steve Wozniak has significantly shaped how we work and communicate. With his Apple I invention he and Steve Jobs co-founded Apple Computer in 1976. A year later, his Apple II was integral in launching the personal computer industry.

George Will will address The Club Wednesday, Nov. 4. The writer is the nation's most widely read political columnist. His syndicated, twice-weekly Washington Post column appears in nearly 475 newspapers in the U.S. and Europe. He's a regular commentator on Fox's daytime and primetime news programming and is a prolific author.

Closing up the fall

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session, Charles Krauthammer will speak Wednesday, Nov. 18. Krauthammer's Washington Post column (which runs Sundays in The Herald-Palladium) won a Pulitzer Prize in 1987 and he's now syndicated in 400 newspapers worldwide. He also gives nightly commentary on Fox's evening news program, "Special Report with Bret Baier." His latest book, "Things That Matter: Three Decades of Passions, Pastimes and Politics," was a No. 1 New York Times

best seller.

Doris Kearns Goodwin will open the spring session Wednesday, April 20. Her books, including "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" and "The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism," have been described as deftly putting readers "right in the room" as history occurs.

On May 18, David McCullough will join The Club. The two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author has written 10 ac-

claimed books that cover topics such as John Adams, Harry S. Truman and most recently the Wright Brothers.

The series will conclude with Madeleine Albright on June 9. Albright was the first female U.S. Secretary of State from 1997-2001. She is also the recipient of America's highest civilian honor, the U.S. Medal of Freedom. During her service, her candor strengthened America's alliances, advocated for democracy and human rights and championed American trade and business, labor

and environmental standards abroad.

The Economic Club meetings are open to members only. Cook said membership renewal is now open for Upton Hall and Mainstage Auditorium members until noon, Oct. 12. New memberships also are available this year and interested people are encouraged to sign up by noon, Oct. 12 at www.TheEconClub.com.

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