Corvette 427, Camaro ZL1 Pace Detroit Grand Prix

racing.

Alicia Boler-Davis Named GM's Global Quality V-P

Global Quality and U.S. Customer Experience, effective

She assumes responsibility for GM's global quality activities from Terry Woychowski, who has elected to retire from GM after a 32-year career.

Boler-Davis will report to Senior Vice President of Global Product Development Mary Barra for the Quality responsibilities and to GM North America President Mark Reuss for the Customer Experience responsibilities.

"Vehicle quality is the cornerstone of the overall customer experience," said Barra.

"Alicia's diverse experiences give her tremendous perspective on the customers' view of what quality means to them, and how to enhance the quality of our cars and trucks throughout the vehicle development process.'

Before being named U.S. vice president, Customer Experience in February, Boler-Davis had been plant manager of the Orion Assembly and Pontiac Stamping plants in Michigan.

Boler-Davis began her career with GM in 1994 and has served in various engineering and manufacturing leadership positions, including vehicle line director/vehicle chief engineer, small car; plant manager for Lansing's Consolidated Operations and Arlington Assembly. She earned a bachelor's de-



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DETROIT - Alicia Boler-Davis gree in Chemical Engineering has become GM vice president, from Northwestern University and a master's degree in Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Woychowski has been vice president for Global Quality and Vehicle Launches since 2011, after serving as vice president of Global Vehicle Program Management since 2009 and chief engineer for GM's line of full-size pickups and sport-utility vehicles from 1997

"Terry has been instrumental in fostering a quality culture at GM," Barra said.

company has launched a host of successful vehicles, including

past weekend, when the Ca-

maro ZL1 paced the Chevrolet

Grand-Am 200 at Belle Isle on

Saturday, and the Corvette

427 Convertible paced the

Chevrolet Indy Grand Prix at

Belle Isle on Sunday. Both are essentially unchanged pro-

"With Corvette and Ca-

maro, Chevrolet has two of

the most popular, and most

iconic, performance cars in

the industry," said Chris Per-

ry, vice president, Chevrolet

race, he added, "It will be

very exciting to see them

leading the field as racing re-

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tract new fans to Chevrolet,

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"Under his leadership, the the Chevrolet Cruze and Sonic has helped us sharpen our foand Buick Verano," said Barra. cus on the details that matter

of

Corvette and Camaro account

for 60 percent of those miles.

have raced more than 38 mil-

lion miles in Corvettes, with

the 2009 Corvette C6 ZR1 be-

ing the most popular choice;

and they have raced more

than 25 million miles in Ca-

maros, with the 2012 Camaro

Their popularity is also evi-

dent in showrooms, as

Corvette and Camaro contin-

ue to set the sales pace in

their segments, say GM offi-

In 2011, enthusiasts made

Chevrolet the most popular

sports-car brand in the United

States, with Camaro and

Corvette accounting for one

of three performance cars

2012, as total sales for Ca-

maro lead its nearest com-

petitor, the Ford Mustang, by

13 percent through April. For

the same period, Corvette

sales are 39 percent higher

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The 2012 Camaro ZL1

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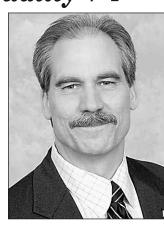
DETROIT - GM's two popu- fans have driven at least one

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lar sports cars led the return Chevrolet in the racing simu-

of motorsports to Detroit this lator, totaling more than 107



"His passion for excellence most to our customers."

GM and Ford Will Add New Jobs At Assembly Plants in Missouri

WENTZVILLE, Mo. (AP) -Construction is beginning on a \$380 million expansion of the General Motors plant near St. Louis, a move that Missouri's governor said last week was indicative of the rebirth of the nation's auto in-

GM officials joined Gov. Jay Nixon and other officials in Wentzville for a groundbreaking ceremony at the assembly plant.

GM plans to start making Chevrolet Colorado midsize pickup trucks in Wentzville, creating 1,260 new jobs. The automaker already builds Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana full-size vans in Wentzville.

The expansion was announced in November, GM is eligible for state incentives for up to a decade, the amount depending on reaching certain levels of investment and employment.

"Today's groundbreaking of GM's major new expansion is the latest step in the rebirth of the auto manufacturing industry in America, and Missouri continues to lead the way,' Nixon said.

The Wentzville plant currently has about 1,400 employees, with the average autoworker earning \$28 per

The upgrade in Wentzville is one of two auto plant expansions under way in Missouri. Last fall, Ford announced it was adding 1,600 jobs to build transit vans at its Claycomo plant in Kansas City.

In Wentzville, GM plans to add 500,000 square feet of

The announcement represents a big turnaround for GM in Wentzville. Just two years ago, the company was fighting through bankruptcy and shut down a second shift at the plant.

Missouri once ranked just behind Michigan in the number of autoworkers and plants. Just a decade ago, the St. Louis area was home to four - the GM plant in Wentzville, a Ford plant in Hazelwood that made the Explorer sport utility vehicle, and two Chrysler plants in Fenton that made minivans and pickup trucks.

But Ford closed the Hazelwood plant in 2006 and Daimler Chrysler shut down its Fenton plants in 2008 and 2009, leaving thousands of autoworkers without jobs, along with thousands of employees of supplier businesses.

GM has said the next generation Colorado should appeal to U.S. buyers because of its design, capabilities and fuel

A 2013 Chevrolet Corvette 427 convertible served as pace car for the Chevrolet Indy Grand Prix racing June 1-3 on Belle Isle.

ance features include six-pis- engine, it gives the 427 Conton Brembo brakes and cool-

ers for the rear differential,

brakes and transmission. As a result, the ZL1 is also the most-capable Camaro ever, accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds, reaching a top speed of 184 mph, and lapping the famed Nurburgring in just 7:41.27. The Camaro ZL1 starts at \$54,995, including destination.

The 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible that paced the Indy Grand Prix race is the fastest and most-capable convertible in Corvette's history.

Its heart is the 427-cubicinch (7.0L) LS7 engine from the Corvette Z06. Rated at 505 horsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of torque, it is the most powerful engine ever installed in a pro-

cated Camaro ever, with exduction Corvette convertible. The 427 Convertible makes nologies including Performextensive use of lightweight carbon-fiber that brings the 427 Convertible's curb weight to 3,355 pounds. Combined Other standard performwith its 505-horsepower LS7

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They claim that the combination of low mass and high output will make the 427 Convertible one of the fastest convertibles in the world, delivering estimated 0-60 performance of 3.8 seconds, quarter-mile performance of 11.8 seconds, lateral acceleration of 1.04 g and a top speed of more than 190 mph.

The Chevrolet brand returned in force to the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, this following a four-year absence of the race from the IndyCar circuit. Roger Penske gets major credit for helping bring the race back to Belle Isle, Chevy

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GM to Expand **South Korean** Global Design

BUSAN, Korea - General Motors has announced that it will expand its global design center in Incheon, Korea, doubling the size of the facility to include new modeling studios, display spaces and

areas for creative work. By 2013, the enhanced design center will provide a state-of-the-art work environment for more than 200 employees responsible for a range of GM global vehicle programs.

It will support the organization's exterior and interior vehicle styling, digital design and studio engineering.

The expanded design center will maintain its focus on visualization technologies and advanced design, which resulted in the Chevrolet Miray concept vehicle introduced last year and showcased at global auto shows

around the world. Construction will adhere to GM's environmental design practices, including the use of innovative building technologies related to energy, water and recycled materials.

"The GM Korea Design Center plays a very important role in GM's Global Design organization," said GM Vice President of Global Design Ed Welburn.

"Its expansion will create an environment for team members to dream, create and develop design strategies for GM's future product portfolio.' Said GM Korea President

and CEO Sergio Rocha: "This significant investment is a reflection of GM's strong design expertise in Korea and the vital work carried out here for the global General Motors

"Our extended facility will give us an edge over the competition as we continue developing exciting new vehicles for the world.

GM Korea is one of seven fully integrated design, engineering and manufacturing operations within GM.

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