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Dossin Elementary students in Detroit get warm mittens for the winter.

FCA Lends Helping Hand, Donates Mittens

by Jim Stickford

It's a fun fact that the state of Michigan is shaped like a mitten. But mittens are important to students beyond that interesting piece of trivia, which is why Fiat Chrysler has been strong supporter of the Mittens For Detroit (MFD) charity effort.

Just in time for winter MFD held a "mitten drop" at Dossin Elementary-Middle School in Detroit on Dec. 9. Students at the school each receive a pair of winter mittens or gloves.

This kind of thing is important, said Dossin assistant principal Kurtis Brown, because by doing something as simple as providing warm gloves to students, it helps keep up school attendance.

"For students to receive a good education, they have to be at school," Brown said. "This program aligns with our auxiliary programs such as STEM education and our sports programs."

Brown said that Dossin receives help for STEM education from the University of Michigan and General Electric.

"We have a program to inform students about the various engineering jobs and types of engineering there are out there. It was started after U-M came her,

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Jurors Pick NACTOY Finalist, 2016 Malibu Earns Spot

by Jim Stickford

Jurors for the North American Car and Truck/Utility of the Year (NACTOY) awards have named the finalists for their 2016 awards.

The announcement was made at a luncheon held by the Automotive Press Association at the Detroit Athletic Club on Dec. 8.

The North American Car of the Year finalists for 2016 are the Chevrolet Malibu, Honda Civic and Mazda Miata MX-5.

Finalists for the 2016 North American Truck/Utility of the Year are the Honda Pilot, Nissan Titan XD and the Volvo XC 90.

The NACTOY awards are unique in that they are not given by a single publication, website, radio or television station, said presenter Lindsay Brooke, senior editor Society of Automotive Engineers' *Automotive Engineering Magazine*. This year they are being decided by an independent jury of 53 automotive journalists from the U.S and Canada.

"It's amazing how the voting process for this award takes up a big chunk of the judges' time," Brooke said. "There will be a total of 42 new vehicle launches in 2015, and the pace won't slow down in the next few years.



John McElroy

There will be 76 new vehicle launches in 2016 and 74 in 2017. That's an amazing pace of vehicle development."

Brooke said that the vehicle judging process is done in three stages. The first stage is judges looking at all vehicles, and they whittle down the number to 12 in each category.

The second stage is judges looking at the 12 finalists in each category. Judges are given 25 points and many award up to 10 points to any one vehicle based on NACTOY's judging criteria.

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 ${\it The~Chrysler~200~earned~IIHS's~highest~crash~safety~rating.}$

Chrysler 200, Fiat 500X Earn Top Safety Picks from IIHS

For the safety-minded driver, this advanced technology is the Chrysler 200 and the Fiat available on these two distinctly different vehicles demonstrates

At least that's what the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) said in its latest safety study. The organization awarded the 2016 Chrysler 200 and the allnew 2016 Fiat 500X high marks in its Top Safety Pick+ ratings for 2016.

The 200 mid-size sedan and 500X small crossover also earned the distinction in 2015. Top Safety Pick+ is the highest rating given by the IIHS.

Top Safety Pick+ status is contingent on the availability of Auto emergency Braking (AEB) technology, provided it achieves ratings of "advanced" or "superior," according to IIHS protocols.

"These results are a clear indication of where we're headed," said Mike Dahl, head of Vehicle Safety and Regulatory Compliance, FCA-North America. "That

available on these two distinctly different vehicles demonstrates our commitment to continue to incorporate AEB into our vehicle fleet."

IIHS spokesman Russ Rader said that the Chrysler 200 is the only domestic model to qualify for a 2016 Top Safety Pick+award.

The IIHS's study of the 200 showed that after a head-on test crash, the dummy's position in relation to the door frame, steering wheel and instrument panel after the crash indicates that the driver's survival space was well maintained.

The study also showed that the frontal and side curtain airbags worked well together to keep the head from coming close to any stiff structure or outside objects that could cause injury.

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Ford Asks Customers to Create Billboard

Ford is doing something different – giving its customers the opportunity to be a part of the company's advertising efforts.

Simply put, Ford's newest billboards won't be designed by the company, but by its consumers, said Ford spokesman Aaron Miller.

As part of the company's new "By Design" car advertising campaign, Ford is encouraging consumers to design artwork for digital billboards that will go up in major cities across the country, from Times Square to the San Francisco Bay Bridge, Miller said

"We wanted consumers to experience and be a part of our brand in a unique way," said Lisa Schoder, Ford digital marketing manager. "By showcasing what our consumers' vehicles mean to them, we have made their individual expressions the driving message of our campaign."

To create a one-of-a-kind design, the consumer will go to www.FordByDesign.com on their computer or smartphone and select one of six major cities and their car of choice, along with an assortment of colors and effects to complete the artwork, Schoder said. When the user's creation is submitted, Ford will then display it to a billboard in the city chosen by the artist.

Miller said to encourage submissions, virtually every entry will be displayed at the city of the creator's choice.

"We will have a quick approval process," Miller said. "We will check for crude language or images, but that's about it. Once the submission is approved, it will go into the rotation."

To make this experience even more memorable, consumers

will receive a "billboard selfie" – a webcam shot of their design in the chosen location from cameras located across from the billboards, Schoder said. After the consumer receives the image, they can post it directly to their Facebook and Twitter accounts to share their design with others.

"The 'By Design' campaign goes far beyond how our cars look. It's about how our cars make you feel," said Schoder. "We are turning the lens on to the consumer, allowing users to create our ads and really letting them feel connected 'by design."

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 ${\it Consumer-made\ images\ will\ grace\ Ford\ bill boards\ across\ the\ country.}$

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FCA Employees Collect Mittens For Children

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and we got help from GE, which has also sent people to help students learn computer coding."

Carol Weaver, deputy executive director at Detroit Public Schools, was also at Dossin for the mitten drop.

There are 400 students at Dossin and 70 percent of them walk to school," Weaver said. "The real benefit of this program is that it helps students get to school in these cold Michigan winters. Something small, like a mitten, can really make a difference in a student's life.'

Daphne Harris, Civic & Community Relations director for Fiat Chrysler, said that the company was proud to participate in the mitten drop program and was able to raise 45,000 pairs of gloves and mittens.

'We're glad that we were able to help these children gain the upper hand on winter," Harris

Wendy Shepherd is the executive director of MFD. She credits the actress Erin Cummings for getting the ball rolling.

She was one of the stars of the TV show 'Detroit 1-8-7' which was filmed here a few years ago," Shepherd said. "She's not from the area, but fell in love with the city during her time here.'

Shepherd said Cummings wanted to do something for the people of Detroit and MFD was born.

"We started in 2010, so this is our sixth year of work," Shepherd said. "We all get cold hands, but a lot of the parents have to make choices when it comes to spending money.

They buy one pair of gloves for their kids. As anyone with children will tell you, one pair often isn't enough because kids lose their mittens all the time. The need for mittens is inexhaustible. Our goal this year is to raise 57,000 pairs of mittens or

Shepherd said Fiat Chrysler has been extremely helpful in raising the needed hand wear, but they are always looking for

more donations. "We are not looking for used mittens," Shepherd said. "We want them to be new. Now you can knit a pair, but they still have to be new.'

People interested in making a donation or learning more about the program can visit the Web site MittensForDetroit.org.

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The 2016 Buick Envision Hitting Showrooms this Summer

While Buick Envision will be built in Yantai, China, it has deep Michigan roots.

The Buick Envision was designed, engineered and tested in Michigan as a world-class luxury crossover to challenge the world's best competition, said GM spokesman Stuart Fowle. It was awarded Motor Trend SUV of the Year in China and has 127,085 sales so far this year.

When it goes on sale in 2016, it will play an important role in a crossover lineup that currently represents 60 percent of Buick sales in North America, Fowle

It targets customers shopping between the Encore, the bestselling Buick in eight years, and the Enclave, which has continued to grow its customer base since its 2007 introduction.

Buick considers this vehicle's main competition to be the Acura RDX, the Audi Q5 and the Lincoln MKC, Fowle said. It will go on sale in the summer.

It is a four-door, five-passenger compact crossover, Fowle said. It has front engine transaxle, allwheel drive powertrain.

It has a steel body frame (unibody) with front and rear crumple zones, as well as galvanized steel front fenders, roof door panels, one-piee bodyside outer panels, an aluminum hood and thermal plastic olefin bumper

It uses GM's D2XX global platform. It was developed in GM's Opel Russelsheim facitliy, and was orginally introduced in 2012 to replace the Delta II and Theta platforms.

"The very early work was done in Germany, but early in the process design work was moved to North America," Fowle said. "It was done at the Tech Center.'

The engine's block material is

cast aluminum as is its cylinder head material, Fowle said. It uses high-pressure direct injection and electronic throttle control for fuel delivery nas a maximum engine speed of 6,800 rpm. Any higher and the fuel is auomatically cut off.

The transmission is a six-speed transverse, electronically controlled. automatic overdrive. Fowle said. It's front chassis has specifically tuned coil springs, direct-acting stabilizer bar (hollow); hydraulic ride bushings; HiPer Strut suspension, Fowle said.

The rear suspension uses a four-link independent rear with hollow stablier bar.

Envision highlights include:

- 252-horsepower 2.0L turbo engine with stop/start technology, matched with Buick's first crossover vehicle application of HiPer Strut front suspension and Buick's first Active Twin Clutch all-wheel-drive system.
- Efficiency-enhancing features including upper grille shutters that open and close to enhance aerodynamics on the highway and a body structure incorporating mass-reducing highstrength and ultra-high-strength steels - and a lightweight aluminum hood.
- LED daytime running lamps and rear LED accent lights.

Sliding, 60/40-split rear seat, offering the flexibility of more legroom for second-row passen-

- Kneeling cushions in the second-row seat enable a flatter load floor when the seat is folded.
- Standard Safety Alert Seat and Lane Keep Assist, as well as available Automatic Park Assist, and Surround Vision 360-degree camera system.
- IntelliLink with 8-inch color touch screen.



2016 Buick Envision

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- and console-mounted rear vents. Standard Bose premium sound system.
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Capuchin Program Helps

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum Capuchin Soup Kitchen urban garden ministry, Earthworks Urban Farm, will be hosting a Holiday Open House December 16 - 18.

The open house will include the opportunity to learn about the work of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, including the Earthworks Agricultural Training Program and purchase socially conscious products of the soup kitchen and to tour the Earthworks' gardens, said Capuchin spokeswoman Colleen Crane.

The event will be held at the

site, 1264 Meldrum, Detroit 48207. The open house will be held Wednesday, Dec. 16 and Friday, Dec.r 18 from 11am to 5pm; Thursday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 7

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earthworks Urban Farm works for a just, beautiful food system for all, Crane said. Its gardens yield over 14,000 pounds of produce each season, most of which goes into meals at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. To learn more go to earthworksdetroit.org.



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Chrysler Converts MI Diesel Fleet to CNG

Fiat Chrysler is investing \$40 million in FCA Transport, the Fiat Chrysler-owned truck fleet, to convert its 179 Detroit-based parts-haulers to run on compressed natural gas (CNG) rather than traditional diesel.

The move gives Fiat Chrysler the largest private fleet of CNGpowered heavy-duty vehicles in the state of Michigan, said Fiat Chrysler spokeswoman Katie Hepler.

Our transition to CNG reflects the way FCA US attempts to balance our search for profitability with social responsibility and community development, including environmental stewardship.' said Steve Beahm, senior vice president - Supply Chain Management, Fiat Chrysler - North America. "This project was a winwin-win - it offered a solid business case, clear environmental benefits and an opportunity to invest in our Detroit facility and workforce.'

FCA Transport, built in 1965, is located on Lynch Road in Detroit, Hepler said, just across from the Detroit City Airport. The company spent \$1.8 million to enable the 36,000-square-foot maintenance facility to handle the new CNG-powered fleet.

The \$5 million on-site CNG fueling station was designed and built by TruStar Energy, and is the largest private CNG station currently operating in North America.

Prior to the changeover, the FCA Transport Detroit fleet used nearly 2.6 million gallons of diesel fuel per year while driving about 16 million miles to deliver parts to assembly plants from suppliers and Fiat Chrysler component facilities.



One of Fiat Chrysler's new CNG trucks being fueled.

pects to experience an estimated net fuel cost savings of about 35 percent per year with the CNGpowered fleet.

Beyond cost savings, there should be considerable environmental benefits, Hepler said. FCA Transport estimates the Detroit fleet's transition to CNG will reduce CO2 emissions by more than 16,000 tons per year, Hepler

This decrease is equivalent to the annual carbon dioxide emissions that come from burning more than 17 million pounds of coal, or the reduction of CO2 emissions from the annual energy use of nearly American 1,500

"FCA Transport's transformation is a product of our dedicated, engaged workforce and close collaboration with the UAW," said Marty DiFiore, head of FCA Transport and Auto Transport Services, Fiat Chrysler. "Today is The company, Hepler said, ex- the culmination of two years of research and planning, an extensive pilot program of CNG trucks and ongoing training of more than 6,000 hours."

FCA Transport drivers as well as their mechanics participated in extensive hands-on training to prepare them to drive, fuel and maintain the new CNG trucks, Hepler said.

It included maintenance, reand operating courses taught by Cummins, Allison Transmission, Agility Fuel Systems and Fiat Chrysler's own inhouse trainers.

Fiat Chrysler has a history of being a pioneer in the area of CNG, Hepler said.

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GM Pays Out \$594 Million For Defective Ignition

DETROIT (AP) – Lawyers hired to compensate victims of General Motors' faulty ignition switches have paid out \$594.5 million to settle 399 eligible claims.

The numbers were released Dec. 10 in a final report from compensation expert Kenneth Feinberg.

A total of 4,343 claims were filed with the GM fund. Only 9.2 percent were deemed eligible for payments, including claims for 124 deaths and 275 injuries.

The fund says more than 90 percent of the offers it made were accepted. Camille Biros, the compensation fund's deputy director, has said that the claims that were rejected "couldn't support any connection to the ignition switch.'

The switches in older model small cars like the Chevy Cobalt can slip out of the "run" position and cut off the engine. They have been linked to crashes that caused at least 169 deaths.

The ignition switch scandal triggered a companywide safety review that resulted in dozens of recalls of millions of vehicles. GM says it has made safety a priority and now is catching problems sooner to avoid large recalls.

GM said in September that the recalls cost it over \$5.3 billion. Since then, it has paid out another \$1.6 billion to settle U.S. criminal charges and recall-related related lawsuits, bringing the total cost to about \$6.9 billion.

The fund's final report says that it paid 128 claims from crashes that happened before GM emerged from bankruptcy in July of 2009, which the company was not required to do. A bankruptcy judge has ruled that the



GM fixed ignition assembly parts

new company that emerged from bankruptcy is shielded.

Despite the settlements, GM still faces costs from the recalls. In its most recent quarterly report filed with U.S. regulators the company said it still faces 217 wrongful death and injury lawsuits in the U.S. and Canada, as well as 122 lawsuits alleging that the recalls reduced car values.

GM spokesman Jim Cain said the Feinberg compensation fund was fair, compassionate and nonadversarial to victims and their families. "We faced the ignition switch issue with integrity, dignity and a clear determination to do the right thing both in the short and long term," he said in a statement.



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IIHS Gives Good Safety Ratings to FCA 500X and 200

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The IIHS study, Rader said, expressed appreciation for such safety features as the rollover sensor, which is designed to deploy the side curtain airbags in the event of an impending rollover, as well as the driver and front passenger knee airbags. These separate airbags are located in the lower instrument panel and are designed to minimize knee injuries in frontal crashes.

The 200 also scored well in the IIHS study's roof strength test, Rader said.

The report noted that that the 200 scored a 4.74 rating. This is good because a "good rating requires a strength-to-weight ratio of at least 4. In other words, the roof must withstand a force of at least 4 times the vehicle's weight before the plate crushes the roof by 5 inches. For an acceptable rating, the minimum required strength-to-weight ratio is 3.25. For a marginal rating, it is 2.5. Anything lower than that is poor."

Overall, Rader said, the IIHS study rated the 200 "superior" in front crash protection.

The vehicle, Rader said, scored top marks in all the categories of crashworthiness testing. They are:

- Small overlap front;
- Moderage overlap front:
- Side:
- Roof Strength;
- Head restraints & seat.

When IIHS reported on the Fiat 500X introduced in the model year 2016, testers noted the vehicle's front-end structure and front door hinges were modified to improve occupant protection in small overlap frontal crashes. At the same time, the computer software was modified to optimize frontal airbag and seat belt pretensioner impact sensing. (Information about when a specific vehicle was manufactured is on the certification label typically affixed to the car on the driver door or adjacent B-pillar.)

Overall, Rader said, the Fiat 500X did well, receiving an "acceptable" rating for front crash prevention. This is the secondhighest score, just below the G or "good" rating that was received by the 200.

IIHS crash tests, Rader said, simulate a side impact with a large SUV or pickup truck; a moderate-offset frontal impact; a small-offset frontal impact; roofdeformation consistent with a rollover; a rear collision capable of inducing whiplash.

In each, the Chrysler 200 and all-new Fiat 500X recorded the highest-possible score of "good."

Ford Asks Public To Create Their Own Billboards

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Once the design goes live on the billboard, there is a digital script that takes a "billboard selfie" and sends it via email to the design creator who can then use links within the message to post to their own social media channels.

Ford launched "By Design", a fully-integrated marketing experience, in October, Miller said. It connects consumers to the purpose in every facet of Ford vehicles, from the feel of the seats to the response of the engine and the look of the grille.

"By Design" conveys more than just car design aesthetics: Ford aims to show how technology in cars help make customers' lives easy, as well as how the vehicle makes them feel, Miller said.

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Feds Add More Requirements To Auto Safety Ratings

ernment on Dec. 8 announced plans to update its safety rating system for new cars and trucks to include whether the vehicle has technology to avoid crashes, in addition to how well it protects occupants in accidents.

The 5-star rating system now uses crash tests to assess how well people inside are shielded from injury or death in front, side and rollover crashes.

While that will remain a big factor in the ratings, they also will take into account whether the vehicle has nine technologies that can help prevent or lessen the severity of crashes.

Those technologies include sensors that can detect an imminent frontal collision and apply the brakes, or warn drivers about vehicles in their blind spots or that they're drifting into another lane.

Some technologies automatically switch headlight high beams to low beams when another vehicle is approaching, help prevent rollovers, and employ amber rear turn signal lights that drivers are quicker to identify as indicating a turn rather than braking.

In addition, the ratings will include a new type crash test designed to simulate cars that collide at an angle.

Crash tests will also use improved crash-test dummies that better represent how accidents impact the human body. And the rating system will reward cars designed to protect pedestrians who are struck by them.

"We're going to raise the bar when it comes to protecting vehicle occupants," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

said, is to ultimately prevent

WASHINGTON (AP) - The gov- crashes altogether. He said he's hopeful that will happen in his lifetime.

> The rating system posts a rating of one to five stars on the window stickers of new cars to help shoppers identify the safest vehicles. The new system will also include half stars as well as full stars to get at nuances in safety features, said Mark Rosekind, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which administers the ratings system.

> For example, a vehicle might get a half star for technology that automatically warns drivers of an impending frontal collision, but a whole star if the system automatically applies the brakes, he said.

> The changes proposed for the system are subject to a 60-day public comment period, and final rules are to be issued next year. Consumers would begin seeing the new ratings on cars in model year 2019.

> The new crash dummies will have over 100 sensors, including four in the rib cage, while current dummies have only 50 or 60 sensors and just one in the rib cage, NHTSA officials said. The dummies also reflect more recent knowledge of how injuries occur, they said.

> An estimated 17 million new cars and trucks are expected to be sold this year. Traffic fatalities dropped in 2014 to less than 33,000, but data from the first half of this year indicates they are increasing steeply again as the economy continues to improve and the price of gasoline

Both automakers and safety The department's goal, Foxx advocates applauded the proposed changes.





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GM Invests \$127M In Indiana Plant For New Engine

General Motors will invest \$127.4 million in powertrain and structural components to support production of new aluminum engine blocks and components at its Bedford Casting Operations, creating approximately 127 future jobs for the Indiana plant.

The plant currently has approximately 700 employees on three shifts and produces transmission casings, converter housings, heads, and small gas engine blocks used in Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac vehicles, said GM spokesman Kevin Nadrowski.

"This investment in the future recognizes the excellent workforce at Bedford Casting Operations" said Bedford Casting Operations Plant Manager Lamar Rucker. "It also demonstrates GM's collaboration with our UAW and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers partners, which reflects how we continue to bring new powertrain solutions to our customers."

Including today's investment, GM has invested more than \$426 million in the Bedford plant since 2010.

So far in 2015, GM has announced more than \$6.5 billion in U.S. facility investment, creating approximately 3,370 new jobs and securing the positions of 15,350 employees.

Details about program timing and applications will be released

GM Issues Recall Notice Covering Engine Fires

DETROIT (AP) - GM has decided to replace several key engine parts to stop oil leaks that have caused more than 1,300 fires and four recalls of older cars.

But the parts aren't available yet, and GM is still recommending that the cars be parked outside until they can be repaired.

GM stated in a notice to dealers that it will replace the front valve-cover and gasket with improved parts under two recalls announced earlier this year. The recalls cover 1.4 million cars with 3.8-liter V6 engines from 1997 through 2004 model years. Models include the Buick Regal, Oldsmobile Intrigue, Pontiac Grand Prix and the Chevy Impala, Lumina and Monte Carlo.

Oil can seep through valve cover gaskets designed to keep it inside the engine. Under heavy braking, oil can drip onto the hot exhaust manifold and catch fire. Previous repairs on most of the cars only included moving flammable plastic parts away from the oil, but didn't stop the leaks.

GM said in documents that 1,345 cars have caught fire after being repaired under earlier recalls, which started in 2008 and 2009. The company reports 19 minor injuries and at least 17 structure fires because of the problem. In one North Carolina case, flames spread from a Pontiac and damaged two houses.

GM said earlier repairs allowed a small "pilot flame" that would burn itself out. But experts say that was an unacceptable fix that continued fire risks.

In a letter to dealers posted last week by NHTSA, GM saif dealers also will remove plastic engine covers and oil-fill tube extensions as part of the recalls.

GM will send letters to customers starting Dec. 14 telling them of the repairs and that they'll get another letter instructing them to make an appointment with a dealer when parts become available. GM says the vehicles are safe to drive but should not be parked in a structure until repairs are finished.



GM is adding solar power to its Bowling Green assembly plant.

Bowling Green Goes Solar

Bowling Green, Ky., Corvette assembly plant, among other facil-

spokeswoman Sharon Basel said the company leads the automotive industry in solar energy use in the United States, according to the Solar Means Business report released by the Solar Energy Industries Association.

And GM is continuing its investment in clean, renewable energy, the company will break ground later this month on an 850-kilowatt array at Bowling Green (Ky.) Assembly, home of the Chevrolet Corvette, Basel said

Bowling Green Assembly's new array will be the largest solar installation by any automaker in Kentucky and will generate 1.2 million kilowatt hours of energy annually, enough to produce about 850 Corvettes.

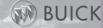
'Corvette customers are passionate about their vehicles because of their design, technology and precision performance," said Rob Threlkeld, GM global manager of renewable energy. "Offering

GM is putting the green in its them a product that is partially built using green energy will be another proof point that they're driving a true supercar."

> In addition to ranking as the No. 1 automotive user of solar, GM also ranks No. 20 of the top 25 solar-powered companies in the U.S. GM joined Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA) as a partner in 2013 to advocate for a strong U.S. solar industry. Since joining, GM has added 10 solar arrays and has helped launch the Business Renewables Center, which aims to accelerate renewable energy use.

> And, Basel said, GM is not stopping At Bowling Green. In the next several months, GM will add more than 2 megawatts of solar power to its facilities, including a 466-kilowatt array at its Rochester Operations facility in New York and an 800-kilowatt array at its Warren Transmission plant built with DTE Energy.

> Globally, GM will feature a solar footprint of 48 megawatts at 22 facilities, equivalent to the size of 130 American football fields, Basel said.





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Chevrolet Malibu Makes NACTOY Top Spot List

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The third stage is when judges take a look at the top three vehicles in each category and select the top one. In this instance, judges are given 10 points and may assign all 10 to a single vehicle if they choose to do so, Brooke said.

The awards recognize the best new vehicles of the year. Jurors vote for the vehicles that set new benchmarks in their segments for innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value.

Brooke said the process starts on Oct. 1, and the winners will be announced at the 2016 North American International Auto Show in January.

Denny Moyer, Partner Deloitte & Touche, turned over the envelopes with the names of the finalists - in alphabetical order to NACTOY officials Joann Muller and Lindsay Brooke during a news conference.

The jurors voted early in December, with ballots sent directly to Deloitte. Officials at Deloitte are the only ones who know the point totals.

On Jan. 11, Michelle Collins, a partner at Deloitte, will hand over two envelopes containing the names of the winners during a news conference at the 2016 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit.

Since their inception 23 years ago NACTOY has been proud to announce the winners at NAIAS, but the show is not otherwise involved in the process, Brooke said. The NACTOY jury is administered by an organizing committee and is funded exclusively by dues paid by the jurors. There are no paid positions.

One of the jurors, John McElroy, operator of Blue Sky Productions, said that it was impressive that Chevrolet had so many vehicles make it to the list of 12 in the car category.

"The 2016 Malibu was one of

the three finalists in its category," McElroy said. "I liked it because it's a good looking car and it drives really well. I even liked the way everything was laid out

in the interior, and the fact that its technology emphasizes connectivity."

But, McElroy said, as evidenced by the fact that three Chevrolets made the second stage consideration list, GM has, across the board over the last three or four years, designed and built vehicles with strong technology.

Brooke said that Chevy's strong showing plays to idea that there are many great vehicles being produced by GM.

"GM has really been poring on the coals at the Tech Center in Warren," Brooke said. "And they have been making really smart decisions at the Ren Cen in Detroit. Their work has paid off with the production of good vehicles.

GM spokesman Randy Fox was at the announcement. He said that Chevy's strong showing demonstrates that General Motors has great product to offer to the public. "The 2016 Malibu has only

started shipping to dealers within the last couple of weeks," fox said. "We made a very special effort to make sure that the jurors had time in the car before the selection process began. Being selected is exciting for the Malibu. And that's not the end of the good news for Chevy. Motor Trend named the Camaro Car of the Year and Truck of the Year was won by the Chevy Colorado."

Last year's winners were the Volkswagen Golf and the Ford F-