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Chevy Unleashes Camaro ZL1 as New Race Car

The Camaro ZL1 is a fast car on and off the race track.

To prove it, a new era in Chevrolet motorsports has started. The Camaro ZL1 was introduced Aug. 10 as the new race car for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

Seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson – driver of the #48 Lowe's Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports – joined Mark Reuss, executive vice president of GM Global Product Development, to reveal the new race car at Chevrolet's headquarters in Detroit.

"Chevrolet, Camaro and ZL1 are all synonymous with winning, both on and off the track," said Reuss. "We are thrilled to run Camaro in NASCAR next year, with the time-honored and track-tested ZL1 badge, and we're just as excited for our drivers, teams, fans and customers."

The Camaro ZL1 will make its competition debut next February during Daytona Speedweeks, which kicks off the 2018 NASCAR season. It will join the Camaro SS, which has been Chevrolet's entry in the NASCAR XFINITY Series since 2013.

"The new Camaro ZL1 is a great-looking race car with a lot of heritage behind it, which will make it a big hit with fans," said Johnson. "And as someone who's

really looking forward to getting this new race car on the track."

Chevrolet engineers employed an array of tools, including computational fluid dynamics analysis and reduced-scale and fullscale wind-tunnel testing, to opti-

enjoyed the ZL1 on the street, I'm mize aerodynamic performance while maintaining the ZL1's design character, Reuss said.

'Racers have long relied on Camaro to win races and championships in amateur and professional sports car and drag racing, as well as the NASCAR

XFINITY Series," said Jim Campbell, vice president, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. "We look forward to racing the Camaro ZL1 in the premier Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series."

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Cadillac globally sold 25,231 units in July 2017, maintaining a 14-month run of year-over-year growth. China sales were up by 37.1 percent, accompanied by significant gains in Canada and South Korea.

The XT5 luxury crossover continues to lead sales for the brand with 75,659 units delivered worldwide in 2017 and achieved its second-best month in the United States with 5,504 sold. Globally, sales of the CT6 model grew 62.6 percent for the month, driven by market share gains in the USA and China, while ATS sales rose 7.9 percent for the month, said Cadillac spokesman JL Lavina.

In July, the brand's average U.S. transaction price remained above \$54,000, maintaining the second-highest U.S. average transaction price among major luxury automotive brands.

"Cadillac is attracting youthful

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Detroit's OEMs Ready for Annual Dream Cruise

The 2017 Woodward Dream Cruise is almost here.

The annual celebration of Detroit's automotive history begins on Friday, Aug. 18, and Detroit's automakers are joining in on the celebration.

This year, Ford became an official sponsor of the Dream Cruise, and will be setting up a "Mustang Alley" located on East Nine Mile and Woodward in Ferndale.

This year's Mustang Alley will be the largest ever, featuring even more examples of the muscle car, including the new 2018 Mustang, which hits dealer showrooms later this year.

In addition to its Mustang Alley display nearing 20 years in Ferndale, Ford will host new events and displays in Royal Oak, including presenting its performance lineup in the Duggan's Irish Pub parking lot and Normandy Plaza.

Despite no longer being an official sponsor of the Dream Cruise, Chevrolet will continue to have its performance division display and vehicles at Memorial Park, north of 13 Mile in Royal Oak, on Aug. 18-19. Chevrolet will display historic and current vehicles at the "triangle" where Old Woodward and Woodward meet in Birmingham. Due to construction, Fiat Chrysler has had to move its 15year Dream Cruise headquarters and its Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge event up a week. This year, the street drag races were held on Aug. 12 in Pontiac. GM Design will be holding its annual "Design on Woodward" in Memorial Park at the corner of 13 Mile and Woodward on Tuesday, Aug. 15, beginning at 1 p.m. The public is invited.



Ford, UDM Offer Latest Training in Systems Engineering

University of Detroit Mercy is helping meet the current need for engineers trained in Systems Engineering with its new Systems Engineering Graduate Certificate.

Detroit Mercy has been among the national leaders in Systems Engineering education through its Master of Science in Product Development (MPD) program, said school spokesman Gary Erwin. Now, students have a chance to earn a graduate certificate in Systems Engineering.

"What we've done is taken – in my opinion – the highest impact classes out of the MPD program, in terms of systems engineering, and compiled them into a tight, unified curriculum that exposes engineers to the current state of the art in systems engineering," said Michael Vinarcik, adjunct professor at Detroit Mercy.

The Systems Engineering Graduate Certificate was created in cooperation with Ford Motor Co., which already had employees enrolled in and graduating from the MPD program, Vinarcik said.

The credits earned in the Systems Engineering Graduate Certificate program can be used toward earning a master's degree.

"It's a great program," said Ford employee Kyle Ebner. "I felt at home here. I felt like I could talk to any of the professors anytime I needed to, and they really strive to answer questions, even after hours. I think I learned more than I expected I was going to learn. I would recommend it to others - and I have at work."

Detroit Mercy's professors are readily available to students, and they are also widely respected in the field of systems engineering, said Vinarcik.

Erwin said Vinarcik is considered one of the most visible Systems Engineering experts in the country and routinely speaks at systems engineering conferences hosted by the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).



UDM students learn with hands-on projects in systems engineering.

He recently keynoted the 2017 No Magic World Symposium.

"Mike brings a wealth of background and experience in sys-

department for many years. Without exception, his courses are very well received. These are experienced engineers taking

From left: Johnson and NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. are greeted by Reuss at ZLI's debut in Detroit.

tems engineering," said Darrell these classes, instantly applying Kleinke, director of the Systems what they've learned in our pro-Engineering Graduate Certificate gram to their jobs and careers, program. "He's taught in our Master of Product Development

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To learn more about Dream Cruise events, go woodwarddreamcruise.com.

View This Week's Edition at http://TechCenterNews.com

John Dixon will broadcast live on Facebook this week.

Federal-Mogul Motorsports Holding Facebook Livecast

Motorparts' first-of-its-kind national training platform, will hold its second Facebook Live event Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m. eastern time.

Featuring Guru John Dixon and broadcast from Federal-Mogul Motorparts' Skokie, Ill., Technical Service Center, viewers will be able to gain knowledge about diagnosing problems with Anti-Lock Brake Systems (ABS), including troubleshooting com-

Garage Gurus, Federal-Mogul mon failures, said Federal-Mogul spokeswoman Karen Shulhan.

This is an opportunity for participants to ask questions and focus on one particular issue, along with learning ABS troubleshooting tips for 2009-2014 Ford Escapes and 2010-2014 Fusions; 2009-2014 Mazda Tributes; and 2009-2014 Mercury Mariners, Shulhan said.

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Library Offers Memoir Writing Workshop

The Warren Public Library is offering a six-weeks-long workshop on the art of memoir writing.

The workshop will be meeting every Tuesday at 2 p.m., beginning Aug. 15 at the Civic Center branch of the library.

The final meeting will be on Sept. 19, said Warren librarian Jennifer Lund.

"The stories of your life can be a priceless gift," said Lund. "This workshop will help you start writing your memoirs with the help of expert Mira Stefaniuk. Space is limited, so be sure to register early."

Register by going online at warrenlibrary.net, or by calling the library at 586-574-4564.

Also, Lund said those interested in singing can visit the Civic Center branch of the library on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. Matt Watroba, former host of radio station WDET's "Folks Like Us" program will conduct a community sing-a-long. Call 586-574-4560 to register.

Ford, UDM Offer Latest Training in Systems Engineering CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 gram success, it takes access to and knowledge of the current

and seeing immediate results. Mike is very well respected by our students and their employers. He's developed a great reputation with Detroit Mercy."

The industry is constantly changing and evolving, Vinarcik said, adding that he's aware of those changes because he lives it every day. As a leader in the field, he received the 2017 Cameo Award for Modeling, Simulation, and Analysis Excellence for his thought leadership in Model-Based Systems Engineering. As technology evolves, so does Detroit Mercy's Systems Engineering program, he said.

'Systems have become very complicated and complex with emergent behaviors," Vinarcik said. "There are so many things that make developing a system complicated today versus even 20 years ago.

To manage that complexity and improve the odds of prostate of the art in systems engineering.

"That's what we're trying to teach the students with these courses in both the MPD and certificate programs. It's not just about tools and processes, but also about how to see the real problem that needs to be solved and to frame it properly. The worst thing you can do is to solve the wrong problem very efficiently. We're trying to show students how to see, understand and solve the right problem."

The program teaches students state-of-the-art methods, such as Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE), Erwin said. Students use SysML, the systems modeling language, to describe system behavior, structure, interfaces, and requirements.

SysML allows engineers to make changes in one place and have that information cascade to every related artifact and not

Federal-Mogul Motorsports Holding Facebook Livecast

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Facebook Live event, we are continuing our commitment to the automotive repair industry by offering more interactive videos and experiences to help technicians get the education that they need, when and where they need it," said Brent Berman, director of training and consumer experience, Federal-Mogul Motorparts.

We had over 8,000 people view our last event, which indicates the need for us to keep offering these types of training opportunities, as technicians are eager to learn more about troubleshooting vehicle systems even after their job is done for the day.'

Facebook Live streaming video is an interactive platform that is open to anyone with a Facebook account and accessible via PC. Mac, Android and iOS operating systems, Shulhan said.

In order to view the Garage Gurus live broadcast, those interested should log on to a Facebook account and visit the Garage Gurus homepage at facebook.com/FMGarageGurus on Aug. 16 at 8 p.m. eastern time, Shulhan said.

have to manually make changes to every document and picture.

The program also exposes students to new technologies they might never see working at a single company, Erwin said.

"For students, because industry is very competitive and there is proprietary development and design all around, they don't get to see what other companies are doing," Kleinke said.

"Of course, we don't share any proprietary information, but Mike has significant visibility into applications in a variety of

industries and organizations because of his involvement in IN-COSE, NDIA and other organizations.

"He can give them a feel for what the entire industry looks like and how they compare to others taking on similar challenges.

"With his experience and knowledge of how systems engineering has been applied at other companies, he can bring that. That's how he makes such an impact at our students' companies so quickly.



2017 Cadillac XT5

Cadillac Global Sales up • China - 12,006 vs. 8,757 in CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

July 2016, a 37.1 percent inand affluent buyers that have crease.

• Rest of World - 1,998 vs. 1,667 in July 2016, a 19.9 percent increase

Total July 2017 sales of 25,231 represented a 1.8 percent increase over July 2016's sales numbers of 1,667.

Total 2017 sales are 189,461, a 23.1 percent increase over last years 153,956.

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County Seeking Manufacturers

Macomb County will once again celebrate Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) and is seeking area manufacturers to serve as host sites as well as sponsors to help cover costs.

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This resulted in fourteen consec-

utive months of global sales

growth," said Cadillac President

Cadillac's July 2017 sales by re-

• United States - 11,227 vs.

14,341 in July 2016, a 21.7 per-

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cent decline.

MFG Day is a national campaign designed to create greater awareness about the importance of the industry to Macomb County's economy as well as to highlight the interesting and well-paying jobs that it offers, said Macomb County MFG Day supervisor Maria Zardis.

The Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development is partnering with the Macomb Intermediate School District to organize a countywide celebration of MFG Day Friday, Oct. 6.

The goal is to provide an opportunity for up to 2,100 students from every Macomb County high school to visit area plants

manufacturing segment to inspire the next generation of the county's workforce to consider careers within the industry, Zardis said.

"Manufacturing sites that specialize in advanced manufacturing with good workforce development programs in place are needed to demonstrate to today's students what it might be like to work in the industry someday," Zardis said.

Event sponsors are also needed to help cover related expenses such as bus transportation, program materials and T-shirts for students.

Current leading sponsors (and host sites) include Fori Automation, L&L Products, PTI Engineered Plastics and Group-Stahl.

Information about getting involved as well as a list of current hosts and sponsors are available

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Maven Gig Lets Drivers Set Their Own Pace

Thanks to Maven Gig, not owning a car is no barrier to making money for drivers in today's gig economy.

GM's ride-sharing network Maven is expanding. Starting Aug. 10, freelance drivers in Los Angeles have access to Maven Gig vehicles to support all their hustles. Vehicle reservations are available through the Maven app, said GM spokeswoman Stephanie Rice.

By fall 2017, Maven Gig will launch in Boston, Phoenix and Washington, D.C., and Baltimore and Detroit will soon join the mix, Rice said. This will be good for freelancers who want freedom and flexibility, and Maven Gig provides both.

Take "Jamie," for example, who earns a couple hundred dollars as a freelancer picking up and dropping off passengers as a licensed driver for a ridesharing company on an average Friday night, Rice said.

With Maven Gig, Jamie can now increase earning power by adding other gigs. For instance, spending two hours during the lunch rush delivering food adds another \$30-\$50.

Delivering packages and groceries during the day adds even more. Rice said.

And Maven Gig vehicles are available for flat weekly rates that include the car, unlimited miles, insurance (minus deductibles) and maintenance. Having unlimited mileage and insurance to cover personal and commercial use are extremely important for drivers in the gig economy, Rice said. Pricing starts at \$189 plus taxes for a Chevrolet Cruze, Rice said.

Additional vehicles include the Chevrolet Malibu (\$209 per week plus taxes), Trax (\$219 per week plus taxes), Impala (\$225 per week plus taxes) and Bolt EV (\$229 per week plus taxes). The Chevrolet Bolt EV is available for reservation with free charging at EVgo stations for a limited time.

The Chevrolet Bolt EV with an EPA-estimated range of 238 allelectric miles is the most popular vehicle among Maven Gig drivers, Rice said. More than 100 Bolt EVs are available in Los Angeles and that number will double by the end of 2017. Bolt EVs in San Francisco will double to more than 125 by the end of the year.

In Boston, Maven Gig will start with 20 Bolt EVs and will scale as infrastructure allows.

Maven Gig Bolt EVs have driven 1.4 million all-electric miles in California since February 2017 and have saved an estimated 50,000 gallons of gas. More than 130,000 rides have been given in Maven Gig Bolt EVs, and drivers show no signs of range anxiety, Rice said. That's important because range anxiety is one of the major concerns consumers have expressed concerning EVs. Maven Gig drivers in a Bolt EV travel, on average, 30 percent more miles per day than those in traditional internal combustion engine vehicles.



Maven Gig offers cars for freelancers to earn money the way they want.

services. Now, HopSkipDrive is added as a partner.

HopSkipDrive is a ride service that helps parents get their kids where they need to go when they're not able to do so themselves.

Maven Gig is making life simpler and more convenient for drivers through a mobile app, Rice said. Maven City car sharing and Maven Gig are now integrated in a single app. Drivers can see vehicle availability with pricing and location. Reservations and pickup date/time can be scheduled through the app.

"We are committed to bringing Bolt EVs to all Maven Gig markets. Drivers want the Bolt EV because of cost savings as well as helping with energy and environmental goals," said Rachel

Bhattacharya, chief growth officer for Maven.

'The freelance economy is growing and Maven Gig is growing along with it to provide transportation solutions for freelance drivers.'

The bottom line, Rice said, is Maven Gig provides cars for freelancers to earn money however they want. More than two-thirds earn by driving for multiple apps like rideshare or delivery services. Members can easily take advantage of the gig economy without worrying about owning a car. Unlimited miles and insurance are included, and there's no membership fee after a one-time \$20 application fee. Weekly rentals are currently available through the Maven app in L.A., San Diego and San Francisco.

Chevy Unleashes Camaro ZL1 As Its Newest Race Car

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Joining Chevrolet Aug. 10 for the Camaro ZL1 race car's debut representatives were from Hendrick Motorsports, Richard Childress Racing, Chip Ganassi Racing, Germain Racing, JTG Daugherty Racing and Leavine Family Racing.

The Camaro ZL1 brings a unique, track-focused legacy to NASCAR, Campbell said.

The ZL1 name was originally bestowed in the 1960s on a Chevrolet-developed all-aluminum racing engine that became a dominating force in road racing.

In 1969, a few enterprising dealers used Chevrolet's specialorder system to get the ZL1 engine installed in 69 regular-production Camaros, Fox said. The cars became instant legends on the street and dragstrip.

More than 40 years later, Chevrolet reintroduced the ZL1 as the ultimate performance Camaro, developed to offer track-capable performance straight off the showroom floor.

The 2018 Camaro ZL1 is powered by a 650-horsepower supercharged engine featuring a similar 90-degree V8 configuration as the Cup racing engines, Campbell said.





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On average, Maven Gig members in Bolt EVs drive more than half the vehicle range every day.

Maven Gig drivers have taken trips from San Francisco to Portland and from San Diego to Los Angeles.

Maven Gig is an "agnostic" platform that allows members to earn money by driving for multiple apps, Rice said. Previously, Maven Gig announced key partnerships with GrubHub, Instacart, Roadie and ridesharing

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Veterans who have been

ing eight vehicles to the DAV

Ford Motor Company vehicle

donations are giving disabled

military veterans new mobility

options, as they seek medical care and treatment that could im-

prove their quality of life, said

The eight donated vehicles will

be used to assist disabled veter-

ans who need help getting to

doctor appointments, Mitchell

Last year, Ford vehicles trans-

ported nearly 700,000 disabled

veterans in the United States to

essential doctor and hospital vis-

its, Mitchell said. The DAV Trans-

portation Network recruits vol-

unteer drivers who will put the

new Ford Flex utilities into serv-

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ans to Veteran Affairs medical

will be deployed to locations in

Augusta, Ga.; Des Moines, Iowa;

Topeka, Kan.; Asheville, N.C.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Waco,

DETROIT (AP) - Nissan Motor

The recall affects the 2016-

Nissan discovered through

2016 Nissan Titan Crew Cab and

Co. is recalling 52,016 Titan pick-

New additions to the DAV fleet

centers across the country.

said.

Ford spokesman Eric Mitchell.

Transportation Network fleet.



A 2017 Flex is one of the vehicles Ford has donated to the DAV.

Nissan to Pay Settlement

would pay \$97.68 million under a proposed settlement with vehicle owners affected by the Takata air bag recalls.

The settlement would pay for a new outreach program to ensure Takata air bags are removed from 4.4 million affected Nissan vehicles.

It would also compensate owners for expenses while getting their cars fixed, including rental cars.

explode with too much force, before it can go into effect.

MIAMI (AP) – Nissan Motor Co. hurling shrapnel into drivers and

The inflators are blamed for at least 16 deaths and 180 injuries worldwide.

The problem touched off the largest automotive recall in U.S. history.

The Nissan settlement is similar to those reached in May with automobile manufacturers Toyota, BMW, Mazda and Subaru.

The settlement was filed on Aug. 9 in federal court in Miami. Takata's air bag inflators can It still needs a judge's approval

new vehicles. wounded in battle have served their country well, said Ford Over the past 21 years, Ford spokesman Eric Mitchell, and has donated 215 vehicles to the Ford is thanking them by donat-

DAV Transportation Network. which was formed in 1987 and has helped more than 18 million veterans reach VA facilities.

Texas. New Orleans will get two

Ford Donates Vans to Help Wounded Vets

"Without Ford's generosity and the hard work of our volunteers, we would not have been able to provide nearly 700,000 rides for veterans last year alone," said Dave Riley, DAV national commander.

"Ford vehicles are crisscrossing the country for veterans, traveling almost 23 million miles every year to make certain our heroes can access the care they earned.'

Henry Ford began hiring disabled veterans returning from World War I in 1919. In 1922, Ford organized a cross-country caravan of 50 Model Ts to take disabled veterans to their national convention, Mitchell said. That was the beginning of the company's 95-year relationship with DAV, said Mitchell.

Ford's support for military families today includes programs such as nurse assistant training through the American Red Cross,

According the NHTSA's defect

report, "In the event of a crash,

the rear seatbelt assembly may

not adequately protect the occu-

pant's head, allowing it to con-

The company says it has no re-

ports of injuries related to the

defect. Nissan will notify owners

and repair the vehiithho have

further questions about the re-

call can call Nissan customer

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NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline at

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1-888-327-4236.

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and providing Ford Blue Oval Scholarships to military members and their spouses to prepare them for careers in healthcare.

Ford Focus on Freedom honors current and former military veterans with a special VIP event at the annual Ford Fireworks in Detroit, Mitchell said.

Since 1974, Ford and Ford Fund have provided nearly \$11 million to veterans' organizations. Ford today employs nearly 6,000 veterans, plus hundreds of active military personnel, reservists and guardsmen.

OCC Names New Administrative Services VP

Former director of finance and investments at Macomb Community College, Bobbie Remias, CPA, will join Oakland Community College (OCC) as interim vice chancellor for administrative services, effective July 17.

Remias assumes the duties that were formerly held by OCC's Interim Chancellor, Peter Provenzano, Jr.

Remias is a certified public accountant with a strong finance background, said OCC spokeswoman Bridget Kavanaugh.

Remias started at Macomb Community College in 2003 as director of financial services and promoted to director of finance and investments in 2010.

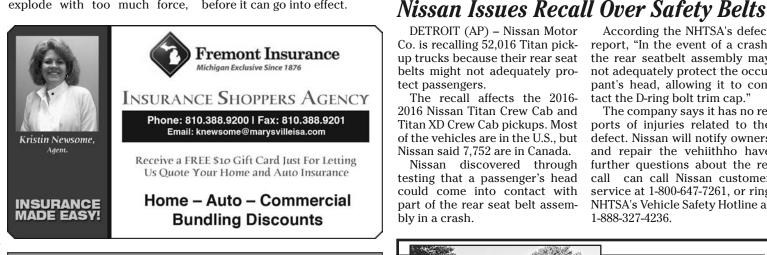
Her responsibilities included managing college and Foundation treasury management functions and investment portfolios; overseeing the Financial Services and the Financial Aid departments; and, periodically serving as adjunct faculty for traditional and online accounting courses, Kavanaugh said.

"I am thrilled to have Bobbie serve in this interim role; she is a great addition to our team,' Provenzano said. "Her unique skillset which includes financial leadership and teaching in the higher education sector will benefit OCC's administrative operations.

"Bobbie will seamlessly continue our emphasis on fiscal accountability and enhancing student success."

Remias, a Shelby Township resident, has over 30 years of progressive finance and accounting experience in higher education, K-12, manufacturing, and the service industries, including work at accounting firm, Plante Moran, Kavanaugh said.

"It is an honor to be joining the team at Oakland Community College," said Remias. "I truly believe in the mission and value of community colleges and look forward to working together to strategically prepare and help lead OCC into the future."



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She holds a master's degree in professional accountancy from Walsh College and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Remias, Kavanaugh said, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) as well as the Michigan Community College Business Officials Association (MCCBOA) and an active participant in higher education leadership.



Kango Chooses Pacifica as its Minivan

The Chrysler brand and Kango, an app-based, on-demand service designed to provide safe, reliable rides and childcare for kids from preschool to high school, today announced a new partnership that will make available new Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minivans for use by eligible Kango drivers.

In this first-of-a-kind partnership between a family rideshare service and an automaker in the U.S., the Chrysler brand will make a fleet of new Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minivans available to eligible Kango drivers, for an affordable lease, to promote safety and environmental stewardship and to provide a best-in-class ride, said Fiat Chrysler spokeswoman Diane Morgan.

The California-based Kango will deploy the Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid vehicles in San Francisco beginning in fall 2017, Morgan said. The Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minivans will be used by Kango's pre-screened, trusted drivers to transport riders in the San Francisco Bay area.

"Kango is excited to partner with Chrysler to make its new Pacifica Hybrid minivans available to our eligible drivers," said Sara Schaer, CEO of Kango. "In addition to being a green vehicle with the best mileage of any minivan, the Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid will help us meet the growing demand for shared carpool rides for groups of kids going places. Drivers save money on gas. Kids are delighted with the minivan's kid-friendly features. It's a win for everyone."

"Parents and children today," said Tim Kuniskis, Head of Passenger Car Brands - Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and FIAT, FCA – North America, "are busier than ever and often need to be in multiple places at one time.

"The Chrysler brand is focused on providing transportation solutions for families to make their lives easier. The Chrysler Pacifica is the ultimate family vehicle, and with the addition of the Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid, it's now the most fuel-efficient family vehicle.

Together with Kango, we will make it easier for parents to manage conflicting priorities at car, offering built-in games and



The Pacifica is the preferred minivan used by app provider Kango.

work with the knowledge that their kids are being transported to their activities in a safe environment.'

Kango and Chrysler brand are providing families with top-ofthe-line safety, technology, comfort, and service for the benefit and enjoyment of Kango's regular customers. Kango's drivers and caregivers all have previous childcare experience, Morgan said.

They are Trustline-certified, fingerprinted, backgroundchecked, DMV record-checked and screened in person, leading Kango to win "Best Uber for Kids" in San Francisco magazine's 2017 Best of San Francisco awards.

In addition, Kango is the only service insured to drive children of any age, providing car seats, as well as booster seats. It is also the only kids' ridesharing service that performs both same-day and pre-scheduled rides, seven days a week, and allows families to meet a driver or sitter beforehand if desired.

The Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid is America's first-ever hybrid minivan, and along with its ecofriendly electric range and bestin-class MPG, comes equipped with 100-plus safety and security features, giving parents peace of mind, said Morgan.

In addition to safety, the Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid is kidfriendly, providing the largest dual touchscreens of any family

apps with the available Uconnect Theater, Morgan said.

The Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minivans are also perfect, said Morgan, for multi-family carpools - a common scenario, as Kango drivers can do multiple pickups and/or multiple dropoffs in the same ride.

For example, Kango can pick up neighboring kids and bring them to school in the morning, or pick up several kids from an afterschool activity and drop them off at their respective homes.

"Overall, Kango is so excited to be working with Chrysler to delight our customers with a best-in-class ride experience, and to advance the future of safe, environmentally friendly transportation for families,' Schaer said.

Silicon Valley startup veteran Schaer and her business partner and Kango CTO Kaliyuga Sivakumar founded the company to meet the critical need for safe on-demand and scheduled rides and childcare services for busy families.



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LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Gov. Rick Snyder expressed optimism Gou, reported over the weekend that Taiwanese electronics manufacturer Foxconn Technology Group will open a facility in Michigan, but he said the specifics remain uncertain and it could be a few months before any potential deal takes shape.

In a phone interview Aug. 7 from Shanghai, where he was concluding a nine-day trade trip in China, Snyder said there is a "strong possibility" for Foxconn Foxconn is eyeing an auto still locate in the state after the company in recent weeks picked neighboring Wisconsin for a \$10 billion display panel plant with 3,000 employees that could grow to 13,000. Snyder told The Associated Press that Foxconn Chairman Terry Gou invited him for dinner, meetings and a tour of the company's sprawling factory in Shenzhen near Hong Kong that employs some 200,000 workers. They discussed the autonomous vehicle industry and advanced manufacturing, Snyder said. The company, he said, is advanced in tooling, machinery and robotics similarly to Michigan but does not have much of a U.S. presence in those sectors. "We had very healthy, very good discussions about Michigan's strengths and how it could be very good for Foxconn to be present in Michigan in some fashion. What it is has yet to be determined," he said.

Chinese media outlets, quoting that Foxconn plans to open a research and development center related to self-driving vehicles in Michigan, where General Motors, Ford and Fiat Chrysler are based. The company has not confirmed the plans, instead repeating that Michigan is one of the states under consideration for some sort of investment.

Snyder declined to confirm

tonomous vehicle facility but said "that would be one of the natural things that they could well be looking at." Foxconn said last month that its Wisconsin announcement was just the first of several unspecified investments the company will be making in the U.S.

"It's going really well," Snyder said of the courtship. "But we're still getting to know each other, we're still working through that. They can make their own business decisions. But we're going to continue to present them good opportunities of what we can do in Michigan."

Little known to consumers, the maker of iPhones and other gadgets is a giant in the electronics industry thanks to its dominant position in the global manufacturing supply chain. Working conditions at Foxconn's factories in China have come under scrutiny in the past due to labor practices and suicides.

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New F-150 Raptor Honors Truck Heritage

Ford is celebrating 100 years of the pickup truck this year. And to help celebrate that, the F-150 now has a Raptor edition.

Combining the best attributes of the world's finest high-performance machines for air and ground, Ford's design team created a Ford F-22 F-150 Raptor based on the U.S. Air Force's Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor fighter jet for auction at AirVen-Oshkosh, said Ford ture spokesman Jiyan Cadiz. The oneof-a-kind truck fetched \$300,000 for the Experimental Aircraft Association Gathering of Eagles an organization and an event committed to aviation and encouraging youth involvement in flight.

Ford has raised more than \$3 million for the annual event since 2008 by creating collector's edition vehicles, with F-22 F-150 Raptor the premier offering at this year's live gala July 28, Cadiz said. Ford served as exclusive automotive sponsor of the 2017 Air-Venture Oshkosh fly-in at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisc., Cadiz said.

The F-22 F-150 Raptor was purchased by Gary Ackerman of Gaudin Ford in Las Vegas. The vehicle has found the perfect home in that Ackerman serves as Honorary Commander/Ambassador for the United States Airforce's F-22 Squadron at Nellis Airforce Base in Nevada.

Ford design manager Melvin Betancourt and Ford Performance led design and engineering of the F-22 F-150 Raptor. "Our job – both in the air and on the ground – is to intimidate the competition," said Betancourt. "The money we raised will enable Young Eagles to reach for the skies as well."

F-150 Raptor is the ultimate high-performance off-road truck – the toughest, smartest, most

capable Raptor ever. Delivering 450 horsepower and 510 lb.-ft. of torque, Raptor's exclusive Terrain Management System gives it superior agility.

Ford's design for F-150 Raptor was inspired by the F-22 fighter jet.

Nicole Rush, Ford designer, and the Ford design fabrication team headed up interior enhancements. With the loftiest of expectations for unrivaled care and precision, building the F-22 F-150 Raptor was entrusted to Brad and Doug DeBerti at internationally renowned DeBerti Design.

Betancourt says Ford could not have asked for a more purposeful execution of its vision than what the DeBerti team accomplished.

"Few things are as streamlined, as gloriously intimidating as the shape, metallic color and sinister speed a fighter jet represents," said Betancourt. "The simple, extreme functionality of the cockpit alone proved inspiring, prompting the team to create matte finishes, purposeful gauges, controls for ready proximity and dramatic LED lighting for the instrument panel."

Todd Eckert, Ford truck group

marketing manager, said the F-22 F-150 Raptor celebrates the fighter jet's dominance of the skies and the consistent leadership of F-Series on the ground. "Our long-standing commitment to Young Eagles encourages new talent to enter the world of flight, while highlighting the freedom, power, speed and agility shared by the Ford F-150 Raptor and the F-22 Raptor fighter jet."

Highlights of the Ford F-22 F-150 Raptor include:

• Whipple-intercooled, highoutput 3.5-liter twin-turbo Eco-Boost making 545 horsepower and 660 lb.-ft. of torque – taking off-road performance to intimidating new levels.

• Modified Addictive Desert Design front suspension and bump stop kit.

• Deaver rear spring pack to provide a smooth, progressive suspension.

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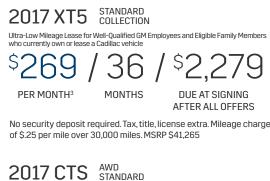




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VW Troubles in Germany

BERLIN (AP) – The governor of one of Germany's biggest states says he allowed Volkswagen to vet a 2015 speech about the automaker's diesel scandal.

German weekly Bild am Sonntag has reported that VW, which is part-owned by Lower Saxony state, suggested removing some of the harsh criticism of its emissions trickery.

Governor Stephan Weil's office confirmed Aug. 6 that the speech was sent to VW's chief lobbyist and lawyers, but denied softening his criticism of the company as a result.

Weil's office said the aim was "to ensure that no legally or factually inaccurate statements were made" because of pending lawsuits in the U.S.

The incident adds to pressure on Weil, whose center-left coalition of Social Democrats and Greens face an early regional election after a lawmaker's defection cost his government its majority.

Lower Saxony is preparing for an election, which has scheduled an early election for Oct. 15 after the center-left coalition lost its parliamentary majority.

The balloting will take place three weeks after the national election on Sept. 24 in which German Chancellor Angela Merkel is seeking a fourth term.

Saxony Lower governor Stephan Weil announced the date Aug. 7 after discussions with other parties. Weil's Social Democrats and the Greens have run the state since 2013.

Its single-seat majority evaporated last week when a Green lawmaker defected to Merkel's conservatives.

Lower Saxony, one of Germany's largest states, is home to automaker Volkswagen, in which the state holds a 20 percent stake.

VW employs about 100,000 people in Lower Saxony and has been embroiled in a scandal over diesel car emissions.

Cadillac Rings in Autumn With Series of Concerts

It's been said the sound of a Cadillac is music to the ears of car afficionados.

As of Aug. 29, that will be literally true thanks to Global Citizen in collaboration with Cadillac.

They will be hosting Global Citizen & Cadillac in Concert - The "Accelerator Series," a set of performances hosted at Cadillac House in New York City, said Cadillac spokesman Michael Patrick.

These live, exclusive performances will honor leading social entrepreneurs who are driving systemic change and creating solutions to global problems, Patrick said.

The first Global Citizen & Cadillac Accelerator Series performance will feature multi-platinum, multi-Grammy Award-nominated artist Charlie Puth on Tuesday, Aug. 29, followed by Andra Day on Tuesday, Sept. 19, with a special third concert on Thursday, Sept. 21, Patrick saidnounced later this month). Global Citizens can earn admission to the free-ticketed series by joining the movement and taking action on some of today's most important social issues.

At each event, a selected social entrepreneur will receive the inaugural Global Citizen Accelerator Award, presented by Cadillac honoring passion and genius in social entrepreneurship. The winners will receive a grant of \$10,000 to continue their work and implement meaningful change around the world.

The concert series is part of a larger partnership between Global Citizen and Cadillac that will encourage a new generation of people to impact change through social entrepreneurship. These initiatives will be amplified by both Global Citizen and Cadillac leading up to and following their collaboration at the Global Citizen Festival at the end of September.



Charlie Puth

"We are proud to work with Cadillac and a wonderful lineup of artists in shining a light on Global Citizens who are dedicated to making a difference," said Elizabeth Edelman, vice president of Business Development and Partnerships for Global Citizen. "There's no better way to honor this group of inspiring changemakers than by taking action to better the world. We hope that the stories we tell through this series will inspire a new generation of Global Citizens to become social entrepreneurs.'

"Cadillac is proud to join Global Citizen in elevating and impacting individual change-makers who drive the world forward," said Nathan Tan, Associate director, Brand Partnerships & Experiences for Cadillac. "The inaugural Accelerator Award recipients are social entrepreneurs using their passion and genius to tackle the world's biggest challenges and accelerate change in innovative ways. We are committed to supporting the work of these social entrepreneurs and building awareness for their important and necessary work." "It's inspiring to see the impact one person can have in their community and around the world," Puth said. "I'm excited to celebrate these Global Citizens and their amazing achievements.' "I couldn't be more excited to join this series and support the Global Citizen movement," Day said. "Honoring leaders who are taking action to make the world a better place and ensuring no one goes hungry is an essential part of building a sustainable future." For more information about how to join the movement, please visit globalcitizen.org and follow @GlblCtzn on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, using #GlobalCitizen, Patrick said.

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Recipients of the 2017 Global Citizen Accelerator Award, Presented by Cadillac:

• David Auerbach, Founder of Sanergy, a startup that is building healthy communities by making sanitation sustainable, and creating jobs, in Kenyan slums.

• Elise Kendall, CEO of Kinosol, a small-scale, solar-powered food dehydrator that is reducing food waste, increasing nutrient availability, and improving the livelihoods of subsistence farmers around the world.

• John Nesbit, Co-Founder of Medic Mobile, which provides frontline health workers the mobile technology they need to reach patients in rural areas.

Dow Automotive Specflex Reduces Weight

Improving a vehicle's performance while helping automakers achieve lightweighting goals is no easy task. That's where Dow Automotive's new Specflex polyurethane systems come in.

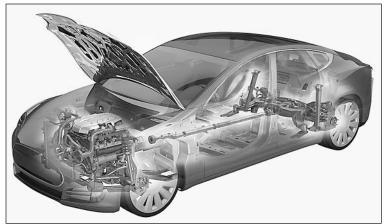
The Specfelx systems from Dow Automotive Systems can be customized to meet under-thehood performance requirements while balancing weight and processing targets, said Dow spokesman Chris Swart.

In addition to offering sound absorption, barrier and/or damping qualities for hoodliners, Specflex provides customized flammability and fast-curing systems to enable increased productivity and deliver large, complex shapes, Swart said.

Specflex hoodliners enable customers to address global requirements for road traffic noise reduction," said Dr. Esther Quintanilla, Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) marketing manager for Dow Automotive Systems. "This lightweight lightweight polyurethane foam provides better acoustics control and weight advantages while also delivering a high level of thermoforming and stiffness. SPECFLEX can also be used for air intakes, engine side dashboards, transmission tunnel insulators and water boxes.'

The new SPECFLEX solutions are available with low density to pass requirements such as MVSS 302 and superior flammability to pass PV 3357, Quintanilla said. The foams meet physical, acoustical and processing requirements with minimal waste.

Dow Automotive Systems, a business unit of The Dow Chemical Company, is a leading global provider of collaborative solutions and advanced materials for original equipment manufacturers, tier suppliers, aftermarket customers and commer-



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The company's materials focus includes structural, elastic and rubber-to-substrate adhesive solutions; polyurethane foams and acoustical management solutions; films; fluids; and innovative composite technologies, Swart said.

Offices and application development centers are located around the world to ensure regionalized technical, engineering and commercial support for customers and industry groups. The group's North American headquarters are located in Auburn Hills

Car Interest Rates Decline

loans fell to a six-month low in July as automakers ramped up summer zero-percent finance deals, according to a new analysis from Edmunds, the car shopping and information platform.

The annual percentage rate (APR) on new financed vehicles averaged 4.77 percent in July, down from 4.96 percent in June, said Edmunds spokeswoman Monica Favorite. And 11.3 percent of purchasers who financed took advantage of zero-percent financing, up from 9.47 percent in June and 10.2 percent a year ago.

"Zero-percent finance deals are common in the summer, but car buyers can save even more this year," said Jessica Caldwell, Edmunds executive director of

Interest rates on new-vehicle industry analysis. "Even though interest rates were lower on average in July than at any time in the past six months, they're still hovering at highs not seen since 2009. These higher interest rates make zero-percent financing a big carrot for dealers seeking to lure car shoppers."

Overall, interest rates on auto financing have been higher in 2017 than in recent years. July's average APR is up 5.6 percent year over year - 14.2 percent higher than it was five years ago.

'In today's declining market, every sale counts," Caldwell said. "We anticipate automakers will continue to ramp up zeropercent finance offers as we get deeper into the summer selldown season."







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Flint Group Making Push To Develop Old GM Site

FLINT, Mich. (AP) – Economic development officials in Flint are making a push to revitalize the former manufacturing site that once produced every Buick that General Motors made.

The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce was awarded a \$197,000 federal grant to allow work to be completed at the site that prioritizes development locations, creates marketing materials and identifies and assists prospective tenants.

The grant will also help with conceptualizing building designs and developing construction costs for projects requiring 40,000-square-feet of space, The Flint Journal reported.

"The approach that we've taken is to kind of think about the whole site but also recognize that very few projects would need the whole site," said Janice Karcher, vice president of economic development for the chamber. "Many of the requests that we've received are companies that want to occupy 50- or 100,000-square-feet and those kinds of facilities can locate on five to 10 acres and don't need 390."

The grant also allows officials to identify services at the site that could be vital to potential developers, such as transportation access, size and location of water lines, size and location of sewer lines and where gas and electric services are.

"This level of information allows us to get in front of more prospective companies, developers and be able to say, 'look, we've done our homework to make it easier for you to evaluate the site.' That's the real goal here," Karcher said. "That's really helpful in being able to avoid surprises in potential projects but also to help zero in an optimal portions of the site."

Most of the 390-acre Buick City closed in 1999, creating one of the state's largest brownfield sites. GM's Powertrain Flint North closed in 2010 and ended more than a century of manufacturing at the site.

Buick City employed nearly 30,000 at its peak.

Michigan Sees Slight Rise in Gasoline Prices

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) – AAA Michigan says gas prices statewide have fallen by about 6 cents per gallon since the beginning of the month.

The Dearborn-based auto club said that of late Aug. 6 the average price for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline was about \$2.42 per gallon.

That's about 9 cents more than at the same point last year, according to AAA Michigan records.

AAA Michigan said in its press release that the lowest average price was about \$2.32 per gallon in the Saginaw, Bay City and Midland areas.

The highest was about \$2.46 in the Ann Arbor area, according to AAA Michigan information.

The Detroit-area's average fell about 1 cent from the previous ago to \$2.44 per gallon.

That's good news for drives. It's the second consecutive week of declines for Detroit-area prices.

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