

## GMC Unveils Improvements to 2020 Portfolio

A week after declaring that its truck line is driving the company’s profits, GM unveiled information on the upcoming GMC truck lines.

The brand is strengthening its 2020 truck and SUV lineup with premium, bold styling and smarter technologies, said GM spokesman Stuart Fowle. It is raising the bar by adding standard safety features to Terrain and offering the first-ever AT4 Acadia. Acadia joins Sierra 1500 and Sierra Heavy Duty as the newest addition to the AT4 sub-brand, which will be available across the entire GMC lineup in

the next two years.

The successful rollout of GMC’s next generation pickups continues with the addition of innovative features to the Sierra 1500 and the launch of a new Sierra Heavy Duty, Fowle said.

GMC’s small SUV is updated for 2020 with GMC Pro Safety on all trim levels, an expanded standard safety package that includes Automatic Emergency Braking, Forward Collision Alert, Lane Keep Assistance with Lane Departure Warning, Following Distance Indicator, Front Pedestrian Braking and IntelliBeam Headlamps.

This new set of standard safety is complemented by an optional Driver Alert Package that includes Adaptive Cruise Control – Camera, Lane Change Alert, Side Blind Zone Alert, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Rear Park Assist and Safety Alert Seat. Denali models add Front Park Assist in addition to the Rear Park Assist.

Denali models of the premium compact SUV get multiple updates, including a new Denali Premium Package that combines the Advanced Safety Package and Comfort Package to include Adaptive Cruise Control – Camera, ventilated driver and front

passenger seats and heated rear seats, among other premium features. The 2020 Terrain Denali is also differentiated from other models by a premium suspension that includes new internal valves to deliver a more refined ride, in addition to unique spring isolators that already contribute to reduced road noise compared to other Terrains.

The Acadia’s fresh look for 2020 was announced earlier this year. It goes on sale in late summer, with new distinctive design, standard advanced safety equipment and

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GMC has added as standard smart technology such as automatic emergency braking and forward collision alert to the brand’s 2020 offerings.

## Shelby GT500 Mustang Driven by Raw Power

You like a car with a powerful engine that kicks out horsepower? Then the new Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 just might be the vehicle for you.

As the most powerful street-legal Ford ever built, this car harnesses world-class muscle and powertrain technologies to attain supercar levels of performance, said Ford spokesman Jiyen Cadiz. Its first-in-class 7-speed dual-clutch transmission, race-bred control strategies and advanced drive modes deliver a car that performs unlike any other domestic sports coupe.

Its 760-horsepower 5.2-liter V8 engine is the most power- and torque-dense supercharged V8 in

the world. With 625 ft.-lb. of torque funneled through a Tremec TR-9070 DCT 7-speed dual-clutch transmission, the Shelby GT500 achieves a 0-100-0 in 10.6 seconds, thanks also to the largest front brakes of any domestic sports coupe (16.5-inch rotors) and available carbon fiber wheels, each wrapped in a Ford Performance-spec Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tire.

Beyond the raw power and ultra-fast shifts, Cadiz said that advanced control systems optimize the capabilities of the chassis and powertrain to create distinct drive modes – or personalities –



The new engine of the Shelby Mustang GT500 provides 760 horsepower.

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## NACTOY Starts Process to Find Winners

by Jim Stickford

So it begins.

The process to name the best new sedan, truck and sport utility – to be named at the 2020 North American International Car Show, which will be held next year for the first time in the month of June – has started.

The North American Car, Utility and Truck of the Year (NACTOY awards last week announced a list of 46 models eligible for the 2020 awards that illustrates the intense competition and ongoing innovation among automakers across all three vehicle categories.

Jurors will select up to 12 models in each category in September and then will conduct additional driving evaluations during a comparison drive from Oct. 8-10 in Ann Arbor, said NACTOY spokesman Brent Snavey. Three finalists in each category will be announced at the LA Auto Show in November.

This year’s eligibility list includes 19 cars, 22 utilities and five trucks that are being brought to market by 23 different automotive brands. The models up for consideration range from cars with mass market appeal to luxury vehicles and all-new pickup nameplates.

“The competition is wide open across all three categories this year, with both premium and mainstream brands duking it out in the car and utility classes and an unusually high number of trucks,” said NACTOY Secretary/Treasurer Kirk Bell.

## 2019 Woodward Dream Cruise Offers Activities

by Jim Stickford

The 2019 Woodward Dream Cruise will be officially held on Saturday, Aug. 17.

The route goes along Woodward Avenue from 8 Mile to Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

But the official cruise is just one part of a larger celebration of Detroit’s automotive history.

On Friday, Aug. 16, the City of Berkley will be hosting a variety of events from 6 to 9 p.m. at the intersection of 12 Mile and Robina in the downtown business district. These events include the CruiseFest Classic Car Parade. There will also be a Kid’s Zone.

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There will be plenty to see and do in all the cities that are playing host to the 2019 Woodward Dream Cruise.



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## Macomb Health Department Gets Honors

The Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) was honored with the Model Practice Award at the 2019 Annual Conference of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The award celebrates local health departments for developing programs that demonstrate exemplary and replicable best practices in response to a critical local public health needs. The Youth Emergency Preparedness Training Program was one of 53 local health department programs to receive NACCHO's prestigious Model Practice Award.

The Youth Preparedness Program is an outreach and education initiative that targets Macomb County fifth graders. The MCHD utilizes MCHD Medical Reserve Corps volunteers as presenters. Schools schedule a presentation and on event day, an MCHD MRC volunteer arrives at the school to present information, including an emergency preparedness survey, common ways emergencies are prevented, the creation of an emergency plan packet. Two weeks after each presentation, the students take the survey again and receive a classroom certificate of completion from the program.

# GMC Shows Off Latest 2020 Pickup Truck Improvements

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technology advancements, Fowle said. Exterior design updates include a bold new grille, new front and rear facias, standard LED lighting and signature GMC C-shape lighting, complemented with interior refinements. Lane Change Alert with Side Blind Zone Alert, Rear Cross Traffic Alert and Rear Park Assist are now standard on all trims.

GMC offers more customer choice, introducing the first-ever Acadia AT4 with more aggressive exterior styling and darkened finishes and a new 2.0L Turbocharged engine standard on SLT models.

A new nine-speed automatic transmission is now standard for the 2.0L, 2.5L and 3.6L engines, and ride and handling are enhanced with all-new suspension refinements. Additionally, the 2020 Acadia is the latest GMC with Electronic Precision Shift replacing the conventional shifter.

The 2020 Sierra offers premium, segment-leading features with the addition of the 3.0L Duramax turbo-diesel engine and the expansion of its carbon fiber bed and 10-speed automatic transmission. Sierra 2020 is the first full model year availability of the CarbonPro Edition with the carbon fiber bed, available on AT4 and Denali.

Other available tech additions include an upgraded ProGrade Trailing System that features a segment-leading 15 total available camera views, including a segment-first transparent trailer view (accessory equipment required). Adaptive Cruise Control – Camera is also added for 2020. The system features a single high-mounted camera behind the rearview mirror and can bring the Sierra to a complete stop.

The new Sierra Heavy Duty features include Available Enhanced ProGrade Trailing system featuring class-leading available 15 camera views, including a segment-first transparent trailer view to virtually see through a trailer in tow (accessory equip-

ment required). Also available on 2020 Sierra 1500 and available segment-first Rear Camera Mirror.

It's not only in-vehicle technology enhancements that provide customers with a world-class towing experience, the new Sierra Heavy Duty also marks the introduction of the first-ever Allison 10-speed automatic transmission mated to the 6.6L Duramax turbo diesel, offering high torque, high power, low noise

and exceptional durability, Fowle said.

For those looking to take refined capability off-road, GMC fortifies the new AT4 brand with an all-new Sierra AT4 Heavy Duty available for Crew Cab configurations as both a 2500 and 3500 single rear wheel offering. Additionally, the world's first six-function MultiPro tailgate is available on all trims and standard on SLT, AT4 and Denali.

The 2020 Canyon adds new fea-

tures including a standard Tire Fill Alert that provides an audible, visual indication when tire pressure is added, as well as a new available remote locking tailgate.

The All Terrain trim expands package and feature availability by adding Driver Alert package, Forward Collision Alert and Lane Departure Warning. The addition of a Carbon Black Metallic exterior color choice rounds out Canyon's model year updates.

## Macomb, Warren Hold Emergency Drills

Macomb County Emergency Management, Clinton Township Emergency Management and the City of Warren Emergency Management last week executed a full-scale mock disaster training exercise with the support of more than 200 police, fire, EMS and hospital personnel and 250 school staff and students, said County spokesman John Cwikla. The exercise, which officials have been planning for over a year, aimed to increase readiness capabilities for an active assailant incident.

The mass training exercise program was developed by Macomb County Emergency Management and Communications using guidance and materials

from various government and nongovernment organizations. The drill took place at three local high schools, including Clinton-dale High School, Clinton Township; Fitzgerald High School, Warren; and L'Anse Creuse High School, Harrison Township. Additional exercise elements were performed at COMTEC, where the Macomb County Sheriff's Office Centralized Dispatch took calls, gave commands and provided oversight by connecting with the schools' security cameras, Cwikla said.

"Having COMTEC involved was a crucial component for the exercise," said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. "In a real-life situation, they would need to

move quickly and efficiently to ensure an adequate response to an active assailant. So practicing today with calls and live video feeds was certainly beneficial for everyone involved.

"There is an urgent need to be prepared for these types of incidents," said Brandon Lewis, director of Macomb County Emergency Management. "This makes training exercises like those performed today profoundly important for our first responders. By taking part in the mock drill, they can all react and respond accordingly in an active assailant situation."

The exercise was also important for students and school staff and safety officers, Lewis said.



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## GM Opens New Process Center, Employs 800

Approximately 800 employees can now call the new ACDelco and GM Genuine Parts processing center in the Flint suburb of Burton home.

The state-of-the-art facility was officially opened for business last week and will employ more than 800 hourly and salaried employees, said GM spokeswoman Raeven Henry.

GM now employs more than 9,500 people in Genesee County, including the Grand Blanc headquarters of the company's Customer Care and Aftersales business and the Flint manufacturing complex.

"This new facility in Burton will help us continue to deliver the industry's best possible sales, service and ownership experience," said Barry Engle, GM executive vice president and president, the Americas. "Strategic investments in our core business, and the strong U.S. economy, are creating opportunities for GM and its employees all over the country, and especially here in Michigan."

All of the positions in Burton support GM's CCA business – the team responsible for supporting the service and repair needs of millions of GM vehicle owners as well as owners of competitive makes around the world.

The 1.1 million-square-foot plant, located on 141 acres on Davison Road, is triple the size of the facility in Burton that it is replacing. The increased capacity

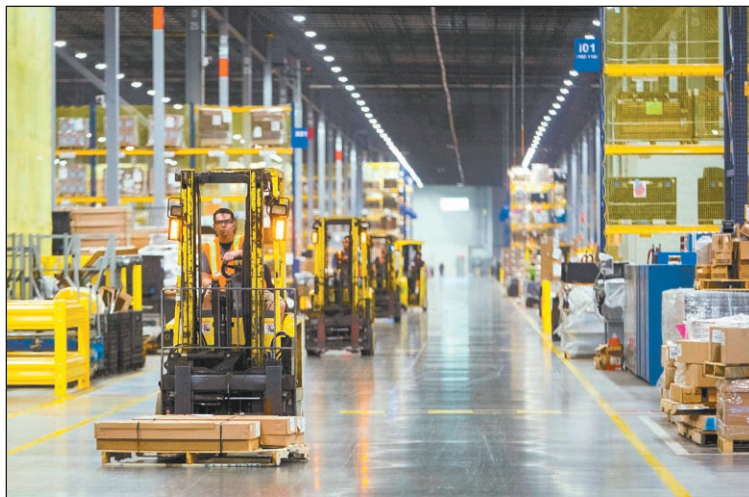
allows for greater efficiency and output as employees unitize and package as many as 120 million service parts a year.

"GM has the highest owner loyalty of any manufacturer, and a big part of that equation is getting high-quality parts into the hands of trained service technicians when and where they need them," said Tim Turvey, GM global vice president, Customer Care and Aftersales. "That's why this particular facility is so vital. Great service keeps our customers coming back year after year."

GM internal studies show that service lane loyalty is directly correlated with purchase loyalty – two areas where GM and its brands excel, Henry said. According to IHS Markit, a leading source of global automotive industry information, analysis and insight, GM has earned the highest customer loyalty among all automakers selling in the U.S. for four consecutive years.

General Motor's Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac brands all consistently score at or near the top of J.D. Power's annual Customer Service Index Study, which measures satisfaction with service at a franchised dealer or independent service facility for maintenance or repair work among owners and lessees of 1- to 3-year-old vehicles, Henry said.

"We have had tremendous support from the City of Burton, in-



GM opened its new parts processing center in Burton.

cluding Mayor Paula Zelenko and the city council, UAW Local 651, the project management team at NorthPoint Development and the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to take this facility from concept to reality," Engle added. "We are very grateful for this opportunity to expand, grow and contribute to the Burton community."

At the new Burton facility parts are packaged and distributed from Burton are used to maintain every Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac vehicle sold in the United States, as well as hundreds of competitive vehicles.

GM and its general contractor NorthPoint Development broke ground on the new site in June 2018, and GM shipped its first

outbound delivery in June 2019.

An average of 100 inbound deliveries and 55 outbound deliveries are expected each day. The facility has 84 shipping and receiving docks, up from 35 at the previous site.

During the grand opening event, Engle and Turvey underscored the company's commitment to the Flint area by announcing \$130,000 in new grants to seven local nonprofits: Boy Scouts Water & Woods Field Service Council; Communities First, Inc.; Flint River Watershed Coalition; Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan; Kettering FIRST Robotics; Neighborhood Engagement Hub; and STEMletics.

GM has awarded more than \$5.6 million to Flint-area nonprofits since 2017, Henry said.

## Warren School District Sets Year's Schedule

The Warren Consolidated 2019-2020 school year begins soon.

The official first day of school for the district is on Sept. 3. On Oct. 2, the school district will hold its annual Official Student Count Day. This is important because the student count helps determine, in part, how much funding the district will receive from the state.

There will be no school for students on Nov. 5 due to district-wide professional development efforts.

The Thanksgiving recess starts with a half day on Nov. 26. There will be no classes at on from Nov. 27 through Nov. 29.

The end-of-year holiday break begins on Dec. 23. Classes will not resume until Jan. 3, 2020.

Jan. 15 - Jan. 17 will be half days for high schoolers, due to exams.

There will be no school on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is Jan. 20, 2020.

The official winter break begins on Feb. 17, and runs through Feb. 21. Classes officially resume on Feb. 24.

Spring break begins on the week of April 6. Classes will officially resume on April 14, which will also be a high school testing day.

May 25 is Memorial Day, so there will be no classes. The last day is June 11.

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# Minivans Still Profitable for Some OEMs

by TOM KRISHER  
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) – They were the suburban vehicle of choice in the 1990s and early 2000s, but ever since, minivans appeared to be riding the slow lane to extinction. The soccer moms who once made the boxy people-haulers ubiquitous have shunned them for car-based SUVs with three rows of seats.

Many automakers have stopped selling minivans.

In fact, Chrysler sold more minivans by itself in their heyday than the entire industry does today.

But don't turn in the van keys just yet. For the automakers that still make them – Fiat Chrysler, Honda, Toyota and Kia – the minivan business is still good because the competition has bailed, giving them a bigger piece of a shrinking pie. And they're hoping that as more millennials, now ages 23 to 38, raise families, they'll see the value of sliding doors, fold-flat seats, ample storage and easy access to the third row.

Because of their people-hauling capabilities, minivans also hold promise as autonomous vehicles, meaning they may once again become popular – if people don't have to be seen actually driving them.

“There is nothing else that can compete with a minivan,” says Tim Kuniskis, head of passenger vehicles for Fiat Chrysler, which leads all automakers in sales with two minivans in the U.S. market.

“From a carrying people and stuff perspective, nothing touches it.”

Last year, minivan sales sank to 364,000, the lowest level in more than 30 years and only about one-quarter of the 1.33 million sold in 2000, the peak year, according to the CarGurus.com auto Web site.

Sales are down another 16 percent in the first half of this year, with no end to the decline in sight. That's a far cry from 1993 to 2005, when automakers sold more than 1 million of the vans every year.

Also, minivan market share has slipped from 7.2 percent of U.S. new-vehicle sales in 2000 to 2.5 percent this year, according to the Edmunds.com auto pricing site, which provides content to The Associated Press.

Minivan sales generally follow

birth rates, which have been falling for 32 years, said George Augustaitis, director of industry analytics for CarGurus, who predicts further declines.

“It's going to exist, but it's never going to exist like it once had,” Augustaitis said.

Yet for automakers that are still in, minivans are good business.

**“There is nothing else that can compete with a minivan.”**

**– Tim Kuniskis, FCA**

The only large competitors left for Fiat Chrysler are the Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna. Kia offers the Sedona, but sales are relatively small.

Other market segments can boast over one million sales per year, but they also come with 20 or more competitors, Kuniskis said.

In the early 2000s, just about every automaker had a minivan, with as many as 18 on sale in 2005, CarGurus said.

As Ford, General Motors and others exited the minivan market place as consumer sales tumbled, the number shrank to only five this year.

Profit margins on the minivans are high, with a few options pushing the sticker price north of \$40,000.

“Balloons rain from the sky every time they sell an Odyssey,” said Jeremy Acevedo, senior manager of industry insights at Edmunds.

That can be bad for young families who need the vans but can't afford big price tags. Fiat Chrysler has realized this and in the fall will start selling a Chrysler Voyager, a Spartan version of the Pacifica, starting around \$27,000.

It likely will replace the ancient Dodge Grand Caravan, which the company has been selling for about the same sticker price.

The old van, unveiled in 2008 and last updated in 2011, is the top-selling minivan in the country this year at around 72,000.

For Melanie Matcheson, 44, who lives near Waterbury, Conn., no vehicle other than a minivan could efficiently haul her family of two adults and five children ages 2 to 22. She bought an eight-passenger silver Pacifica in mid-June for about \$31,000, getting an



The Dodge Caravan is one of the few minivans still being sold.

\$8,000 discount on the vehicle.

She rented a Chevrolet Suburban big SUV but didn't like the gas mileage, and she says smaller SUVs lacked trunk space.

Matcheson doesn't care that a minivan could have the stigma of a 1990s soccer mom. “I think the newer ones look very nice,” she said.

Fiat Chrysler's Kuniskis is hoping there are more people like Matcheson who see the van's practicality.

He says millennials he has talked to liked the minivans they grew up with and they're now having children.

They're expected to surpass baby boomers as the largest popula-

tion segment, and that could boost sales of minivans, Kuniskis said.

Also, at least one autonomous vehicle company has found the vans optimal for its ride-hailing service. Google spinoff Waymo is buying up to 62,000 Pacificas from Fiat Chrysler and is using them to haul people and test self-driving systems.

CarGurus' Augustaitis says the vans are appealing to Waymo because they are easy to enter and exit and can be used more like a living room or office when autonomous vehicles start carrying people in more places.

“It could see something with autonomous because of how you can outfit them,” Augustaitis said.

## AMT Celebrates Three Decades of Engineering Services

Applied Manufacturing Technologies (AMT) of Orion, North America's largest independent automation engineering company supporting manufacturers, robot companies, systems integrators, line builders, and users of robotic automation worldwide, marked the company's 30-year anniversary on Aug. 11, said company spokeswoman Georgia H. Whalen.

Founded in 1989 by Michael Jacobs, the company has grown to 130 employees serving U.S. manufacturers from the Orion headquarters.

AMT has built a tradition of excellence in providing customers with engineering and design services, and turnkey automation systems, Whalen said.

Over the past three decades, AMT has built a strong partner and vendor network, and developed a loyal and diverse cus-

tomers base throughout the United States, Whalen said.

“The past four years working with AMT, more specifically with their Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (AME), have been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had partnering with a third-party engineering firm,” said Mehrdad Mahmoudi, manager of Process/Product Development at Corning Incorporated. “The AME team's expertise in new process development and existing process understanding, combined with their ability to design, build, and prototype equipment, allows them to evaluate customer needs and requirements to propose the most appropriate solution, ranging from incremental process improvements and LEAN, up to full automation.”

Early in AMT's history, FANUC became both an important cus-

tomers as well as a key partner, Whalen said.

Longtime AMT customer FANUC recently honored AMT for outstanding growth in robot sales.

“We sincerely value our decades-long relationship with AMT. They are widely recognized in industry for excellence in conceiving, simulation, engineering, and execution of ad-

vanced robotic automation systems,” said Dick Motley, director of FANUC's Authorized System Integrator group.

“Their contributions have improved manufacturing processes and helped maximize productivity for a wide range of customers. We look forward to supporting AMT's continued growth and success in delivering high-value automation solutions.”

## Mahindra Looking At Old GM Plant As Way to Grow Manufacturing

FLINT, Mich. (AP) – Indian conglomerate Mahindra is looking at a massive former manufacturing site in Flint, Michigan, for a new auto plant that could create up to 2,000 jobs in the area around the city.

A statement issued on Aug. 8 says Mahindra Automotive North America signed a letter of intent with the Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust to evaluate the former Buick City site, where General Motors built cars for many years before the company shut down the site.

Mahindra says the company also in talks with other states about possible manufacturing sites.

Most of Buick City closed in 1999. Portions of the location have already been redeveloped by other companies.

Mahindra says the plant could produce mail trucks if the company gets a contract for vehicles from the United States Postal Service and it could be a production site for other vehicles made by Mahindra.

Mahindra says the company's manufacturing facility in the Detroit suburb of Auburn Hills is at capacity.

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# Dodge Muscle Cars Never More Affordable

Dodge//SRT horsepower is now more attainable than ever before by way of an innovative new national sales promotion called “Dodge Power Dollars” that rewards passionate enthusiasts who crave more power.

Sales of the Dodge Challenger hit an all-time high in 2018; Charger is on pace to lead the U.S. large car segment for three years running in 2019; and Durango is on pace to have its best calendar-year sales total since 2005. Still, Dodge//SRT isn’t resting, said Tim Kuniskis, Global head of Alfa Romeo and Head of Passenger Cars – Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and FIAT, FCA – North America. In fact, just the opposite. Starting Aug. 1, customers across the United States who purchase any 2019 Dodge Challenger, Dodge Charger or Dodge Durango will get a \$10 per horsepower cash allowance.

“Since bringing the Charger and Challenger back to market, Dodge has put 485 million horsepower into the hands of our loyal enthusiasts,” said Kuniskis. “Dodge has more horsepower than anyone else, and we want to share it and give those who have always wanted more the ability to get more. The goal is to grow to a half-billion horsepower before the end of the year. This is

what we believe John and Horace Dodge would want us to do.”

Every 2019 Dodge Challenger, Charger and Durango will receive \$10 per horsepower cash allowance, ranging from SXT and GT models with Pentastar V6 efficiency and available all-wheel-drive (AWD) capability to the Dodge Durango SRT, America’s fastest, most powerful and most capable three-row SUV, the Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat, the most powerful and fastest mass-produced sedan in the world, and the Challenger SRT Hellcat Redeye, the quickest, fastest and most powerful muscle car.

Examples include:

- Challenger Hellcat Redeye – 797 horsepower, \$7,970 cash allowance;
- Challenger Hellcat – 717 horsepower, \$7,170;
- Challenger R/T Scat Pack – 485 horsepower, \$4,850 cash allowance;
- Challenger GT AWD, Challenger SXT AWD, SXT – 305 horsepower, \$3,050 cash allowance;
- Charger Hellcat – 707 horsepower, \$7,070 cash allowance;
- Charger Scat Pack – 485 horsepower, \$4,850 cash allowance;
- Charger R/T – 370 horsepower,

- er, \$3,700 cash allowance;
- Charger GT – 300 horsepower, \$3,000 cash allowance;
- Charger SXT AWD – 300 horsepower, \$3,000 cash allowance;
- Charger SXT – 292 horsepower, \$2,920 cash allowance;
- Durango SRT – 475 horsepower, \$4,750 cash allowance;
- Durango R/T – 360 horsepower, \$3,600 cash allowance;
- Durango Citadel – 295 horsepower, \$2,950 cash allowance;
- Durango GT – 295 horsepower,

- er, \$2,950 cash allowance;
- Durango SXT – 293 horsepower, cash allowance \$2,930.

Dodge//SRT is supporting “Dodge Power Dollars” with new creative highlighting the brand’s unmatched power and performance. A 30-second spot began airing across TV, digital and Dodge social channels earlier this month.

Dodge//SRT offers a complete lineup of performance vehicles that stand out in their own segments, Kuniskis said.

It’s positioned as the ultimate performance halo of the Dodge brand.



2019 Dodge Charger GT

## BMW Reports Lower Net 2Q Profits

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) – Luxury automaker BMW said in early August that net profit fell 29 percent \$1.63 billion in the second quarter from a year earlier, as profits were reduced by higher spending on revamping factories and on new technologies such as battery-only cars and smartphone-based services.

BMW spent \$1.5 billion on research and development in the quarter, and invested \$1.3 billion in new plants to modernize production and prepare for new models. It also saw higher production costs from an increasing proportion of electric vehicles and higher raw materials prices. The company said it was able to increase its share in the key China market despite a shrinking overall car market there.

BMW and the auto industry as a whole are facing a double challenge: make money selling conventional cars while sinking billions into new technologies such as battery-powered and autonomous cars, and new services that don’t necessarily involve car ownership such as car-sharing and ride-hailing apps.

The industry is also facing headwinds from the U.S.-China trade conflict.

# New Ford Shelby Mustang GT500 Driven by Engine Raw Horsepower

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to get the maximum performance from every aspect of the Shelby GT500 performance hardware.

“The range of brute-force drag acceleration, seamless road shifts and amazingly smooth shifts on the track further highlights how the soul of the Shelby GT500 is elevated in our most advanced Mustang ever,” said Ed Krenz, Ford Performance chief program engineer. “Effortlessly handling the 760 horsepower is our segment-first Tremec dual-clutch transmission, with an advanced control system that enhances GT500’s five drive modes to deliver a driving experience once reserved only for exotic supercars.”

Applying 625 ft.-lb. of torque to the pavement effectively requires a transmission and driveline that can do more than just handle a massive amount of power.

Ford Performance engineers collaborated with Tremec to design a gearbox that offers maximum driver control with stunningly fast shifting and greater performance across a wide spectrum of driving environments, Krenz said.

The team’s “and” solution is the Tremec TR-9070 DCT 7-speed dual-clutch transmission.

“In many ways, this is like having two transmissions in one,”

said Pat Morgan, Ford Performance Powertrain manager. “On one hand, it enables performance at the outer reaches of straight-line quickness with minimal torque interruption, yet provides an incredible amount of finesse and control in track environments for maximum stability and predictability at the limits of lateral acceleration.”

To firmly and smoothly deliver torque, the TR-9070 DCT dual-clutch transmission has a novel wet clutch system with five friction plates in the odd-gear pack for a total of 155 square inches of surface area. In the even-gear pack, six friction plates provide 136 square inches of surface area.

Transmission fluid is applied to the clutch surfaces only during thermal events for optimal cooling and minimal parasitic loss. Seven non-sequential helical forward gears with advanced triple cone synchros are carefully matched to the engine’s torque curve and are pre-selected by an electrohydraulic shift mechanism using energy-efficient low-leak solenoids that can execute shifts as quick as 80 milliseconds in sport mode.

Inside the control system, timing is everything. Shift points and clutch modulation are orchestrated by a computer-controlled mechatronics system that simul-

taneously reads dozens of vehicle and environmental factors – including engine and transmission rpm, driver input and g forces, and clutch and shift fork positions – to pre-select and engage the optimum shift for every driving situation.

Steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters are direct-wired to the transmission to avoid CAN-

bus vehicle communication system delays and initiate shifts as fast as 130 milliseconds, further enhancing responsiveness and connected feel.

“Contrary to popular belief, fast shifts do not always equate to better road performance,” said Morgan. “In every driving situation, we emulated what professional drivers do, whether it’s

a smooth, precise heel-and-toe shift of a professional track driver or a much more forceful powershift like drag racers. We’ve designed the perfect shift every time.”

The 2020 Shelby GT500 has five drive modes that further enhance the driver experience with a flick of the console mounted mode switch.

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FCA builds vans designed to help those who use wheelchairs.

## Diverse Abilities Network Demonstrate FCA Values

FCA North America has had a longstanding commitment to the values of promoting diversity and inclusion.

At the core of this commitment stand the company's Business Resource Groups, said Brian Johnson, FCA chief diversity and inclusion officer.

These employee-directed groups pursue projects that enhance the FCA work culture, focusing on networking and mentoring, celebrating multicultural differences and engaging external communities through volunteer and charitable activities, Johnson said.

Last year, recognizing that these groups could be a source of competitive advantage, the company charged the teams to broaden their focus to also pursue projects with strategic value. It was at that time the Employee Resource Groups were renamed Business Resource Groups, Johnson said.

This year, the company has expanded the number of Business Resource Groups from seven to nine, adding a group named Middle Eastern Employee Together and a group called the Diverse Abilities Network.

These new groups join existing Business Resources serving a range of employee affinity communities, such as African Ancestry, Veterans, Latin, Asian, Native American, LGBTQ and women.

In many ways this is a historic moment as the FCA Business Resource Group community becomes a closer reflection of the diversity of the FCA North America team and the communities the company serves.

"The Diverse Abilities Network is a very exciting evolution for the company," Johnson said. "This group is focused on providing support to employees with disabilities, employees as caregivers, and employees who have children with disabilities or special needs. Why is this group so important? Consider that one in every five Americans has a disability.

"And, when we dig deeper into the data, we see the gap between disabilities and everyday life is not a black and white issue that is easily resolved. Every challenge is different; every need is different."

Of the millions who fall into the category of having a disability:

- A million people live with severe disabilities;
- Two million people have a functional limitation;
- And five million are youth.

"Young and old are striving to grow and learn, not just how to live with their disability, but how the surrounding world treats them because they have one," Johnson said. "That is really what the Diverse Abilities Network at FCA is all about. We look forward to being a part of this community and making a difference in the lives of our colleagues and their children."

### Group Seeking Help For Detroit Census

DETROIT (AP) – Nearly \$1 million in grants have been awarded to Detroit-area organizations seeking to promote and support a fair and accurate 2020 U.S. Census count.

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan says the grants range from \$7,000 to \$75,000. Funding runs through August 2020.

The foundation's Southeast Michigan Counts is a strategic effort to foster regional participation in the 2020 census. It says organizations receiving funding will work to promote awareness and action by historically undercounted populations such as communities of color, low-income households, immigrants and young children. An accurate census counts are essential for federal funds that support services for communities.

## A&W Helps Veterans with Root Beer Floats

by Jim Stickford

Aug.6 was National Root Beer Float Day, and A&W celebrated by helping disabled veterans.

On the restaurant chain's Web page, A&W officials wrote "Aug. 6 is National Root Beer Float Day, the one day every year when we celebrate our signature treat. . . so stop by any A&W Restaurant on Tuesday, August 6th for a free small Root Beer Float . . . no purchase necessary! Donations to DAV (Disabled American Veterans) are encouraged. Cheers!"

Sam Bayyouk, owner of the A&W restaurant at the corner of Nine Mile and Mound, said that he was proud to participate in the event.

"This is a great way to help out," Bayyouk said.

Customers to the restaurant could get free floats between 2 and 8 p.m. While the floats were free, people were encouraged to donate to Disabled American Veterans.

Those who made a donation also got a \$1 off coupon for A&W regu-

larly priced combo meals.

Shari Cook manned the counter during the promotion.

"I am happy to help out today," Cook said. "My daddy's a veteran. His name is Alvin Miller, and my granddaddy, Alfred Baylor, is still in the military. He's a surgeon. So I am very glad to do my

part to help raise money for disabled veterans. This is something that is close to my heart."

Bayyouk said the event is popular with customers and they've been able to raise money for a worthy cause. It's something A&W does every year on Aug. 6 and he looks forward to next year.



Cook helped raise money for veterans at a local A&W restaurant.

## Nissan to do 'Service Campaign' on 200,000 Altimas

DETROIT (AP) – Nissan will do a "service campaign" to fix nearly 200,000 Altima midsize cars because a suspension part can come loose from the frame due to corrosion.

The campaign falls short of a recall, but the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is continuing an investigation into the problem that covers more than 2 million cars.

The campaign includes 2013 Altimas in 22 U.S. states and

Washington, D.C., that use salt to clear roads in the winter. Also covered are 2013 and 2014 Altimas in Canada. Owners will be notified in the fall to bring their vehicles in to have a rear lower control arm replaced.

The service campaign could let Nissan avoid a recall, which would get it out of NHTSA monitoring and requirements to report progress to the government.

The company says in a statement that the corrosion issue

hasn't been seen outside states that use road salt. Based on field inspections, few cars outside the salt states would experience the problem, the statement said.

In documents posted Aug. 1, NHTSA said 139 owners have complained about the problem to the company and the government. No crashes or injuries have been reported. NHTSA began investigating last year after getting complaints that the parts could crack and fail.

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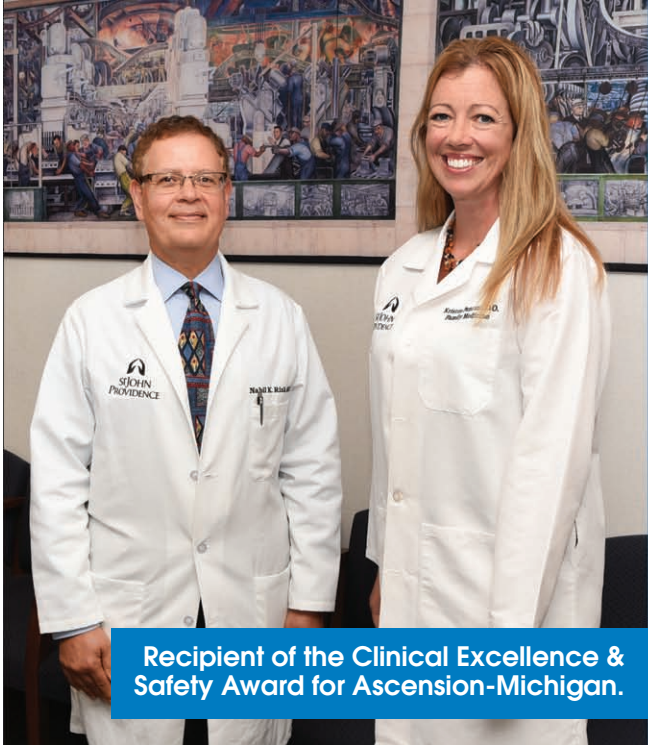
## UAW Official Gets Prison Sentence

DETROIT (AP) – A former United Auto Workers vice president has been sentenced to 15 months in prison in a scheme that funneled cash from a job training center in Detroit toward personal uses.

Norwood Jewell appeared Aug. 5 in U.S. District Court in Detroit. He is the highest ranking labor official charged and the eighth person sentenced in the ongoing investigation into illegal payoffs to UAW officials.

The center was financed by Fiat Chrysler. Former Fiat Chrysler executive Al Iacobelli is serving a 51/2-year prison sentence.

The 61-year-old Jewell pleaded guilty in April. His plea agreement listed \$60,000 in meals and golf paid with training center credit cards.



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# Selection Process for 2020 NACTOY Winners Has Started

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To be eligible, vehicles must be all-new or substantially new and must be available at dealerships before the end of the year.

“With all this talk of consumers abandoning cars in favor of SUVs and crossovers, someone appears to have forgotten to tell the product planners,” said NACTOY Vice President Chris Paukert. “This year’s eligibility list for Car of the Year includes nearly 20 candidates, from affordable everyday models like the Mazda3 and Hyundai Sonata to sports cars like the BMW Z4 and Chevrolet Corvette Stingray. It’s a diverse bunch.”

Chosen by a panel of 50 respected jurors from print, online, radio and broadcast media across the U.S. and Canada – rather than a single publication or media outlet – the awards are among the most prestigious and unique in the industry, Snavelly said.

“The importance of the awards to consumers and manufacturers is more than just sales. It’s a battle of design, technology, safety, connectivity and more to offer the best of each brand to consumers,” said NACTOY President Lauren Fix. “This year’s large selection of cars, utilities and trucks will challenge our independent jury of experienced veterans to evaluate each vehicle and choose the best in each category.”

Here is the full 2020 NACTOY eligibility list

**Car of the Year:**

- BMW 3 Series;
- BMW Z4;
- BMW 7 Series / Alpina B7;
- BMW 8 Series;
- Cadillac CT5;
- Chevrolet Corvette Stingray;
- Ford Mustang Shelby GT500;
- Hyundai Sonata;
- Kia Soul;
- Mazda3;
- Mercedes-AMG GT 4-Door Coupe;
- Mercedes-Benz A-Class;
- Mercedes-Benz CLA-Class;
- Nissan Versa;
- Polestar 1;
- Porsche 911;
- Subaru Legacy;
- Toyota Supra;
- Volkswagen Arteon.

**Utility of the Year:**

- Audi E-Tron;
- Audi Q3;
- BMW X6;

- BMW X7;
- Cadillac XT6;
- Chevrolet Blazer;
- Ford Explorer;
- Ford Escape;
- Honda Passport;
- Kia Telluride;
- Hyundai Palisade;

- Lexus UX;
- Lincoln Aviator;
- Lincoln Corsair;
- Mercedes-AMG GLC-Class;
- Mercedes GLE-Class;
- Mercedes GLS-Class;
- Mercedes GLB-Class;
- Mercedes EQC-Class;

- Range Rover Evoque;
- Subaru Outback;
- Volvo V60 Cross Country.

- GMC Sierra Heavy Duty;
- Jeep Gladiator;
- Ram Heavy Duty.

**Truck of the Year**

- Chevrolet Silverado Heavy Duty;
- Ford Ranger;

Look for future articles on which models the NACTOY judges select as the finalist vehicles come the fall.



2020 Chevy Corvette Stingray



2020 Ford Shelby Mustang GT500



2019 Chevy Blazer



2020 Lincoln Corsair



2019 Ford Ranger



2020 Jeep Gladiator

## 2019 Woodward Dream Cruise Activities

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be hosting its own Cruise Event and Classic Car Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on South Old Woodward from Maple to Lincoln.

**Bloomfield Township** will be holding its Classic Car Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mercedes-Benz dealership located on 36700 Woodward.

The **City of Ferndale** will be hosting several different events, beginning on Thursday, Aug. 15 at West 9 Mile and Woodward. The Classics & Cruisin’ Legends Vehicle Show is from 1 to 8 p.m. And there will be music at the DJ Sounds & Rock’n Live Entertainment Stage.

On Friday, Aug. 16, the Lights and Sirens Cruise will start at 5:30 p.m. And there will be music at the Rock’n Live Entertainment Stage from 1 to 9:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, Ford’s Mustang Alley display will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Music will be played at the Rock’n Live Entertainment Stage from 1 to 9:30 p.m.

The **City of Royal Oak** will be holding the Performance Park Classic Car Show from noon to 7 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 17, the Cruise In Shoes 5K Run/Walk

starts at Shrine High School. The Performance Park Classic Car Show continues from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The **City of Pontiac** will be holding its Classic Car Show by Williams International on the corner of Saginaw and Pike between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.

There will also be the Pontiac Downtown Expo Presented by St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, with food and goods for sale.

At 5 p.m. the Silent Disco will be held in Hidden River Park.

The **City of Pleasant Ridge** will be holding its Ford Classic Car Show in Greenbelt Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Classic rock radio station WOMC will be broadcasting live from Duggan’s Irish Pub, 31501 Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, from 3 p.m. to midnight. Disc jockeys Beau Daniels and Steve Kostan will provide the music between Monday, Aug. 12 and Friday, Aug. 16.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, the radio station will be broadcasting from Ford’s Mustang Alley, located at 9 Mile and Woodward from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WOMC will also have broadcast activities at Duggan’s Irish

Pub from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Pioneer Park in Royal Oak from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Normandy Plaza at Woodward and Normandy in Royal Oak from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and the AAA facility in Birmingham from 9 to 11 a.m., featuring disc jockey Jim Johnson.

Channel 7 WXYZ-TV will be broadcasting a special two hour live show starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Those wishing attend Cruise events but wish to avoid traffic problems might consider taking advantage of free shuttle service offered by SMART on Saturday, Aug. 17.

SMART Dream Cruise shuttle service is free to all riders. Approximately 18 buses will operate along Woodward Avenue from 8 Mile to downtown Pontiac from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Passengers can board at any RED SMART or FAST bus stop along Woodward Avenue. SMART buses shuttle will run through nine communities along 16 miles of Woodward Avenue. All buses are wheelchair accessible and equipped with bike racks.

To learn more about the 2019 Woodward Dream Cruise, go to woodwarddreamcruise.com/.

## To Promote Integrated Transportation Solutions, Ford Buys Journey Holding

To support its commitment to deliver integrated solutions that support cities and their transportation systems, Ford Smart Mobility LLC (FSM), a division of Ford Motor Company, has reached an agreement to acquire Journey Holding Corporation.

Journey Holding, a technology company that specializes in software solutions for intelligent transportation systems, will integrate its offerings with FSM’s TransLoc, a provider of technology solutions for on-demand and fixed route systems for public and private transit operations, said Ford spokesman Wes Sherwood. Journey Holding CEO Justin Rees will lead the new operation.

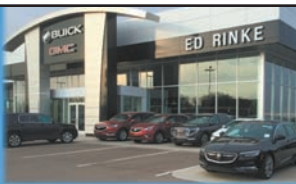
“The combination of these transit technology companies will accelerate our efforts to help cities deliver more seamless, productive, and accessible transportation solutions to their citizens and visitors,” said Brett Wheatley, vice president Ford Mobility Marketing and Growth. “It also will be key to connecting customers with the other mobility solutions in our portfolio, such as Spin e-scooters and our GoRide Health service.”

Together, the new group serves nearly 1,200 cities, universities, corporate campuses and other enterprises with software solutions for fixed route transportation, microtransit on-demand transportation and other related areas. The combined team of more than 200 employees has a proven record of reliably providing services to cities and other enterprise customers to improve transportation systems and rider experiences.

“The need for safe and seamless transportation is critical in our cities globally,” said Rees. “Together, we will be able to offer transit leaders globally a full suite of services backed by the credibility and commitment of Ford Motor Company.”

Other members of the new company’s leadership team appointed today include Scott Lacy, v.p. of Product; Ron Cygnarowicz, v.p. of Customers; Ilya Rekhter, v.p. of Growth; Kevin Fowler, vice president of Finance; Katie Strickland, v.p. of People; Peter SerVaas, v.p. of Innovation; Kelly Rees, vice president of Integration. TransLoc CEO Doug Kaufman will leave the transit technology company on Aug. 16.





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# Corvette's New Engine Made in New York

The new engine that will go in GM's new C8 Corvette will have a New York feel.

General Motors has confirmed its Tonawanda, New York, engine plant will build the company's next-generation 6.2L Small Block V8 engine that will power the all-new 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray. Production of the 2020 Corvette Stingray begins at GM's Bowling Green, Ky. assembly plant in late 2019.

Powered by the Tonawanda-built next-gen 6.2L Small Block V8 LT2 engine, the 2020 Stingray will offer customers the most horsepower and torque of any entry Corvette: SAE-certified to 495 hp and SAE-certified to 470 lb.-ft. of torque (when equipped with performance exhaust), said GM spokesman Dan Flores.

"The 2020 Stingray is Chevrolet's first production mid-engine Corvette – the fastest, most powerful entry Corvette ever - offering new levels of performance,

technology and craftsmanship," said Mark Reuss, GM president, during a visit to the plant to meet with employees and community leaders.

"The Tonawanda team is up to the challenge to build this new LT2 engine at world-class quality levels that Corvette customers have come to expect."

Tonawanda currently builds a variety of award-winning engines used in a wide range of GM products including 2.0L Turbo/2.5L used in the Chevrolet Camaro, Malibu, Colorado, Equinox, Traverse and Impala; Buick Regal, GMC Canyon, Acadia and Terrain and Cadillac ATS and CTS.

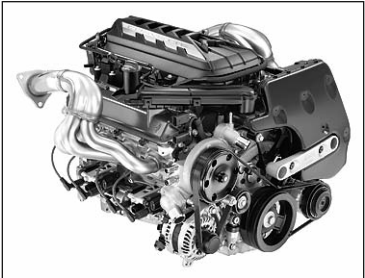
The plant also builds the 4.3L V6, 5.3L V8; 6.2L V8 used in the Chevrolet Silverado, Suburban and Tahoe, GMC Yukon/Yukon Denali and Cadillac Escalade.

Also built at the plant is the 6.6L HD Small Block gas V8 used in the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado HD and GMC Sierra HD.

In 2016, GM announced it would invest nearly \$300 million in the Tonawanda plant to prepare the facility for future engine production.

The next-gen 6.2L V8 completes the work related to the investment. GM has invested more than \$23 billion in its U.S. manufacturing operations over the past decade, Flores said.

Tonawanda employs more than 1,500 people and the hourly workforce is represented by UAW Local 774.



6.2L Small Block V8 LT2 engine

# Freeman Named to Spartan Motors Board

Spartan Motors, Inc. of Charlotte, a North American provider of specialty vehicle manufacturing and assembly for the commercial and retail vehicle industries (including last mile delivery, specialty service and vocation-specific upfit segments), as well as for the emergency response and recreational vehicle markets, has appointed Angela K. Freeman to the company's Board of Directors, effective Aug. 5, said Spartan Motors spokeswoman Samara Hamilton.

Freeman was also appointed to the Board's Human Resources and Compensation Committee, Hamilton said.

Freeman serves as the Chief Human Resources Officer at C.H. Robinson, one of the world's largest third-party logistics providers with annual revenues of more than \$16 billion.

The company is currently employing approximately 15,000 employees globally, where she leads the company's global talent strategies, including recruiting, compensation, learning and leadership development, employee communications, and diversity and inclusion, Hamilton said.

She also serves as the President of the C.H. Robinson Foundation, the company's philanthropic affiliate, which along with the company has contributed over \$26 million to charitable organizations since 2005, Hamilton said.

"We welcome Angie and very much look forward to her contributions on the Board," said James Sharman, chairman of the Board for Spartan Motors.

"Her broad and extensive background across a number of functions – including the recruiting, talent development, and diversity functions – will be particularly relevant as Spartan continues on its high growth journey. On behalf of the entire Spartan leadership team, we are excited to have Angie joining our organization and look forward to what we will accomplish together."

Freeman joined C.H. Robinson in 1998 and during her career at the company has progressively expanded her scope and responsibilities, serving in a variety of positions including leading Investor Relations, Marketing and Public Relations, and Government Affairs.

Prior to joining C.H. Robinson, Freeman was with McDermott/O'Neill & Associates, a Boston-based public affairs firm, Hamilton said.

Freeman has played an active role in numerous transportation and logistics industry organizations, including serving on committees within the National Shippers Strategic Transportation Council (NASSTRAC), the Nation-

al Industrial Transportation League, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

She also serves on the Board of LeadersUp, a national non-profit founded by Starbucks that supports increased employment opportunity for at-risk youth, as well as on the Board of the University of North Dakota Alumni Association & Foundation, Hamilton said.

Freeman holds a Master of Science degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics, in addition to a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from the University of North Dakota.

"Spartan Motors is enjoying an exciting time of growth, both organically and by acquisitions," said Freeman.

"I very much look forward to joining the Spartan Board and to lending my experience to the team as they take on this next phase of growth."

Spartan Motors, Inc. is the North American leader in specialty vehicle manufacturing and assembly for the commercial and retail vehicle industries (including last-mile delivery, specialty service, and vocation-specific upfit segments), as well as for the emergency response and recreational vehicle markets.

The company is organized into three core business segments, including Spartan Fleet Vehicles and Services, Spartan Emergency Response, and Spartan Specialty Vehicles.

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# Oakland County Seeks Ways to Keep Employees

Employee turnover costs Oakland County businesses between \$6,000-\$30,000 in lost revenue and productivity, according to a survey released last week by Oakland County Michigan Works!

Turnover has a significant financial impact on Oakland County businesses of all sizes and industries, with a median cost in lost revenue and productivity, coupled with the costs to find, hire and train a new employee, reaching \$6,000 to \$30,000 per person, said County spokesman Dan Heaton.

"The results of this study are invaluable to businesses throughout our region as this information is not tracked or reported by federal, state or other local entities," Oakland County Executive Gerald Poisson said. "It provides a picture of the challenges and opportunities employers face in our region."

include Spartan Authorized Parts, Spartan Factory Service Centers, Utilimaster, Strobes-R-Us, Smeal, Ladder Tower, and UST.

Spartan Motors and its go-to-market brands are well known in their respective industries for quality, durability, aftermarket product support, and first-to-market innovation, Hamilton said.

The company employs approximately 2,300 associates, and operates facilities around the world, including in Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Florida, Missouri, California, Nebraska, South Dakota; Saltillo, Mexico; and Lima, Peru. Spartan reported sales of \$816 million in 2018.

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The Detroit River will once again be home to the annual Hydrofest boat races, which will be run this month.

## 2019 Hydrofest to Make a Splash

The countdown has begun for the 2019 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest hydroplane races on the Detroit River Saturday, Aug. 24, and Sunday, Aug. 25. Canadian and U.S. race fans are again gearing up for one of the most historical and significant courses in the country. More importantly, it is rated one of the best places to see a race in North America, said Hydrofest spokesman Mark Weber.

Drivers are equally excited. In preparing for the race, the Hydroplane Racing League conducted interviews of the drivers to get their take on Detroit, Weber said. The almost universal response is the prestige and history of racing on the Detroit River. “[So] much history in Detroit...[one] of my bucket list race courses I’ve wanted to race on,” said top H-350 contender Dylan Runne.

Donny Allen, one of the top contenders for the Grand Prix class, said, “I was actually born in Detroit, but never raced on the

Detroit River. I have waited a long time to run through that Rooster-tail turn.”

Hometown race champion Jimmy King said, “Detroit is one of my favorite places to race.”

For race attendees who are interested in a behind the scenes look, pit passes are available on both Saturday (Aug 24) and Sunday (Aug 25), Weber said.

Pit passes not only give fans access to the pit and an inside look at the boats, but also an opportunity to meet the drivers. Hydrofest will introduce the drivers on social media throughout the lead up to race weekend. Fans can follow on the Hydrofest Facebook page, Twitter account or subscribe to the YouTube channel.

This year, Hydrofest fans will watch the world’s fastest automotive-powered hydroplanes compete on a 1.25 mile course every 15 minutes. The 2019 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest will be an all piston-powered event, Weber said.

The Hydroplane Racing League is bringing a dozen Grand Prix boats from Canada, New Zealand and the United States to headline the event.

These boats are 24-feet long with 468 cubic inch supercharged, big-block V8 Chevrolet piston engines producing as much as 1,500 horsepower and reaching speeds of 160 mph.

Along with the Grand Prix boats, 20 to 22 H-350 hydroplanes and the unique flat-bottom, Jersey Speed Skiff from the HRL will join the show.

H-350 hydroplanes reach speeds of 120 mph, Speed Skiffs’ top speed are 80 mph, Weber said.

To learn more about the race and how to get tickets, go to <http://detroitboatraces.com/>.

## Ferrari to Bring Three New Vehicles to Luxury Market

by COLLEEN BARRY  
AP Business Writer

MILAN (AP) – Ferrari CEO Louis Camilleri has confirmed that the luxury performance carmaker will unveil three new models this year as part of its business plan targeting revenues of around 5 billion euros (\$5.6 billion) by 2022.

Camilleri declined on Aug. 2 to give any hints about the new models – two of which will be unveiled at an event at its Maranello headquarters next month. Ferrari, however, is accelerating the pace of its model launches, which by the end of the business plan will include a utility vehicle dubbed Purosangue (Thoroughbred); the Icona series, available only to Ferrari owners, as well as the more versatile Grand Turismo segment.

“We will privilege revenue over volume,” Camilleri said, citing the Ferrari SF90 Stradale new plug-in hybrid supercar launched in May as a good example of “opening up a new price segment within our range of cars.”

Ferrari earlier announced that second-quarter profits rose 14 percent, driven by its Portofino and 812 Superfast models and despite a relatively unfavorable model mix that saw North American sales slip. The company posted a net profit in the three

months up to the end of June of 184 million euros (\$204 million), up from 160 million euros in the same period last year.

Total shipments were 2,671 vehicles, an increase of 8 percent over the previous year, which included accelerated deliveries to China to get ahead of an emissions regulatory change. Ferrari deliveries will grow this year to around 10,000 units, meeting the cap on small car manufacturers that includes emissions breaks.

Camilleri declined to project sales for future years, but said he wasn’t particularly concerned about the cap.

Net revenues were up nearly 9 percent at 984 million euros, boosted by vehicle personalizations, while lower deliveries at the Fiat Chrysler-owned Maserati hit Ferrari engine sales. Ferrari also said it increased its investments in Formula 1 in anticipation of regulatory and technical changes in the cars in 2021.

Vehicle shipments dropped 6 percent in the Americas to 803 vehicles due to model shifts in the 488 family. Europe and the Middle East, the largest market, grew by 11 percent to 1,195 vehicles. Shipments to greater China, including the mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan, surged by 63 percent to 289 vehicles, while the rest of Asia was up by 6 percent.

## States Set Own Emissions

— by TOM KRISHER and ELLEN KNICKMEYER

DETROIT (AP) – Four major automakers have reached a deal with California to increase gas mileage and greenhouse gas emissions standards, bypassing the Trump administration’s plan to freeze standards at 2021 levels.

Ford, BMW, Honda and Volkswagen are parties to the deal with the California Air Resources Board, which had been at odds with the Trump administration for months. California has said it would exercise its powers to set more stringent pollution and mileage standards than the federal government has proposed.

The four automakers see the California agreement as “insurance” to provide some certainty to the industry and the state no matter who wins the 2020 presidential elections, according to a person familiar with the talks who asked not to be identified because details of the negotiations haven’t been made public.

Not all automakers were approached in the talks, the person said. And it’s unclear how the rest of the auto industry and the White House will react to the deal. The four automakers represent only about 30 percent of U.S. new-vehicle sales.

Toyota said it continues to support a single national standard that the whole industry can agree to.

“We have, and continue to, pursue an outcome supported by the auto industry at large, the Federal government and the State of California,” Toyota said in a statement. The company says one national standard “is optimal for the consumer, regulators and the industry as it simplifies regulations and reduces complexity and cost, which are critical to ensuring future standards can be met.”

The Trump administration has sought to freeze Obama adminis-

tration standards that would have required the fleet of new vehicles to get an average of 36 miles per gallon in real-world driving by 2025. The freeze would keep mileage at around 30 mpg.

The administration says the extra expense to comply with the requirements will raise the price of new cars, depriving buyers of new safety technology. The administration also has threatened to challenge California’s ability to set its own standards.

Under the deal with California, fuel economy and corresponding greenhouse gas emissions standards would rise by 3.7 percent per year starting with the 2022 model year, through 2026, according to the statement from the four automakers. Automakers could get 1 percentage point of the increase by using advanced technology credits such as those for hydrogen fuel cell, plug-in gas-electric hybrids, and battery electric vehicles.

Automakers also would get credits for devices that aren’t counted in EPA test cycles such as stopping the engine at red lights and restarting it quickly when the driver wants to go. The process would be streamlined to get credits approved for new technologies.

The automakers also agreed to recognize California’s authority to set its own standards, which are followed by at least a dozen other states, and they will not challenge the state’s authority, according to the statement.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which draws up federal standards with the Environmental Protection Agency, said the government continues to work on a final fuel economy rule that will apply to all automakers.

The administration’s proposals do not prevent any automaker from designing and building highly fuel-efficient vehicles, the agency said in a statement.

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