# Ford Raffling Off Shelby GT500 to Fight Juvenile Diabetes

horsepower - to help find a cure its battle against Type 1 diabetes, for juvenile diabetes.

Ford is donating a custom 2020 Mustang Shelby GT500 adorned in one-of-a-kind Venom paint that said Ford spokesman Jiyan Cadiz.

The 2019 JDRF Mustang Shelby GT500 comes in a one-of-one Ven-

charcoal color - with black painted over-the-top racing stripes. It has the Carbon Fiber Track Package, including exposed carbon fiber wheels, Michelin Pilot Sport

Ford is using its power – its will be raffled to benefit JDRF and om metallic clearcoat – a stealthy Cup 2 tires, rear seat-delete, Recaro leather-trimmed seats and Mustang GT4 track wing.

"Building on the excitement around GT500 is a terrific way to help JDRF fund research and help

find a cure for Type 1 diabetes," said Dave Pericak, director of enterprise product line management. "Not only does this raffle

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The new 2020 Corvette Stingray has kept the cost of horsepower down.

# Chevrolet Keeps a Promise, Stingray Price Under \$60K

power. There are a host of supercars out there that boast power and performance. But to deliver that power and performance for under \$60,000? Only the 2020 Corvette Stingray can do that.

With its new mid-engine configuration and sleek. modern design, the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray offers unprecedented performance at a starting price of \$59,995 (including Destination Freight Charge of \$1,095, excluding tax, title, license, dealer fees and optional equipment), said Brian Sweeney, Chevrolet U.S. vice president.

"Most people thought when we moved the Corvette to midengine it would no longer be attainable, but we knew we couldn't mess with a winning formula and the 2020 Stingray proves it,' said Sweeney.

The 1LT will start at \$59,995, the 2LT trim package will start at \$67,295 and the top-level 3LT

It's one thing to have a lot of trim package on the 2020 Corvette Stingray will start at \$71,945 (including DFC, excluding tax, title, license, dealer fees and optional equipment). Specific details on each trim level are covered in the attached graphic.

"We've packed a lot of performance into the Corvette Stingray at this price when you consider an eight-speed dual clutch transmission, Small Block V8 and engine-mounted dry sump oil system are all stansaid Tadge Juechter, dard," Corvette executive chief engineer.

GM spokesman Kevin Kelly said that there are three hallmarks of the Corvette that go back to the first one made in the 1950s - functionality, performance and attainability.

"I think we've kept those fundamental hallmarks in place with the 2020 Stingray," Kelly said.

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## **Ram Brand Celebrates American Farmer**

Pickup trucks are owned for a lot of reasons. But from the very beginning, the pickup was used by America's farmers to help feed the nation.

Coming up with nutritious menu ideas requires inspiration, planning and lots of good food choices, said Betty Newman, a member of FCA's Digital Media Team.

It also depends on the hard work and untiring dedication of our nation's farmers who grow, harvest and deliver the freshest produce daily to meet those meal demands.

Summer and early fall are especially busy times in the farming community, Newman said. The Ram Truck brand calls this time of year Agriculture, or Ag, Season. More than just a name, it acknowledges the sweat, the long hours and selfless commitment our nation's farmers put into meeting the challenging demands of feeding the nation.

Which is where the Ram brand farm more efficient and more comes in, Newman said.

Ram Truck Ag Season is embracing these hardworking farmers with an ongoing commitment to build the trucks that work to make life on the

productive.

That commitment is reflected in a new 30-second Ram Ag Season ad titled "Done Right," which

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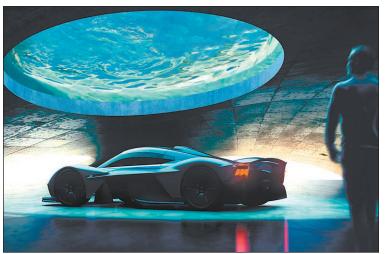
Farmers have long used Ram trucks, a fact the brand recognizes.

## Welcome to My Automotive Lair, Mr. Bond

You've got the car that James Bond uses, but what do you house that vehicle in? Perhaps its own lair?

Aston Martin has unveiled a new design service for car enthusiasts and collectors that takes car ownership to a new level, said Aston Martin spokesman Nathan Hovt.

Aston Martin Automotive Galleries and Lairs, revealed at Pebble Beach in mid-August, enables people to create the perfect space for their beautiful car, whether that be a bespoke garage or a complete, luxury retreat.



CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 A rendering of an Aston Martin "lair" for customers who want one.



**FIRST Robotics Teams Show** 

Lumani, Kreehammer and Vario operate Crevoluion's Asteria robot at a recent manufacturing expo in Novi.

## **Just What They Can Do**

#### by Jim Stickford

It you build robots, you want to show off what they can do to people who know robots.

Which is just what students belonging to FIRST Robotics teams from around Michigan got to do at the recent Advanced Manufacturing Expo in Novi.

Among the teams was Crevolution. Duane Kreehammer, one of the adult mentors, said the team draws students from Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights, Utica High School, Eisenhower High School in Shelby Township and Stephenson High School.

Kreehammer said that the FIRST Robotics teams consist of adult mentors who help guide the students through the robot designing, manufacturing and performing process. But it's the

students who do the work and have to figure out ways to solve the problems that come with building a robot. Each year FIRST Robotics gives teams new tasks that the robots have to perform during various state and national contests.

"There's no repeat," Kreehammer said. "So every year the teams have to design and build new robots to do new tasks. For the 2018-2019 school year Crevolution had 55 students. Some have graduated, so this event is one last time the whole team can get together before the seniors go off to do new things. For the 2019-2020 school year we hope to have roughly the same number of students - around 55.' Kreehammer said that Crevo-

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**FIRST Robotics** 

**Students Show** 

Their Skills

lution had many sponsors, in-

cluding the FCA Foundation. He

One of the students who

helped build Crevolution's robot

(named Asteria) for 2018-2019 is

Kevin Lumani. He will be starting

his senior year at Henry Ford II

three years," Lumani said. "I like

how we get to learn about robots and use what we've learned to

create something new. It's enjoy-

able to get experience and find

solutions to the challenges that

come with creating a robot that has to complete specific tasks."

Kreehammer said that many

people think it's the mentors

who do all the work, but that is-

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looking for something to focus

on. I found out that I have so

much passion for this. I really ap-

preciate the dedication needed

to complete this project and I am

interested in a STEM career later in life. Maybe something in as-

For the 2018-2019 school year

FIRST Robotics teams had to build a robot that could pick up

and place discs on a structure.

Just finding the right kind of

claw that could pick up and

place the discs took a great deal

of experimentation, Vario said.

But that was part of the fun.

"He talked to me about joining the team," Vario said. "He said it

teacher, Mr. Battaglia.

tronomy

"I've been on the team for

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said their help mattered.

High School next month.

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#### **Manufacturing Expo Shows Off Latest Robot Technology** by Jim Stickford in a plant and scan ahead to

The Advanced Manufacturing Expo recently held in Novi has an interesting origin.

The event, which celebrated its fifth year, got its start when a Michigan company called Industrial Control decided to start a trade show for its own vendors as a way to generate business.

Industrial Control sells the machines that make the machines, said Joe Teague, the company's marketing manager.

As such, the they provide components to a lot of companies in Michigan.

"So we started the trade show for all of our vendors," Teague said. "Then we started getting requests from some of our noncustomer vendors about being able to join the show. It's worked out well."

There are two Advanced Manufacturing Expos in Michigan, Teague said. One in Novi and one in Grand Rapids. They are held within a couple of weeks of each other and between the two shows they have about 400 different exhibitors.

Teague said that the shows have grown because of the changing nature of industry.

"The Industrial Internet of Things has been talked about seriously for about a decade," Teague said. "It's been really talked about heavily for about five years. Making things smart is happening right now.

Teague cited as an example of "smart" machines used in manufacturing scanners that can automatically measure stamped products to make sure they are always up to measurements. These smart machines are connected to a manufacturer's internal network.

Teague said that there are now machines that can deliver parts to different locations withavoid obstacles.

"There are autonomous robots that operate 24/7," Teague said. "In Michigan you have massive assembly plants that are a mile long. You have to have a way to run parts in that giant plant. Autonomous robots that can deliver those parts and can get around obstacles really matter.'

Today's machines can do things that were unthinkable in the past.

And they can do these tasks safer.

in operation.'

more important in the future as demands on manufacturing

#### are involved in right now, technology will only become Teague said. A trade show that That what Industrial Control brings people together to learn and its vendors and customers about the latest in this kind of grow.

## 2020 Corvette Stingray Offers True Value

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"We're proud of how affordable this car is, especially when you compare it to the other mid-engine cars out there. I think we got the value part of the equation figured out.'

Interested Chevrolet Corvette Stingray shoppers can view a pricing guide with available op-

tions and order codes and pre- quarters in Detroit, can be order their vehicle by visiting the 2020 Corvette reveal page at Chevrolet.com.

A dedicated Chevrolet Corvette Concierge team will provide 2020 Corvette customers with answers about the vehicle discovery, buying and ownership process. The team, which is based at General Motors headreached by calling 866-424-3892. Customers can also live chat with a Corvette Concierge online by visiting Chevrolet.com. The team is available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

The 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray goes into production at GM's Bowling Green Assembly in late 2019.



n't true. They advise, but it's the students who get things done. **Belle Isle Has** Alexis Vario just completed her freshman year at Henry Ford II High School. She said she joined the Crevolution team at

> DETROIT (AP) - The reopening celebration of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Detroit's Belle Isle island park took place on Aug. 15.

> The Belle Isle Conservancy and Michigan Department of Natural Resources said repairs made to the conservatory are part of the island's long-term restoration plans.

> The conservatory was closed for 10 months. Officials say decades of water damage had severely compromised the original 21-foot (6-meter) steel trusses in the building's lower dome that supported the conservatory's 85-foot (26-meter) upper dome. Original trusses from 1904 were replaced with galvanized steel.

**Conservatory** Reopening

"We now have microwave and infrared motion sensors designed to prevent injuries to human beings while machines are



Teague operates one of Industrial Control's robotic systems.



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# **Chevrolet Honors DTU Journalism Students**

Chevrolet and the National Newspaper Publishers Association hosted a ceremony in early August celebrating the fourth year of the award-winning Discover the Unexpected program.

The annual program has awarded nearly a half-million dollars in scholarships and stipends since its inception in 2016, said GM spokeswoman Juanita Davis-Slappy.

It began with a select number of schools and, based on the overwhelming response, the submission process was opened to all students in their sophomore through senior years at Historically Black Colleges and Universities with an interest in journalism, communications, mass media or visual arts.

The 2019 DTU Journalism Fellows were Tedarius Abrams (Bethune-Cookman), Tyla Barnes (Hampton University), Elae Hill (North Carolina A&T), Miana Massey (Howard University), Emani Nichols (Morehouse College) and Sharon Joy Washington (Florida A&M).

The eight-week fellowship kicked off in Atlanta and culminated in Detroit at General Motors Global Headquarters, Davisslappy said. During the closing ceremony, the fellows received their \$10,000 scholarships and of completion. certificates Lifestyle influencer and 2019 DTU Advisor Fonzworth Bentley (a graduate of Morehouse College), 2019 DTU Ambassador DJ Envy



(l-r): Nichols, Barnes, Massey, Washington, Abrams and Hill with DTU Advisor Bentley and DJ Envy.

("The Breakfast Club" and a graduate of Hampton University), Chevrolet leaders and NNPA President Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. spoke, as did the fellows.

"Chevrolet was excited to partner with the NNPA to drive the importance of storytelling and finding new roads during their fellowship," said Brad Franz, senior manager, Crossover Vehicles Advertising & Marketing, Chevrolet. "The fellows seized the opportunity to embark on this unexpected journey of professional and personal self-discovery while gaining new tools along the way.'

Publications Chicago Crusader, the Atlanta Voice, Houston Forward Times and The Washington Informer hosted the fellows during their internship road trip experience, allowing them to hone

their print, broadcast, digital and photojournalism skills while driving the new 2019 Chevrolet Blazer to discover unexpected stories in the African American community.

"The NNPA was excited to partner with Chevrolet for another year in support of these young journalists to amplify community voices across our country," said Chavis Jr.

#### Macomb County **Program Needs Volunteers**

As a component of the National Day of Service and in honor of the victims of 9/11, the Macomb Community Action Office of Senior Services will host their second annual Volunteer Recruitment Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 11. The event is free to the public and will be held from 10 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Rd, Clinton Township. Light refreshments will be served.

The volunteer recruitment fair is designed to bring together local organizations and nonprofits looking to share their volunteering opportunities with individuals, groups and businesses that want to give back to the community, said county spokeswoman Roneeka Pleasant-Brown.

"We're excited to offer this event for potential volunteers to come out and learn about the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available in Macomb County," said Nicole Urban, program manager for the Office of Senior Services. "Volunteering in itself is very rewarding and fulfilling.'

For more info about the recruitment fair or to learn how to become a participating organization, please contact the Macomb Community Action Office of Senior Services at 569-469-5228 or visit mca.macombgov.org/MCA-VolunteerRecruitmentFair.



This special Mustang Shelby GT500 can be won in a drawing.

# Ford to Raffle Off a Shelby Mustang to Fight Diabetes

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Tickets cost \$10 each. The



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provide an opportunity to win the most powerful production Ford ever, it also speaks to how Ford strives to make people's lives better."

Ford has been donating vehicles to JDRF for its raffle fundraiser for nearly a decade, Cadiz said. Ford teamed up with Protean and Penske Vehicle Services to create this custom-colored pony car.

Ford and JDRF are aiming to sell 75,000 raffle tickets during this annual fundraiser to raise money for JDRF, which is an international leader in Type 1 diabetes research funding, programming and awareness.

The first-place raffle winner takes home the Venom Shelby GT500. The second-place winner will receive an all-inclusive VIP race experience for two to the 2020 Daytona 500.

Tickets can be purchased online at p2p.onecause.com/jdrfgt 500 until Nov. 10.

drawing will be held Nov. 14 at the Ford Conference and Event Center, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn. The winner does not need to be present at the raffle drawing to win.

The new Mustang Shelby GT500 is a vehicle in demand, Cadiz said.

It delivers on its heritage with 760 horsepower, delivering the quickest street-legal acceleration and most high-performance technology to date ever offered in a Ford Mustang.

Arriving this fall, the Shelby GT500 features the most powerand torque-dense supercharged V8 in the world with 760-horsepower and 625 ft.-lb. of torque from its Ford Performance 5.2liter V8 engine.

Thanks to its first-in-class Tremec TR-9070 DCT 7-speed dual-clutch transmission, the Shelby GT500 achieves a 0-100-0 in 10.6 seconds – an acceleration experience typically reserved for supercars, Cadiz said.

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# **Reducing Pounds Via Lightweight Parts Helps Gladiator**

tion – using lightweight materials to create a heavy duty truck. But that's just what Jeep did with the 2020 Gladiator.

The 2020 Jeep Gladiator uses lightweight, high-strength advanced materials to boost fuel economy without compromising the traditional Jeep qualities of durability, capability and versatility.

These advanced materials can found from bumper to be bumper on the all-new midsize truck, said Eward Cardenas, multimedia editor for FCA.

The Gladiator features a bodyon-frame design that uses advanced materials and engineering to be lightweight, yet stiff and durable, with an all-new lightweight, high-strength steel frame, Cardenas said.

The 2020 Jeep Gladiator utilizes a variety of ways to optimize ride, handling and sound characteristics while bolstering fuel economy even while towing and hauling.

Utilizing a body-on-frame design and featuring a superbly engineered five-link suspension system, Gladiator delivers on capability, with composed on-road driving dynamics, passenger safety and best-in-class towing and 4x4 payload capacity.

Gladiator's body-on-frame design uses advanced materials and engineering to be lightweight, yet stiff and durable, and features an all-new lightweight, high-strength steel frame.

When compared to Jeep Wrangler 4-door, Gladiator's frame is an additional 31 inches longer while the wheelbase is 19.4 inches longer, Cardenas said.

The longer wheelbase and the bed's positioning center aft of the rear axle centerline enables for better weight distribution and a more comfortable and composed ride when carrying cargo. The prop shaft, brake, fuel lines and exhaust system were lengthened to accommodate the changes needed to make the proven body-on-frame design work with the most capable midsize truck ever.

A traditional steel bed utilizes four steel cross-members to reinforce the load floor while the aluminum tailgate is damped. Utility and versatility are maximized with strong integrated tie-downs,

It might seem like a contradic- tional covered external power source.

> To protect critical vehicle components while on the trail, including the fuel tank, transfer case and automatic transmission oil pan, Gladiator employs four skid plates and bars.

Rubicon models benefit from the use of heavy gauge tubular steel rock rails to curtail potential body damage inflicted while out on the trail.

The Rubicon models also feature segment-exclusive rock rails for the bed corners, Cardenas said.

The use of lightweight, highstrength aluminum closures, including the doors, door hinges, hood, fender flares, windshield frame and tailgate, help curtail weight and boost fuel economy. Other ways the Jeep engineering team looked to manage weight included using hollow track and stabilizer bars, aluminum engine mounts and steering gear.

Gladiator utilizes the proven five-link coil suspension configuration with the front suspension using a lateral control arm and four longitudinal control arms. Full-width track bars made of forged steel control lateral movement of the axle with minimal angle change during suspension travel.

Lightweight, high-strength aluminum can also be found throughout the Gladiator.

The doors are made from lightweight, high-strength aluminum, along with the hinges, hood, fenders and windshield frame. At the rear of the Gladiator, the tailgate is also made from aluminum.

Other ways the Jeep engineering team looked to manage weight included using hollow track and stabilizer bars, aluminum engine mounts and steering gear.

These innovations help curtail weight and boost the trucks' fuel economy.



Jeep did not sacrifice towing power to get improved gas mileage during the Gladiator engineering process.

# Ram Brand Honoring America's Farmers

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focuses on day-to-day life on the farm and launched across broadcast, social and digital platforms.

Three additional 60-second vignettes of each farming family and their unique individual stories will follow in the next coming weeks but will only be available to view via YouTube. They will not be on broadcast television.

of the Ram Truck lineup. Through Ram Agriculture Dealerships' relationships with many diverse agriculture brands, customers can take advantage of additional incentives and discounts on purchases, worth thousands of dollars, of farm and ranch equipment and management tools.

FCA will be taking a closer look

at the rollout of the brand's upcoming farm shows and expos, as well as the Ram Agricultural Dealerships' partnerships with the nation's farmers in the future, Newman said. In the meantime, those interested in learning more about the program can find more information on Ram Ag Season at Ram Life.com.

#### Hackel Hosts **Clean River** Kayak Event

County Executive Mark A. Hackel hosted the first-ever "The River Runs Wild" event on the Clinton River, an 8-mile kayaking excursion which began at Heritage Park in Utica and ended at Rotary Park in Sterling Heights. More than 50 guests took part in the event, which highlighted restoration efforts on the waterway.

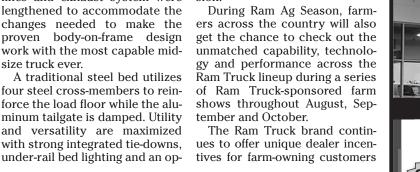
"Thanks to grant funds, the efforts of many local organizations and the Blue Economy Program, the river has transformed from one that had very high levels of pollution and blockages to one that is beautiful and increasingly restored," said Hackel. "It is a now a destination for our community and an area accessible for recreation."

Prior to launching the kayaks for the Aug. 21 event, Hackel emphasized that the Clinton River is now clean. clear and connected by sharing the following facts about the river.

In the 1970s, a fish survey identified no substantial fish resources in the Clinton River. In 1972, it was identified as an Area of Concern under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

This led to the creation of the Clinton River Remedial Action Plan, which directed elimination of combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, storm water runoff, superfund waste sites and contaminated sediments. It also put plans in place for spill notification, habitat restoration and elimination of illicit connections and failing septic systems.

Warren and Mount Clemens have since made improvements to sanitary sewer systems that will reduce or eliminate sewage discharges.





by JOSEPH PISANI AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Walmart sued Tesla for "gross negligence" on Aug. 20, saying that the electric car company's energy division installed solar panels that went up in flames on its store rooftops.

The retailer said fires broke out at seven store rooftops between 2012 and 2018, causing millions of dollars in damage to the stores that were using Tesla solar panels. One location in Ohio had to be closed for eight days after the fire was put out, Walmart said in the complaint. Inspections found that several of Tesla's solar panels were broken and that wires were hanging out. These conditions were said to be causing a fire hazard to the buildings that were using the solor panels. In its lawsuit, Walmart said Tesla engaged in "widespread, systemic negligence" and "failed to abide by prudent industry practices in installing, operating, and maintaining its solar systems.

Walmart said it had deals with Tesla Energy, formerly known as SolarCity, to install and maintain solar panels on 244 different Walmart stores across the United States.

In May of last year, Walmart said it demanded that Tesla disconnect all the solar panel systems it had installed in the com-



Tesla Inc., which is based in Palo Alto, Calif., did not immediately respond to a request from The Associated Press for comment on Aug. 20.

pany's stores.

But Walmart said another fire still occurred at a California store, even though the panels had been disconnected for several months

The company stated that the wires from the solar panels on the store's rooftop were still sparking when it discovered the fire at the store in question.

Walmart said it later found out that Tesla ignored an alert from that store's solar panels, which Walmart said was the likely cause of the fire.

In the court documents filed, Walmart said that ignoring the alert reveals "Tesla's utter incompetence or callousness, or both."

Bentonville, Ark.-based Walmart Inc. did not specify how much money it is seeking from Tesla in the lawsuit filed in New York State Supreme Court, saying that the amount of money to be given would be determined at trial.



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

# **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 subbrand, 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

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 technology advancements, Fowle said. Exterior design updates include a bold new grille, new front and rear facias, standard LED lighting and signature GMC Cshape 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 Trailering 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 Trailering system featuring class-leading available 15 camera views, including a segment-first transparent trailer view to virtually see through a trailer in tow (accessory equipment 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

## **Messy Oakland Actions**

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) - An official says a suburban Detroit government staffer who was apparently distressed by political infighting poured a substance described as olive oil on furniture and doorways at county officials' meeting spaces in an attempt to push out bad energy.

Oakland County sheriff's office deputies responded Aug. 15after it was discovered that the employee put oil on audience and board member seats in the county commissioners' auditorium in Pontiac, as well as on door hanThe employee's name wasn't immediately released. McCabe says there doesn't appear to be criminal intent.

Political infighting follows this month's death of longtime Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and comes amid wrangling about who'll succeed him.

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 features 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-MSU **Garden Program** Educational

Educators are working hard to provide garden-based educational opportunities for their students in southeast Michigan.

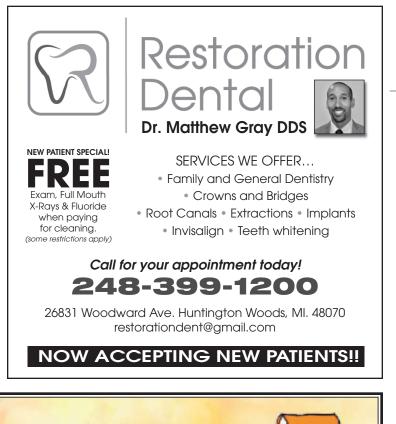
This spring, these committed garden educators were awarded mini-grants to start, expand or deepen their school garden projects through Michigan State University Extension (MSU Extension), said Macomb County spokeswoman Kaitlin Koch Wojciak.

This is the first year that MSU Extension is offering the Southeast Michigan School Garden Mini-Grant Program as a pilot project. The funding to support this project is generously provided by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and will fund two years of school garden mini-grants and support.

Schools and early care and education sites based in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties were eligible to apply for minigrants ranging between \$500 and \$1,500 to support their projects.

Over 30 applications were submitted during the first competitive grant cycle. Ultimately, 18 schools and early care and education sites across the three counties were funded to support their garden programs.

The program has the potential to positively impact the educational environment for 3,959 students ranging in age from 0 - 26, Wojciak said. The grantees will receive grant funding, technical assistance and training through MSU Extension.



ride, in addition to unique spring isolators that already contribute to reduced road noise compared to other Terrains.

dles and seats.

Undersheriff Mike McCabe says the ritual was apparently was meant to cleanse negativity.

#### **Ghosn's Wife Puts Pressure on Macron**

Ghosn on Aug. 22 urged French President Emmanuel Macron to intercede on behalf of the former chairman of Nissan and Renault when he meets with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the G-7 summit in France.

The appeal is Carole Ghosn's latest effort to pressure Japan into improving what she says is the "unjust treatment" faced by her husband as he awaits trial in Japan on financial misconduct allegations.

Macron's office said the French leader is likely to again raise Ghosn's case with Japanese automaker Nissan Mo-Abe, as he did previously on a visit to Japan. Macron hosted the three-day Group of Seven nancial documents on retirement summit from Aug. 24 in the

PARIS (AP) – The wife of Carlos southwestern French resort town of Biarritz.

> Ghosn, arrested in November, is out on bail. He denies all wrongdoing. Carole Ghosn says she has not been allowed any contact with her husband, including phone calls or emails.

"It would be a euphemism to say that my husband's bail conditions are cruel and unusual," she said in her statement appealing for Macron's help. "The Japanese justice system isn't aligned with the standards of the other G-7 nations.'

Carlos Ghosn, who led major tor Co. for two decades, has been charged with falsifying ficompensation.



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## **Algonac Holding Annual Labor Day Art Fair**

As the summer of 2019 winds down, many families will be making one last family trip before the school season starts.

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Those that do, might want to visit the he 47th Annual Algonac Art Fair.

It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend) from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Algonac City Park along the St. Clair River.

This is a juried art fair with approximately 100 artists/vendors, including our "Featured Artist" -"Salli Art" by Salli Jones – fine art, pencil drawing, self taught artist. Plenty of entertainment for the entire family can be found at the fair. Musical groups will play at each end of the park throughout the weekend. Children will be making special crafts at the Children's Creation Station.

Brenda Roberts will be painting children's faces with her beautiful designs and "Rosco the Clown" will be on hand to entertain your children. All of the children's activities are free.

Refreshments will be offered, including hotdogs/Boy Scouts, food truck, freshly squeezed lemonade, cinnamon roasted nuts and kettle corn. A free Shuttle Bus Service will be available during the hours of the fair.

On Saturday, a car show - "6th Annual Rumble on the Riverfront" can be viewed on the riverfront from 9 am to 3 pm. For car show registration, please call 810-794-5000

Events at the fair include:

- A children's creation station. It will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- Face painting between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- A martial arts demonstration from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday.
- Music provided by several bands. On Saturday, at the

and Don Z will perform from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 4 Shillings Short will perform at the from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

At the fair's south end, musician Bob Haulser will perform from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. He will be followed by the band Lucas Music, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

On Sunday, 4 Shillings Short will perform from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the north end. Ian Smith follows up from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Bull Bundy will perform at the south end on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dion Turner and Don Z will follow, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit www.algonacartfair.com for a complete entertainment schedule and any further information, including shuttle bus information. Admission is free.



Those heading north one last time can visit the Algonac art fair.

## 8-Year-Old Takes a Joyride

BERLIN (AP) - Police say an 8year-old boy took his mom's car and went for a nighttime joyride on a highway in western Germany.

Soest police said the boy's mother called them early Aug. 21 after the woman noticed that both her son and her Volkswagen Golf had disappeared.

The mother and police eventually found the boy at a highway service area where he'd parked the car, turned on the hazard lights and put up the warning triangle.

According to police, the boy said he started feeling "uncomfortable" once he hit 140 kph (87 mph) on the highway.

The boy's mother said her son fair's north end, Dion Turner regularly drives go-carts and

# **New Parts Plant Opening Up Soon**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) – A Japanese automotive supplier plans to build a more than \$60 million plant that will hire about 200 people in north Alabama.

A statement from the governor's office says Vuteq USA will produce parts for the Mazda-Toyota assembly plant being built in Limestone County.

Construction on the Vuteq is scheduled to begin in October. The plant is expected to reach full employment in 2021.

The factory will make plasticinjected parts and assemblies for vehicles.

A partnership between Mazda and Toyota is spending about \$1.6 billion on the Huntsville car factory, which will have as many as 4,000 workers once all the construction is completed.

The facility supposed to produce as many as 300,000 vehicles when it opens in two years, according to statements by Toyota officials.

bumper cars and has in the past. He has also in the past practiced the driving a real car on private property.

The legal age for being able to drive an automobile in Germany is 18.

## **Uber Plans on Building New** \$24 Million Hub in Dallas

#### by DAVID WARREN Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) - Uber will receive a \$24 million incentive package from Texas officials and open a new administrative hub in Dallas, bringing with it about 3,000 jobs, Gov. Greg Abbott announced Aug. 20.

The offices that will open in the historic Deep Ellum section of Dallas will house various corporate functions, officials said.

Abbott said in a statement that the state's "business-friendly environment makes Texas the perfect home for innovative companies like Uber.

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said in the same statement that Dallas was the first city in Texas where the Uber ride-sharing app became available in 2012.

He said that, "Texas has been a hub of innovation for our platform.'

The jobs created by the regional hub will result in a \$400 million annual payroll, according to what Texas officials said to the media and the public at the time of the announcement.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, the county's top administrator, said the move "will provide a huge boost to our urban core with a positive wave that will spread across our entire county and region."

Uber, which has its headquarters in San Francisco, offers ridehailing services along with food delivery and other forms of transportation.

The company has yet to turn a profit and announced that it lost \$1 billion in the first quarter of 2019.

Executives have said to the public and to investors that it could take years for the company to make money.

The company made a public announcement in the month of July that it has launched "comfort" rides in dozens of cities. Riders are guaranteed 36 inches of legroom in "newer" cars meaning those that are under five years old - and they can request a preferred air temperature.

Riders can also use the app to tell drivers they don't want to chat, avoiding what some consider an awkward exchange between themselves and the Uber driver.

In June, Uber said the company would team with Volvo Cars to launch its newest self-driving vehicle.

The company said it can easily install its self-driving system in the Volvo XC90 SUV.

Uber and Volvo cars partnered in September 2016. This is the third car they've developed together.

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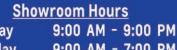
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tional AWD coupling, said Borg-

Warner spokeswoman Kathy Graham. The design has best-in-

class response times, torque

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performance but support fuel-

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outstanding durability," said Dr.

Stefan Demmerle, president,

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"BorgWarner continues to in-

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As a result, vehicle handling,

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# **Aston Martin Will Build You Your Own Lair**

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O by Aston Martin is the marque's bespoke personalisation service, working with customers to create their perfect Aston Martin, Hoyt said.

Aston Martin Automotive Galleries and Lairs is for anyone who would like to create a unique bespoke garage - their own "Automotive Gallery" - or for the truly adventurous the ultimate retreat or "Automotive Lair" in which to keep their car, Hovt said.

Automotive Galleries and Lairs is an opportunity for clients to work with the Aston Martin Design Team but also with renowned architects, focusing on those with local knowledge and an excellent understanding of the specifics of the brief.

Aston Martin has long been associated with the James Bond film franchise. The first Aston Martion appeared in the 1964 movie "Goldfinger." Different versions of Aston Martin vehicles have appeared in such James Bond movies as "Thunderball," "On Her Majesty's Secret Serv-"The Living Daylights" and ice," "Skyfall."

Bond films are known internationally for the innovative designs for the villains' lairs. One considered a classic is the lair of Blofeld in "You Only Live Twice." It was a hollowed-out volcano.

Aston Martin Chief Creative Officer, Marek Reichman's team has already produced "exquisite" interior design work for the 66storey Aston Martin Residences in Miami and his team also collaborated on the design of Aston Martin's first global brand centre, the House of Aston Martin Aoyama, in Tokyo, as well as designing the interiors of numerous Aston Martin dealership centres.

His team is also embarking on a number of exciting design projects relating to private residential developments. The work of Reichman's group in conjunction with leading architects heralds an exciting opportunity for new design possibilities.

"Imagine a home or luxury retreat built around your car," said Reichman. "Picture creating the ultimate space to showcase your own automotive works of art. This is now achievable with this new offering. For the car enthusiast the garage is as important as the rest of the house and a bespoke auto gallery designed by Aston Martin that either focuses on showing off the car or is part of a larger, integrated entertainment space with simulators and such like, takes Aston Martin ownership to the next level."

Entire luxury homes or retreats can be created where the car takes centre stage, Reichman said. As an example, Obermoser arch-omo architecture has produced a stunning architectural design concept for an automotive lair that could house works of art including the Aston Martin Valhalla and the iconic Aston Martin DB5, in a subterranean circular space.

The chosen car sits at the centre of this extravagant design that focuses attention on the car, whilst providing entertainment and leisure areas, along with living space for guests.

'Aston Martin has decades of expertise in staging cars in order to present them at their absolute best but also understands the importance of storage and maintenance of these living, breathing machines," said Aston Martin Partnerships Director, Sebastien Delmaire. "Automotive Galleries can even be designed to fit the era if a customer has a heritage car. We are able to cover every requirement, whether it is to display single cars as pieces of automotive art or a full collection of cars in a private museum. These spaces provide an opportunity for people to create their own unique world where they can share their passion for cars with their guests. The opportunities are endless.'

And maybe a white cat might be included.



Aston Martin can help owners of their cars build special "lair" as a way to highlight their car collection.

# Royal Oak Hosts 2019 Arts, Beats and Eats Fesitival on Labor Day Weekend

Eats Festival is taking place once again in downtown Royal Oak.

The festival offers more than 200 performances on nine stages, a highly ranked Juried Fine Arts Show, and local restaurants with some of the finest cuisine in Metro-Detroit.

Each year these international, regional and local festival attractions make the City of Royal Oak the premier destination for Labor Day weekend.

In 2018, over 330,000 visitors attended the festival and over \$200K was raised for local charities. Festival admission is \$3 until 3pm, \$5 after 3 p.m., and \$7 after 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats is free to enter until 5 p.m. on Friday only. Admission on Friday after 5 p.m. is \$7.

The Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats &

The annual Arts, Beats and delight the eye and educate the mind throughout the day.

> On Sunday, Sept. 1, juggler Tim Salisbury will perform at 12:40 p.m. and "Cool Tricks & Funny Stuff" performances will start and finish the day's performances.

On Monday, Sept. 2, the Pure Imagination Magic Show kicks off the fun at noon. There will also be clowns and puppet shows throughout the day.

Fans of comedy featuring pianos will want to check out the Dueling Pianos International presented by 526 Main Dueling Pianos. This group will perform at the Pepsi Performance Pit on Friday, Aug. 30; Saturday, Aug. 31; Sunday, Sept. 1; and Monday, Sept. 2.

There will also be demonstrations of Capoiera, a martial art that got its start in Brazil, at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30.

clude with King Mellowman and Mellow Runnings performing reggae and soul music.

On Saturday, Sept. 31, the Motor City Irish Dancers will perform at 11:45 a.m. At 7:45 p.m. Monsieur gullied and the Zydeco Hepcats will perform zydeco music.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, the Spirit of Aloha will perform Polynesian dance starting at 11:45 a.m. At 2:15 p.m. Xiao Dong Wei will perform Chinese and Mongolian music and dance.

On Monday, Sept. 2, Balet Folkiorico De Detroit will perform Mexican folkloric dance at 11:30 a.m.

Fans of jazz and R&B music will want to visit the Metro by T-Mobile Stage. They will hear performers such as Hannah Rose and day, Aug. 30. Charles E. Anthony and Friends will perform jazz on Monday, Sept. 2.

The Kroger Country/Americana Stage will feature such performers as The Orbisuns, an outlaw country band, on Monday Sept. 2. Kaylin Pace, a country-pop performer, sings on Friday, Sept. 30.

The Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort Rock Stage will feature such acts as Power Play Detroit and Slowfoot.

The Lagunitas Brewing Company Alternative Rock Stage will have Black Garden, Allye Giatto and Keynote Sisters perform.

The michigan Lottery National Stage will have a Beatlemania Live performance on Friday, Aug. 30. The Four Tops will perform at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 1.

Fantastic food from across southeast Michigan makes Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats & Eats one of the premier taste festivals in the country, Sutton said. The widespread selection of food will have something for everyone, with booths featuring everything from unique cultural dishes and classic American cuisine to summer fun food, desserts and more.

Andre's Louisiana Soul Food, B.L. Ellis, Bavarian Inn Cluck Truck, Bowlder Concession, Big Mike's Mexican Grill, Niko's Gyros, Cool Jack's, Fogo de Chao, Le Feast and Prime 29 will be just a few of the many restaurants that will have a presence at the festival, Sutton said.

To Learn more about the festival, go to artsbeatseats.com.

the Gravestones perform on Fri-2:15 p.m. The evening will con-

Eats Juried Fine Art Show will be located on the southern edge of the festival, said event spokeswoman Jennifer Sutton.

Artists from across the nation will pack the streets and showcase on 7th Street between Lafayette & Washington, Washington between 7th and Lincoln. and Lincoln between Washington and Center.

For the Beats portion of the festival there will be seven different stages where bands will be performing music during the event, Sutton said.

Highlights include the Detroit Institute of Arts Kids Stage. On Friday, Aug. 30, there will be a Rocky the Dinosaur puppet show at noon. At 4:30, the DIA will have storyteller Ivory D. Williams performing.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, the DIA stage will have puppet shows performed by Kevin Kammeraad and the Cooperfly Puppet Troupe. The Michigan Science Center will also be putting on shows that will

The OCC Cultural/Acoustic Stage will have the Royal Oak Children's Choir sing at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30. They will be followed by the Paul Shonk Trio at 5 p.m. and The Whistle Stop Revue at 6:45 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, singer-songwriter Markus Maticic will perform at 1 p.m., and he will be followed by students from OCC.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, singer-songwriter Amanda Morgan will perform at 12:45 p.m. At 1:45 p.m. Stagecrafter Presents the Cast of RagTime.

On Monday, Sept. 2, the Mint Lights, an acoustic rock group will perform at 12:30 p.m. They will be followed by Acoustic Madness at 1:45 p.m.

The Flagstar Bank International Stage will feature bands performing different music from around the world.

On Friday, Aug. 30, ElViento will perform Latin-Caribbean music starting at 11:15 a.m. Black Murray will perform Celtic music at



The 2019 Arts, Beats and Eats festival in Royal Oak promises family fun during Labor Day weekend.



This Colorado ZR2 got dirty in the recent Vegas to Reno race.

## **Colorado Hits Desert Road**

its third Best in the Desert's General Tire Vegas to Reno race.

Since the truck made its debut at the 2017 Vegas to Reno, the ZR2 has been piloted by Chad Hall of Hall Racing in 11 Best in the Desert races, logging 3,275 miles in some of the most challenging off-road conditions imaginable.

Hall and his team finished in 127th place out of 154 in its category, said GM spokesman Monte Doran. The team's final time was 14:01:29.933.

A total of 434 vehicles have competed in all 11 races in the Best in the Desert series since the ZR2's race debut, Doran said. As a testament to the grueling nature of off-road racing, the ZR2 is one of only four vehicles - fewer than 1 percent of total entrants - that completed each of these 11 competitions.

"Our goal with the Best in the Desert competition is to push the engineering and development of the Colorado platform in the most extreme conditions imaginable," said Mark Dickens, chief engineer, Government Programs, Performance Variants, Parts and Motorsports. "We've it ever since, Doran said.

The Colorado ZR2 competd in already learned things over the past two years that have shaped our off-road portfolio, including the performance parts and motorsports catalog, production vehicles and GM Defense projects.'

> Not only has the ZR2 survived the challenges of the Best in the Desert series, but the Chevrolet and Hall Racing teams have found ways to make the truck more robust and efficient since its debut, Doran said. The truck finished its first 2017 Vegas to Reno in 18 hours and 51 minutes. The following year, the ZR2 improved its finishing time by more than four hours to 14 hours and 34.5 minutes

> The production-based ZR2 is one of the only vehicles that competes in the stock 7300 class. It regularly beats the race times of a wide range of off-road vehicles - everything from dune buggies to modified Ford Raptors, Jeep Wranglers and trophy trucks in the more extreme and well-represented Class 6000 and 6100 classes.

> Off-road racer and engineer Chad Hall received one of the first Colorado ZR2s ever built in May 2017, and he's been running





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#### J.D. Power Says Auto Seating **Getting Better**

Overall auto seat quality continues to improve, according to the J.D. Power 2019 U.S. Seat **Ouality and Satisfaction Study**, which means as auto consumers demands increase, manufacturers are listening and executing, said J.D.Power spokesman Geno Effler

Quality is measured by the number of problems experienced per 100 vehicles (PP100) during the first 90 days of ownership, with a lower score reflecting higher quality, Effler said.

According to this study, with 6.3 seat-related PP100, seat quality is now at its highest level since the study was redesigned in 2013 and represents an improvement of 3.2 PP100 over that period.

"It is particularly encouraging to see so many newly redesigned vehicles-and their seats-performing better than their previous iterations," said Brent Gruber, Senior Director, Global Automotive Quality Practice at J.D. Power.

"With every vehicle re-design comes the chance for seat upgrades and improvements based on consumer feedback. As quality and satisfaction levels continue to increase, it is clear the manufacturers are capitalizing on opportunities to upgrade and perfect their seats every chance they get."

The 2019 U.S. Seat Quality and Satisfaction Study is based on responses from more than 75,000 purchasers and lessees of new 2019 model-year cars and light trucks registered in November-December 2018 and January-February 2019, Effler said.

The study was fielded from February through May of this year.

#### **American Battery Solutions Gets Bosch Assets**

American Battery Solutions, Inc. (ABS) of Lake Orion, an advanced battery systems company, has completed the acquisition of highvoltage manufacturing and testing assets from Robert Bosch Battery Systems.

The acquisition initially announced on May 20, 2019 was in early August, said ABS spokesman Jim Gill.

With the transaction completed, the 170,000 sq. ft. battery systems manufacturing facility and production lines in Springboro, Ohio are now wholly owned by ABS. The key manufacturing personnel from the plant have also joined ABS as its employees.

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ABS is backed by a \$50 million committed investment from KCK Group, a principal investment firm with global offices in London, New York, San Francisco and Dubai, Gill said. ABS brings electrified mobility battery systems to emerging transportation, industrial and commercial markets by leveraging the team's vast experience and expertise in automotive battery system development, testing and manufacturing. ABS is already in discussions with several potential customers to develop, test and manufacture modular battery solutions for underserved transportation, industrial and commercial markets, primarily in North American and Europe, Subhash Dhar, Founder, chairman and chief executive officer of ABS stated, "We're excited to have the highly experienced manufacturing team join our world-class battery professionals and automotive experts together with world-class development and manufacturing facilities," Dhar said.





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