The North Bullitt Eagle baseball program hosted its annual camp recently. A large number of campers hoping to improve their skills attended.



The group photo of the North Bullitt baseball camp is shown.

TJ BARR

Ford hits the pedal on EV production with \$2B overhaul of Kentucky plant

BY BRUCE SCHREINER

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LOUISVILLE — Ford Motor Co. will invest nearly \$2 billion retooling a Kentucky factory to produce electric vehicles that it says will be more affordable, more profitable to build and will outcompete rival models.

The automaker's top executive unveiled the new EV strategy at Ford's Louisville Assembly Plant which, after producing gas-powered vehicles for 70 years, will be converted to manufacture electric vehicles.

"In our careers, as automobile people we're lucky if we get to work on one, maybe two, projects that really change the face of our industry," CEO Jim Farley told plant workers in Kentucky on Monday. "And I believe today is going to light the match as one of those projects for all of us here."

The Big Detroit automakers automaker have continued to transition from internal combustion engines to EV technology even as President Donald Trump's administration unwinds incentives for automakers to go electric. Trump's massive to revolutionary changes

tax and spending law targets EV incentives, including the imminent removal of a credit that saves buyers up to \$7,500 on a new electric car.

Yet Farley and other top executives in the auto industry say that electric vehicles are the future and there is no going back.

The first EV to be produced by the revamped Louisville production process will be a midsize, four-door electric pickup truck in 2027 for domestic and international markets, the company said Monday.

The new electric trucks will feature plenty of interior space to fit five adults and pack enough power to have a targeted 0-60 time as fast as a Mustang EcoBoost but with more downforce, Ford said

The electric trucks will be powered by lower-cost batteries made at a Ford factory in Michigan. The Detroit previously announced a \$3 billion investment to build the battery

The automaker sees this as a "Model T moment" for its EV business — a reference



Darron Cummings/AP Photo

Ford CEO Jim Farley speaks at the Louisville Assembly Plant on Monday in Louisville, Ky.

on the production line led by across a wide range of models. the company's founder, Henry Ford, when it began churning out vehicles from a factory more than a century ago. Farley said the changes will upend how electric vehicles are made in the U.S.

"It represents the most radical change on how we design and how we build vehicles at Ford since the Model T," Farley said.

The company said it will use a universal platform and production system for its EVs, essentially the underpinning of a vehicle that can be applied

The Louisville factory — one of two Ford assembly plants in Kentucky's largest city will be revamped to cut production costs and make assembly time faster as it's prepared to churn out electric vehicles.

The result will be "an affordable electric vehicle that we expect to be profitable," Farley said in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of the announcement. "This is an example of us rejuvenating our U.S. plants with the most modern manufacturing techniques."

The new platform enables a lineup of affordable vehicles to be produced at scale, Ford said. It will reduce parts by 20% versus a typical vehicle, with 25% fewer fasteners, 40% fewer workstations dock-todock in the plant and a 15% faster assembly time, Ford said.

The traditional assembly line will be transformed into an "assembly tree" at the Louisville plant, the company said. Instead of one long conveyor, three subassembly lines will operate simultaneously and then join together, it said.

Other specifications for the midsize electric truck including its reveal date, starting price, EPA-estimated battery range, battery sizes and charge times — will be announced later, the company said. Farley revealed that the truck will have a targeted starting price of about \$30,000.

Ford said its investment in the Louisville plant will secure 2,200 hourly jobs.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said Monday that the automaker's plans for the Louisville plant will strengthen a more than century-old partnership between Ford and

the Bluegrass State.

This announcement not only represents one of the largest investments on record in our state, it also boosts Kentucky's position at the center of EV-related innovation and solidifies Louisville Assembly Plant as an important part of Ford's future," Beshear said.

Ford said its combined investment of about \$5 billion at the Kentucky assembly plant and Michigan battery plant is expected to create or secure nearly 4,000 direct jobs between the two plants while strengthening the domestic supply chain with dozens of new U.S.-based suppliers.

Ford previously forecast weaker earnings growth for this year and further losses in its electric vehicles business as it works to control costs. Model e, Ford's electric vehicle business, posted a full-year loss of \$5.08 billion for 2024 as revenue fell 35% to \$3.9 billion.

Ford's new EV strategy comes as Chinese automakers are quickly expanding across the globe, offering relatively affordable electric vehicles.

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PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE 1 POSITION

working for the Public Works Department.

Performs a variety of routine tasks related to the upkeep and maintenance of City owned properties, grounds, equipment, and vehicles.

PRIMARY JOB FUNCTIONS (including but not limited to):

 Mowing and trimming of City properties, green spaces, and right of ways. • The cleaning of storm drains and culverts

• Any general maintenance required on City properties. Assist with other departments as needed.

 Ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing. Ability to establish and maintain accurate records and

• Ability to learn the operations, policies, and procedures of the City and the assigned department or office.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE H.S. Diploma or equivalent.

• Must have a valid driver's license

• Must be able to hold a CDL

• Must have a basic understanding of general maintenance and mechanics.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to bend, stoop, crouch, and stand for extended periods of time. Applicants must be physically capable of lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds. Work is generally NOT performed in a climate-controlled office and employees may be exposed to extreme weather conditions. This position will require working evening and weekend hours. Travel for training courses and conferences is required.

Starting pay rate for this position is \$20.00/hr. Applications can be obtained online at www.shepherdsvilleky.gov or in person at Shepherdsville City Hall located at 634 Conestoga Parkway, Monday - Thursday from 8A to 5P and Friday 8A to 12 noon. Applications must be submitted to City Hall by noon on Friday September 5, 2025

The City of Shepherdsville is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PUBLIC NOTICE 2025 PROPOSED TAX RATE **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Bullitt County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bullitt County Courthouse for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

The tax rate levied last year was 9.1% and produced revenues in the amount of \$7,925,729.00. This year's compensating rate is 8.8% and will produce revenues in the amount of \$8,195,516.00. The Bullitt County Fiscal Court proposes a tax rate of 9.0%, which will produce a total of \$8,381,778.00

Revenue expected from New Property is \$456,049.00; revenue expected from Personal Property is \$2,375,854.00; revenue expected from Motor Vehicle is \$1,354,469.00; and revenue expected from Watercraft is \$52,486.00.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for the purpose of repair and maintenance of county roads and public buildings, to provide emergency and law enforcement services, to pay salaries of county employees and officials, and to pay all proper charges and demands against the county.

The Kentucky General assembly requires that the Bullitt County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BULLITT CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00171

NOTICE OF SALE Brandon Stump, AKA Brandon E. Stump

AKA Brandon Edward Stump, et al.

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT(S)

AT 502-496-6996 TO RECEIVE BONDING INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO THE SALE. ARRIVE EARLY TO ENSURE YOU ARE COMPLIANT WITH SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS AND TO SIGN IN. Pursuant to the terms of a judgment rendered in the above case, the undersigned

*** PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF THE MASTER COMMISSIONER

will on Tuesday, the 26th day of August 2025 at 9:00 a.m. sell at public auction, to the highest bidder. The following real property located at 174 Wilmington Drive, Mount Washington, Bullitt County, Kentucky 40047 (PVA parcel identification number of the property is # 077-W00-05-012)

The sale shall occur at the Bullitt County Courthouse, Fiscal Courtroom

located at 300 South Buckman Street, Shepherdsville, Kentucky. That the Plaintiff shall recover from the Defendant(s) the sum of \$249,280.68 with interest at the rate of 6.99% per annum from the 1st day of December 2023 until paid, plus its costs and fees therein expended.

That in order to secure payment of the above sums, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder the above-described real estate, terms to be 10% down at the time of bid with the balance due in 30 days, bearing interest at the rate of 6.99% per annum until paid. Successful purchaser(s) shall be required to secure insurance with a loss payable clause in favor of the Master Commissioner or the Plaintiff.

The purchaser shall take the property free and clear of all liens and encumbrances

a) All state, county, and school taxes for the year 2025 and thereafter for which the purchaser shall take no credit.

b) Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record and agreements of record. c) All matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property.

d) Zoning regulations of Bullitt County Planning and Zoning Commission. e) Assessment for public improvements assessed against the property.

For further information, see report on file in the Bullitt Circuit Clerk's Office.

Master Commissioner, Bullitt Circuit Court P.O. Box 6721 318 S. Buckman Street Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165

havden@sweatgriffee.com **LEGAL NOTICE**

Britton Brooks, LLC

Telephone: (502) 496-6996

PLAINTIFF

Vanessa Carter, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE

BULLITT CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00145

DEFENDANT(S)

*** PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF THE MASTER COMMISSIONER AT 502-496-6996 TO RECEIVE BONDING INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO THE SALE. ARRIVE EARLY TO ENSURE YOU ARE COMPLIANT WITH SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS AND TO SIGN IN.

Pursuant to the terms of a judgment rendered in the above case, the undersigned will on Tuesday, the 26th day of August 2025 at 9:00 a.m. sell at public auction, to the highest bidder. The following real property located at 174 hodges Lane, Brooks, Bullitt County, Kentucky 40109 (PVA parcel identification number of the property is # 034-SE0-20-010)

The sale shall occur at the Bullitt County Courthouse, Fiscal Courtroom located at 300 South Buckman Street, Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

That the Plaintiff shall recover from the Defendant(s) the sum of \$49,794.67 with interest at the rate of 11% per annum from the 4th day of October 2023

until paid, plus its costs and fees therein expended.
That in order to secure payment of the above sums, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder the above-described real estate, terms to be 10% down at the time of bid with the balance due in 30 days, bearing interest at the rate of 11% per annum until paid. Successful purchaser(s) shall be required to secure insurance with a loss payable clause in favor of the Master Commissioner or the Plaintiff.

The purchaser shall take the property free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except:

 a) All state, county, and school taxes for the year 2025 and thereafter for which the purchaser shall take no credit. b) Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record and agreements of

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d) Zoning regulations of Bullitt County Planning and Zoning Commission. e) e) Assessment for public improvements assessed against the property. For further information, see report on file in the <u>Bullitt Circuit Clerk's Office</u>.

Master Commissioner, Bullitt Circuit Court 318 S. Buckman Street Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165 Telephone: (502) 496-6996 hayden@sweatgriffee.com

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BULLITT CIRCUIT COURT

Hazel Enterprises, LLC

CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-01160

NOTICE OF SALE

PLAINTIFF DEFENDANT(S)

Larry H. Curtsinger, Jr. et al. *** PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF THE MASTER COMMISSIONER AT 502-496-6996 TO RECEIVE BONDING INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO THE SALE. ARRIVE EARLY TO ENSURE YOU ARE COMPLIANT WITH

will on Tuesday, the 26th day of August 2025 at 9:00 a.m. sell at public auction, to

SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS AND TO SIGN IN.

the highest bidder. The following real property located at 230 Roy Layne Road, Lebanon Junction, Bullitt County, Kentucky 40150 (PVA parcel identification number of the property is # 029-000-00-073A) The sale shall occur at the Bullitt County Courthouse, Fiscal Courtroom

located at 300 South Buckman Street, Shepherdsville, Kentucky. That the Plaintiff shall recover from the Defendant(s) the sum of \$5,803.61 with

interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of judgment until paid, plus its costs and fees therein expended. That in order to secure payment of the above sums, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder the above-described real estate, terms to be 10% down

at the time of bid with the balance due in 30 days, bearing interest at the rate of 6%per annum until paid. Successful purchaser(s) shall be required to secure insurance with a loss payable clause in favor of the Master Commissioner or the Plaintiff. The purchaser shall take the property free and clear of all liens and encumbrances

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e) Assessment for public improvements assessed against the property.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BULLITT CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00305

Navy Federal Credit Union NOTICE OF SALE Christopher Butcher, et al.

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT(S) *** PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF THE MASTER COMMISSIONER AT 502-496-6996 TO RECEIVE BONDING INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO

THE SALE. ARRIVE EARLY TO ENSURE YOU ARE COMPLIANT WITH SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS AND TO SIGN IN. *** Pursuant to the terms of a judgment rendered in the above case, the undersigned will on Tuesday, the 26th day of August 2025 at 9:00 a.m. sell at public auction,

to the highest bidder. The following real property located at 11426 South Preston Highway, Lebanon Junction, Bullitt County, Kentucky 40150 (PVA parcel identification number of the property is # 041-SW0-02-004)

The sale shall occur at the Bullitt County Courthouse, Fiscal Courtroom located at 300 South Buckman Street, Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

That the Plaintiff shall recover from the Defendant(s) the sum of \$82,318.45 with interest at the rate of 4.6250% per annum from the 11th day of March 2025 until paid, plus its costs and fees therein expended.

That in order to secure payment of the above sums, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder the above-described real estate, terms to be 10% down at the time of bid with the balance due in 30 days, bearing interest at the rate of 4.6250 % per annum until paid. Successful purchaser(s) shall be required to secure insurance with a loss payable clause in favor of the Master Commissioner or the

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