

METROWEST BUSINESS

Business Digest

Pet care company honored

Area pet owners last week cast their ballots and chose a Sudbury-based pet care service as the Best of 2009 in the Beantown Tails-Readers' Choice Awards, which recognizes the best in a variety of pet-related categories. The "Best Pet Sitter/Dog Walker" award was presented to Atta-Boy! Pet Guardian, founded a year ago by former schoolteacher Dalana Bewley. The company serves several MetroWest area towns, including Sudbury, Wayland, Marlborough, Framingham, Acton, Stow and Maynard.

Barn Raising Network meets in MetroWest

The Barn Raising Network, an organization of professional career coaches, meets at Framingham State College, Room G-11, Hemenway Hall, State Street, Framingham, on Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the First United Methodist Church, Webb Hall, 120 West Main St., Westborough, on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The first meetings this month take place Oct. 30 and Nov. 3. For more information, go to www.BarnRaising.org.

Wellesley College students win \$10,000 for solar project

Students at Wellesley College last week were awarded \$10,000 from the EPA to design a solar energy system that can be used for heating and cooking in rural and urban areas of the Himalayas and elsewhere. The Wellesley solar project was one of two projects in New England and 43 nationwide to receive grants targeted to teams of college and university students across the country who will design creative technologies to help the developed and developing world. The other grant in New England was given to a team from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island that is working to design a solar/wind system to help food fish production.

Ford turns a profit

Earns nearly \$1 billion in 3rd quarter after ma

By Dee-Ann Durbin
and Tom Krisher

AP AUTO WRITERS

DEARBORN, Mich. — One of the troubled Detroit Three automakers, Ford, is making money again and looking for better times in no more than two years.

Emerging from a three-year makeover with popular cars and trucks, Ford said yesterday it earned nearly \$1 billion in the third quarter and will be solidly profitable by 2011, a more optimistic forecast than earlier.

While heavy debt and lean times for American car shoppers threaten the comeback, the report puts Ford in a far better position than General Motors or Chrysler, which are still finding their bearings after emerging from bankruptcy.

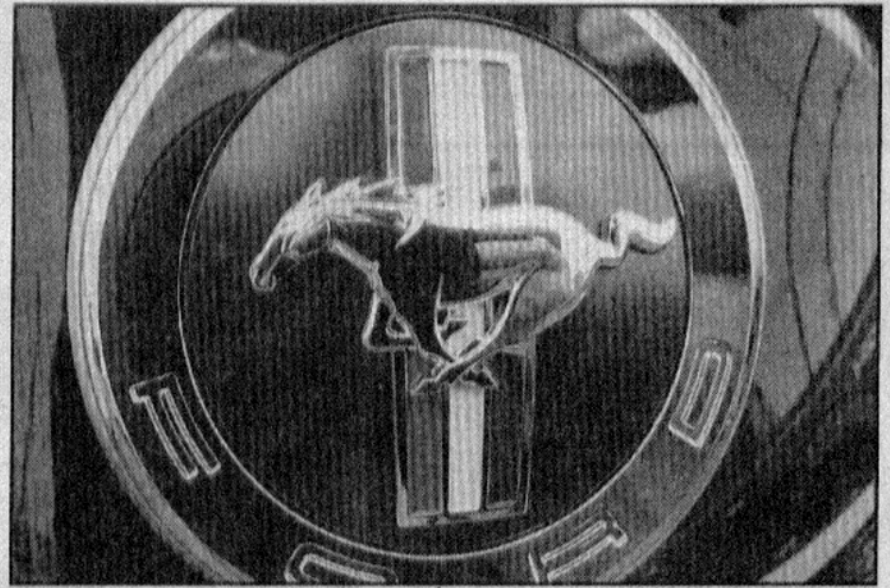
Ford's cars are winning popular and critical acclaim, like the Fusion midsize sedan and more gas-efficient Focus compact. And years of painful cost-cutting, which have halved its work force, have looked prophetic since the recession struck, hurting demand.

Even in North America, the company's biggest market, Ford turned a profit after losing money there for four years.

GM and Chrysler, meanwhile, are still trying to cut jobs and win back customers, many of whom are steering toward their healthier rival.

Three years ago, Ford was considered one of the Detroit Three after posting what was its worst annual loss in its history. The big fruit of changes Ford has been making

At the end of 2005, then-CEO Bill Ford and other executives developed a plan to slash the work force and speed the de-



AP PHOTO BY KEITH SRAKOCIC

Ford Motor Co. earned \$1 billion in the third quarter, fueled by U.S. market share gains, cost cuts and the government's Cash for Clunkers rebates. Above, the Mustang logo is shown on the back of a car at a Ford dealership in Wexford, Pa.

Fitch Ratings.

Ford has gained a full percentage point in U.S. market share so far this year, the equivalent of about 100,000 cars and trucks. GM and Chrysler lost 4.5 percentage points, mostly to favor South Korea's Hyundai.

Ford didn't have one vehicle that was profitable last year, **FORD, Page C7**

Stanley Works agrees to acc