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WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

\$300M invested into Clyde, Marion plants



Whirlpool held a press conference in Clyde on Oct. 15, announcing a \$300 million expansion with 400-600 new jobs to be created at the Clyde and Marion manufacturing plants. PHOTOS BY ROGER LAPOINTE/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

CEO praises commitment of employees at press conference

Roger LaPointe
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CLYDE – Committing to a planned \$300 million investment in its U.S. laundry manufacturing facilities, the Whirlpool Corporation held a press conference at the Clyde plant praising their employees' years of workmanship and knowledge that led the company bet on its future.

Surrounded by 30 miles of production lines that use more than 2 million

pounds of steel per day, 300 guests (both employees and dignitaries) filled the Clyde plant conference area to hear about Whirlpool's future.

Whirlpool Chairman and CEO Marc Bitzer held up a new sticker that Whirlpool will put on all their new products with the slogan, "Started in America. Stayed in America." He praised the commitment of the employees, many of whom have worked in the plants with generations of family members.

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Whirlpool Chairman and CEO Marc Bitzer speaks to a crowd of 300 guests at the Clyde plant.



Plans are announced for the 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony in Fremont. ROGER LAPOINTE/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

Veterans Day will include free food for all veterans

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The 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on Nov 11 at the Sandusky County Courthouse.

Fremont American Legion Post 608 will oversee this year's ceremony. There will also be a free lunch for all veterans at the Fremont VFW from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to Terry Stanforth, director of Sandusky County Veterans Services.

On Nov. 8, there will be a free breakfast for veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fremont VFW Post.

Veterans and one guest are welcome to attend. The Sandusky County Veterans Service Office will be giving out E-Z Shop gift cards from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Service Office on Countryside Drive.

Veterans must be a Sandusky County resident and must provide proof of active-duty service to receive a card. The gift cards will be given out on a first-come basis.

Speed limit standards under review



Efforts to raise speed limits in states including Mississippi and Florida have recently been halted, but speed-related legislation has been proposed in multiple other states. FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Cities, states adjust based on various factors

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USA TODAY

Observant motorists may notice a curious trend on U.S. roads: Driving on highways is getting faster while city speeds are getting slower.

In denser, more residential areas, an increasing number of states from coast to coast are allowing local governments to slow drivers down to improve safety. Meanwhile, highway speed limits are climbing in less traveled areas, with at least nine states allowing drivers to le-

gally zoom along at 80 miles per hour.

"We have two different trends, on these interstate highways. The speed limit, it keeps getting higher and higher, but on these residential, densely populated areas, we started seeing a trend toward lower speed limits," said Wen Hu, a senior research transportation engineer with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Hu's organization found that every 5 mph increase to a state's maximum speed limit ups the chance of fatalities by 8.5% on interstate highways and nearly 3% on other roads. "The increase in the maximum speed limit, it's

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