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Honda's move to shut down a second-shift production line at its Marysville assembly plant starting this summer also affects engine production at the Anna plant, north of Dayton. PHOTO COURTESY OF HONDA

Honda to suspend shift in Marysville

Production-line move won't result in worker layoffs, company says.

By Thomas Gnau
Staff Writer

Honda plans to shut down a second-shift production line at its Marysville assembly plant starting this summer for "a few years" — a move that will not result in worker layoffs, the company said Thursday.

Anita Sipes, spokeswoman at Honda of America Manufacturing, confirmed the shutdown of a line that contributes to the production of about 55,000 vehicles a year. The move will mean no layoffs, as the company hopes to manage the change through worker "attrition," Sipes said.

"There will be no immediate impact on employment," she said.

She said, however, Honda is offering "contingent" or temporary workers a "voluntary" incentive to leave plant employment. She declined to say how many of the Marysville plant's 4,700 workers are considered contingent.

The second-shift Line 1 production suspension begins Aug. 1. It will last "a few years," Sipes said.

The move also affects engine production at the Anna plant, about an hour north of Dayton, but Sipes could not immediately quantify the impact there.

Slackening demand for sedans has challenged the Marysville plant in the recent past.

In 2017, Honda said it canceled production days and added another week off to production

workers' normal one-week break in July due to weakening demand for sedan models.

In the spring of 2018, Honda trimmed production of its flagship 2018 Accord at the company's Marysville plant as shoppers continued to bypass sedans in favor of SUVs, cross-overs and pickup trucks.

The Marysville plant assembles the Accord, the CR-V and several Acura models, including the NSX. "The market demand continues to shift from the sedan to SUVs and light trucks," Sipes said Thursday.

But she added that the company remains committed to sedans, believing that "multi-cultural" and younger consumers continue to favor that product.

The automaker has some 1,000

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ONLY IN THE NEWS-SUN

Shooting victim lost his brother to gun violence

Kellen Etherington says violence in Springfield has become 'ridiculous.'

By Jenna Lawson
Staff Writer

The 16-year-old who was shot in the chest near a Springfield McDonald's on Wednesday also lost his brother to gun violence in 2018.

Linda Neville said her grandson, Kellen Etherington, is recovering in Miami Valley Hospital after the shooting on Bellevue Avenue.

Neville said the bullet hit Etherington's lung, and doctors said it's too dangerous to remove it, so he will live with it — and any resulting complications — for the rest of his life.

Although Etherington survived, Neville said the shooting brought back painful memories. Etherington's brother, 19-year-old Cobey Etherington, was shot and killed in the passenger seat of a car on West Mulberry Street.

Cobey Etherington's death was Springfield's first homicide of 2018, and the murder is still unsolved.

"I'm still grieving. You don't get over that," Neville said. "I don't know why it's my boys. I don't know."

This news organization interviewed Kellen Etherington in July 2018 for a follow-up story about his brother's murder.

At the time, he said the gun violence in the city was becoming overwhelming.

"When I was younger — like fourth, fifth, sixth grade — it never seemed this bad," Etherington said. "And just the past two, three years, it's been ridiculous."

Neville said she got the call on Wednesday that no one ever wants to get. She said she raced over to the McDonald's on East Main Street.

"I jumped out hoping they were going to tell me it was somebody else," she said "No, it was Kellen." Springfield police responded

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TOP NATIONAL STORY



President Trump boards Air Force One to travel to his Mar-a-Lago estate to spend the Easter weekend in Palm Beach, Fla. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS / ASSOCIATED PRESS

President pushes back on claims by ex-aides

Mueller report findings set off fresh round of criticisms, defenses.

Associated Press

A day after celebrating the release of the Mueller report as "a good day," President Donald Trump struck a defiant tone Friday, unleashing tweets where he used a profanity to describe claims in the report by former administration officials that he tried numerous times to stop or influence the probe.

The 448-page report released Thursday alleged that Trump dis-

couraged witnesses from cooperating with prosecutors and prodded aides to mislead the public on his behalf to hamper the Russia probe he feared would hurt his administration.

The report's bottom line largely tracked the findings revealed in Attorney General William Barr's four-page memo a month ago — no Trump campaign collusion with Russia around the 2016 election, but no clear verdict on obstruction. But the report added new layers of detail about Trump's behavior during the investigation.

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DeWine weighs hospital licensing

Ohio is the only state that does not require this type of regulation.

By Kaitlin Schroeder
Staff Writer

Ohio is the only state that does not license hospitals and Gov. Mike DeWine's administration is looking at whether that should change.

Hospital officials, however, say that while they aren't licensed,

they are already highly regulated for patient safety and quality.

"It's not that there aren't hospital regulations, but the lack of licensure prevents the state of Ohio from holding anybody accountable in a situation where there might need to be some accountabilities or remediations or restoration in response to a certain incident," said Dan Tierney, spokesman for the governor. Dr. Amy Acton, director of the Ohio Department of Health, will

research the issue, make recommendations to DeWine and then he can provide that information to the legislature, which could create hospital licensing.

DeWine's administration is exploring options for increased oversight in the wake of a Columbus case of a Mount Carmel Health System physician accused of providing excessive and sometimes fatal doses of painkillers to patients.

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Another Buckeyes QB leaving the school early

Personal reasons have Matthew Baldwin set to become the fourth signal-caller to leave Ohio State in just the past 12 months.

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Hurricane Michael was stronger than thought

Forecasters have upgraded the storm that devastated a swath of the Florida Panhandle last fall to a Category 5 storm.

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Highest-paid Ohio workers are all doctors

Three dozen state employees were paid more than \$250,000 last year, with the top earner taking home \$650K.

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