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Personal Care provides assistance with hygiene, grooming, bathing, dressing and skin care, while Homemaking includes meal planning and preparation, shopping, cleaning, laundry, and help with appointments.



Don't wait until there is an emergency to find care for a loved one or support for yourself. For information on affordable in-home services contact the Office on Aging at 440-326-4800 or your local Seniors Helping Seniors® organization at 440-935-3848 to find compassionate, dependable people so that you or your loved one can have one-on-one personal attention in the security and familiarity of your own home.

## Something for everyone at the library



The Lorain Public Library System has a multitude of programs for seniors. There are fitness programs such as Thai-Chi for Arthritis, Zumba, Yoga For Beginners and even Line Dancing. There are clubs that meet regularly such as Yarn Club, Sewing Club, Genealogy Club and Chess Club. There is a "History of Medication" program later this month and programs regarding Opioid Abuse in February. There are craft programs and book and movie discussions and lots of programs for the grandkids. And of course books, magazines and movies. All of this and more awaits you at your local Lorain Public Library; and it's all free!

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#### 6 ways to make bathrooms a safer place

Homes should be safe havens. But each year injuries in and around the home contribute to millions of medical visits and many fatalities each year.

Although anywhere in a home can be the scene of an accident. bathrooms tend to be the most dangerous room in the house. Slippery tile, the presence of water, stockpiled medications, and many sharp and hard edges in a small space pose several different hazards in the bathroom, particularly for young children and people age 65 and up. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says falls, which can result in serious injuries like hip fractures and head trauma, are the cause of 80 percent of all bathroom accidents.

Many bathroom accidents are preventable with some easy modifications.

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# Introducing LIGHTHOUSE

#### A NEW MEMORY CARE NEIGHBORHOOD AT WESLEYAN VILLAGE.

Wesleyan Village has long provided a complete spectrum of senior care, including compassionate care for Alzheimer's and dementia. Now Lighthouse at Wesleyan Village will offer a modern memory care neighborhood with innovative plans for the future. You'll have peace of mind, knowing you've found a serene, comfortable setting in a reassuring, faith-based community for your loved one.

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Thursday, February 7; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 29; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

#### INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media allows you to interact with people online. Learn how to create, share and exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks online, including Facebook and Twitter. Preregistration required.

Saturday, February 23; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 18; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **EMAIL FOR BEGINNERS**

Become familiar with email account setup and use. Learn how to send and receive emails, attach pictures and documents to your emails, and create and use contact lists. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Tuesday, March 12; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### INTERNET FOR BEGINNERS

Become familiar with internet basics, visiting websites and using internet search engines to find information. Discover the most useful websites for accurate information, such as health information. Learn about services available through the library's website. Participants need to be comfortable using a mouse to attend. Preregistration required.

Friday, March 15; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

#### **TECH HELP**

Bring your questions to this informal session about the use of computers, tablets, eReaders, the internet or anything else technology related. Preregistration required.

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# Wesleyan Village Introduces Lighthouse, a New Memory Care Neighborhood



Wesleyan Village, the faith-based Life Plan Community in Elyria, has an extensive history of providing a complete spectrum of senior care, including compassionate care for residents with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Now an innovative new memory care neighborhood is being introduced: Lighthouse.

"As the name suggests, Lighthouse is a beacon of hope, offering guidance for those navigating the challenges of memory loss," says Meg Nieberding, Marketing Director. "Families will have peace of mind, knowing they've found a serene, comforting environment for their loved one."

Lighthouse at Wesleyan Village provides private residential suites with individual bathrooms, nutritious meals and snacks, and welcoming common areas to encourage interactions with family members during visits.

Of the many advantages of Lighthouse, highly skilled and innovative care may be its greatest asset, including the soon-to-be-introduced *Heartfelt CONNECTIONS* – *A Memory Care Program*®. The program promotes physical and emotional well-being and helps residents maintain a sense of satisfaction, dignity, and quality of life

For more information, individuals may call 440.284.9000. The community, located at 807 West Avenue in Elyria, is committed to offering equal housing opportunities for people of all races, religions, national origins and disabilities.

#### Did you know?

According to the National Sleep Foundation, certain foods may help people fall asleep faster and sleep more soundly while others may compromise a person's ability to enjoy a restful night's sleep. In lieu of white bread, refined pastas and sugar-laden baked goods, all of which can reduce serotonin levels, the NSF recommends whole grains. The buildup of serotonin in the brain during periods of wakefulness can contribute to the onset of sleep later in the day. If serotonin levels in their brains are disturbed, then people may experience difficulty falling asleep. The NSF also recommends almonds and walnuts, which contain melatonin, a hormone that helps to regulate the sleep/wake cycles. In addition, foods that are high in lean protein that contain the amino acid tryptophan also may increase the production of serotonin, potentially contributing to a restful night's sleep.

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Of course, your feet can't talk. But they are definitely trying to tell you something.

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#### A SAFER PLACE FROM PAGE 3

- 1. Reduce slippery surfaces. Wet tile is a recipe for slick conditions. Bath rugs with rubber backing can provide traction in the bathroom, as can nonslip mats placed on the floor of the bathtub or shower enclosure. Water-resistant flooring made from recycled rubber is another option. It is softer, less slippery and more forgiving than traditional tile flooring.
- 2. Install lever-style fixtures. Round knobs in the bathroom can be difficult to grasp, especially for the elderly or those with arthritis. Lever-style fixtures are easier to maneuver and can help alleviate scalding from not being able to adequately adjust the water temperature.
- **3.** Utilize transfer benches and shower seats. A transfer bench can help reduce injuries that occur when trying to climb over a tub wall. Benches are placed outside of the tub and a person sits and then swings his legs over the ledge. Transfer benches also can be used in conjunction with shower seats. This is a chair or bench that allows people to sit while they shower.
- **4. Discard old medications.** Clean out the medicine cabinet of old or expired medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. This reduces the likelihood of medication confusion, and does not put potentially harmful pills and syrups into the hands of children.
- **5. Install grab bars.** Properly installed grab bars around the shower and toilet area can provide leverage and stability. AARP says many injuries to



seniors occur when they are attempting to sit or get up from the toilet. Grab bars or an elevated toilet seat can help.

**6. Install motion-detecting lights.** These lights turn on automatically upon detecting movement, making them beneficial for people who routinely visit the bathroom in the middle of the night. Adequate illumination also can help reduce fall risk.

Bathroom safety should be made a priority. Various modifications can make bathrooms safer for people of all ages.

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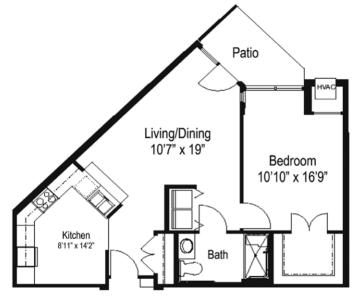
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#### Improve crossword-solving skills

Crossword puzzles are an integral component of newspapers. In addition to their entertainment quality. crossword puzzles can help improve cognition and brain health in individuals of all ages.

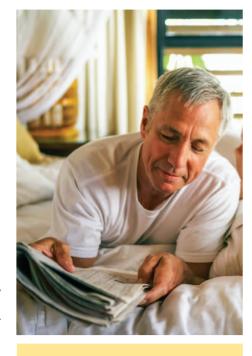
The first known crossword puzzle to be published was created by a British iournalist named Arthur Wynne, who is often credited as the inventor of crosswords. The first puzzle appeared in the New York World on December 21, 1913. The original crossword was diamond-shaped and did not feature the familiar black squares.

Throughout the 1920s, crossword puzzles became a standard offering in many newspapers. During this period, puzzle shapes evolved to the more familiar form, and certain puzzle standards were established. Puzzles now appearing in most North American newspapers and magazines feature solid areas of white squares. Each letter is usually part of both an "across" word and a "down" word, and usually each answer must contain at least three letters. In these puzzles, shaded squares are typically limited to about one-sixth of the total.

It is estimated that around 50 million people in America routinely partake in crossword puzzles. Each year, one best-of-the-best is crowned in the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.

Everyone wants to improve his or her crossword-puzzling skills. These tips can help.

- Practice ... a lot. Practice makes perfect, even with crossword puzzles. Start with simple puzzles and work up to the more difficult ones.
- Divide and conquer. Divide the puzzle into smaller sections and complete each cluster before moving on. It's easier than completing all of the across or down clues.
- Watch "Jeopardy." Puzzles used to be comprised largely of definitions, but they now incorporate just about every subject. Improving general knowledge and perhaps watching trivia shows can help with puzzle completion.



Crossword puzzles are a newspaper staple. Practice is one of the key strategies to improving completion rates on these word games. Try your hand at this one.

- Learn repeat offenders. Over time you may recognize certain words appear in puzzle after puzzle. You'll soon be able to match the clues to these repeat words.
- Familiarize yourself with multiple word meanings. Remember to think like a puzzle creator, who is probably trying to stump you. The word "flower" may not imply the blooming plant. It may represent something that "flows."
- Take a break. Taking a few moments to step away from the puzzle before returning to it can clear the mind and make answers more apparent.

Crossword puzzles are a popular component of daily and weekly newspapers. They're fun to fill out and boast a rich history.

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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Political action committee
- 4. One point north of due east
- 7. Marital
- 12. Religious building
- 15. Intrinsic nature of something
- 16. Safe to drink
- 18. Letter of credit
- 19. Single Lens Reflex
- 20. Keeps you cool in summer
- 21. Monetary unit
- 24. The Eye Network
- 27. Moving with a bounding stride
- 30. Figures
- 31. Of the pia mater
- 33. Male offspring
- 34. Indicates near
- 35. Calvary sword
- 37. South American plant
- 39. Doctor of Education
- 41. Something to take
- 42. Remove the edges from
- 44. Inattentive
- 47. Pick up
- 48. Latch for a window
- 49. Region of the U.S.
- 50. Windy City ballplayer
- 52. The NFL's big game (abbr.)

- 53. Be permanently present in
- 56. Novice
- 61. Pirate novel
- 63. In a law-abiding way
- 64. Where one sleeps
- 65. Criticize

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. Egyptian Sun god
- 3. Predatory semiaguatic
- 4. Register formally
- 5. Eating houses
- 6. Japanese port
- 7. Genus of rodents
- 8. Nigerian city
- 9. Milliwatt
- 10. Mistake!
- 11. Women's movement
- 12. Greeting
- 13. Songbirds

- 14. An arrangement scheme
- 17. Heartbeat test
- 22. Push back
- 23. Intended for the audience only
- 24. Cycles per second
- 25. Impartiality
- 26. Polio vaccine developer

- 28. Bowel movements
- 29. South American Indian
- 32. Queen of Sparta
- 36. Confederate soldier
- 38. Emerged
- 40. Death
- 43. and flowed
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Email folder
- 46. Throbbed rhythmically
- 51. English rockers
- 54. Disaster relief operation
- 55. American model and TV
- personality Katherine
- 56. Potable
- 57. Tough outer layer
- \_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

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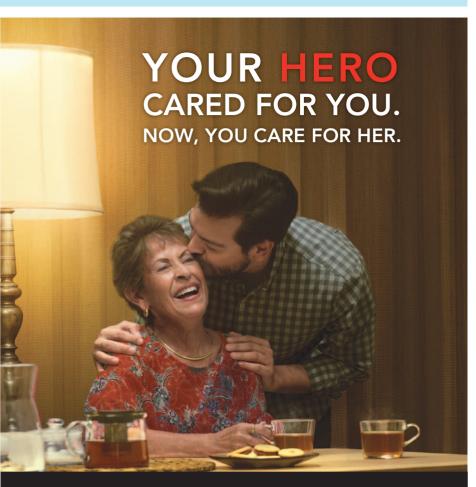


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#### Did you know?

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, anxiety disorders are the most common mental illnesses in the United States. Roughly 40 million adults in the United States, or 18 percent of the country's population, has an anxiety disorder. Developing from a complex set of risk factors, including genetics, brain chemistry, personality, and life events, anxiety disorders are highly treatable. Unfortunately, the ADAA notes that less than 40 percent of those suffering from anxiety disorders receive treatment. Treatment of anxiety disorders can be highly effective and can even help people deal with other disorders, as the ADAA says nearly one-half of people diagnosed with depression are also diagnosed with an anxiety disorder. People living with anxiety disorders who seek treatment may find they also are suffering from depression, compelling them to receive treatment for that disorder as well and further improving their quality of life.



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## Daily steps to keep your heart healthy

Heart disease is a formidable foe. According the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease accounts for nearly 25 percent of all deaths in the United States each year.

Issues relating to the heart affect both men and women, and an estimated 15 million adults in the U.S. have coronary heart disease, the most common type of heart disease. And heart disease is not exclusive to the United States, as the Heart Research Institute says that every seven minutes in Canada someone dies from heart disease or stroke.

Such statistics are disconcerting, but they can serve as a wake-up call that compels people to prioritize heart health. Fortunately, heart disease is often preventable and people can employ various strategies to reduce their risk.

- Stop smoking right now. One of the best things to do to protect the heart is to stop smoking. The Heart Foundation indicates that smoking reduces oxygen in the blood and damages blood vessel walls. It also contributes to atherosclerosis, or a narrowing and clogging of the arteries.
- Eat healthy fats. When eating, choose polyunsaturated and unsaturated fats and avoid trans fats as much as possible. Trans fats increase one's risk of developing heart disease by clogging arteries and raising LDL (bad) cholesterol levels. Read food

labels before buying anything at the store

- Keep your mouth clean. Studies show that bacteria in the mouth involved in the development of gum disease can travel to the bloodstream and cause an elevation in C-reactive protein, a marker for blood vessel inflammation. Brush and floss twice daily, and be sure to schedule routine dental cleanings.
- Get adequate shut-eye. Ensuring adequate sleep can improve heart health. One study found that young and middle-age adults who regularly slept seven hours a night had less calcium in their arteries (a sign of early heart disease) compared to those who slept five hours or less or those who slept nine hours or more.
- Adopt healthy eating habits. Changes to diet, including eating more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein, can help you lose and maintain a healthy weight, improve cholesterol levels and reduce blood pressure leading to a healthier heart.
- Embrace physical activity. Regular moderate exercise is great for the heart. It can occur at the gym, playing with the kids or even taking the stairs at work.

A healthy heart begins with daily habits that promote long-term heart health.

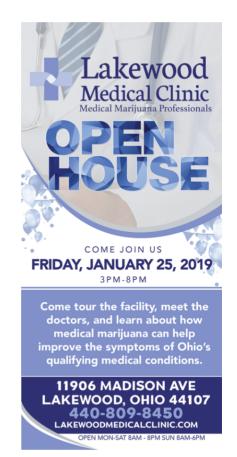
#### Is Medical Marijuana Right for You?

As of 2018, thirty-one states have legalized medical marijuana, and Ohio is one of them. Ohio's medical marijuana control program is designed to help patients who suffer from 21 severe and chronic medical conditions. Because many of the qualifying conditions are symptomatic of aging, the fastest growing demographic relying on medical marijuana nationwide is patients aged 54 and older. If you have any of the conditions listed in the sidebar, call Lakewood Medical Clinic to start integrating medical marijuana to improve your quality of life.

Legal medical marijuana is very different from the marijuana that is purchased on the streets. Medical grade marijuana is inspected, certified, and lab tested for contaminants including mold, chemicals, and toxic pesticides ensuring that you receive the safest and purest plant products. An ideal medical marijuana regimen limits psychoactive effects or the feeling of being "high". Lakewood Medical Clinic professionals teach you how to properly dose and safely adjust your medication so you can function throughout your day with relief.

A clinical evaluation is necessary to see if you are a candidate for medical cannabis. Erin Lesueur, the Executive Director for Lakewood Medical Clinic, outlines that, "The patient's symptoms guide which medical marijuana regimen our physicians recommend." Each plant has different clinical effects that cause distinct reactions in your body. Some plant strains are used to supplement chemotherapy to help energize patients with fatigue associated with their cancer treatments. Other plant strains calm the mind and relax the body to help patients suffering from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) sleep better without night terrors. "Our certified medical marijuana professionals help patients identify the type and mode of cannabis administration that is best to manage your disease". Erin says.

Research has demonstrated that medical marijuana can strengthen the immune system, reduce inflammation, and slow the growth and spread of cancer cells. These multiple modes of action work on our "endocannabinoid system", which is a network of molecules and receptors in the human body that regulates everything. Our bodies recognize the marijuana plant molecules called phytocannabinoids, and these phytocannabinoids work directly on our endocannabinoid system to activate advantageous functions in our bodies.



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**OHIO'S QUALIFYING CONDITIONS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA** 

Ohio's qualifying conditions are: AIDS/HIV. amvotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Alzheimer's disease, cancer, chronic traumatic encephalopathy. Crohn's disease, epilepsy or another seizure disorder. fibromyalgia, glaucoma, hepatitis C, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable. Parkinson's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder, sickle cell anemia, spinal cord disease or injury, Tourette's syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and ulcerative colitis.

In the state of Ohio, marijuana is a medicine, and this medicine has to be recommended to you by a physician. You take your recommendation to an Ohio licensed dispensary to purchase medical marijuana products just like you currently take your prescriptions to the pharmacy. "At Lakewood Medical Clinic we offer genetic testing to patients so they can identify the plant strains that are genetically suited for them."

Erin states. Patients can take their test results to a licensed dispensary and utilize it as a guide to select medical marijuana products that will be effective for them. "When vou know what plant strains will work best for you, you save costs and start feeling better sooner," Erin says.

Medical marijuana oils, tinctures, plant material, edibles, patches, and vaporization are legal in Ohio with a valid medical recommendation. At Lakewood Medical Clinic, the physicians evaluate and educate each patient in order to

present treatment regimens that give the best results. Although medical cannabis is not currently covered by insurance, it is an affordable alternative for many patients.

Call Lakewood Medical Clinic today to learn how medical marijuana may help you. Lakewood Medical Clinic is located at 11906 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Our phone number is (440) 809-8450.

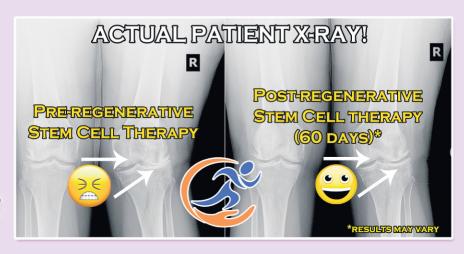
Interested in learning more? Come to our Open House on January 25, 2019 from 3 – 8pm. Tour the clinic and meet the doctors.

Look for more articles in future issues about medical marijuana and how it helps with specific diseases. The next news topic will focus on medical marijuana and fibromyalgia.

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