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Each National Observance presents and opportunity to educate the public, energize co-workers, and promote healthy behaviors among those in our community.

Monthly Awareness:

Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month
Medicaid Awareness Month
National Alcohol Awareness Month (NCADD)
National Autism Awareness Month (Day-4/2)
National Cancer Control Month
National Child Abuse Prevention Month
National Donate Life Month
National Facial Protection Month
National Minority Health Month
National Parkinson's Awareness Month
National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month
Occupational Therapy Month
Oral Cancer Awareness Month
Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
STI/STD Awareness Month
Testicular Cancer Awareness Month

Weeks to Note:

1 - 7 National Public Health Week
14-20 Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (NMLPW)
15-21 Oral, Head & Neck Cancer Awareness Week
21-27 National Infertility Awareness Week®
21-27 National Pediatric Transplant Week
22-26 National Youth Violence Prevention Week
22-26 Every Kid Healthy Week
24-30 World Immunization Week
24-30 National Infant Immunization Week
4/29-5/3 Patient Experience Week (PX WEEK)

Days to Note:

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10 National Youth HVI/AIDS Awareness Day
12 National Donate Life Blue & Green Day
16 Annual National Healthcare Decisions Day
17 World Hemophilia Day
27 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
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The Mission of AEHCHSC:

To improve the health of people in the Mississippi Delta and delta hills communities by increasing access to integrated, comprehensive primary and preventative health care, and related services while promoting economic development.

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Oral, Head & Neck Cancer Awareness Month

Alcohol and tobacco are major risk factors for cancers of the head and neck. All tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff, or a type of chewing tobacco called betel quid) are linked to head and neck cancer (except for salivary gland cancers). Drinking any type of alcohol, such as beer, wine, or liquor, also raises the risk of getting cancers of the mouth, throat, and voice box.

About 70% of cancers in the oropharynx (which includes the tonsils, soft palate, and base of the tongue) are linked to human papillomavirus (HPV), a common sexually transmitted virus.

Overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun, tanning beds, or sunlamps is a cause of cancer on the lips.

Occupational exposures or being exposed to certain substances while on the job, can increase the risk of getting cancers in the nasopharynx. Working in the construction, textile, ceramic, logging, and food processing industries can cause people to be exposed to substances like wood dust, formaldehyde, asbestos, nickel, and other chemicals. (Cont. below)

https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/headneck/index.htm#:~:text=Alcohol%20and%20tobacco%20are%20major,except%20for%20salivary%20gland%20cancers).

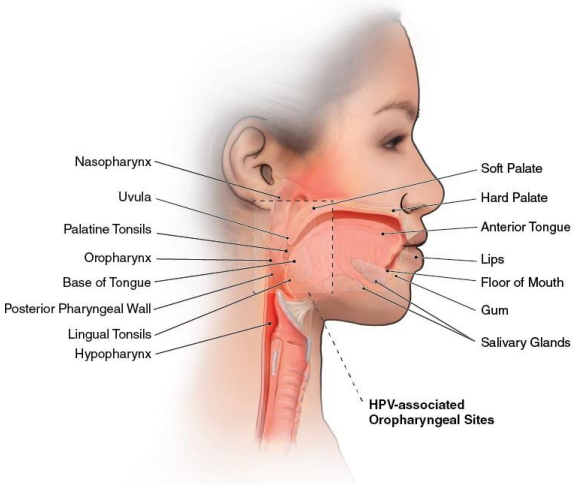
HOSPITALITY CLUB CORNER

The Hospitality Club's PURPOSE:

To promote and encourage positive employee relationships, by providing its members an opportunity to network in a non-work environment and share in fun and creative activities. To uplift members' spirits during their time of illness and bereavement and to acknowledge birthdays and Christmas.

HOSPITALITY CLUB MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

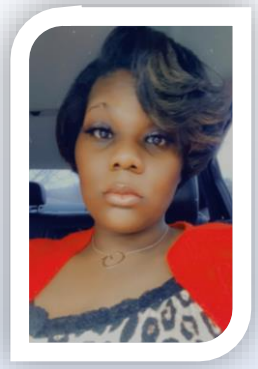
NAME	DAY	WORK LOCATION
Sidney M. Wilson	*01*	*Optometry –Admin.*
Anita Warrick	*02*	*DARTS*
Jelisa Stanford	*10*	*Batesville*
Priscilla A. Edwards	*12*	*Admin-Referral Team*
Denese Woods	*17*	*Tunica*
Benetha P. Kuykendall	*21*	*Quitman Sch-Base*
Dimetric Burrage	*21*	*Clarksdale*
Toynet Betts Coley	*27*	*Admin-Referral Team*
Bianca Williams	*27*	*Clarksdale*
Gregary Kimber	*27*	*Tunica*



Salivary glands are located throughout the oral cavity. These are identified for illustrative purposes only. Not all sites, such as cheek, are included in this figure.

Oral, Head & Neck Cancer Awareness Month *(Continued)*

An infection with the Epstein-Barr virus, a cause of infectious mononucleosis and other illnesses, can raise the risk of cancers in the nose, behind the nose, and cancers of the salivary glands. Radiation treatments to the head and neck can cause head and neck cancers**. About twice as many men as women get head and neck cancers. They are more likely to be diagnosed in people who are over 50 years of age.**



Coretta Gordon
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Kimberly Young
Phlebotomist
Clarksdale Clinic

April 14-20, 2024 | National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (NMLPW)

Also known as Lab Week, is an annual celebration to honor the medical laboratory professionals and pathologists who play a vital role in every aspect of health care and patient advocacy!

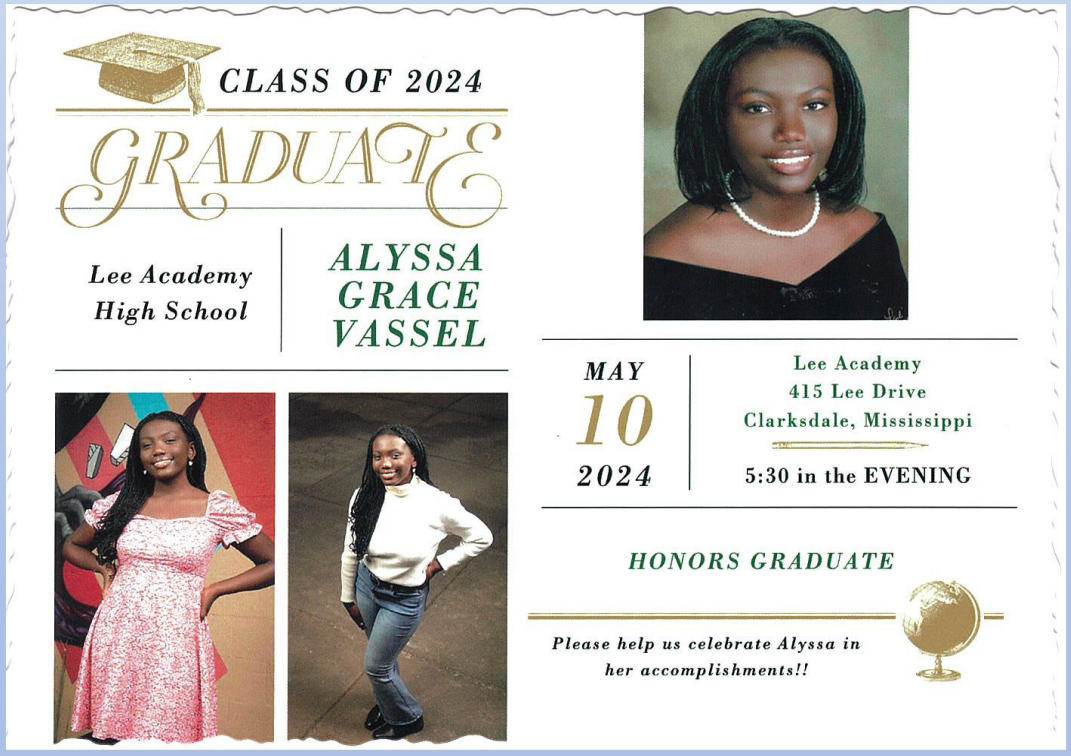
~submitted by ***Coretta Gordon***

Phlebotomist perform a variety of venipuncture techniques and collect blood specimens from patients in support of laboratory procedures used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

A special thanks to our Nurses and CNAs who support labs by filling in the gaps, for the healthcare of our patients.

Alyssa Grace Vassel is the daughter of Daniel and Tana Vassel, Planning & Program Development, Aurelia Jones-Taylor Administrative Complex.

Alyssa has been accepted to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
Congratulations! Alyssa



Send me your child's picture & aspirations and I'll post it in the next newsletter.

Mahalia Jackson, Newsletter Editor (majackson@aehchc.org)

Include:

1. Parent's name(s), your AEH employee job and location.
2. Student's name.
3. Where they're graduating from, date, any special honors, achievements or memberships.
4. What their intentions are once they graduate.

Voter turnout for Mississippi primary extremely low

Mar 12, 2024

Several of the county's election commissioners lost hope of having a decent voter turnout early in the day. Two commissioners called the turnout "pitiful."

DESOTO COUNTY, Miss — Voter turnout was extremely low for Mississippi's primary, Tuesday, March 12, especially in DeSoto County.
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Some DeSoto County voters who haven't typically voted are making strides to be more civically engaged.

- "I'm trying to get into a better habit of making my government do what I want them to do for me and my family," voter **Denise Masters** said.
- Others said they never miss a day at the polls.
- "Exercising your right is very important," voter **Celeritas Green** said. "We fought for that. If you don't exercise your right, you got to let whatever happen, happen."
- Mack said the county's low voter turnout stems from younger generations not making their voices heard. "Younger people don't see how important voting is...even though people died just to vote," voter **Albert Mack** said.

Many of the voters ABC24 spoke with had their candidate in mind long before getting to their precinct. All of them are on the same page about the consequences of not voting.

- "Regardless of whether you're voting republican or voting democrat, you should get out and vote no matter what," **Masters** said. "Otherwise, keep your mouth shut about whatever happens once whoever gets in there, gets in there."

Many voters are hopeful turnout will be better in November. Both President Joe Biden and Former President Donald Trump have enough delegates for their respective party nominations.

Results for Coahoma County recorded 1,108 Democratic and only 435 Republican voters showed up for the Primary Election.

According to Bolivar County Presidential Primary results
~Circuit Clerk Judith Thompson
Bolivar County, saw a 15% turnout.

With 30 of 30 Precincts reporting only 1,829 Democratic and 1,166 Republican voters showed up for the Primary Election.

The **2024 United States presidential election in Mississippi** is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Mississippi voters will choose electors to represent them in the Electoral College via a popular vote. The state of Mississippi has six electoral votes in the Electoral College, following reapportionment due to the 2020 United States census in which the state neither gained nor lost a seat. Though Mississippi has voted to the left of its bordering states in recent presidential elections, owing mainly to its large African-American minority, the state — located in the Deep South and therefore the Bible Belt — has not been won by a Democrat at this level since fellow Southerner Jimmy Carter narrowly did in 1976 nor has it been competitive since Bill Clinton of neighboring Arkansas fell five points short of carrying the state in 1996. - Wikipedia

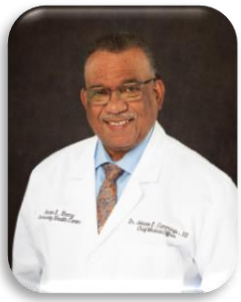
PLEASE MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!

Election day is Tuesday,
November 5, 2024

Many rights are being threatened & taken away, but we still have the right to VOTE!!

IT'S YOUR RIGHT, USE IT.

National Patient Experience Week is an annual recognition of health care staff who impact the patient experience every day.



"*On a daily basis, the medical team at AEH addresses the unique problems faced by those in our communities who have often had to go without adequate and quality health care. We have heard the needs of our people, and we are continuously striving to meet these needs…", said **Dr. Johnnie Cummings**, Chief Medical Officer.*

AEHCHSC, Inc. appreciates the hard work of all our staff and encourage their continued efforts to create positive experiences for our patients.

Cheryl Henderson

Human Resources Corner

Cheryl McIver-Henderson, Director
Jacqueline Bryant, Credentialing Specialist
Linda Allen, Benefits Specialist

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Resumes / CVs may be emailed to hrdirector@aehchc.org PHONE: 662.624-4292 / FAX: 662.483.1025

AEHCHSC, Inc. is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Tuesday
May 7, 2024,
8:00 AM to 5 PM
St. James Temple
Activity Center
384 Sunflower Ave, Clarksdale

– Performance Evaluations –

All AEH employees are required to have an employee physical within each Fiscal Year (June – May). Therefore, if your last physical was more than 6 months ago, then you need a physical this year (2024). All required vaccinations, and immunization records, should be sent to Human Resources on the company's Health Status form (Page 1 only). All vaccination/immunization records should be up to date/current. Fitness for duty status, TB Skin Test, Drug Test, and Immunizations/Vaccinations are part of the annual evaluation process.

Performance Evaluations – Employee Handbook – Page 24 – Policy Ref #202
Supervisors and employees are strongly encouraged to discuss job performance and goals on an informal, day-to-day basis. Formal performance evaluations are conducted upon completion of the introductory period and again annually. **Physicals and drug tests are required with the annual evaluation.**

Evaluations are conducted to provide both supervisors and employees the opportunity to discuss job tasks, identify and correct weaknesses, encourage, and recognize strengths, and discuss positive, purposeful approaches for meeting goals.

Annual Evaluations are due to the Human Resources Director by May 27, 2024. Evaluations should be signed by the employee being evaluated and the supervisor/manager/director completing the evaluation.

Love Rijal is now CompTIA certified.

CompTIA Security+ is a global certification that validates the baseline skills necessary to perform core security functions. Love has been studying for approximately eight months to prepare to take his exam for the CompTIA certification. This training has helped Love to enhance his knowledge of IT Security best practices, deeper understanding of cybersecurity threat information, and analyses of potential impacts. Love shared this information with us to add to his HR file, however, we want to extend our congratulations to him for his achievement and urge all employees to inform the newsletter editor of their outside accomplishments.

~ ***submitted by Jacqueline Bryant***

TANF Worker, **Davida Cohen** recently began training as a receptionist at our Administrative Complex.

Welcome to 'The Henry'!

PEDIATRICIAN'S CORNER

Dr. Peggy J. Wells Pediatrician | Dr. Yasmin Cheema Pediatrician | Tara Davis FNP

Medicaid Unwinding May Leave Millions Of Children Without Coverage

- More Than 50 Percent Of Children Are Covered By Medicaid/CHIP
- Nearly 7 Million Children Are Expected To Lose Medicaid/CHIP Coverage Due To Unwinding
- 72 Percent Of Children Losing Coverage Will Be Due To Paperwork Errors
- Medicaid Unwinding Disproportionately Impacts Children Of Color And Children In Rural Communities

Medicaid is a lifeline for millions of families

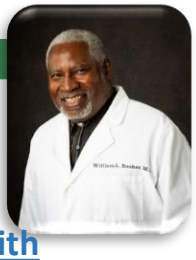
This April marks the 5thAnnual Medicaid Awareness Month and there has never been a better time to raise awareness about Medicaid's importance for communities across the nation.

Decoding Dyslexia

Kids have a lot to learn in their first five years of life. They learn to walk, talk, and eventually to start reading. But while kids can pick up walking and talking naturally, they must be taught how to read. Children who struggle with the building blocks of reading may be at risk for developing dyslexia.

Children with dyslexia find it hard to link speech sounds to letters and words, which makes reading difficult. Early intervention can improve reading skills.

FAMILY MEDICINE CORNER



Dr. William L. Booker
Family Medicine
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Medicaid is working for American families

This month is a critical reminder that over 90 million people in America rely on Medicaid for their health coverage. Regardless of who you are or where you live, you or someone you love has almost certainly benefited from Medicaid. And with more Americans relying on Medicaid coverage than ever before, it is essential that lawmakers fight to protect people with Medicaid coverage the program from political attacks.

Cancer Control Month – April 2024

It is a national observance that aims to educate people about living healthy lives and making lifestyle choices that decrease the risk of cancer.
National Todayhttps://nationaltoday.com › cancer-control-month

Weight-loss surgery yields long-term benefits for type 2 diabetes

Diabetes affects more than 38 million people nationwide. It occurs when levels of blood sugar, or glucose, are too high. Over time, excess blood glucose can lead to serious health problems, such as heart disease, stroke, nerve damage, and eye disease.

Some people with type 2 diabetes—the most common type—keep blood glucose in check by making lifestyle changes, including diet and exercise. Medications can also help to control blood glucose. Clinical trials over the past few decades have found that bariatric surgery, or weight-control surgery, can also help control type 2 diabetes. But it had been unclear which of these interventions might have better long-term outcomes.

Smoking cannabis associated with increased risk of heart attack, stroke

NIH-funded observational study shows risk grows sharply with more frequent use.

"We know that toxins are released when cannabis is burned, similar to those found in tobacco smoke,". "We've known for a long time that smoking tobacco is linked to heart disease, and this study is evidence that smoking cannabis appears to also be a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, which is the leading cause of death in the United States," Jeffers said. "

Cannabis use could be an important, underappreciated source of heart disease."

Researchers note that while the exact mechanisms linking cannabis to heart disease are unclear and were not explored in the current study, multiple factors could play a role. In addition to toxins, endocannabinoid receptors — the part of cells responsible for recognizing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive ingredient in cannabis — are widespread in the body's cardiovascular tissues and might facilitate heart risks.

GRAND PRIZE!
Ava Wright Blake
Children's Clinic

Administrative Complex – **Tevin Smith, Jr.**
Tunica Clinic– **Christian Crossley**
Children's Clinic – **Rhett Garrett & Jack Garrett and Ava W. Blake**
Batesville Clinic – **Baylee Burdette**

Dorothy Booker, RDN
Dietitian Nutritionists
Clarksdale Clinic

Dorothy Booker, Dietitian/Nutrition specialist, is available both in person and via telehealth for AEHCHC patients to teach, monitor, advise and help them to improve their quality of life through healthy eating habits. She also works with our corporate wellness programs, educating clients about the connection between food, fitness and health.
By appointment only. (662) 624-2504

https://www.eatright.org/national-nutrition-month/resources

- **Beyond the Table**-PDF
- **Eating Right and Reduce Food Waste**-PDF
- **Eating Right on a Budget**-PDF
- **Eating Right Tips for Older Adults**-PDF
- **Healthy Eating on the Run: A Month of Tips**-PDF
- **Smart Snacking Tips for Adults and Teens**-PDF
- **Smart Snacking Tips for Kids**-PDF
- **Smart Tips for Plant-Based Eating**-PDF
- **Smart Tips for Successful Meals**-PDF

Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) are food and nutrition experts with a minimum of a graduate degree from an accredited dietetics program and who completed a supervised practice requirement, passed a national exam and continue professional development throughout their careers. There also are specialty credentials in areas of gerontological nutrition (CSG), sports dietetics (CSSD), pediatric nutrition (CSP), renal nutrition (CSR) and oncology nutrition (CSO). Board-certified specialists are credentialed by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

D.A.R.T.S. CORNER

Medicaid Coverage and Services

Medicaid provides a wide range of healthcare services to eligible individuals, including doctor visits, hospital stays, prescription drugs, and preventive care. The program also covers services such as dental and vision care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and long-term care.

Medicaid coverage is comprehensive and often covers services that may not be covered by other health insurance programs. For example, Medicaid may cover home health services such as remote patient monitoring (RPM), transportation to medical appointments, and assistive devices like wheelchairs and hearing aids.

DARTS serves people, groups, and businesses representing all ages, genders, economic, social, and ethnic backgrounds. DARTS charges varying fees for both their one and two-way trips. Because of the great need for the services offered by DARTS, in some cases, patron fares are paid by the Department of Human Services, Medicaid, or Medicare.

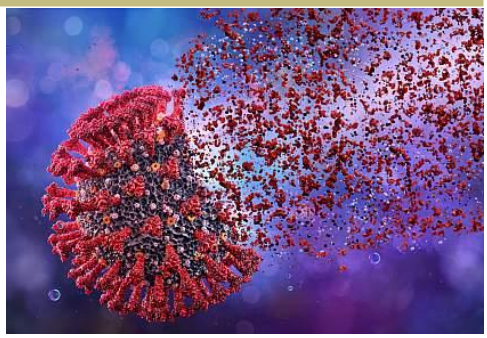
To schedule transportation services, contact DARTS at 662-624-5907, Monday through Friday (www.aehchc.org)

Patient Experience Week, AEHCHC appreciates the hard work of our **DARTS** staff and drivers and encourage their continued efforts to create positive experiences for our patients.

COVID-19 CORNER

SARS-CoV-2 fragments may cause problems after infection

Researchers found that fragments of SARS-CoV-2 left behind after the immune system fights off infection may continue to trigger immune responses.
The findings help explain some unusual aspects of COVID-19 and suggest a previously unappreciated way that viruses can make people sick.



The destruction of SARS-CoV-2 doesn't always mark the end of COVID-19. *Corona Borealis Studio / Shutterstock*

Most COVID-19 cases are mild, but many still lead to life-threatening complications. Severe cases feature an overactive immune response that causes dangerous inflammation. This inflammation affects many different tissues and cell types, including uninfected ones, and resembles that seen in some autoimmune diseases. It's not clear why SARS-CoV-2 can cause such inflammation while other coronaviruses responsible for common colds don't.
"The textbooks tell us that after the virus is destroyed, the sick host 'wins,' and different pieces of virus can be used to train the immune system for future recognition. COVID-19 reminds us that it's not this simple," explains Dr. Gerard Wong at the University of California, Los Angeles

BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH CORNER

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Every April, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to learn about the signs of child abuse and how to prevent it.

Generally, the term **abuse** encompasses the most serious harms committed against children. An abused child is a child whose parent or other person legally responsible for his/her care inflicts upon the child serious physical injury, creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury, or commits an act of sex abuse against the child. **Maltreatment** refers to the quality of care a child is receiving from those responsible for the child. Maltreatment occurs when a parent or other person legally responsible for the care of a child harms a child or places a child in imminent danger of harm by failing to exercise the minimum degree of care in providing the child with any of the following: food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care when financially able to do so.

Director, Carolyn Quin, MSW, LCSW, MS, CHES
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For more information on National Child Abuse Prevention Month visit www.childwelfare.gov.

Signs of Child Abuse or Maltreatment

The lists below contain common indicators of abuse or maltreatment. The lists are not all-inclusive, and some abused or maltreated children may not show any of these symptoms.

Indicators of **physical** abuse can include the following:
•Injuries to the eyes or both sides of the head or body (accidental injuries typically affect only one side of the body)
•Frequently appearing injuries such as bruises, cuts, and burns, especially if the child is unable to provide an adequate explanation of the cause. These may appear in distinctive patterns such as grab marks, human bite marks, cigarette burns or impressions of other instruments.
•Destructive, aggressive or disruptive behavior
•Passive, withdrawn or emotionless behavior
•Fear of going home or fear of parent(s)

Indicators of **sexual** abuse can include the following:
•Symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases
•Injury to genital area
•Difficulty and/or pain when sitting or walking
•Sexually suggestive, inappropriate or promiscuous behavior or verbalization
•Expressing age-inappropriate knowledge of sexual relations
•Sexual victimization of other children

Indicators of **maltreatment** can include the following:
•Obvious malnourishment, listlessness or fatigue
•Stealing or begging for food
•Lack of personal care – poor personal hygiene, torn and/or dirty clothes
•Untreated need for glasses, dental care or other medical attention
•Frequent absence from or tardiness to school
•Child inappropriately left unattended or without supervision

OPTOMETRIST CORNER

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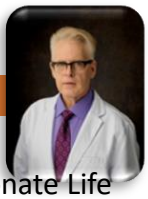

The **Donate Life Blue and Green Day**, on April 26, is a holiday that was largely pioneered by the Donate Life America organization to encourage people to welcome the idea of donating organs to individuals in need. There is no specifically appointed day for this holiday, but it is usually any day (mostly a Friday) within April, the month of which is National Donate Life Month. Donate Life Blue and Green Day is usually observed by the hundreds of thousands of individuals waiting to receive organ donations and comprises people wearing the blue and green colors to raise awareness.

Surgeons in New York announce world's first eye transplant | By Nancy Lapid | November 10, 2023

Nov 9 (Reuters) - Surgeons in New York have performed the first-ever whole-eye transplant in a human, they announced on Thursday, an accomplishment being hailed as a breakthrough even though the patient has not regained sight in the eye.

In the six months since the surgery (performed during a partial face transplant), the grafted eye has shown important signs of health, including well-functioning blood vessels and a promising-looking retina, according to the surgical team at NYU Langone Health.

DENTIST CORNER

Topical solution halts tooth decay in children

NIH-funded study finds non-invasive application of silver diamine fluoride superior to placebo.

A topical liquid, silver diamine fluoride (SDF), can stop tooth decay in young children, according to a large clinical trial funded by the National Institutes of Health.

SDF is cleared by the Food and Drug Administration for treating dental sensitivity and is used off label to treat tooth decay, also known as cavities or dental caries. It can be easily and painlessly swabbed onto cavities and has been widely used for management of tooth decay in other countries for decades.

Studies suggest that the silver in SDF kills cavity-causing microbes and helps stop destruction of the tooth, while the fluoride helps to rebuild and strengthen the tooth.

Annual Oral Cancer Awareness Month

Be mindful of these symptoms-

Your mouth is one of your body's most important early warning systems. In between dental visits, it is important for patients to be aware of the following signs and symptoms, and to see a dental professional if they do not improve or disappear after two-three weeks:

- *a sore, or soreness or irritation that doesn't go away*
- *red or white patches, or pain, tenderness, or numbness in mouth or lips*
- *lumps, thickening tissues, rough spots, crusty or eroded areas*
- *difficulty chewing, swallowing, speaking, or moving your jaw or tongue*
- *a change in the way your teeth fit together when you close your mouth*

When it comes to symptoms, keep this 2–3-week time period in mind, but always call your dentist right away if you have any immediate concerns.

EXERCISE THERAPY & WELLNESS CORNER

AEHCHSC GYM & WELLNESS CENTER:

Open M-F, 9 am – 5 pm | 662.624.4292
600 Ohio Avenue, Clarksdale, MS

Darius Davis, Wellness Coordinator, M.S., CEPT., CPT

Dejunking Your Diet

The Drawbacks of Ultra-Processed Foods

Highly processed foods are often cheap, tasty, and convenient. But eating too much might sabotage healthy-eating plans and raise your risk for certain diseases.

Expert-recommended diets often emphasize fresh, whole foods and home-cooked meals.

Don't forget to include some type of exercise in your lifestyle.

Ellen Dorsey
PT2D Lifestyle Coach
Wellness Center

CHCAMS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Left to right – Terrence M. Shirley, MPH, CEO of Community Health Center Association of Mississippi, Dr. John Patterson, receiving award on behalf of Dr. John Peoples Jr, Rep. Zakiya Summers, Rep. Daryl Porter, Sen. Hob Bryan, and Dr. James Coleman.

This year's award recipients are:

1. Speaker of the House **Jason White** - **James L. "Jim" Bean Jr. Health Care Leadership Award**
2. Representative **Daryl Porter** – **Jamie Whitten Award**
3. Representative **Zakiya Summers** - **CHCAMS Healthcare Leadership Award**
4. Senator **Hob Bryan** – **CHCAMS Lifetime Achievement Awards**, and
5. **Dr. John Peoples Jr**. – **Legacy Award** (accepting for Dr. Peoples, Jr. was Dr. John Patterson)

"Each year, CHCAMS celebrates those public servants who have made a difference in health care in Mississippi," said Terrence M. Shirley, MPH. On Thursday, March 13, 2024, the Community Health Center Association of Mississippi presented its annual legislative awards, to recognize those who have made significant contributions to promoting access to health care in Mississippi. *Congratulations!* Award Recipients…

Right: Chief Med. Off., Dr. Johnnie and Mrs. Patricia Cummings.
Board of Directors: Linda McAdory, Abigail Means, Jean Hooper, Sen. Robert Jackson, Georgia Tolliver-Greer, Dennis Hoskins and Rep. Orlando Paden, and Dartenya Davis, AEH Exec. Assistant.

March 25, 2024-**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Psi Zeta Chapter** selected AEHCHSC's CEO, Aurelia Jones-Taylor, as Community Service Awardee, during their "Finer Womanhood Week" event. Darlene Page, Coordinator/Chairperson for the "Z HOPE Foundation", along with other members of her sisterhood, presented Ms. Jones-Taylor with the award in her office, March 28th, for her outstanding service to the community. "Z HOPE" stands for Zeta's Helping Other People Excel.

Left: Carolyn Quin, Carolyn Heard and Crystal Landfair-Wiley (AEH), Joyce Cole, COO, Richard Sheriff (Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity) & Darlene Page. **Above** includes AEH, Mark Vortice & Dartenya Davis.