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Operating Director Alexis Moore holds the keys to Cornerstone Caregiving's new office at 23 E. Front St., Suite 101, in downtown Monroe. The Monroe office opened in February 2026. PROVIDED BY ALEXIS MOORE

## April 25 Adult Prom will be a fundraiser for local veterans

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Emily Ferguson met Glenda (Gekle) Bourbina more than 20 years ago.

But, Ferguson just learned Bourbina, 70, of Monroe didn't get to attend her high school prom.

That led Ferguson, operating director of Cornerstone Caregiving Toledo, to choose an Adult Prom theme for the local Cornerstone's "Called to Service" initiative this year.

"That discovery became the driving force behind this entire event," Ferguson said.

Cornerstone Caregiving is a national

organization that says it specializes in non-medical, in-home care, with a strong focus on supporting seniors and veterans. It opened an office in downtown Monroe in February.

The Adult Prom fundraiser is open to adults of all ages. It's set for 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at Monroe Post 1138, Veterans of Foreign Wars post home, 400 Jones Ave. in Monroe. Tickets range from \$44-88. All proceeds will benefit the Monroe VFW post. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

Before the Adult Prom, Ferguson said Cornerstone is treating Bourbina to "glam services" at Monroe's House of

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Glenda (Gekle) Bourbina is shown with her late husband, Joseph. Glenda was the inspiration for the theme of the Adult Prom fundraiser. PROVIDED BY CORNERSTONE CAREGIVING

## Free tire recycling events offered

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Monroe County residents will have several opportunities to recycle old tires for free, according to a community announcement.

The Recycling & Green Community Program and the Monroe County Drain Commission are offering tire recycling events from 9 a.m. to noon on the last Wednesday of each month from April through July. The collections will take place at the Monroe County Drain Commission Office, 1005 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe.

The scheduled dates are April 29, May 27, June 24 and July 29.

Residents can bring up to 10 clean, rimless passenger vehicle or light truck tires. The program is open to Monroe County residents only; commercial sources are not permitted.

**Tires will be recycled into playground materials and road projects**

Tires collected at the events will be recycled into materials such as playground and landscape applications, rubberized asphalt road projects, in-fill material for synthetic athletic fields and rubber chips for septic fields and other engineered projects, according to the announcement.

Since 2015, the tire recycling program has collected and recycled more

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## Parent challenges Monroe schools' Title IX probe

**Connor Veenstra**  
The Monroe News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

While Monroe Public Schools has stated a Title IX investigation regarding an alleged trans athlete is complete, the parent behind the complaint isn't satisfied with the results and demanding release of investigative materials.

The Thomas More Law Center, the law firm representing Sean Lechner, released a letter decrying the investigation results and calling it a "so-called investigation."

Monroe Public Schools Superintendent Andrew Shaw announced earlier this month an independent investigator determined that the school was not in violation of Title IX and that the claims against MPS were "unsubstantiated."

The law firm's letter states "the investigative process was corrupted."

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Laura Perry opens the press conference to talk about the Title IX complaint submitted by a Monroe parent regarding a trans player on an opposing volleyball team. CONNOR VEENSTRA/THE MONROE NEWS

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