

Ohio bill would allow adults under 21 to buy handguns from dealers

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There’s a legal fight brewing over whether 18- to 20-year-olds can buy handguns from licensed dealers, and Ohio Republicans want to make it clear where they stand.

Sen. Terry Johnson, R-McDermott,

introduced Ohio Senate Bill 303, which would allow adults older than 18 and younger than 21 to purchase a handgun from a federally licensed firearms dealer. There’s only one problem: It’s illegal under a 1968 federal law.

However, other states are challenging that federal law as a violation of young adults’ Second Amendment rights.

In January, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the federal handgun purchase ban for 18-to 20-year-olds.

President Donald Trump’s Department of Justice didn’t appeal the decision, which affects Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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Mount Union puts focus on domestic violence at walk



University of Mount Union students, from left, Abby Chlem, Emma Hanrahan, Gabi Gartin and Lori Grimes show off their high heels as they prepare to walk during the annual Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event at Peterson Fieldhouse on campus. The event puts gender-based violence in the spotlight and discusses the dangers it creates.

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Students at University of Mount Union and residents of the Alliance area took aim Oct. 22 at gender-based violence at the annual Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event. Survivors of domestic violence spoke before the walk in Peterson Fieldhouse on campus, discussing with those on hand their experiences and how they survived and then moved on in their lives. Sponsored by Alliance Area Domestic Violence Center and University of Mount Union, the event has altered its focus, and name, in recent years to honor the damage of domestic violence against both men and women. Students on campus don high heels as a means to understand the danger women face when they’re in public.



Jess Patz from Brecksville shares the story of her survival from domestic violence on Oct. 22 in Peterson Fieldhouse at University of Mount Union. Patz was taking part in Mount Union’s annual Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event.

SNAP could be cut off for 50K Stark residents

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If the federal government shutdown continues, nearly 1.4 million Ohioans — including about 50,000 people in Stark County — could miss the monthly payments that help them buy groceries starting Nov. 1.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine described it as a bad situation that could get worse in the next two weeks.

“What we hope is that this matter is resolved in Washington, D.C. And again, as we approach the beginning of November, you know, it’s going to impact more and more people,” he said.

Each month, about \$263.4 million flows to Ohioans enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which used to be called food stamps. The average benefit is \$190. It’s a federal program; the state confirms recipients’ eligibility.

Stark County Job and Family Services announced Oct. 23 that the state has informed the agency that the shutdown could cause delays in issuing new SNAP benefits beginning Nov. 1. The county noted that it’s unclear how long the delays may last.

“Our priority is to ensure that Stark County families and individuals who rely on SNAP receive timely and accurate information,” said Jerry Coleman, executive director of Stark County Job

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