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Helping addicts find
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Helping addicts find hope in Highland County Coroners investigator talks house calls with drug users By David Wright - dwright@aimmediamidwest.com Creed Culbreath, an investigator with the Highland County Coroners Office, speaks to the Highland County **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION** on Thursday. David Wright | The Times-Gazette Kim Zornes, pastor of Carpenters House of Prayer, speaks to the **DRUG ABUSE** coalition about a recovery ministry on Thursday. David Wright | The Times-Gazette Creed Culbreath told the Highland County **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION** that his experience investigating two drug overdose fatalities was what led him to make house calls with overdose survivors and encourage them to seek help. Culbreath, an investigator for the Highland County Coroners Office, spoke to the coalition on Thursday about his experiences with the opioid crisis here, saying the drug problem has touched, in one way or another, every household in the county. The investigator has for several months been visiting the homes of people who experienced a nearly fatal overdose.

Between Shiloh and God, it changed my life, he said. According to Zornes, the ministry has coordinated residential recovery services for two women by providing small cabins where they can get back on their feet and live a sober life, and Zornes hopes to add a larger cabin to house more people. Kim Davis, founder of local **DRUG ABUSE** prevention nonprofit Hope for Highland, presented Zornes with a \$4,000 check for the outreach. In other matters, the coalition heard from representatives of Groups, a newly opened counseling service and recovery assistance facility in Hillsboro, about its various services. According to a spokesman, Groups offers weekly counseling sessions for those addicted to drugs, as well as prescriptions for Suboxone, a mixture of buprenorphine and naloxone that is used to treat opiate addiction. The spokesman said clients are allowed one weeks worth of Suboxone at a time, and can only receive the prescription if they attend counseling sessions. The spokesman said Groups does not keep Suboxone on site. The next meeting of the Highland County **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION** will be held at noon on Thursday, Jan. 25 in the large conference room at the North High Business Center in Hillsboro. For more information, visit the coalitions Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HCDAPC.

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Lakeside recovery facility to
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Lakeside recovery facility to open in Rocky Fork area Ministry will provide housing for women seeking addiction help By David Wright - dwright@aimmediamidwest.com A lakeside home in the Rocky Fork Lake area will soon be a faith-based haven for women seeking recovery from drug addiction, coordinators said Friday. Heather Gibson, CEO of Greenfield nonprofit REACH for Tomorrow and president of the Highland County **DRUG ABUSE** Coalition, announced in a Facebook post that a local pastor and his wife are converting a lake-area house into a stabilization housing facility where women can stay for up to 30 days while they are assessed for addiction treatment needs. The project was made possible by a grant recently awarded to REACH by Interact for Health, a Cincinnati public health foundation, to fund a Quick-Response Team a multi-disciplined group that will visit the homes of people who experienced a nearly fatal overdose, and encourage them to seek treatment.

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