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Xylazine-involved death reported in Montcalm County

Stanton- Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) has been notified of a fatal overdose in Montcalm County involving the drugs Xylazine and Fentanyl.

The death occurred in March and was recently discovered during a routine vital records death review.

Xylazine is a potent drug used in veterinary medicine and has not been approved for human use. It causes sedation, muscle relaxation, slowed respiratory rate, slowed heart rate and low blood pressure. While Xylazine shares many of the same effects as opioids, it does not respond to naloxone to reverse its effects in the event of an overdose.

Fentanyl is a highly potent opioid that may be found in the Xylazine supply without the user's knowledge. The effects of Fentanyl can be reversed by administering naloxone.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department recently supported the launch of a syringe service program, which is operated by the Red Project and located at Randy's House (118 E. Benton Street, Greenville). Naloxone and overdose prevention training is available. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 616-494-4608 with questions or after-hours service.

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