



**Afton Howard Taylor**  
**12/09/2011-06/30/2019**



Spreading awareness and educating all about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning while boating is our goal. Along the way, we will also spread love, Afton-style





2023 we donated a bench to the Dice Family in memory of their daughter Brianna Dice who passed away from Rett Syndrome.





In 2024 We donated a buddy bench in memory of Andrew Free who passed away from carbon monoxide poisoning while open-air boating.







#LovelikeAfton

# Annual Backpack Drive



Date: Saturday, November 4th  
Time: 12:00-4:00 p.m.

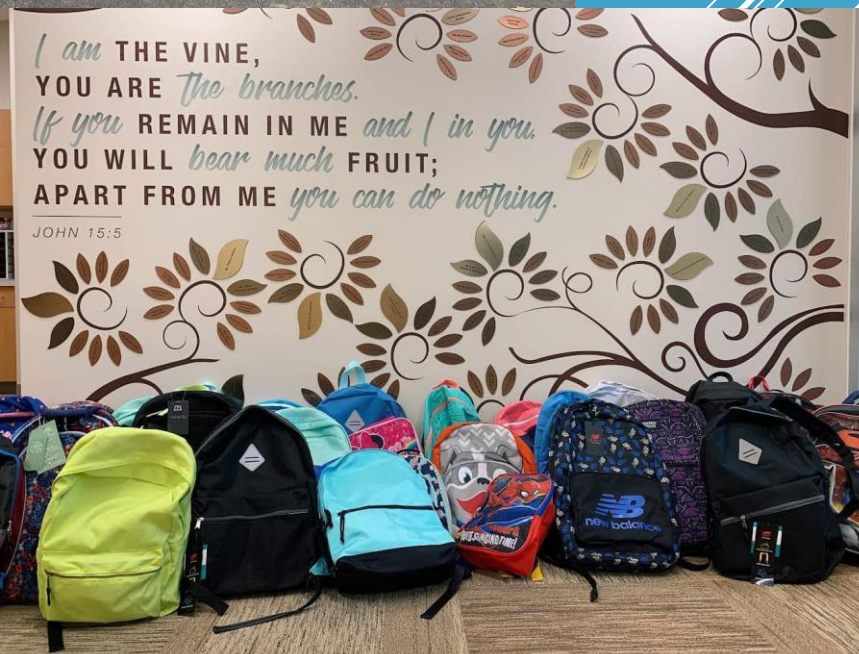
Drop-off Location:  
North Canton Fire Department  
300 N Main St.  
North Canton, Ohio 44720

## Please Donate

Items for Ages 2-17

### ITEMS:

- Combs
- Brushes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Kids Vitamins
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Socks
- Books
- Journal
- Band aids



*I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing.*

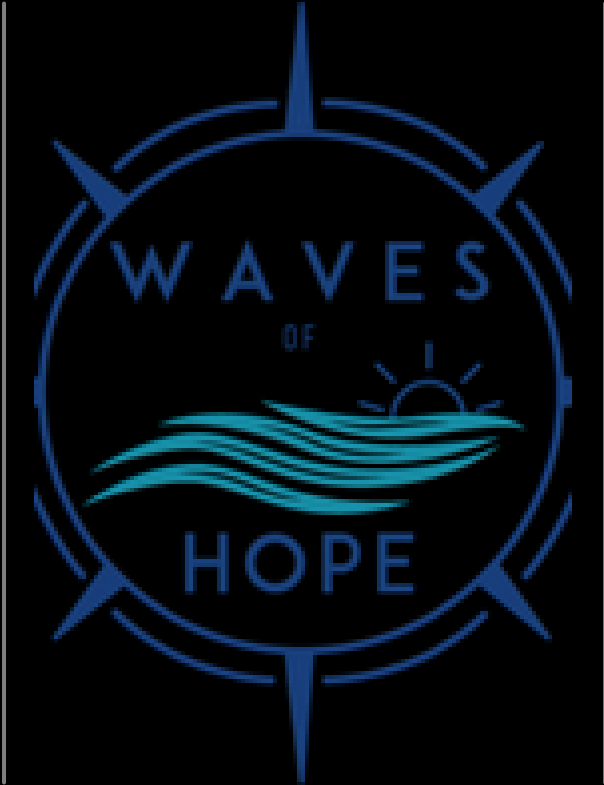
JOHN 15:5

Our goal is to collect items for children that come through The Refuge of Hope homeless shelter.

♥ Thank You for Your Donation...

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**AFTON TAYLOR**  
09 December 2011 – 30 June 2019

## afton. taylor.

The Taylor family loaded up their boat, turned on their favorite song, and headed out to enjoy a day on the lake on June 30, 2019. While securing the boat for their trip back, seven-year-old Afton and his dad exchanged a thumbs up.

The Taylor family was completely unaware that carbon monoxide poisoning can happen while open-air boating. Symptoms may include: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. Tragically, a few moments later Afton's life was cut short by a silent, odorless, and deadly danger—carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Taylor family urges boaters to be aware of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Traveling at slow speeds, or idling can cause carbon monoxide to build up on the boat. The same applies to a tail wind, which may blow exhaust towards passengers. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, seek immediate medical attention.



**DANGER!**

THINK OF AFTON  
WHEN YOU BOAT.

### CARBON MONOXIDE MAY BE PRESENT

CO is odorless, colorless, tasteless and deadly.

- Always use a marine CO detector
- Seat children in the forward-most seating on the boat
- Avoid idling and exposure to other boats' emissions
- Maintain fresh air circulation at all times
- Symptoms of CO poisoning mirror seasickness

For more information:  
[www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com/co-danger](http://www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com/co-danger)

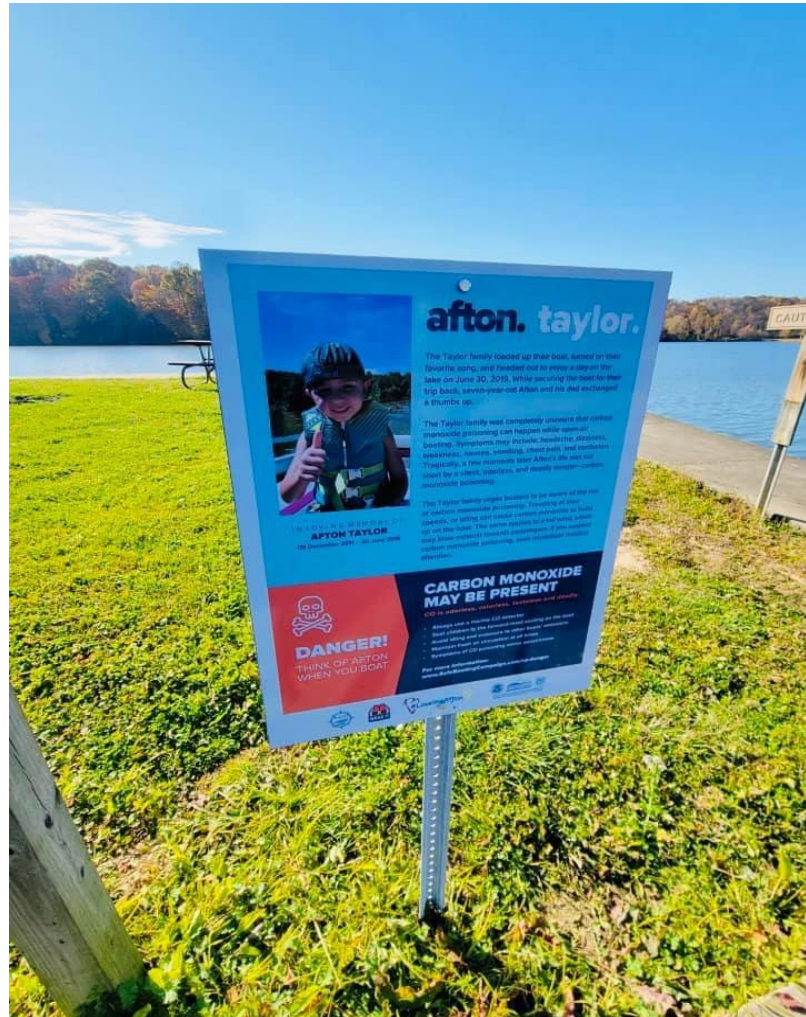


# Boat Launch Signage

Our family is working hard to get more visual information near lakes and marinas.

Our goal is to have several "Afton Carbon Monoxide Danger" signs displayed at every lake in Ohio.

As of today, we have several lakes on board.





## Signs Displayed in Ohio

- Alum Creek-2
- Atwood Lake East-2
- Atwood Lake West-1
- Bay Boat Club-1
- Buckeye Lake-5
- Castaway Bay-1
- Catawba Island Club-2
- Catawba Island South-1
- Catawba Landing-1
- Cedar Point-1
- Caser Creek-1
- Deer Creek State Park-1
- Delaware-4
- Dillon Lake-6
- East Fork-1
- Gem Beach-1
- Geneva State Park-1
- Grand River Fairport-2
- Jesse Owens-1
- Lake Erie-25
- Lake Loramie State Park-1
- Lake Logan-2
- Lake Milton-3
- Lake White-1
- Meredith Bros. Inc (For Grand Lake St. Mary's)-2
- Mosquito Lake-2
- Muskingum River-14
- Oasis Marinas North Coast-1
- Oasis Marinas Port Lorain-1
- Paint Creek-1
- Portage Lake-3
- Rocky Fork-1
- Salt Fork Lake-8
- The Boathouse at Strouds Run (Strouds Run State Park)-2
- West Branch-3

# Bluebird Gala

LovelyAfton Fundraiser

Save the Date

Saturday September 21, 2024

**St. George Serbian Orthodox Church**

4667 Applegrove St NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

Please join Us for a fun, family-oriented evening filled with fellowship in honor of our Afton!

Dinner, Music, Drinks, Raffles & More!



Scan QR Code to buy your tickets today!

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## Where CO May Accumulate?

Carbon monoxide can accumulate **anywhere in or around your boat.**

## How Can It Accumulate?



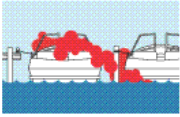
Inadequately ventilated canvas enclosures.



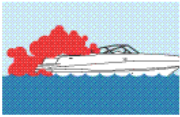
Exhaust gas trapped in enclosed places.



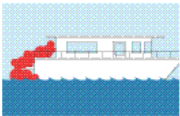
Blocked exhaust outlets.



Another vessel's exhaust.  
CO from the boat docked next to you can be just as deadly.



"Station wagon effect" or back drafting.



At slow speeds, while idling, or stopped. Be aware that CO can remain in or around your boat at dangerous levels even if your engine or the other boat's engine is no longer running!

**IF YOU COULD SEE CARBON MONOXIDE, IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS**

**BUT YOU CAN'T SEE, SMELL, OR TASTE IT.**  
Whether inside or outside your boat, CO accumulation may harm you.

# 5 WAYS TO PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING ON BOATS

CO poisoning is one of the top 5 causes<sup>1</sup> of death among boaters - and one of the most preventable. Buildup beneath the stern deck or near the swim deck can kill someone in seconds.<sup>2</sup>

**Learn how to protect yourself, your passengers, and your fellow boaters.**



1

## GET MOVING

Avoid prolonged periods of idling and traveling at slow speeds as this can cause carbon monoxide to build up in your cabin, bridge, cockpit, aft deck and open areas.



2

## BALANCE THE LOAD

Don't operate the boat at a high bow angle. Overloading or improperly loading the boat puts you and your passengers at risk for back drafting, which can lead to CO build-up in your cabin, cockpit and bridge.



3

### BREATHE EASY

Blocked ventilation louvers and exhaust outlets can cause CO to accumulate in your cabin and cockpit. Be sure to check and maintain these items, as well as your CO detector, regularly.



4

### SPREAD OUT

Avoid water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing and surfing within 20 feet of the boat while it's moving.

Don't dock, anchor or raft within 20 feet of other boats that have engines or generators running.



5

### MOVE FORWARD

Don't sit or swim near or under the rear deck or platform while the engine or generator is on.

Safety experts recommend avoiding this area for at least 15 minutes after the engine is shut off.

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## Andrew Free

*05/18/2011-06/06/2020*



It was supposed to be a fun boating outing for the Free family at Lake Eufaula on June 6, 2020. The family has spent their entire lives on the lake, and they know all the boating safety rules and follow them. By the end of the day, everyone was

### Ally Sidloski

04/22/2000-05/22/2021



Allyson Sidloski, 21, passed away in May while boating with some friends at East Fork State Park. A standout University of Cincinnati soccer player, Ally was on the back of the boat, slipped under the water and was never seen alive again. Carbon monoxide did contribute to Ally's death. #WePlayFor3 has been started in memory of Ally. The organization spreads awareness about carbon monoxide poisoning while open air boating. Ally's memory stays alive through their memorial scholarship fund. For more information, please visit [weplayfor3.com](http://weplayfor3.com)

### Maddie Taylor

06/22/2002-05/31/2022



On Memorial Day 2022, Maddie and her brother, along with a few close friends, headed out on the water. She was so excited, sharing the day with her mom on FaceTime as her brother and friends were tubing. Maddie took off her life jacket and decided to get in the water to cool down. She remained near the swim platform talking with others. She went under twice, and the third time, Maddie did not resurface. Later it was revealed that Maddie had passed away from drowning due to carbon monoxide poisoning. Her CO blood level was 54%.

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