

## Media Placement Highlights

March 2026

### Notable media placements:

#### Fox News

Beginning of March

- Robin Van Sickle, Associate Director of Environmental Health, appeared on a live Fox News segment to discuss the recent lost pet scam.

#### Daily Herald

“Lake County creates reserve fund to deal with fluid federal funding environment” – March 11, 2026  
<https://www.dailyherald.com/20260311/news/lake-county-creates-reserve-fund-to-deal-with-fluid-federal-funding-environment/>

- Lake County has established a \$2 million reserve to deal with potential federal funding interruptions.
- The County Board formalized preparations in case of a sudden loss or pause in federal funding.
- The \$2 million will provide a 60-day cushion to ensure continuity of operations in affected departments while alternative solutions and long-term options are evaluated, according to the approved measure.
- Last year, Lake County ran into issues when federal funds were suddenly pulled.
- The termination of services to support mental health care, substance and abuse treatment and infectious disease control, partially delivered through grants to the Health Department were threatened along with other county funding.

#### Country Herald

“Lake County, IL: Officials Issue Carbon Monoxide Alert, Urge Residents to Install CO Alarms Today” – March 21, 2026  
<https://countryherald.com/news/lake-county-il-officials-issue-carbon-monoxide-alert-urge-residents-to-install-co-alarms-today/>

- The Health Department emphasizes the importance of working carbon monoxide detectors and the dangers of exposure.
- Exposures most commonly occur during colder months when heating systems are in use, but incidents can happen at any time of year if fuel-burning appliances are not properly maintained or ventilated.

- Data from the Illinois Department of Public Health show that carbon monoxide exposure remains a recurring public health concern, with surveillance reports tracking incidents over recent years.
- Prevention remains the most effective defense.

**Press Releases Issued**

- [Health Department Offers Reduced Well Water Testing Rates](#)

**Total Media Placements**

March 1 – March 31, 2026

Press Releases Sent	1
Press Release Placements	3
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	2