

Media Placement Highlights

January & February 2023

Notable media placements:

SelectScience

"Safe drinking water analysis: The scientists looking after their local community" – February 9, 2023
<https://www.selectscience.net/editorial-articles/safe-drinking-water-analysis-the-scientists-looking-after-their-local-community?artID=58742>

- The Lake County Health Department's Laboratory Analyst Sophia Carreon and Lab Manager Monica Bofani explain how they are providing safe drinking water to Lake County residents and reveal the tool they use to analyze complex water samples to ensure quality water.
- In addition to monitoring 425 noncommunity water supplies, the Health Department also has a Solid Waste program and an Ecological Services program that all analyze water quality.
- Safe drinking water is important to public health. Contaminated water is strongly linked with disease transmission, including cholera, hepatitis A, and polio, to name a few.
- Carreon said, "Promoting safe drinking water is important. We often get calls from residents in the county telling us their water quality has changed and now has an odor, or color, or has turbidity. They're very concerned that the quality of the water can affect their health,"
- To better analyze a high level of samples, the Health Department has acquired the SmartChem® Discrete Analyzer from KPM Analytics, developed to optimize laboratory operations in regard to running samples, calibrations, and standards.
- Bofani said, "SmartChem is a total workhorse. There can be a lot of interferences in a water sample. The chemistry behind the SmartChem methodology has accounted for some of these issues and accounts for those interferences. We've put thousands of samples through our instrument, from drinking water to wastewater."
- Bofani said, "Our hopes for the future are that we will continue to grow and offer more services to our customers and to the residents of Lake County, by continuing to provide valuable services to them and simply doing things that are important,"

Lake & McHenry County Scanner

"Felony charges filed against Round Lake Beach woman accused of illegally performing dental procedures out of her home" – January 31, 2023
<https://www.lakemchenryscanner.com/2023/01/31/felony-charges-filed-against-round-lake-beach-woman-accused-of-illegally-performing-dental-procedures-out-of-her-home/>

- A Round Lake Beach woman has had felony charges filed against her after being accused of performing dental work out of her home while being unlicensed.
- An individual received dental procedures from her that later resulted in significant dental complications.

- Residents who are uninsured and in need of dental services should never go to an unlicensed dentist, especially if they are operating out of their home.
- Uninsured Lake County residents in need of dental services can contact the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center at (847) 377-8800 for an appointment.

Daily Herald

"Health department recommends checking radon levels this winter" – January 12, 2023

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20230112/health-department-recommends-checking-radon-levels-this-winter>

- The Lake County Health Department recommends that residents test their homes for radon, especially during the winter months when radon levels are highest.
- Radon is an odorless gas that can cause lung cancer. It is naturally occurring and can seep into homes.
- The Health Department offers short-term test kits for \$10.

"'It's happening way too often.' Antioch police team with health organization to combat overdoses" – January 5, 2023

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20230105/x201cits-happening-way-too-oftenx201d-antioch-police-team-with-health-organization-to-combat-overdoses>

- Round Lake's Nicasa Behavioral Health Services has been providing training to Antioch High School District 117 and partnering with local police to help combat opioid overdoses.
- Having Narcan, the brand name for naloxone, available and people trained to use it can reduce the number of overdoses.
- Lake County Health Department's phone number was included along with other contacts for those looking to speak with an interventionist or to seek training.

Total Media Placements

January 1 – February 28, 2023

Press Releases Sent	0
Press Release Placements	0
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	4