

Media Placement Highlights

April 13 – May 11, 2018

Notable media placements:

Daily Herald

"Opioid panelist: 'We are in the midst of an epidemic right here in Lake County'" – May 9, 2018

<http://www.dailyherald.com/business/20180509/opioid-panelist-we-are-in-the-midst-of-an-epidemic-right-here-in-lake-county>

- On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, the Daily Herald presented a panel discussion on opioids, featuring Dr. Gregory Teas of Amita Health, Lake County State's Attorney Mike Nerheim, LCHD's Bill Gentes, and Dr. Peter Hoepfner of Illinois Bone & Joint Institute.
- "We are in the midst of an epidemic right here in Lake County as well as across the country," Nerheim said. "This is a powerful addiction."
- 'And despite the efforts, the numbers in Lake County are not looking good this year in terms of the overdose death rate, said panelist Bill Gentes of the Lake County Health Department. According to the coroner's office, last year there were 62 deaths resulting in drug overdoses. So far this year there have been 49. "We're looking at doubling last year's number," he said.'

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

"Senate OKs proposal to hike tobacco age to 21" – May 1, 2018

<http://www.chicagolawbulletin.com/proposal-to-raise-tobacco-age-to-21-passes-senate-20180501>

- Senate Bill 2332, a measure preventing anyone under the age of 21 from buying tobacco products, passed the Senate along party lines. Only three Democrats joined Republicans in voting no.
- 'A statewide ban would be even more effective, Lake County Health Department Executive Director Mark Pfister said. His county was the 12th local government to pass the Tobacco 21 initiative. It went into effect at the beginning of the year. "While the patchwork coverage that exists now reduces the potential to purchase or access tobacco products, we will have far greater success with a statewide ban in achieving our goal to prevent youth from initiating using tobacco products, which continue to be a leading cause of death and illness."
- 'Republican opponents to the measure have argued in floor debates that if 18 is old enough to join the military, vote or get married, it should be old enough to purchase a cigarette. Others also referred to the Department of Revenue, which estimated Illinois will lose \$41 million to \$48 million in proceeds from cigarette and sales tax annually if the measure is successful. "Are we going to balance the state budget on the lungs of our teenagers?" Morrison, from Deerfield, asked in response.'

Barrington Courier-Review

"From the community: Lake County Receives National Recognition for Exceptional Services" – May 10, 2018

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/barrington/community/chi-ugc-article-lake-county-receives-national-recognition-for-2018-05-10-story.html>

- Lake County was recently honored the 2018 Tyler Public Sector Excellence Award for implementing an innovative new integrated permit and inspection system.
- On May 9, the American Public Works Association (APWA) awarded Lake County with their 2018 Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award for being a leader in snow and ice removal. APWA gives this award to agencies who promote the best practices in snow and ice removal while minimizing environmental impacts.

Lake County News-Sun

"Volunteers, officials, consultants share strategies for healthy lakes" – April 16, 2018

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-lns-lake-county-lakes-quality-st-0416-story.html>

- On Friday, April 13, LCHD and the Illinois Lakes Management Association held a Lakes Forum. Over 90 people, including homeowners association volunteers, attended to hear from experts on lakes management strategies and successes in Lake County.
- Dredging, invasive species, pollution, lowering water levels and loss of habitat were among topics discussed.

Total Media Placements

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Press Releases Sent	4
Press Release Placements	20
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	13