

Media Placement Highlights

March 15 – April 12, 2019

Notable media placements:

Patch

“‘Milestone’: Illinois Is First Midwest State To Enact Tobacco 21” – April 9, 2019

<https://patch.com/illinois/across-il/milestone-illinois-first-midwest-state-enact-tobacco-21>

- Effective July 1, 2019, the sale of electronic cigarettes, tobacco products and tobacco accessories to those under 21 will be prohibited statewide.
- “‘Raising the age to purchase tobacco to 21 is supported by the U.S. Surgeon General, American Cancer Society, our own Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), our local health departments, by all available research, every standing here and by common sense,” Illinois Governor Pritzker said in a statement posted to his Facebook. “For Illinois, it will reduce costs for our state, it will make our schools and communities healthier places to learn and live, and — most importantly — it will save lives. I am so proud to sign this legislation today.”
- ‘Lake County became the first county in the state to ban tobacco sales to people aged 18 to 21 in 2017.’

Lake County News-Sun

“‘We know it’s toxic’: Gurnee crowd protests emissions as county announces plans for tests at local plants” – April 9, 2019

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-lns-eto-gas-update-gurnee-waukegan-st-0409-story.html>

- On April 8, the Lake County Health Department [announced its plans](#) for air quality monitoring near Vantage Specialty Chemicals in Gurnee and Medline Industries in Waukegan due to concerns of ethylene oxide.
- On Saturday, April 6 a protest in Gurnee drew over 100 people demanding action on ethylene oxide emissions. “The objective of this rally was to increase awareness, and we felt we achieved that,” Tea Tanaka of Stop ETO in Lake County said. “At the same time, we are cautious about these plans. We want these testing plans to be just as thorough as the independent testing done in Willowbrook. Lake County deserves the same urgent response.”
- ‘Vantage has agreed to do air monitoring, but Medline has not, said Larry Mackey, the Lake County Health Department’s deputy director of prevention health services.’
- The county’s plan was sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review to ensure the air sampling plan gives adequate results for air level modeling, a health risk assessment and a cancer rate analysis.

"Fentanyl overdoses spark rise in Lake County opioid-related deaths despite progressive efforts" – March 21, 2019

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-lns-opioid-deaths-up-st-0321-story.html>

- Lake County saw a 21 percent rise in local drug overdoses last year, despite innovative and focused efforts on addressing the issue.
- In 2018, there were 97 deaths classified as overdoses in Lake County, of which 70 involved some type of opioid or opiate.
- Lake County was one of the first counties in Illinois and nationally to provide naloxone — a drug that reverses opioid overdoses — to first-responders such as police and paramedics, and to train and provide school nurses with the antidote as well. That move alone resulted in 307 lives saved by first-responders since the naloxone program was started in early 2014.'
- 'With the help of the Lake County Opioid Initiative, police in Lake County began a program in June 2016 called A Way Out, under which addicts can seek help in finding treatment at local police stations without fear of arrest. Officials said of the 549 people who have accessed A Way Out since its inception, 509 went on to receive treatment for their addictions.'

Daily Herald

"10 dogs taken from Vernon Hills house remain with animal control" – March 20, 2019

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20190320/10-dogs-taken-from-vernon-hills-house-remain-with-animal-control>

- Lake County Animal Care and Control impounded 10 dogs from a Vernon Hills home on March 9 when police served a search warrant unrelated drug charges for a 20 year old Mundelein resident. The home was red-tagged as uninhabitable with urine and animal feces throughout the home.
- An 18-year-old resident of the home was subsequently charged with four counts animal owner's duties violations.
- Animal Care and Control Program Manager Robin Van Sickle is quoted in the article. 'Owner's duties include providing good food and water and adequate shelter, for example, Van Sickle said, and animals impounded under these violations are required to be examined by a veterinarian to determine their overall health.'
- The dogs are now in good health and will remain in Animal Care and Control's custody until a court decision is made.

Total Media Placements

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Press Releases Sent	3
Press Release Placements	14
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	17