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Cass County participates in DEA Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

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Cass County participated in a DEA sponsored Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Event April 30, Sheriff Tom Burch reported.

Cass County had three sites available for residents to drop off their prescription drugs: Cass Lake City Hall, Cass County Sheriff's Office in Walker and the Lake Shore City Hall.

More than 45 pounds prescriptions drugs were collected at the sites.

Cass County, along with the DEA, appreciated the public's initiative in taking advantage of this valuable opportunity to safely dispose of unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs, said Burch. Preventing these readily- available and potentially deadly drugs from being diverted and misused is something each and every one of us can do to help reduce the epidemic of prescription drug abuse that is harming so many Americans.

Cass County residents are encouraged to watch for further details regarding the "Take It To the Box" program. There are plans for a 24/7 drop box available in the lobby of the Cass County Sheriff's Office by this summer. Future plans include other drop box sites available on a limited basis serving other areas of the county.

The Cass County "Take It To the Box" program is a collaborative effort between the Cass County Sheriff's Office, Environmental Services and Public Health, along with TRIAD and the Working Together Coalition.



Pauline Fahey and Deputy Aaron Ammerman with some of the drugs that were collected at the Walker site. Photos submitted

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