

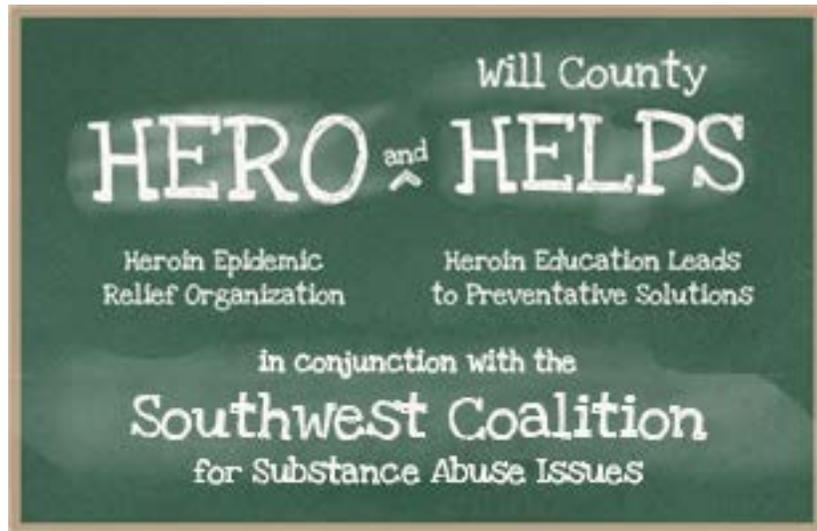


Will County, Illinois

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Fifth annual HERO HELPS Community Forum Slated for April 29 at Edward Hospital Athletic Center in Romeoville



The 2016 HERO-HELPS-Southwest Coalition Community Summit will focus on the implementation of a sweeping new state law designed to tackle the deadly heroin epidemic that has plagued Will County, Illinois and our entire nation.

This year's event, sponsored by the grassroots HERO organization, Will County HELPS, and the Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues, is scheduled for 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, April 29 at the Edward Hospital Athletic and Event Center, 55 Phelps Ave. in Romeoville. The focus of this year's event is "The Heroin Crisis Act: What it Means for You."

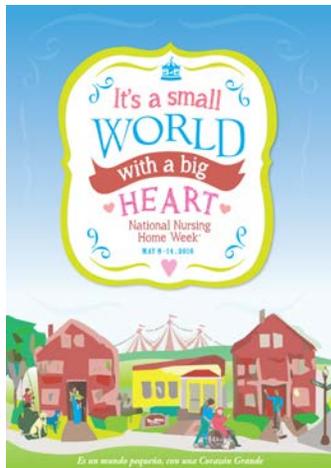
The Heroin Crisis Act, passed by the Illinois General Assembly in May 2015, has been hailed as one of the most comprehensive bills in the nation because it focuses on many facets of the heroin epidemic and use of opioid painkillers.

The law establishes requirements for expanded insurance coverage for substance abuse treatment as well as increased access to treatment, including medication-assisted treatment. It also provides a blueprint for additional drug-prevention education, prescription drug monitoring, expanded access to naloxone (Narcan®), proper prescription medication disposal, overdose reporting by hospitals, physician opioid prescription requirements, and more.

New regulations touch nine state agencies including the Departments of Human Services, Insurance, Public Health, Financial and Professional Regulation, the State Board of Education, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Police.

CPDUs, CMEs and CEUs are provided for education, medical, social work professionals, licensed professional counselors, and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery support professionals. For more information or to register for the event, visit the website: www.herohelpsevent.com.

National Nursing Home Week
May 8-14, 2016



For more information click [here](#) to visit Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County website.

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Veteran Health Department employee named Executive Director

Sue Olenek assumed new role in February

The Will County Board of Health has appointed Susan Olenek to replace John Cicero as Will County Health Department Executive Director, effective February 1.

Like Cicero, who is retiring after nearly 37 years on the job, Olenek is an agency veteran with vast experience on multiple fronts. She boasts more than 27 years of public health experience and has served the agency in seven capacities, most recently as Assistant Executive Director.

A Lincoln-Way area resident since 1971, Olenek graduated from Lincoln-Way High School before earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Biological Sciences at Illinois State University. She is currently completing work on a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Lewis University.

Olenek began her Health Department career in the Division of Environmental Health, where she became a Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner. She also has extensive Human Resources experience and remains a member of the Society for Human Resources Management. She is also a member of the Joliet Council for Working Women, a division of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Will County Health Department has been serving the public health needs of one of Illinois' largest population centers since 1946, with offices in Joliet, Bolingbrook, and Monee.

For more information about programs and services provided by the Will County Health Department and Community Health Center, visit www.willcountyhealth.org. Email questions and concerns to info@willcountyhealth.org, or call 815-727-8480.

Spring Weather Safety Tips

April showers bring May flowers and sometimes the threat of severe weather.

The Will County Emergency Management Agency offers key tips to prepare for any volatile spring weather situation.

Family Emergency Plan -- Where will you or your family be when disaster strikes? You could be anywhere, at work, at school, or in the car. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children are safe? It is important to have a family disaster plan in case of an emergency situation.

Severe Thunderstorms -- Storms develop quickly and can occur with little to no warning. Heavy winds and lightning caused by storms can cause extended power outages,

uprooted trees, landslides, and downed or broken utility lines. Additionally, heavy rains can cause flash floods.

Tornadoes – In the heart of the heartland, this area experiences several tornadoes each year. Preparation and alertness are keys to remaining safe during tornado season.

Tornado Watch – Weather conditions are favorable for tornadoes. Stay alert for changes in weather and be prepared to seek shelter if necessary.

Tornado Warning - Tornadoes can form 365 days a year.

Flooding - Flooding can occur without warning and is especially dangerous for several reasons. It can wash away vehicles and

mobile homes and cause extensive property damage. Seniors and individuals who need assistance or cannot swim face a heightened risk of drowning. Finally, downed power lines can fall into pools of water and cause electrocution.

For more information, visit the site: www.willcountyma.org.

For up to the minute forecast information, tune into the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radio 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

NOAA Weather Radio Information for Will County

Frequency: 162.425 MHz
Channel: 2

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Workforce Services of Will County announces spring workshops

The Workforce Services Division offers monthly workshops at its new location, 2400 Glenwood Avenue in Joliet.

A new workshop on Microsoft Word will be teach the basics of how to use Microsoft Word in your job search and in creating a professional looking resume and cover letter will be taught.

In **Standout Resumes**, attendees will learn the basics of creating a competitive resume and may then schedule one-on-one resume reviews with WSD staff.

Participants will learn interviewing techniques in *Successful Interviewing*. Learn how to prepare for a job interview, be confident and make a positive impression. Attendees may schedule an individual, digitally recorded mock interview after completing the workshop.

Networking Your Way to a New Job will help job seekers learn how to develop relationships and contacts with relatives, friends and acquaintances that can assist with the job search. This class also shows how social media fits in with networking for employment.

LinkedIn Lab reviews features and best practices for success in finding a job. LinkedIn Lab lasts 90 minutes. Must have LinkedIn account.

How to Complete Online Applications, many businesses accept only online applications. This workshop covers the basics of submitting an online application that will help you get noticed by a hiring manager.

Master Your Job Search, a review of basic job search techniques, including using the Internet and networking to enhance your job search is featured in this workshop.

Workshops last about an hour, depending upon class size, except for the LinkedIn Lab. They are offered at no cost to Will County residents.

Career Cafe meets at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Career Cafe is a networking event designed to connect people looking for work. In addition to sharing tips with other job seekers and learning job search techniques, participants will hear from guest speakers sharing their hiring expertise.

To reserve a seat at a workshop or Career Cafe, call (815) 723-3885 and press 0 or e-mail: chellis@willcountyillinois.com.

In addition, WSD's computer lab will be open at 2 p.m. Fridays. Walk-ins are welcome at computer labs.



Important Changes in Will County's Electronic Recycling Program

Due to the cancellation of Will County's contract with a local vendor, the County and its various municipal partners have made some important changes to continue to offer convenient, safe recycling options for residents' electronics. All local collection sites have been closed with plans to reopen sometime in 2016.

Will County Green will offer one-day collection events during the summer and fall months, dates are yet to be determined.

Front door pick-up service is offered by Best Buy for a \$100 fee. Visit the website for a complete listing of participating stores: www.bestbuy.com.

Visit the Will County Green website at www.willcountygreen.com for updates and a complete guide to recycling electronics other household items.

Together, we can protect our Earth.



June 14 – established in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the celebrate this national icon.



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I am very proud of the efforts Will County continues to make to provide services for our residents.

As many of you are aware, Will County has been a leader in our recycling efforts for the past 16 years. From one-day collections to multiple collection site in municipalities throughout the county, we have worked hard to keep electronic items out of the county's landfill. To date, Will County has collected and recycled more than 4 million pounds of unwanted electronics.

However, due to an overwhelming response to our programs and a drop in the commodities market, electronic recycling has become more costly. This dramatic cost increase has forced Will County to close its municipal collection sites.

We have worked hard to created alternative options for our residents to recycle. We are proud of the dedication of our residents to responsible recycling and feel obligated to offer as many convenient options as possible. Our Land Use Department continues to seek solutions to keep electronic recycling safe and easy. I encourage all our residents to visit the county website: www.willcountygreen.com for specific directions and locations. Thank you for continuing to keep Will County green.

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