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Lowville, Harrisville sites to continue offering drug take-back service

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LOWVILLE — Sites in Lowville and Harrisville plan to continue accepting old pharmaceuticals for free, even as a six-month, grant-funded pilot program expires.

People with unwanted drugs may continue to drop them off or pick up prepaid mail-back envelopes at either Lewis County General Hospital, 7785 N. State St., Lowville, or Bonaparte Pharmacy, 8210 Main St., Harrisville, through a program administered by the Product Stewardship Institute, Boston, Mass., and the New York Product Stewardship Council.

"The community support has been incredible," said Diane Loftus, director of pharmacy at the county-owned hospital.

While the hospital joined the initiative only around a month ago, it has been mailing in about a package full of outdated drugs each week, Mrs. Loftus said. Because of the high volume, the pharmacy director said she has been invited to serve as a panelist on a nationwide webinar about the take-back program.

While the pilot program technically ended at the end of August, Lewis County General will have its costs covered through the end of this month because of its late start, Mrs. Loftus said. And community agencies like Mountain View Prevention Services and Friends of Hospice plan to help cover the cost — expected to be about \$250 per month if usage remains high — to keep the service available after that, she said.

The hospital for the past few years has hosted drug take-back days through the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and Mrs. Loftus said more will likely be planned since some residents have large volumes of old pharmaceuticals that they wish to dispose of. However, having a collection site in the lobby allows people to bring in old medications on a more regular basis, she said.

"Our goal is to keep educating them on the importance of getting rid of drugs," Mrs. Loftus said.

The collection site is open during the hospital pharmacy's regular business hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Justin M. Besaw, owner of Bonaparte Pharmacy, said he initially wasn't sure he would continue with the program, since it will cost a minimum of \$60 to \$70 per month. However, he chose to

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continue as an additional service to the community and way to further differentiate his independent business from chain drug stores.

"It's more of a community service thing," Mr. Besaw said.

Bonaparte Pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and its telephone number is 537-5032.

Falls Pharmacy in Lyons Falls also participated in the six-month pilot program but has chosen not to continue offering the service, while two participating Oneida County pharmacies will continue the drug take-back program.

The pilot program, funded through a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, began in March at the four independent pharmacies.

Vivian Fuhrman, associate for policy and programs at the Product Stewardship Institute, said by email that the five locations combined have collected roughly 300 pounds of unwanted medication, although final totals likely won't be available until some time next month.


Along with administering pilot programs, the nonprofit organization is working to lobby for laws that would "make the pharmaceutical industry financially responsible for the proper disposal of their products by establishing take-back programs," she said.

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