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Operation Medicine Cabinet Results

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Highlands County residents were out in force on Saturday, October 22nd in support of Operation Medicine Cabinet. Law enforcement officers were on hand at the Lake Placid Police Department, the Sebring Police Department and the Avon Park substation of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office to collect unwanted, out dated or unused prescription medications for proper disposal. Officers accepted all medications, including liquids, without questions. Syringes were not allowed at the collection sites.

Response from the community resulted in 26 boxes of medications totaling 509.3 pounds being collected. This means over 500 pounds of prescription medication will not be falling into the wrong hands or be consumed by unsuspecting children. In addition, this also means that these medications will be properly disposed of and not flushed down the toilet or sent to the land fill where they can pollute our environment and our water supply. Representatives from Drug Free Highlands and the Highlands County law enforcement community would like to thank residents for their cooperation and participation in this event. "We do this twice a year, and we're always pleased to see the public coming in and disposing of their old medications properly," said Highlands County Sheriff's Lieutenant Manny Gonzalez, "Thank you so much for helping us to keep our community safe!"

If you missed this opportunity to dispose of your medications, the Lake Placid Police Department, 8 North Oak Street in Lake Placid and the Sebring Police Department, 307 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, as well as the Highlands County Sheriff's Office North District Substation at 304 West Pleasant St. in Avon Park have drop boxes in their lobby. Medications, except for syringes, can be dropped off throughout the year during regular business hours.

