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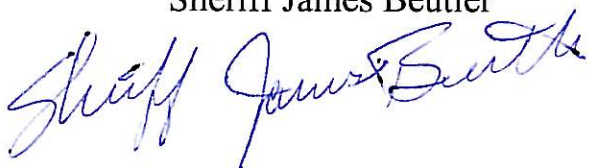
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To: All Media outlets

Ref: Drug Take Back/Drop off

On the morning of April 28th, Putnam County will host its 4th Medication take Back/Drop Off event. Sheriff Beutler, Deputies and other law enforcement officers will be on hand to collect any potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription, over the counter and veterinary medications. Only medications in powder or pill form will be accepted. The event will be held at the Ottawa Glandorf High School during the Ottawa Kiwanis Health fair. Medications can be dropped off from 6:00am to 10:00 am, with no questions asked. This is a free service and being held in conjunction with the National D.E.A. Drug Take Back day. Over 200 pounds of medications have been collected from the first 3 events. The purpose is to educate the public regarding the potential for abused/misused and theft of stored prescription medications. Also, to dispose of them properly to lesson the environmental risk. The old way of "FLUSHING" is not recommended, as these drugs can enter our ECO system through ground water. Millions of Americans abuse prescription drugs for non-medical purposes everyday which is more than the number of people abusing cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens and inhalants combined. It is estimated that up to 62% of teens get prescription meds for non-medical use from family and friend's homes and medicine cabinets.

Sheriff James Beutler

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheriff James Beutler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.