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### Drug Take-Back Event Scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge

Do you have prescription drugs in your medicine cabinet and don't know what to do with them? Furnas County Sheriff's Department, Tri Valley Health Systems and Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department are working together to host a Drug Take-Back Event on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the front entrance of the hospital in Cambridge.

"We have numerous patients ask what to do with their unused prescriptions," explains Marcus Anderson, pharmacist at Tri Valley Health Systems in Cambridge. "We wanted to help solve this situation. Leadership at Tri Valley supported the idea of hosting this event and we found partners with Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) and the Furnas County Sherriff's Department".

Kurt Kapperman and Nicholas Vargas from the Furnas County Sherriff's department contacted the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to register this event with their National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. "We are looking forward to being the host law enforcement agency for the Drug Take-Back Day," states Kapperman. "We will have an officer at the event and be responsible for the secure collection of the drugs. We would appreciate no needles, sharps or liquids."

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, secure and environmentally responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. SWNPHD encourages residents of southwest Nebraska to take advantage of this opportunity and to not flush your old meds down the toilet or throw them in the trash. "Plan a short trip to Cambridge on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, bring your old meds and hand them to Marcus or Nick and you are on your way," encourages Denise Ringenberg, SWNPHD Public Information Officer. "No paperwork is needed to drop off your meds. Drive up and drop off on the 27th."

For more information on Drug Take-Back Day you can call the Sherriff's Department at 308-268-2245, Pharmacist Anderson at 308-697-1460 or SWNPHD at 308-345-4223 or email: [educate@swhealth.ne.gov](mailto:educate@swhealth.ne.gov). You can also follow on facebook and twitter.

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