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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Pullman Lion's Club Donation Enables Prescription Drug Drop Box Purchase**

**PULLMAN** – The Pullman Lion's Club donated \$500 toward the purchase of a replacement prescription drug drop box at the Pullman Police Department.

Secure prescription collection is an important health and safety service. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses resulting from these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Pullman has become a regional leader in this effort by providing a prescription drug drop box available 24 hours a day, every day in the Police Department since 2010. Since then, the Pullman Police Department has collected and disposed of over 1,725 pounds of prescription drugs.

It came to our attention recently that our prescription drug drop box lacked sufficient security to prevent unauthorized access of the box. The Lion's club generous donation made possible the purchase of a replacement drug drop box that features an anti-tamper element. Pullman Lion's Club Treasurer Tom Tippett presented the donation to Chief Jenkins. A Lion's Club emblem was affixed to the box in recognition of the donation.

Pullman Police Chief Gary Jenkins said, "I greatly appreciate the support of the Pullman Lion's Club. This is an example of a community partnership that will benefit the entire community."

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