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Watseka - October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. According to the Susan G. Komen organization it is estimated that there will be 232,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer among U.S. women in 2014. When detected in its earlier stages, breast cancer can be successfully treated. Since 1990, breast cancer mortality has decreased by 34 percent. This decline is due to improved breast cancer treatment and early detection. Routine breast exams and mammograms can detect cancer early and provide women with better treatment options. The Iroquois County Public Health Department works with the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program to provide free screenings for ALL uninsured women between the ages of 40 and 64. Younger women with symptoms also may qualify. If needed, many treatments are also covered under the program. If you live in Illinois, are without health insurance and are between 40 and 64 years old, please contact Jane at 815-432-2483 (Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm) to get enrolled in this life-saving program. You can also visit www.cancerscreening.illinois.gov for more information.