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Watseka - October 2015 marks the 30th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women. It is estimated that there will be 231,840 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed across the United States in 2015. Routine breast exams and mammograms can detect cancer early and provide women with better treatment options. The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program served 19,944 women across the state with free breast and cervical cancer screenings in the past year. The Iroquois County Public Health Department works with the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program to provide free screenings for ALL uninsured women in Iroquois County 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.