

DRUG ABUSE

Addiction summit returns to Adrian

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ADRIAN — A continuing summit about drug abuse and addiction is coming to Siena Heights University March 24.

The interactive, informational meeting — sponsored in part by the Lenawee Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Catholic Charities of Lenawee County — continues the series of summits held last year in Adrian and is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the university's Benincasa Hall, 1247 E. Siena Heights Drive.

Lenawee County continues to experience an increasing number of heroin overdoses, as well as an escalating number of drug- and alcohol-related offenses, according to information provided by the Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority. The summit will address current trends, build upon information gathered at last year's events, help those in attendance recognize signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol abuse, and begin a strategy for prevention and recovery.

Scheduled speakers include Adrian doctor Paul Walker, as well as representatives from the Drug Enforcement Administration and state and federal offices, according to a news release. The agenda includes remarks from law enforcement and court officials, recovering heroin users, the Adrian High School SADD Chapter and a question-and-answer session.

The summit is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. To register for the summit, call Kay Ross at 263-8905 or email kross@lcmha.org.