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Health department offers smoking cessation help in 2009


The New Year traditionally finds people making resolutions to exchange bad habits for good ones. Help is available for those vowing to quit smoking in 2009. The Vermilion County Health Department is offering free smoking cessation classes on the following Thursday evenings in January from 5:30 pm to 7pm: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2009. "January is usually a busy month for classes as people resolve to start the New Year off by quitting tobacco," said the coordinator for health education at the Vermilion County Health Department, Linda Bolton.

Bolton said the four week class is free and open to

adults age 18 and over.

The health department's \$19,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health allows them to offer up to 4 weeks of patches free to those who complete the class. "While most people need more than four weeks of patches to successfully quit, we are at least able to give them a good start toward quitting tobacco," Bolton said. She notes the health department does not give patches to pregnant women.

Bolton said the health department also has an agreement with the Illinois Quitline. "If people are unable to
See SMOKING on other side



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come to classes, they can get counseling over the phone from the Quitline and still get free patches from us," she said. The Quitline is staffed by trained counselors at the American Lung Association in Springfield. From January to June 2008, the Quitline received over 700 calls from Vermilion County residents seeking help to quit

tobacco, according to Bolton who said that total of calls for six months is almost double the total number of calls to the Quitline from Vermilion County in all of 2007. "This is a serious issue for people as they end addictions, change habits and alter their lifestyles, and they need all the help they can get," Bolton said. The Illinois Quitline



Letters to the Editor



Business should be cleaned up

My fellow Hoopestonians,

The City government of Hoopeston as no problem dictating to us residential property owners on how our properties should be kept. My question is how about some of these businesses? For example, look at this pallet shop on south Second Street. What a mess. Not only a mess it is but, what a fire hazard! If that place caught on fire, it would burn for days and cover the city with toxic smoke, in my opinion.

It has all kinds of critters running around in it and out of it. It has to have all kinds of rodents. I have seen rac-

coons, opossums and skunks cross the street from there while driving by at night. Raccoons and skunks are known to have rabies. Frankly, I am worried about one this animals biting my granddaughter who lives across the street from this place.

John S. Palmer
Hoopeston, Ill.

Obituaries

THOMAS - Deborah "Debbie" L. (McKibben) Thomas, 44, of Milford, died at 9:38 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be one hour before service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 29. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 19. Tomorrow, freezing rain likely, chance of rain, snow late. High 33, low 31.

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