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Keep Vermilion County Beautiful sponsors fundraiser raffle

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful's 2009 fundraiser will offer more opportunities for raffle winners to gain help with their landscaping projects this spring. "We re-structured the prizes this year to increase opportunities to win," said Keep Vermilion County Beautiful's coordinator, Lynn Wolgamot. The all-volunteer organization will rely on Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant money and generous donations from local businesses to offer a total of 16-20 prizes this year. "We have wonderful community partners who understand how important it is for us to raise money with this raffle to be used for our community and neighborhood im-

provement grants," Wolgamot said.

Gift cards of \$200, \$300, and \$500 from Danville Gardens, Berry's Garden Center and Schultz Nursery will be awarded. Additionally, \$25 gift cards will be awarded from other local businesses. "This means raffle ticket buyers will have a one in fifteen chance of winning," she said.

Only 300 tickets will be sold, and all the proceeds from the \$25 raffle tickets will go to fund KVCB's 2009 community improvement grant program. "This program has just been so well received across the county over the
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last three years, as people have applied for and won grant funds to help them improve their neighborhoods, schools and communities by planting flowers and trees and just making our county look so much better," Wolgamot said.

In 2008, KVCB's grant committee reviewed 49 applications seeking \$20,079. Thirty-eight grants were se-

lected, totaling \$10,500. "Without this raffle to help us raise funds, we just would not be able to help our friends and neighbors across Vermilion County who want to make a difference by improving their surroundings," Wolgamot said, encouraging anyone who has benefited from the grants so far to purchase tickets, "So we can keep encouraging people to continue to work to make a

difference."

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful is a 501c3 non profit organization, so ticket cost is tax deductible. Tickets will be on sale until they are gone. The drawing will be March 30, 2009. To purchase a ticket, contact Wolgamot at the Vermilion County Health Department, 431-2662 or via email at lwolgamo@vchd.org.

Police News

A **17-year-old** Cissna Park youth was treated at Hoop-eston Community Memorial Hospital after he was hit by a car Sunday.

Micah E. Wilkening was treated for minor injuries after he was struck by a 2001 Dodge, driven by Laur-ence Thompson of Wellington.

Police said the accident occurred at 6:01 p.m. Sunday in the IGA parking lot, 1030 W. Chestnut. Wilkening had a good over his head and did not see Thompson, who was unable to stop from striking the youth.

Nickolas Montez, 25, of Hoop-eston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 9:54 p.m. Sunday.

Police said Montez, in a 1997 Chevrolet Blazer, was eastbound in the 800 block of East Honeywell when he slid on the icy roadway, spun and hit a tree in a yard at 827 E. Honeywell.

No injuries were reported.

Police were called at 9:54 p.m. Sunday to a distur-bance in the 300 block of East Washington. There they found a 13-year-old Hoop-eston girl having trouble breathing. The girl was treated and released from Hoop-eston Community Memorial Hospital.

Both she and 17-year-old Joann M. Sisk, also of

Hoop-eston, were cited with purchase or acceptance of liquor by a person under 21 prohibited.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

Weather

Rain, then a chance of rain and snow today. High 39. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 16. Christmas Day, mostly sunny, chance of rain, freezing rain late. High 29, low 25. Friday, chance of rain. High 46, low 45

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