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**Health Dept Announces Annual Design Contest**

**WOODSTOCK IL** – The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is sponsoring its annual design contest for McHenry County high school and college students. Since 2004, the contest has sought to highlight local talent while educating the community of the health effects of smoking. Students can work individually or in teams. Designs should include one of the provided social norms messages which can be found in the contest rules. Contest rules and entry forms are available on the MCDH website ([www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info)). This project was made possible by funds received from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Entries are judged on originality, peer appeal, and simple, colorful design. Making the final selection are teens from Reality Illinois Anti-Tobacco Advocacy groups, members of the McHenry County 'Tobacco Free' Coalition, and MCDH's Health Promotion staff. Three designs will be chosen. Winning entries will have the student's name, design and school name displayed on one or more buses, billboards or posters throughout McHenry County. Past winners have included students from the following schools: Woodstock High School, Marengo Community High School, Crystal Lake Central High School, McHenry County College and Crystal Lake South High School.

Entry deadline is March 10. For more information about the contest, call MCDH 815-334-4525.

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