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1,200 pairs of shoes illustrate daily deaths in United States From tobacco and secondhand smoke

Watch for them April 2 on Kick Butts Day along County Farm Road in Wheaton

The DuPage County Health Department's tobacco prevention staff is planning to display 1,200 pairs of shoes on April 2 along County Farm Road in Wheaton, just west of the health department's Central Public Health Center.

Project 1200 illustrates the number of people who die every day in the United States from tobacco and secondhand smoke. The goal of Project 1200 is to raise awareness among teen-agers of the dangers of tobacco and smoking.

The display will be available from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Information sheets on tobacco and free smoking cessation classes will also be available. April 2 is Kick Butts Day, which is an annual event when smokers are asked to quit tobacco for one day.

All of the shoes collected for Project 1200 will be donated to charity. For information call the health department at (630) 682-7400.

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