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News Release

Health Director Talks About New Smoke Free Law on “Spotlight”

December 18, 2009, Monroe, NC – The new episode of “Union County Spotlight” features a conversation about North Carolina’s new Smoke Free Law with Union County Health Director Phillip Tarte. The show begins airing on the Union County Government Channel, UCTV 16, on Monday, Dec. 21.

The new Smoke Free Law was passed by the N.C. General Assembly and signed by the Governor in May. The law makes smoking illegal in all enclosed areas of restaurants and bars in North Carolina beginning Jan. 2. The law also prohibits smoking in most enclosed areas of lodging establishments, such as hotels, motels and inns if the establishment prepares and serves food or drink. In addition, a lodging establishment may designate no more than 20 percent of its guest rooms as smoking rooms.

The show will appear daily for two weeks at 8 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. A schedule for all UCTV 16 programs can be viewed at www.co.union.nc.us.

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