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Howard County Welcomes Health Department's New Administrator



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You know you've made it to the "big time" when you're asked to contribute an article to the next issue of the Howard County Today, so I'm happy to introduce myself. Seriously speaking, I'm honored to be chosen to take on the challenge of filling some of the smallest shoes ever on the Howard County payroll....those of Kris Conyers!

Many "moons" ago as a lad, I had my earliest exposure with the Health Department. I never dreamed then that I would someday be the Administrator. I learned from my dad who was a "meat cutter," turned neighborhood grocery store owner; that a visit from the health department was "serious stuff!" I grew up in that grocery store. If you're "the right age," you might remember "Chuck's Food Pantry," which was located on Indiana between Mulberry and Walnut Street. I also worked with the health department as a restaurant manager before I went to college. I took those interactions very seriously!

Well, I grew tired of the restaurant industry after 10 years and decided I better get serious about college. After enrolling at IU-K and spending 10 years attending part-time while managing restaurants, I left the workplace and started going full-time at IUPUI. Three years later, in 1985, I graduated with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education.

Like most people, I was looking for the right opportunity and a career I would find rewarding. I took a job in Plant Protection at the Kokomo Chrysler Transmission Plant. After about 9 months, I received a full scholarship to attend Indiana University in Bloomington to attend Graduate School. Along with the scholarship I was also to be paid to teach in the IU School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. I asked Chrysler for an educational leave and they were happy to grant it. So I went down to Bloomington and after a full year of studying and teaching, I left with a Master of Science in Administration and the ability to boast..... I taught at IU.

Chrysler had a Supervisor's position waiting for me when I returned. It didn't take long for me to tire of the automobile industry after I paid off my college loans and saved a down payment for a house!

Staff Personnel: Wanda McKillip, Anne Williams, Brittany Campbell, Stephanie Mathews, Linda Stevens, Alvin Stevens, and Photographer: Craig Trott.

Words to Live By

*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.*

-Winston Churchill

"Dear Personnel"

Wanda McKillip, Personnel Administrator, and Anne Williams, Personnel Administrative Assistant, respond to questions about Howard County Benefits and Personnel issues.

Dear Personnel:

Since we have a new life insurance company, when will we receive our new policies?

Curious at the Criminal Justice Center

Dear Curious:

Your Lafayette Life Insurance went into effect April 1, 2008. Policies will be sent out during the month of May.

I left Chrysler after 3 1/2 years to work for Howard Community Hospital. I spent 17 years, with Howard, as the Executive Director of the Kokomo Sports Center. Along the way I met my beautiful wife Susie, who was at that time a "Howard" nurse, and overnight I became a "family man!" I've got three grandchildren with another on the way.

I never stopped looking for the right career and when Kris called to tell me she was retiring, and thought I ought to apply for the job; I was "all over it!" Fortunately for me, the Board of Health members thought I was the right candidate and..... I was hired! I think I'm a lucky man and I know I'm proud to be one of the county's newest employees!



***Happy Mother's
Day!
May 11, 2008***

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Leslie Carpenter A Winner !!



WE HAVE A WINNER!!!

Leslie Carpenter, an employee for Adult Probation, won the drawing for "A \$25.00 Fuel Card to Speedway", donated by "City of Firsts Community Federal Credit Union", located at 1135 South Main Street.

Howard County would like to thank "City of Firsts Community Federal Credit Union" for their generosity!



Sheriff's Employee wins 2008 State and National Archery Titles



Ruth Conwell has been sending arrows towards the bulls-eye since 1995. Over the years she has won eleven State titles including a first place this year at the Indiana State tournament held at the Johanning Center March 8th and 9th. Approximately 1,200 archers from across the US competed in the 2008 Archery National Competition held on March 15th and 16th at the Louisville Kentucky Convention Center. Ruth won the Ladies Free Style Limited Class by posting scores of 291 and 288 during the two day tournament. That is something considering a score of 300 represents a perfect score for the sixty arrows shot in a single match.

Ruth credits her husband Rick with great coaching skills and encouragement. She also acknowledges Becki Fouts, her "State" team partner, for inspiration and support. Ruth and her husband Rick are members of the Galveston Archery Club. She has worked at the Sheriff's Office since August 2007.

- Submitted by Major Steve Rogers

Photo: Ruth Conwell with 2008 State Tournament and 2008 National Tournament trophies.

PERF Online

When you register for PERF online you become in control of your own benefits. You can take advantage of changing where your investments go every quarter, and view your quarterly statements online before they even reach you in the mail. You will even get emails from PERF letting you know your quarterly statement is ready to be viewed online. You also have the ability to change your personal information such as your address, phone number and email. To register for a password go to www.perf.in.gov. With PERF online you have the control at your fingertips.

Anthem Online 'MYAnthem'

With Anthem online you can take advantage of great online tools. When you register for 'MYAnthem' you will be able to access your claims online, order a new member ID card, change your primary care physician, view benefit details and more. If you log onto www.anthem.com there is a link that says 'Register Now for MYAnthem'. You can register and watch the interactive demo to see what advantages you will have with Anthem benefits online. Starting February 1, 2008, you now have access to view your dental claims online as well.



Indiana University Internship Fair

Every year Indiana University Kokomo hosts its Internship Fair. This offers a great opportunity for employers as well as students to benefit from one another. The Personnel Office has been very grateful to have interns for the past 5 years. I was an intern my senior year of college and was able to take the position as Administrative Assistant when I graduated. Brittany Campbell was also an intern for Personnel, and has now taken a part time position in our office. We have also been very lucky to have Stephanie Mathews and we hope to have many more. If you are interested in providing internships you can contact Candy Norman at 455-9406 or by email at caanorma@iuk.edu and she can guide you through the process. It is worth giving students the experience for the help and gratitude you gain.



Jeff Lipinsky and Julie Watkins
Representing KYC



Wanda McKillip discussing
internship opportunities with
students



Anne Williams giving
information to IUK student
Kyle Hannah

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Ψ **INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

Britt's Community Corner



Thankfully, summer is fast approaching! With the warmer weather, outdoor events are bringing together the people in our community. One of the most important events being held this year is the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. If you've never had a chance to make it out to the Kokomo High School track during the 24 hour event, you are missing out! This year, the Howard County Relay for Life will be held on June 20 & 21. Participants walk to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those who we've lost, and fight back against the disease that has touched many lives in our community. Events will start at 3pm on Friday, and will end on Saturday afternoon at 3pm. If you are interested in joining a team or forming your own team, log on to www.relayforlife.org for more information.

2nd Annual Howard County Golf Outing

Last years golf outing was such a success that the Howard County Commissioners are excited to be hosting the 2nd annual golf outing. The event will be taking place at Chippendale Golf Course on September 17, 2008. The proceeds from the outing will help raise money for our 2nd annual Christmas party. More information will be distributed closer to time.



Volunteer Opportunities

Want a productive way to spend some of your extra time? Take a moment to look over some of the volunteer opportunities and find yourself helping others. For further volunteer opportunities contact United Way at 457-4357 or email VAC@unitedwayhoco.org.

- ◆ **Kokomo Rescue Mission-** Volunteers are needed to help wash and prepare toys for the Christmas Outreach Program. Hours are flexible and activity is conducted all year round to prepare. For more information, contact Kelly Werdal at kwerdal@rescuekokomo.org or 765-456-3838.
- ◆ **Kokomo Downtown Association-** Individuals and groups are needed to help plant flowers in the downtown area on Saturday, May 17. The planting is scheduled from 8:00 am until noon. For more information, contact, John Wiles 765-454-7926 or johnwiles@downtownkokomo.org
- ◆ **Literacy Coalition-** Tutors are needed for all programs including English as a Second Language and GED preparation. Training, materials and facilities are available. If interested, call Gladys Winton, 765-459-4484 or learn2read@sbcglobal.net
- ◆ **Southern Care Hospice-** In need of volunteers to make friendly visits or calls, run errands or sit with patients while the caregiver takes a break. Volunteers are also needed to make or deliver special treats to patients on holidays/birthdays. Contact Sherry Spires at sspires@southerncaresinc.com

ANNE'S QUARTERLY COLUMN

BROAD RIPPLE 38TH ANNUAL ART FAIR

Welcome in Spring with the bright and fresh colors of over 225 artists from the U.S. and Canada at the 38th Annual Broad Ripple Art Fair. For years Broad Ripple Village has been a place for creativity and a canvas for many artists. Established in 1971, the Broad Ripple Art Fair attracts more than 27,000 visitors every year. It is the largest annual fundraising event for the Indianapolis Art Center. This two day event takes place Saturday May 17, 10am-6pm and Sunday May 18, 10am-5pm. The Art Fair is located on the grounds of the Indianapolis Art Center on 67th Street and College Avenue in the Broad Ripple Village cultural district. Besides the variegation of art to view the art festival is lined with gourmet food courts, a beer and wine garden, live entertainment on four stages and even a children's creative area. You can buy tickets in advance online, as well as at the Art Center service desk, Marsh Supermarkets, and Fifth Third Bank locations. Advance tickets are now available and are \$12 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3-12, ages 3 and under are free. Tickets are \$15 for adults at the gate, children are still \$2, and discount adult tickets are \$10 for Art Center members. The Broad Ripple Art Fair is a great way to celebrate art for all ages.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



(2nd Quarter 04/01/08 to 06/30/08)

30 Years

Angela Foust– Adult Probation
Michael Rayls– Highway Department

25 Years

Todd Cripe– Highway Department

20 Years

Carol Thompson– Clerk's Department
Brent Evans– Highway Department
Richard Stone– Highway Department

15 Years

Cynthia Fleming– Prosecutor's Office
Suzanne Goley– Sheriff's Department
Leta McIntyre– Health Department

10 Years

Rhonda Burket– Auditor's Office
Donald Irwin– Maintenance
Donald Hughes– Sheriff's Department
Deanna McDonald– Highway Department
Rosalie Prifogle– Kinsey Youth Center

5 Years

Debra Cooper– Clerk's Office
Arthur Fross– Maintenance
Christina Smith– Superior III
Keith Chesshir– Sheriff's Department
Lynn Von Reuss– Sheriff's Department
Lance Overholser– Coroner's Office
Neva Boyce– Township Trustee

FREE DRAWING!!!

All Howard County Employees will automatically have the chance to win in an upcoming drawing!

City of First Community Federal Credit Union located at 1135 South Main Street will be giving away,

"A \$25.00 Gift Certificate"

A special thanks to

Denny Condon, President of

"City of Firsts Community Federal Credit Union"

Good Luck to all Employees!!!

Corporate/Loan Office - 1135 S. Main Street

LOCATIONS:

Teller Branch - 1120 S. Main Street
South Branch - 314 Southway Blvd. E.

TELEPHONE:

Corporate/Loan Office - 765-454-5590
Teller Branch - 765-459-0758
(Toll Free 800-310-0905)
South Branch - 765-865-2444

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday Drive-Up: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



- ◆ GARY CONWELL RETIRED 1/11/2008
- ◆ KRISTINE CONYERS RETIRED 3/07/2008
- ◆ CONNIE HOWARD RETIRED 4/04/2008
- ◆ JERRY JUMPER RETIRED 4/20/2008

Howard County Today now available on the County's Web site

You are now able to access not only claim forms and get other important information regarding your insurance from the Howard County web site (www.co.howard.in.us).