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Respite and Environmental programs introduce new employees

McCook—Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department is happy to announce three staff changes. Helena Janousek has returned to our staff as Respite Coordinator and Health Educator. She began her new duties in June 2011. Denise Ringenberg has assumed responsibilities as a Health Educator taking on the environmental and tobacco programs. Linda Gordon will assist with the respite, bio-preparedness and Vaccines for Children programs. Denise and Linda joined the SWNPHD staff in November 2011.

“I am looking forward to being part of a great team that truly believes in serving southwest Nebraska “states Denise Ringenberg, Health Educator. Denise will be developing and administering the environmental programs to include: radon, mold, Smoke Free Housing and tobacco.

Helena Janousek, Respite Coordinator took over the respite program in August 2011. “Helena has previously worked with the respite program in 2008 as the Respite Assistant,” states Myra Stoney, Director of SWNPHD. “It has been extremely rewarding and exciting to see the respite program grow and develop under Helena’s leadership.” Helena also directs the Kids Fitness, TOUCAN and west Nile virus programs.

Linda Gordon, Program Assistant will be assisting Helena and Denise as well as other staff members with their programs. One of Linda’s biggest challenges will be screening persons for their vaccinations. “I am excited to be a part of the team here at SWNPHD. This is a great group of individuals to work with, and I’m eager to learn and help educate the public on matters of health,” states Linda Gordon.

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th (one block north of Arby’s) in McCook, telephone 308-345-4223, www.swhealthdept.com or find us on Facebook at www.facebook/swnphd.

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