

from the desk of Jim Riggle



As the new Chair for the Eastern Indiana Regional Workforce Board, my first action is to proclaim:

Happy First Anniversary WorkOne Career Connect Magazine!

Everyone knows how important first year anniversaries are. I hope you aren't one of the very few who have actually forgotten that important date, as you may not get the opportunity to celebrate a second anniversary. Fortunately, I am not in that situation in regards to the first anniversary of the "WorkOne Career Connect" publication. My deepest gratitude goes to Tracy Dishman, Marketing Director for WorkOne. The publication was her idea and she made the idea even better by partnering with Mary Vannatta of The Star Press. This monthly guide has provided many of our neighbors, friends and family members with an important resource for careers and skill development for youth and adults.

The timing for the creation of this new publication could not have been better. We all know it was about one year ago that reality forced itself into many of our lives. The reality is there will always be ups and downs with our economy. How we are prepared to face those realities is very important and that is what this publication provides on a monthly basis, the necessary tools to help us realize our potential job skills and career opportunities. Well done WorkOne Career Connect.

Alternative Energy Resources is an area which a lot of focus is being given at the present time. With the recent announcement of Brevini and VAT in Delaware County, our region has a head start in being recognized as having the workforce which is ready, willing and able to assist this important industry. As part of the move to provide our young people with the necessary knowledge and skills for working in this field, Randolph County Eastern School District and Union City, Indiana recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for installation of two new wind turbines. One will be used for the city's wastewater plant and the other for the school system. Officials announced that Randolph Eastern science teachers will develop, in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College, a dual-credit alternative energy curriculum. The plan is not only to engage students in science, but also educate and excite them about a field that could become their profession.

I would also like to recognize the current members of the Eastern Indiana Regional Workforce Board. They are responsible for overseeing the services provided by your local WorkOne Centers in Economic Growth Region 6. This is a voluntary effort with appointments made by local elected officials. Each of the nine counties in this region is represented on the board of directors:

- Stuart Armstrong, Sr. VP Pacesetter Bank, Hartford City, IN
- Teresa Bradburn, HR Manager, Productive Concepts, Inc., Union City, IN
- E. Roy Budd, Executive Director, Energize ECI, Muncie, IN
- Shannon Davis, HR Manager, NSK, Liberty, IN
- Rhonda Duning, Realtor, Lingle Real Estate, Richmond, IN
- Eric Garringer, Senior Manager HR, FCC Indiana, Inc., Portland, IN
- Greg Harcourt, General Manager, TRANE, Rushville, IN
- Jerry Hayden, Business Agent, Teamsters, Richmond, IN
- Bob Hobbs, Director, New Castle Area Career Programs, New Castle, IN
- Vickie McCreary, HR Manager, Carquest, New Castle, IN
- Faron Parr, President, Progressive Office Products, Portland, IN
- Jim Riggle, Community Affairs Manager, Indiana Michigan Power, Muncie, IN
- Scott Sorensen, Director of Operations Lifetouch National Contact Center, Muncie, IN
- Jerry Sprouse, Accounting/Finance Manager INTAT, Rushville, IN
- Alan Terlep, Pastor, Central Christian Church, Connersville, IN
- Brad Wilson, Vice President, Wilson Lawson Myers, Connersville, IN

Each board member is aware of the awesome responsibility they have in assisting our workforce reach its full potential. If you see one of these individuals, please say "Thank You" for their time and effort in representing you in this very important endeavor.

Thank you,

Jim Riggle
Community Relations Manager - Indiana Michigan Power
Chair - Eastern Indiana Regional Workforce Board



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