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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK
A Healthier America: One Community At A Time

Bay County — National Public Health Week is observed April 5-11, 2010. The Bay County Health Department will celebrate National Public Health Week on April 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. by highlighting the services and programs offered by the health department. There will be presentations and information displays on the many programs and services of the health department. This will also provide an opportunity for community members to meet the new Bay County Health Department Administrator, Doug Kent.

Schedule of Events:

9-9:30am	Introduction and Public Health Week Proclamation
9:30-9:50am	Healthy Beaches Monitoring Program presentation
10:-10:20am	Tobacco Cessation presentation
10:30-10:50am	Women, Infants, and Children Program presentation

Public health plays a major role in preventing disease, promoting good health, protecting the food supply, protecting worker health and safety, ensuring access to clean air and water, and promoting nutrition for children. "Today, we know that nationally nearly 1 in 3 children are overweight or obese; 46 million people don't have health insurance; almost 900,000 people die from deaths that can be prevented each year; and for the first time, American children may live shorter lives than their parents. Even though the statistics are bleak, every day is a chance to improve the health of our nation and community," stated Dennis Cookro, M.D., M.P.H., Interim Director of the Bay County Health Department. Public health professionals are already working on these issues with the goal of improving the public's health.

The Bay County Health Department is located at 597 W. 11th Street. Come by on April 7 and meet the new administrator, Doug Kent, and learn what is being done to help Bay County become a healthier community. For more information about the Bay County Health Department, visit us on our website at www.baycountyhealth.org. To learn more about National Public Health Week, visit <http://www.nphw.org/nphw10/home1.htm>.

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