

Herman is new director at PC Family Education Services

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There's a new face in Holyoke and at Phillips County Family Education Services. Trisha Herman, formerly of Yuma, started the position of executive director Aug. 2, and has since been busy familiarizing herself with the new setting.

Herman's move to PCFES has been a positive transition on many levels. "This is what I've been waiting to do since 2004," she said. An internship with Boy Scouts of America is what first sparked her interest in non-profit, and now, several years later, she has the opportunity to return to her first passion.

A job in Holyoke also means Herman will be working in the same community as her husband, Justin, of Western Sugar. Family, Herman noted, is of the utmost importance, so it has been a nice change for neither of them to commute to work.

Originally from Kansas City, Herman graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Family Studies and Human Services. After her Boy Scouts internship, she taught preschool and earned her teaching degree. She went on to teach kindergarten in Wray for three years.

Before accepting the position at PCFES, Herman and her family lived in Yuma, where she ran a day care in her home.

While she loved working with children in the classroom and day care, Herman said she is very excited to take a turn at the administrative side of things. As executive director, some of her responsibilities will be working with the board, employees and community members, writing grants, budgeting and general public relations.

As she heads in a new direction, Herman said she is just excited to get started and get her feet wet. She looks forward to working with people of all ages in the ESL, GED and early childhood programs.

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There is a lot to learn at a new job and it has been very busy at PCFES, Herman commented, but she has enjoyed getting to know the people she will be working with and learning about the programs they offer.

Having lived in Holyoke for less than a month, the Herman family is already feeling welcomed and at home in the community. The neighbors have been great, Herman said. Justin and Trisha have one son, Kaden, who is 17 months old. They also love dogs and have two labs.