

## VIEWPOINT OVERVIEW OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2021

10/3/21 Christie Tate, Vice President of Suicide Prevention Coalition of Howard County, discussed the purpose of the coalition, resources for help, most impacted people, and experiences with suicide.

10/10/21 Dr. Mike Sergeant, Superintendent of Kokomo Schools. Talked about how the new school year is progressing and having students and teachers back in the classrooms, also discussed the future of the Kokomo schools and the direction the school is taking.

10/17/21 Debbie Norris of Howard County Stand down. Debbie talked about this annual event that highlights help for veterans, especially homeless veteran. Booths will be available during the event to help with VA and state benefits, state veterans affairs, food and clothing referrals, and more. The stand down will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at the 685 union hall.

10/21/21 Emily Fritsch, director of Kokomo Excel Center. Talked about the Excel Center, a high school for adults. Opportunities to obtain a full Core-40 diploma, not a GED. Plus advantages in career advancement with an Ivy tech partnership.

10/31/21 Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore. Talked about the upcoming city leaf pickup and limb pickup. Did a re-cap 90n the summer activities in Kokomo with the Summer Concert Series, Kokomo Beach, Parks and trails. Shared info on upcoming Christmas Parade set for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

11/7/21 Dave Dukes Stellantis Talked about the recent announcement of a major investment in the building of the 8 speed transmission in Kokomo and what that means for the area.

11/14/21 Dennine Smith CAM (Coordinated Assistance Ministries) Discussed national Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and activities planned locally including the virtual 5K fundraiser, prayer at noon each day, and the coat giveaway at the Carver Center Friday Nov 19. Also talked about the CAM programs and the move to a new location in March of 2022.

11/21/21 Sgt. Tony Slocum, Indiana State Police PIO, Peru Post. Talked about the holidays and not taking celebrating too far. Tips on holiday shopping, what to do to prevent theft of gifts from cars and from home porches. Also discussed scams and what to look for to keep from being taken in.

11/28/21 Christie Tate, Vice President of Suicide Prevention Coalition of Howard County, discussed the purpose of the coalition, resources for help, most impacted people, and experiences with suicide.

12/5/21 Dennine Smith CAM (Coordinated Assistance Ministries) Discussed new transportation service in Howard County to supplement needs outside the hours of the Kokomo Trolley and Spirit of Kokomo. The service: Howard County Connect, provided by CAM along with United Way of Howard and Tipton Counties, and Adams Auto Group and Mobility.

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12/19 and 26/21 Paul Wyman Howard County Commissioner President. Discussed the investment of Stellantis in the community to ensure that the company will stay in the Kokomo area into the foreseeable future. The recent COVID upsurge was also discussed and how getting vaccinated is helping those who contract the virus are handling it better.