



Webster County CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2013

A Newsletter for Employees of Webster County, IA

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

TRANSPORT OFFICERS:

Ivy Carnelley
Theresa Leffler
Deanna Lau

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER:

Patrick Riley

BILINGUAL CASE MANAGER:

Monica Hamilton

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER:

Dani Sibbitt

TYPIST ADVANCED:

Jenna Carlson

JOB OPENINGS

Webster County has the following positions open:

Social Worker

Dental Hygienist

Refer to the county's website for details!

Fire Prevention Tips for Employees



October is National Fire Safety Month. But fire safety is an important workplace topic throughout the year. While death and injury are the greatest risks, fires also destroy jobs. Preventing fires is everyone's job. We all need to be alert to anything that could cause a fire, and take responsibility to report any problem areas so they can be corrected.

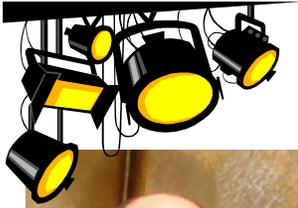
1. Practice good workplace housekeeping. Clutter contributes to fires by providing fuel and by preventing access to exits and emergency equipment.
2. Place oily rags in a covered metal container. This waste must be properly disposed of.
3. Maintain machinery to prevent overheating and friction sparks.
4. Report electrical hazards. Many fires start in faulty wiring and malfunctioning electrical equipment. Never attempt electrical repairs unless you are qualified and authorized.
5. Maintain free access to all electrical control panels. Material or equipment stored in front of the panels would slow down the shutting down of power in an emergency situation.
6. Use and store chemicals safely. Read the label and the Material Safety Data Sheet to determine flammability and other fire hazards. Provide adequate ventilation when using and storing these substances.
7. Use all precautions to prevent ignition in potentially explosive atmospheres such as those containing flammable liquid vapors or fine particles.
8. Help maintain building security to prevent arson fires. Lock up as instructed; report suspicious persons; and don't leave combustible rubbish where it can be set afire outside.
9. Smoke only in designated areas, and extinguish smoking materials safely.
10. Never block sprinklers, firefighting equipment or emergency exits. Observe clearances when stacking materials.
11. Post emergency telephone numbers as well as the company address by the telephone in your station for quick access if a fire were to start in your work area.
12. Learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

- www.safetyxchange.org

ISAC 2014 Scholarships Available

The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) is now accepting scholarship applications. Postmark deadline for applications is December 13, 2013. Eligibility to apply is limited to children of current county officials or employees. At least one (1) \$1,000 scholarship shall be awarded annually. The candidates must be seniors in high school who plan to attend any college requiring at least a minimum of two (2) years for a degree. The criteria used in awarding the scholarship will be scholastic achievement, financial need, participation in extracurricular/community activities and overall character. Scholarships will be awarded at the ISAC Spring School in March. The application can be found on the ISAC website www.iowacounties.org under "Quick Links". All rules and regulations are included on the application form.





Get to Know...

Joe Peterson

**Field Appraiser,
Assessor's Office**

Years at Webster Co. = 1

I've been married to my high school sweetheart Allison for 19 years. We have 2 daughters, Natalie-13 and Macey-10. We also have lots of pets including 3 dogs, 2 degus and a bunch of fish.



When you were young, what was your favorite TV show?

Gilligan's Island

What would you do with a million dollars?

Spend it unwisely.

What chore do you secretly enjoy doing?

I enjoy cooking but don't tell my wife.

Beach, country or city?

All three in the same day.

Who do you admire and why?

This would be the perfect time to say my boss, right?

What makes you laugh?

My two favorite shows, Ridiculousness and The Voice.

If you could go on an all-expense paid vacation, where would you go?

Ireland

What is your all-time favorite snack?

Hot Tamales

Do you currently serve as a volunteer?

I'm a volunteer volleyball coach with Parks and Rec. I've also helped them with softball and basketball.

Happy Halloween 



Service Anniversaries

We would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service to Webster County as of October 2013. We're very fortunate to have all of you! We appreciate your service, loyalty and dedication.

40 years:	Carol Messerly , Auditor
33 years:	Jeanette Thanupakorn , Assessor
30 years:	Judy Cosgrove , Recorder
29 years:	Allison Ripperger , MIS
25 years:	Jim Stubbs , Sheriff
23 years:	Denise Osterberg , County Attorney
22 years:	Jolene Daniels , County Attorney
21 years:	Dale Anderson , Secondary Roads
15 years:	Angela Harrison , Child Support Recov.
13 years:	Tony Jorgensen , Emergency Mgmt.
9 years:	Colleen Nahnsen , Recorder
8 years:	Laura Montgomery , Sheriff Office
7 years:	Scott Licht , Secondary Roads
5 years:	Chris O'Brien , Sheriff Deputy
	Sonya Nickelson , Secondary Roads
2 years:	Josh Pyle , Jail
	Mindy Jacobs , Treasurer (MV)
1 year:	Jeff Heun , Secondary Roads
	Amy Porter , Human Resources



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS SUN. NOV. 3, 2:00am**

WC Babies!

Shawna Dencklau, Jail, and husband **Jerod** welcomed daughter **Alyssa Ann** on September 19th. She was 19" long and weighed 7 lb. 13 ¼ oz.

Darren Herzog, Conservation, and wife **Amy** welcomed son **Brock Alan** on October 1st. He weighed 7 lb. 12 oz.



CONGRATS!