



Webster County CONNECTION

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A Newsletter for Employees of Webster County, IA

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Emily Elkin,
Case Manager

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Kristine Condon,
Emergency Prep.
Coordinator

New Courses on Online University:

New safety training courses have been assigned to all Webster County employees on IMWCA's Online University for the 6 month period of Jan. 1 through June 30, 2014. Please login to your Online University account to begin taking your courses anytime. All current courses must be completed by June 30. Contact Amy in HR if you have any questions.

Wellness Corner: Join Live Healthy Iowa!

Join thousands of Iowans in Live Healthy Iowa's 10 Week Wellness Challenge! Over the course of 10 weeks, January 27—April 4, teams of 2-10 people track their activity minutes and/or weight loss through the Live Healthy Iowa website. This simple and affordable challenge provides Iowans an opportunity to improve their health while engaging in a fun, friendly competition.

FT insured employees will also earn 1 point (\$50) towards their \$250 Wellness Program Gift Card for 2014! We need as many employees as possible to participate to insure that we receive the 5% maximum discount on premiums again next year.

It's not too late to get started— but HURRY! The competition begins THIS Monday, January 27th:

1. Build your team of 2-10 people and choose a team name and a team captain. Gather the name, email address, t-shirt size and payment of each team member (\$20). The wellness committee will reimburse \$10 of this fee to employees who participate throughout the 10 weeks and track progress regularly.
2. Go to www.livehealthyiowa.org and click "Join Today". Single teams click "Register Your Team". You may use the **Group ID: LHIWCE**.
3. Complete the registration fields and submit your online payment.

Participants receive:

- T-shirt
- Weekly motivational emails and personal online tracking page
- Unlimited access to recipes, workouts and health information on the LHI website.
- Chances to win incentives and prizes
- One year magazine subscription, and more!
- Visit www.livehealthyiowa.org for more information.



Employees: Leave of Absence Request Forms

Please remember to use the Leave of Absence Request form when requesting leaves of absence, and provide to your supervisor for approval. This form should be completed at least 30 days in advance, or as much notice as you are able to provide. The Leave of Absence Request form is available from the Human Resources office or on www.webstercountyyia.org and should be used for any period of over 3 consecutive days when you are not able to work due to a medical reason or for other personal, family medical or military reasons. Health care / Physician Certification forms will only be required if requested, and sent to employees along with the FMLA Notice of Rights and Responsibilities.

Schedule of Events

- * 1/28—**Webster County Blood Drive** (Contact Andy McGill to sign up!)
- * 2/4—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 2/11—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 2/14—Valentine's Day
- * 2/18—**Presidents Day (County holiday)**
- * 2/19—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 2/25—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am

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January—February 2014

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Full Moon Skiing & Hiking

On Friday, January 31st or Friday, February 7th, you can join the public in a free outdoor event at Kennedy Park from 5:00—7:00pm. As the night sky darkens, enjoy the park and trails on skis, snowshoes or winter boots. There will be no charge for the rental of the equipment during this program time. Bring a headlamp to use as you ski—we do have a few to loan out.

On Sat. Feb. 1, Open Cross Country Skiing will be offered at Dolliver Park's South Lodge from 9:00am-11:00am. You may also ski at Brushy Creek N. Campground on Sat. Feb. 8 from 9:00am-11:00am.

Three inches of good snow is required for skiing and snowshoeing. - Karen Hansen, *Naturalist*



Service Anniversaries

We would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service to Webster County as of January 2014. We're very fortunate to have all of you! We appreciate your service, loyalty and dedication.

- 34 years: **Jan Messerly**, Treasurer
- 25 years: **Jayson Heesch**, Sheriff Deputy
- 19 years: **Julie Howell**, Public Health
- 17 years: **Kari Prescott**, Public Health
- 15 years: **Dan Hofbauer**, Secondary Roads
Steve Will, Secondary Roads
Brett Knippel, Sheriff Deputy
- 11 years: **Bobby Stanberg**, Secondary Roads
- 8 years: **Mindy Anderson**, Sheriff Office
Dale Iles, Secondary Roads
Douglas Darrah, Jail
- 7 years: **Keith Dencklau**, Board of Supervisors
- 5 years: **Bob Singer**, Board of Supervisors
- 3 years: **Clark Fletcher**, Board of Supervisors
Kit Anderson, Public Health
- 2 years: **Daymon Peterson**, Secondary Roads
Mathew Royster, Jail
- 1 year: **Merrill Leffler**, Board of Supervisors
Mark Campbell, Board of Supervisors
April Jawish, Treasurer
Austin Scott, Jail

Congratulations to:

Denise Osterberg, County Attorney's Office, on her retirement effective Jan. 24, 2014. Enjoy!

Patrick Shehan, Conservation, and his wife Tabitha, welcomed daughter **Julia Rhyann** on Dec. 20th. Julia was 18 in. long and weighed 7 lb. 1/4 oz.

