



# Webster County CONNECTION

AUGUST 2014

A Newsletter for Employees of Webster County, IA

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

Please join us  
in welcoming:

### Brittany Eastwood

Case Manager  
Community Services

### Ashley Ruge

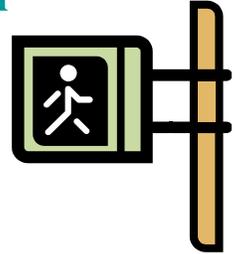
Dental Hygienist  
Public Health

## NEW COUNTY APPLI- CATION PROCESS

Webster County is soon launching a new software system called NEOGOV to improve the hiring process for job seekers and personnel managers. Job seekers are able to quickly apply online to positions currently open via Webster County's website. Interested candidates can apply for current vacancies or submit "Interest Cards" for new openings that become available. This new software also allows hiring managers to more effectively create minimum qualifications to sort through a pool of applicants. Call Amy in HR with any questions!

## Webster County's Walking Program

The final wellness program of the 2014 wellness program year is a Walking Program and will kick off with Lunch and Learns on **Thursday, August 28th**. Please join us that day in the Courthouse Conference Room at **11:00am, 11:45am or 12:30pm** for lunch and a brief presentation on the benefits of walking for exercise. An 8:00am session will be offered at Kennedy Park for the Secondary Roads employees. You must RSVP to attend the lunch and learns—please call or email Amy in HR by Tuesday, Aug. 26 with the session you would like to attend. The program will officially begin on September 1 (Labor Day) and will end on October 10th.



The program is very easy—simply commit to 6 weeks of walking and use a walking log to chart your weekly progress. There is no set number of steps to take or miles to travel—you set your own personal weekly walking goal and attempt to achieve it! At the end of the six weeks, you turn in your walking log to the wellness committee. Health insurance participants completing the program will earn an additional \$50 gift card from ISAC, if you have not already completed five wellness programs or activities this year. Walking program packets will be available at the Lunch and Learns, on the Webster County website and also by email.

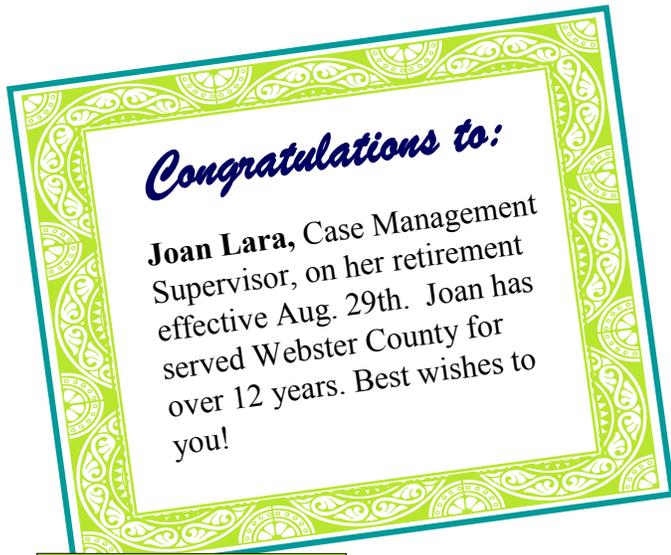
Where should you walk? In 2013, Webster County was asked to create walking paths located near county workplaces. These walking paths are posted throughout the county and are also available on the Webster County website. We encourage you to use these before or after work or during break times. They are a safe and convenient way to add steps to your day. To assist even further in meeting your goals, the Webster County Wellness Committee will start a walking group that will meet in several locations throughout the six week program. Watch for an update with more details on this!

You may set a Distance Goal or a Time Spent Walking Goal—it's up to you! If setting a distance goal, you may use a pedometer, the wellness committee mapped walking paths, or there are several apps available on smart phones that will track your distance. Two freebies to try are MapMyWalk and Every Body Walks. Good luck!

## Dayton Rodeo Discounts for WC Employees

The Dayton Rodeo Committee would like to offer discounted tickets to all Webster County Employees for this year's 77th Dayton Championship Rodeo. Discounted tickets will be available for the Friday night and Monday afternoon performances only. The cost of these adult tickets will be \$10.00 dollars, normally \$18.00. Performance times are 7 PM on Friday, August 29th and 1:30 PM on Monday, September 1st. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets is asked to contact Luke Fleener at 515-571-2831 no later than August 27th. Details about the 77th Dayton Championship Rodeo can be found at [daytonrodeo.com](http://daytonrodeo.com).





### Calendar of Events

- \* 8/28—Lunch and Learns for Walking Program
- \* 8/29—Dayton Rodeo (see article for discounts)
- \* 9/1—County Walking Program Begins
- \* 9/1—**Labor Day (County holiday)**
- \* 9/2—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 9/9—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 9/16—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 9/22—Autumn Begins
- \* 9/23—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 9/30—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am



## Service Anniversaries

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

- 41 years: **Michael Vandi**, Secondary Roads
- 40 years: **Kim Smith**, Assessor
- 24 years: **Randy Sheker**, Secondary Roads
- 20 years: **Brenda Angstrom**, Treasurer (MV)
- 18 years: **Rod Strait**, Sheriff Dept.
- 15 years: **David Lee**, Secondary Roads  
**Rod Warehime**, Secondary Roads
- 14 years: **Carol Gillette**, Community Services  
**Janet Gadbury**, Community Services
- 9 years: **Carolyn Clark**, Treasurer (MV)
- 8 years: **Mike Kenyon**, Sheriff Dept.
- 7 years: **Doreen Pliner**, Auditor
- 6 years: **Jen Sheda**, Public Health  
**Brian Nellis**, Jail  
**Shawna Dencklau**, Jail
- 5 years: **Tanner Nowell**, Jail  
**Chad Hicks**, Secondary Roads
- 3 years: **Trin Lewis**, Community Services
- 2 years: **Joe Tofilon**, Attorney
- 1 year: **Adam Winninger**, Child Support Recov.  
**Ryan Baldrige**, Attorney  
**Tasha Nielsen**, Conservation  
**Mike Williamson**, Jail Transport

## Webster Warriors Take Second in Division

The Webster County Warriors Dragon Boat Team did the county proud on Saturday, August 9th at the CJ Bio America Badger Lake Dragon Boat Bash at Kennedy Park. The team participated in two time trials in the morning, and began racing in the afternoon. Placed in the Silver B Division, the Warriors placed second with a time of 2.033! Special thanks to the Webster County Vending Committee and to all of the county employees who came out to support the Warriors in their second year of Dragon Boat racing. Front row: Angie Roderick, Monica Hamilton, Jamie Saxton, Tricia Nichols, Jen Chance, Missy Grell, Mya Johll, Lindsay Kavanaugh and Allison Roderick. Middle: Jamie Johll, Jan Messerly, Karen Schoon, Kristine Condon, Tanya Martinson, Kari Prescott, Brandi Alexander, Laura Geist and Doreen Pliner. Back: Joe Peterson, Jordan Brackey, Andy McGill, Ryan Weidemann, Brian Prescott and Kent Pliner.

