



# Webster County CONNECTION

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*A Newsletter for Employees of Webster County, IA*

## JOB OPENINGS

Webster County is currently seeking applications for the following positions:

CLASS A EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DEPUTY SHERIFF (CIVIL SERVICE EXAM)

See [www.webstercountyia.org](http://www.webstercountyia.org) for more information.

## Blood Drive is Jan. 22nd

Webster County will host a blood drive on **Friday, January 22, 2016 from 8:00 am to 1:30 PM** in the Courthouse 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room.

We have many slots available. City and State employees, friends or family members are welcome to participate.

Contact Andy McGill at x3733 to schedule an appointment or to receive a link to schedule your own appointment online. Thank you!

## Safety Spotlight: Extension Cords & Power Strips

As the temperature drops, the use of extension cords, surge protectors and power strips increases. We use extension cords for a wide variety of things during winter. Space heaters, holiday lights, crock pots for pot luck lunches and parties– the list goes on.

Below are some basic safety tips to keep you, your home and your workplace safe as you use extension cords and power strips. Failure to use these electrical devices in a safe manner creates hazards that can cause significant personal injury or fire. Remember, wherever electricity is present the risk of heat and electrical shock is also present.

### **Don't:**

Do not use extension cords as a “permanent” wiring solution.

Do not use damaged cords, surge protectors or power strips.

Do not plug one extension cord into another (piggy backing or daisy chaining). If extra length is required, purchase a longer extension cord. The same goes for surge protectors and power strips.

Do not run extension cords through doorways or windows.

Do not use an adaptor to plug a three-prong plug into a two-prong outlet.

### **Do:**

Always inspect an extension cord, surge protector and power strip before each use to ensure the insulating cover, plug and prong are in proper condition.

Only use cords, surge protectors and power strips that are labeled as approved by a laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL), and which are equipped with a three-prong plug.

Use extension cords for only temporary uses. Unplug when not in use.

Use power strips only for their intended use and make sure to not exceed the rated power rating of the strip.

Ensure the cord plug fits securely into the outlet. If the connection is loose, have an electrician replace the outlet.

Use a GFCI outlet for outside or wet indoor situations.



## FDCSD Vote Scheduled for Feb. 2nd

On February 2nd, a vote will be held concerning the Fort Dodge Community School District for the purpose of building a new elementary school, adding safety and security features to existing schools and to remodel and expand portions of the high school.

The school district invites the public to join them during the following times (come-and-go) to learn more about the bond issue, ask questions you may have, and to tour the high school spaces that would be impacted by the bond:

- Monday, January 25th from 5-6 p.m. in the high school library
- Tuesday, January 26th, from 5-8 p.m. in the high school library
- Thursday, January 28th from 6-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria

Visit the FDCSD website to learn more:

<http://www.fdschools.org/index.cfm?nodeID=85445&audienceID=1>

## Schedule of Events

- \* 1/26—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 2/2—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 2/9—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 2/14—Valentine's Day
- \* 2/15—**Presidents Day (County holiday)**
- \* 2/16—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- \* 2/23—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am

# Jan-Feb 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

## Wellness Program 2016

Very soon you will receive all of the materials you will need to begin participating in the 2016 ISAC wellness program. In the meantime, here is a brief overview of what you can expect with this year's program. Watch for more information very soon!

### PROGRAM OPTIONS

- Completion of preventive exam AND completion of online Wellness Assessment (\$50 gift card)
- Completion of activity programs (\$50 gift card for each with a maximum of 3 = \$150)
- Maximum total incentive is \$200 in gift cards

### 2016 REQUIREMENTS

- In order to earn gift card incentives, you must be registered on Wellmark.com, and on the Wellmark Wellness Center within the site. If you have previously registered, you will just need to login to the Wellmark Wellness Center in 2016 to activate your eligibility to earn gift cards in 2016.

### OTHER DETAILS

- Gift cards will be distributed AS you earn them.
- There are no Live Healthy Iowa programs, such as the LHI 10 Week Challenge or Burst Your Thirst, eligible for incentives this year.
- Three TAVI programs (Bounce, Fiscal Fitness and LOL) will be offered, in addition to 1-2 county programs.

All materials needed will be distributed throughout the year, and added to the Webster County website. Contact Amy Porter in HR with any questions!



## Service Anniversaries

We would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service to Webster County as of January 2016. We're very fortunate to have all of you! We appreciate your service, loyalty and dedication.

36 years:	<b>Jan Messerly</b> , Treasurer
27 years:	<b>Jayson Heesch</b> , Sheriff Deputy
21 years:	<b>Julie Howell</b> , Public Health
19 years:	<b>Kari Prescott</b> , Public Health
17 years:	<b>Dan Hofbauer</b> , Secondary Roads <b>Steve Will</b> , Secondary Roads <b>Brett Knippel</b> , Sheriff Deputy
13 years:	<b>Bobby Stanberg</b> , Secondary Roads
10 years:	<b>Mindy Anderson</b> , Sheriff Office <b>Dale Iles</b> , Secondary Roads
9 years:	<b>Keith Dencklau</b> , Board of Supervisors
7 years:	<b>Bob Singer</b> , Board of Supervisors
5 years:	<b>Clark Fletcher</b> , Board of Supervisors <b>Kit Anderson</b> , Public Health
4 years:	<b>Daymon Peterson</b> , Secondary Roads
2 years:	<b>Merrill Leffler</b> , Board of Supervisors <b>Mark Campbell</b> , Board of Supervisors <b>Emily Elkin</b> , Community Services <b>Valerie Kittleson</b> , Public Health
1 year:	<b>Lindsay Boeckman</b> , Recorder <b>Hans Becker</b> , County Attorney <b>Krystal Steck</b> , Child Support Recovery