



Webster County CONNECTION

DECEMBER 2016

A Newsletter for Employees of Webster County, IA

**WELCOME
NEW
EMPLOYEES!**

SHERIFF OFFICE:

Roxanne Leadley
Clerk

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Valerie Newsome
Family Support
Worker

THANK YOU

To all employees who participated in the Wellness Program in 2016. We achieved the maximum 5% discount on our renewal! With the steeply rising costs of health coverage, it is more important than ever that we keep hitting this goal—we so appreciate your willingness to do your part.

2017 Wellness Program Kick-Off

****Watch for announcements in January****

Please join us at employee meetings in January to learn about the new Wellness program for 2017. Once again employees will be able to complete program options between January 1 and October 31, 2017. Representatives from Webster County's wellness committee will conduct the meetings and be able to answer any questions you may have about the new program. This program is based on the number of completed activities. Activities offered range from preventive exams, wellness assessments, 3 TAVi programs (Tasty Twist, Here and Now and Take Your Pick) and 1-2 additional programs offered by the wellness committee.

How does the program differ from 2016?

The only difference is the programs available. Employees may again earn gift cards up to \$200. Completion of BOTH the online wellness assessment and a preventive exam will earn employees a \$50 gift card. Wellmark will continue to pull claims monthly to check for preventive exams and give credit to those who have completed it, HOWEVER—self reporting your exam is encouraged. Employees earn additional \$50 gift card for each program completed, up to \$150. Employees will receive gift cards in the mail as activities are completed. Once again, to be eligible to earn gift cards, you must have registered / logged in to Wellmark.com in 2017.

Wellness Committee members will be inviting you to attend a meeting in January to learn more about the programs being offered this year. Stay tuned!

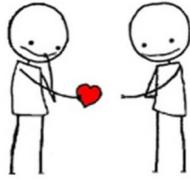
Webster County Cares and Shares!

Adding a competitive edge to this year's Caring and Sharing Program definitely made it a huge success! County employees collected an impressive amount of food and supplies for both The Lord's Cupboard and the Almost Home animal shelter! Thank you!!



Paying It Forward

Webster County Social Worker Janet Gadbury has a special story to share this Christmas: "I had an angel in the grocery store literally surprise me, and pay for my groceries last week! Almost \$81 dollar's worth!! Anyway, that freed up some money to be able to contribute to the county's *Animal Shelter & Lord's Cupboard* drive. My spouse is retired so things are especially tight at this time of year, & I didn't know if I was going to be able to participate. This unexpected Christmas gift freed me up to be able to really contribute. It was such a blessing and I wanted to pass it on! My angel in the grocery store allowed me to bless others, including the consumers that we serve here at Webster Co. Community Services who utilize *The Lord's Cupboard* and other food pantries frequently."



Pay it forward



Service Anniversaries

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

- 32 years: **Dave Scherff**, Conservation
- 29 years: **Lori Owen**, Assessor
- 21 years: **Randy Wood**, Secondary Roads
- 17 years: **Jamie Saxton**, Public Health
- 9 years: **Ryan Weidemann**, Engineer
Geoff Miller, Sheriff Deputy
- 2 years: **Deb Schmehr**, Community Services
Brad McIntyre, County Attorney
- 1 year: **Bret Mentzer**, Secondary Roads
Nic Lentsch, Secondary Roads



Carol Messerly, on your retirement after 43 years of service to the County!



Schedule of Events

- * 12/27—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 1/1—**New Year's Day** (observed Jan. 2 for M-F staff)
- * 1/3—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 1/10—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 1/12—**Leadership Fort Dodge class visits the courthouse**
- * 1/17—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 1/24—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 1/31—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am

Dec 2016-Jan 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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