

County Chatter

WELCOME

Welcome to a new version of an old newsletter – The County Chatter. Articles that will be presented are meant to be informative, educational, and fun. You can expect to get this on a monthly basis; in both printed form, and on the County website. We want to have it available to you as a “fast read” in order to keep up to date on County issues. Any suggestions or information for future topics are always welcome.

-Lolita Olson
County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator/HR Director



Judge Harrington swears in Deputy Registers-in-Probate, Amanda Shafer, Caitlin Flanigan, Tonya Haremza, and Clerk of Circuit Court, Shannon Anderson

The County Board of Supervisors voted to approve merging the Register-in-Probate duties with the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, at their monthly meeting in February.

PRESCRIPTION UPDATE

Our health plan is now using CVS/Caremark to manage our prescription care and associated costs.

HOW THIS CHANGE MAY AFFECT YOU:

You do not need to use a CVS Pharmacy, unless you are getting a specialty medication. Specialty meds must be obtained either through a CVS Pharmacy or through CVS/Caremark mail order. A list of the most commonly used specialty meds has been mailed directly to your home from our carrier. A copy of the list is also available in the Personnel Office. For specific information regarding your prescription benefit coverage, please visit www.caremark.com or contact CVS at 1.866.818.6911

Happy Anniversary to the following employees

- Brigitte Hanson
- Michelle Parenteau
- Cheri Nickell
- Julie Wilcox
- Ricky Voelker
- Gretchen Nielsen
- Todd Eggers
- Shauna Lindstrom
- Carol Buck
- Lisa Powers
- Tom Boron
- Amy Tyler
- Jill Matthys
- Mary Everett
- Susan Jostad

VITAL RECORDS

Statewide Issuance (SWI) of vital records became effective January 3, 2017. SWI of vital records allows Register of Deeds offices to issue records of birth, death, marriage, and divorce from ALL Wisconsin counties, if the records are enabled in the Statewide Vital Records Information System (SVRIS). Previously, the request needed to be made in the county in which the event occurred. For further information, please contact the Washburn County Register of Deeds office at 715.468.4616 or email regdeeds@co.washburn.wi.us

COUNTY MUTUAL CARE LINE

The County Mutual Care Line is a 24/7 telephonic registered nurse triage service for work-related injuries. The benefits to us as employees are:

- You can speak with a live registered nurse immediately following an injury
- This is NOT an insurance adjuster – it is an independent third party
- You are provided with valuable, convenient home care remedies to treat the injury
- If medical treatment is needed the Care Line Nurse will provide assistance with appointment scheduling and preparing the clinic for your arrival

WORKER'S COMPENSATION INJURIES - AVAILABLE 24/7

Our Nurses can help with:

- » Providing general guidance after you sustain an injury
- » Finding a medical facility near your jobsite and/or home
- » Coordinating modified work program with your physician
- » Obtaining a return-to-work document for your supervisor
- » Assisting you in finding appropriate medical care
- » Assisting with scheduling follow-up appointments
- » Helping you find specialist care, when a referral is warranted

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

COUNTY MUTUAL CARE LINE™
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1-855-650-6580

MANDATORY FOR USE ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION INJURIES

County Mutual
Missouri County Mutual Insurance Corporation

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REPORTING ON THE JOB INJURIES

- Immediately following a work-related injury, report injury to your supervisor and complete a First Notification of Injury form
- Send completed forms to the Personnel Office
- Call the Care Line toll-free number
- The Care Line Nurse will ask about your injury and recommend self-care techniques or medical treatment
- If medical treatment is sought, the Care Line nurse will schedule an appointment with the clinic of convenience and will forward the call report to the clinic.
- The Care Line Nurse will provide the employee's call report to the Work Comp claims adjuster, and to the claim contact in the Personnel Office. This may include a summary of the call, self-care recommendations, job restrictions, and medical treatment information.

This process benefits you by helping address injuries faster; it benefits the County by potentially lowering claim costs. Your coworkers miss you when you're off due to an injury, and we are hoping this no-cost program will help the entire County.