

# Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter

July 15, 2015



## Let's get to know those that work in the Courthouse!

The June Newsletter featured the picture of the little puppy to the left. Did you guess Sasha?



The following is a little personal information provided by Josh Johnson, shown above with Sasha:

**Start date with Dickinson County:** July 11 2011

**Where born:** Unknown - rescued

**Places Lived:** Des Moines, Spirit Lake

**Hobbies, talents, special interests:** Finding drugs and tracking people

**Favorite Travel Spots:** Des Moines

**Favorite Food:** Fries & lifesaver mints

**Least Favorite Food:** Nothing

**If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things):** Dog toy, hair brush, & dog food

**Something Few Know About Me:** I am a rescued dog from Des Moines. The Sheriff's Office purchased me from Midwest K-9 in 2011. I am trained to locate narcotics and to track the human scent.

**Favorite thing to do in Dickinson County:** Find drugs

### Favorite Recipe:

#### PET COOKIES

Makes ±2 dozen

2 cups wheat germ

3 (2.5 ounce) jars strained chicken baby food

1-tablespoon water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a medium bowl, mix the wheat germ, baby food, and water together. Add more water if necessary to form dough. Roll dough into 1-inch balls and place on cookie sheet. Flatten slightly with a fork dipped in water. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes in the preheated oven.

### County Benefits:

What are all the benefits currently offered to the Dickinson County employees and where do you find out more about them. Starting with the February newsletter, all the current benefits will be listed here and then each newsletter

thereafter will have a more detailed explanation about at least one benefit. **For any additional information about these benefits, please stop by the Auditor's office.**

- Health Insurance – Blue Cross/Blue Shield through Iowa Association of Counties – featured in the February 2015 issue
- Dental Insurance – Delta Dental – featured in the April 2015 issue.
- Retirement benefit – Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS) – featured in this issue.
- Deferred Compensation Plan – Nationwide through National Association of Counties – featured in the March 2015 issue.
- Advantage Flex Plan- pretax offerings
- **Personal Accident Insurance Program through Iowa Association of Counties (ISAC) - for those electing to take County Health Insurance**
- Voluntary Accident Insurance Plan – CHUBB Group offered through Iowa Association of Counties – paid for by the employee
- Cancer Insurance – Short Term Disability & Hospitalization through AFLAC
- Cancer Insurance through American Heritage.

### **Personal Accident Insurance Program:**

A Basic Accident Insurance Plan is offered at no cost to all employees on either of the Dickinson County health insurance plans – single or family. This insurance plan provides coverage 24 hours a day – worldwide – on or off the job and while traveling for business or pleasure. The insurance applies to accidental loss of life, dismemberment or bodily injury (except as limited by the exclusions included in the booklet provided at the Auditor's office).

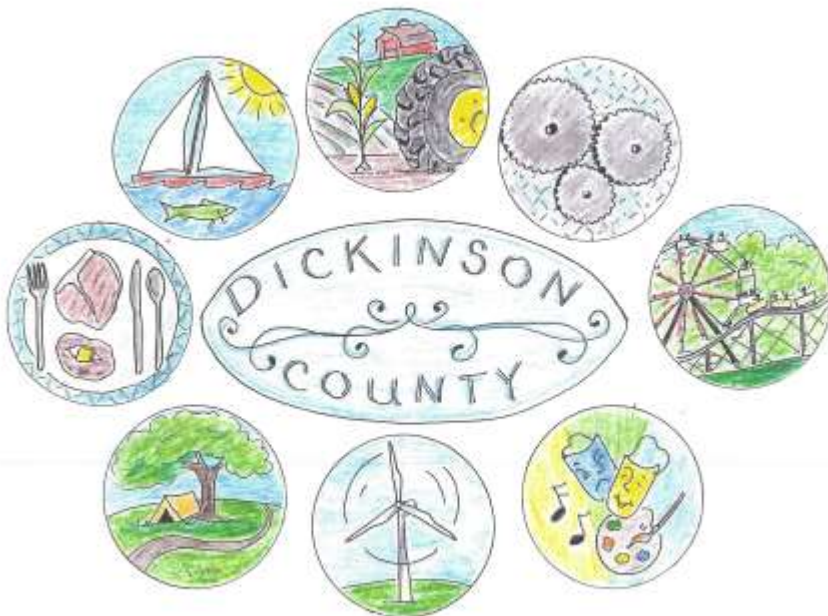
Plan Benefits include:

Plan 1: Employee only – eligible employees receive a principal sum amount of \$35,000.

Plan 2: Employee and Family – eligible employees receive a principal sum amount of \$35,000. The plan insures your spouse for 50% of your benefit amount if there are no dependent children, and 40% when there are dependent children. Dependent children are insured for 15% of your benefit amount when there is no spouse, and 10% when the spouse is part of the family make-up.

For additional information on this benefit, contact the Auditor's office and they can provide you with information.

### **Dickinson County Has a New County Flag:**



Congratulations to Rebecca Lev from Lake Park, Iowa for her winning design of the new Dickinson County flag! A board composed of Dickinson County employees chose Rebecca's artwork. After receiving 105 entries, this group then each placed a ballot for their 3 favorite entries. The contest began in April and the winner was chosen Memorial Day weekend. The flags should arrive in late July and one will be on display in the community room at the courthouse. All entries can be seen at the Veterans Affairs office located at the courthouse. Dickinson County thanks all of those who participated and a special thank you to students at the Okoboji Middle School who made designing a county flag as part of an art project. All entries were thoughtful and well received.

## **July Spotlight:**

**Get to know more about those who work for Dickinson County!**



Find out more about this County employee in the August issue. In the meantime, can you guess who this is?

Sasha's quote of the month is "Ruff"!

**"Be the person your dog thinks you are."**

- Unknown -