

Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter

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Employee

Spotlight!

Let's get to know our County employees!

The April Newsletter featured the picture of the little girl to the left. Did you guess Kandi Kolpin? Kandi has worked for Dickinson County In the Sheriff's office since 2012.

The following is a little personal information provided by Kandi.

Start date with Dickinson County:

November 19, 2012

Where born: Sac City, Iowa

Places Lived: Galva, LeMars, & Spirit Lake

Hobbies, talents, special interests: Walking, boating, music, necklaces, Pinterest

Favorite Travel Spots: Any place warm

Favorite Food: Smoked pork chops, bean soup

Least Favorite Food: Liver

If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things): My husband, Robin, A Gerber tool, and a fan

Something Few Know About Me: I used to process baby pigs - teeth, tails, and neuter

Favorite thing to do in Dickinson County: Walk the trails, boat, & just enjoy the lake.

The County Safety Committee is going to offer training in "A.L.i.C.E." -

This might just save lives:

A.L.I.C.E. is a crisis training program that stands for Alert, Lockdown, Information, Counter and Evacuation. As another form of safety preparedness the A.L.i.C.E. program gives participants insight and response options when encountering an active shooter.

The February 2014 county newsletter featured an article about ALICE training. Since then the Safety Committee has been looking for a training class that could be presented to the County employees in the courthouse. **ALICE Training has scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2014.** Two general sessions will be held in the morning in the Community Room. One will begin at 8:30 and the other to begin at 10:30. In the afternoon the presenter will go to each office in the building and go through a demonstration so each office will have hands on training as to what to do in the office if a situation would arise. A schedule will be set up so offices will know what time this will happen in their office area.

- **A – Alert.** This could be the sounds of gunshot or a visual
- **L – Lockdown.** Only lockdown if you cannot evacuate. Once the door is locked – make a plan to counter if the shooter enters your area.
- **I – Inform.** Once you are safe, call 911! Communicate the Shooters Location.
- **C – Counter.** If faced with a shooter and you have no other choice, counter. Throw things, make noise, create chaos. You may have the chance to take down the shooter.
- **E – Evacuate.** When safe to do so, remove yourself from the danger zone. Flee the area and go to your rally point. Know your exits. Leave your belongings and go!



Dickinson County Resolution No. 2014-8

After discussion at several of the Supervisors’ meetings and no action taken at the State level, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed resolution #2014-8 regarding off-road utility and all-terrain vehicle operation in Dickinson County. It is as follows:

WHEREAS Dickinson County has considered the growing popularity and use of Off-Road Utility Vehicles (ORU) and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), AND

WHEREAS Dickinson County acknowledges that the operation of such vehicles is regulated by Iowa Code Section 321, specifically Sections 321.20B and 321.234A, which statutes allow counties to designate county roads upon which such vehicles may be operated, AND

WHEREAS the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, in consultation with the Dickinson County Engineer and Dickinson County Sheriff, has evaluated traffic conditions on all County highways and roadways, determining that off-road utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles can be safely operated on all such roadways, with the exception of Level C roadways, without interfering with or causing an undue hazard to conventional motor vehicle traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: That registered and properly licensed all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles may be operated by licensed drivers on Dickinson County roadways (with the exception of Level C roads) from the date of adoption of this Resolution.

Barb Woodley is retiring!



Please join Barb on Friday May 30, 2014
From 1:30 to 3:30 in the Community Room of the Dickinson
County Courthouse to HONOR Barb for her 27+ years of
service to Dickinson County.

Below are a few words from Barb about her years with Dickinson County:

"I thank David Gottsche for hiring me and starting me on a long career with Dickinson County Planning and Zoning, Environmental Health and Purchasing. My first work day was Sept. 3, 1986. Later in 1995, David Kohlhaase became my supervisor. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 27+ years with the county. Other than the normal office duties, every day was different, fielding a variety of questions or requests. Working in the courthouse, I was fortunate to learn about all branches of county government which is really interesting, and also worked closely with the Iowa Dept. of Public Health and Iowa DNR. I have always worked with a great bunch of co-workers who over the years have become close friends. My plans for retirement are sleeping in past 6 a.m., some house update projects, fishing, bicycling, reading, and attending grandchildren's sports events. We will do some traveling and

maybe a month in the winter in some warmer climate. My last day on the job is Friday, May 30th. I will sure miss all of the courthouse "family"!"

9 Things Happy People Don't Do:

This article was given to me and suggested that it be shared in the county newsletter. Although some of the article might be condensed for the newsletter, one thing happy people don't do will be in each of the next 6 newsletters. The article was written by Dan Baker, PhD of the Bottom Line Publications.

NUMBER 3: Happy people DON'T feel trapped. They focus on the options that remain, even when outside forces greatly restrict the paths open to them. That keeps them from feeling like helpless victims, a common source of unhappiness.



May Spotlight:

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

Find out more about this little girl in the June issue.
In the meantime, can you guess who this is?

Motivational quote for the month:

*Strive not to be a success,
but rather to be of value. —Albert Einstein*