



Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter April 2013

April 15, 2013

Employee Spotlight! Let's get to know our County employees!



The March Newsletter featured the picture of the little girl to the left. She is Candy Reuland. Candy is a clerk in the Dickinson County Assessor's office. As you will see below, Candy has worked for Dickinson County since 1980.

Below is a little personal information supplied by Candy.

Candace Reuland:

Start date with Dickinson County

July 1, 1980

Where born: Storm Lake, Iowa

Places Lived: Rembrandt, Ames & Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Hobbies, talents, special interests:

Attending ISU home football games; bowling league; walking (in nice weather).

Favorite Travel Spots:

Mazatlan & Playa Del Carmen, Mexico; Estes park, Colorado

Favorite Food:

My homemade Lasagna & any dessert!

Least Favorite Food:

Cooked liver

If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things):

A friend, food and a lighter

Something Few Know About Me:

I worked as a waitress at Harold's Fisherman's Wharf in Okoboji for two summers – That was when I first became acquainted with the area & many local residents, a few years later, I was a full time resident here.

Favorite thing to do in Dickinson County:

Boating and enjoying all the great shops, restaurants, etc. that our area offers to residents & tourists.

Dickinson County Treasurer – REAL ID driver's licenses:

On January 15, 2013, Dickinson County's driver's license station began offering REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards to anyone residing in Iowa who qualify and present proper documentation. REAL ID-marked cards have a star verification mark on the front of the card in the upper, right-hand corner. REAL ID-marked driver's licenses and identification cards can be used for "**official federal purposes,**" defined as **boarding commercial aircraft, entering federal buildings that require identification and entering nuclear power plants,** as well as for driving or for identification.

New drivers to the state, whether brand new 16-year-old drivers or drivers who have moved in from outside of Iowa, will automatically receive a REAL ID-marked card as they are now required to present the documents required for REAL ID verification at the time of application for a license or identification card. Iowa will continue to issue the **non-REAL ID**-marked driver's licenses and identification cards as well for current Iowa licensed drivers and ID holders, if so desired.

People born after December 1, 1964, must have a REAL ID-marked card by December 1, 2014, in order to use it for *federal official purposes like boarding commercial aircraft*. Those born on or before December 1, 1964, will have until December 1, 2017.

If you'd like a REAL ID-marked card now prior to your license expiring, bring the documents required to prove your identity and residency to the Dickinson County driver's license station and apply for a duplicate card. The cost for a duplicate license or ID is

currently \$1.00, although there is legislation currently pending to increase the fee. These documents verify that you are the person you claim to be, which will help prevent fraud and identity theft from occurring and enhance our national security.”

The required documentation for getting a REAL ID-marked card consists of:

1. Proof of identity, such as an unexpired U.S. Passport or a certified birth certificate issued by a state of the United States
2. Proof of name changes if your name is different than the name on your birth certificate, such as a certified marriage license or divorce decree
3. Social Security Card with your current name
4. Two residency documents showing your name and the physical address where you currently reside, such as a current Iowa driver’s license or identification card, a voter registration card, a pay stub, a credit or debit card statement or a bank statement.

Use the Iowa DOT REAL ID Success link at <http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/realid/success.html> to walk through the steps for success in gathering the correct documentation for getting a REAL ID-marked card.

REAL ID was created in response to the attacks carried out on 9/11/2001, by terrorists using airplanes. Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005, modifying federal law pertaining to security, authentication and issuance standards for states’ driver’s licenses and identification cards. Iowa is now compliant with these standards. The REAL ID law is being phased in federally over several years. People may be able to wait until their DL is up for renewal before applying for a REAL ID-marked card, depending on whether or not they will be flying, entering federal buildings or nuclear power plants. . Even after the individual compliance deadlines pass, valid Iowa DL and ID cards not marked as REAL ID compliant can be used for purposes other than *federal official purposes*, such as driving. Valid U.S. Passports or other acceptable forms of federal identification can also be used for *federal official purposes* instead of a REAL ID-marked card.

Secondary Road Department – Highway 86 Construction

Patience is truly a virtue! The Highway # 86 north project has long been a safety concern to the traveling public of Dickinson County. It is arguably the most dangerous road within the County, but that is about to change. In order to get the project to the drawing board, County officials spent the better part of the last ten (10) years lobbying the Iowa DOT and Federal DOT for support. The project finally received regional support in the mid 2000’s when it attained \$700,000 of federal funding through the nine county Regional Planning Affiliation. Dickinson County added its support by committing \$600,000 worth of local road funds over a three (3) year period. In addition, the two dangerous curves at the Minnesota state line qualified for \$500,000 worth of Traffic Safety funds.

The project has now gone to a project letting and by the time you are reading this many of you will certainly know that the road will be closed to through traffic for the rest of the summer. The bid letting of \$7.414 million came in substantially lower than the \$12 million dollar price tag that the IDOT had originally placed on the project. This is wonderful news.

The project construction phase has a 235 calendar day requirement which began on April 1, 2013. The contract also has an incentive/disincentive clause of \$15,000 per day. In other words, this is a unique project in which the contractor has a high risk /high reward of \$15,000 per calendar day based on the project completion. Incidentally, the 235 calendar days puts the completion date at November 21, 2013.

The project detour will be on Highway # 9 east to Highway # 71, then north to Jackson and Interstate # 90. Thence back westerly to Highway # 86 in Minnesota. However the local route will most likely be to travel up the west side of Big Spirit Lake on County road M49 and thence west on Minnesota County road # 4 to Minnesota Highway # 86

Finally, the new project will be hardly recognizable to the current roadway. The hills will be cut down and the valleys will be filled in. The traveled portion of the road will be 28 feet wide with 4 foot paved shoulders and 4 foot granular shoulders. This will be a substantial improvement to the 24 foot pavement and 4 foot earth shoulders which are currently in place.



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