

# Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter

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## Employee Spotlight!



### **Let's get to know our County employees!**

The November Newsletter featured the picture of the little boy to the left. Did you guess Peter Hart? The following is a little personal information provided by Peter:

**Start date with Dickinson County:** 2-8-2011

**Where born:** Graettinger, Iowa

**Places Lived:** Graettinger, Emmetsburg, Omaha Nebraska and Iowa City for our undergraduate degrees; Chicago, Illinois for law school; then returned to Iowa at Milford, Spencer, and finally back at Emmetsburg,

**Hobbies, talents, special interests:** Spending time with my wife, Colleen, with my five children, with my five grandchildren; spending time with my 5 brothers and 6 sisters and our 70 plus nieces and nephews; spending time with our 50 first cousins and their extended family. I enjoy Biking and

riding Ragbrai with Alissa Julius; Sledding, Ice Skating, and singing in the church choir. I enjoy playing my great grandfather's violin anywhere there is a captive audience.

**Favorite Travel Spots:** Spencer Beach Okoboji, Yellowstone National Park, the Black Hills and San Juan De Sur, Nicaragua, Central America,

**Favorite Food:** almost anything. Among the 12 children in my family of origin, I was our mother's best eater

**Least Favorite Food:** Lutefisk

**If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things):** . my wife, Colleen, is not a thing, but it is she I would bring with me to an Island; next I would bring my rosary and finally, our hand crank short wave radio.

**Something Few Know About Me:** At midnight of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1946, my mother and her sisters were in the family pleasure boat that struck and sank the Chris Craft commercial speedboat that remained missing until 1994. The boat, known as #30, is now on display at the Ia. Great Lakes Maritime Museum in Arnolds Park.

### **A Little more about Peter:**

Peter ran for County Attorney in Palo Alto County this past November 4th. He won his race by receiving over 60% of the votes, so that means the citizens of Dickinson County will be losing Peter. Here are some of the things Peter said about working here in Dickinson County:

"I will sorely miss the attorneys in the Dickinson County Attorney Office, and each of the staff there. The Dickinson County Clerk of Court's personnel are so professional and patient; it's been a joy working with them and with the Dickinson County Sheriff and his staff and dispatchers. The General Relief Director and Sue, and the DHS staff are all outstanding. One of the added benefits in working in the Dickinson County Courthouse has been my getting to know the area Judges there on a daily basis. The professionalism and comradery among and between the County Attorney's office, the Courthouse staff, the Defense Lawyers and our local Judges is truly "Hart-warming". I will surely miss that.

"I feel like Lou Gehrig in Yankee Stadium when he said: "I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth." Working in Dickinson County has been such a blessing. Please stop and see us in Emmetsburg on your way to and from Des Moines. Thanks to each of you for your kindnesses and know I will miss you all." Peter Hart

**We wish Peter the very best as he starts his career as Palo Alto's County Attorney!**

## **Auditor's office - During elections sometimes funny things happen:**

*(The Auditors across the State of Iowa compiled this information. This is just a little of what they put together)*

### **The best or most unusual thing a voter said to me(the Auditor) was:**

- I'll bet you're glad when you have an election to administer so you have break in the action in your office?
- If I vote early will it stop all the commercials on my TV?
- We really appreciate you coming to our city council meeting and letting us criticize your bad decisions and ineptness.
- Do you count the absentee ballots or are they counted only in a close race?
- I was not going to vote but some idiot came to my door and wouldn't leave me alone. So I voted for the other person.
- I burnt my absentee ballot.
- If there was a minimum IQ for people to get to vote, I wouldn't have to deal with you!
- Who should I vote for?
- That wasn't me that voted in your office. Someone else is using my name.
- I heard you shredded this after I vote it.
- Does an envelope from a birthday card that my son mailed me proof of residency?
- If I die, my vote better still count.
- Can you please stop telling my neighbors how I have voted and stop telling people I have not voted yet?
- I want to vote in Osage, but I live in Mason, I spend most of my time at my Mom's so I will vote in Osage.
- What a great idea, using runners instead of making us drive the results back to the courthouse.
- Keep up the good work!

**We all agree with the last one! Nice job Lori, Boots, Tammy, JoLynn, Alissa and all the election workers!**

**Recipe of the month: Starting in January, we will be asking those in the Spotlight to supply their favorite recipe along with their motivational quote.**

### **November Spotlight:**

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

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

### **Motivational quote for the month from Peter:**

**May today there be peace within.**

**May you trust God you are exactly where you are meant to be.**

**May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.**

**May you use the gifts that have been given you.**

**May you pass on the love that has been shared with you.**

**May you be content knowing you are a child of God.**

**Let that presence settle in your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.**

*From St. Theresa of Avila.*



# **Merry Christmas Everyone!**