

# Dickinson County Courthouse Newsletter

April 15, 2016



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



The March Newsletter featured the picture of the little girl to the left. Did you guess Kristin Loken?

***The following is a little personal information provided by Kristin :***

**Start working at Dickinson County:** June 1, 2008

**Where born:** Minneapolis, MN.

**Places Lived:** Anoka, MN. And Milford, Ia.

**Hobbies, talents, special interests:** I like to spend time with my family, go boating and to the beach in the summer. In the winter months our family likes to downhill ski. One of my favorite things to do as a family is go on bike rides to the park with my husband and kids.

**Favorite Travel Spots:** Mexico, Steamboat Springs, CO and to my childhood cabin on Mille Lacs Lake

**Favorite Food:** My favorite food would probably be Mexican or a good salad. Pretty much anything smothered in sriracha sauce.

**Least Favorite Food:** Liver/ onions and Lutefisk.

**If I were stuck on an island, I would bring (3 things):** My kids, husband and a tent.

**Something Few Know about me:** I moved to the Iowa Great Lakes in October 2004 from the Twin Cities after meeting my husband on vacation in Mexico. I grew up in the Twin Cities so there was a big change from big city living to a small town, but I absolutely LOVE it here. I am very grateful I get to raise my children in such a wonderful community.

**Favorite thing to do in Dickinson County:** Boating on Lake Okoboji, bike the trails with my family and go to Arnolds Park with my kids.

## Favorite Recipe: TACO SOUP

1 LB GROUND BEEF

1LB GROUND TURKEY

1 MED ONION, CHOPPED

1 PKG TACO SEASONING

1 PKG DRY RANCH DRESSING

1 (16 OZ) CAN PINTO BEANS

**DIRECTIONS:**

BROWN HAMBURGER/TURKEY WITH ONIONS AND DRAIN EXCESS FAT. IN A CROCKPOT MIX ALL INGREDIENTS TOGETHER. COOK ON LOW FOR 4-6 HOURS, ON HIGH 2-3 HOURS.

SERVE WITH SOUR CREAM, SHREDDED CHEESE AND TORTILLA CHIPS IF DESIRED.

ENJOY ☺

1 (16 OZ) CAN WHOLE KERNEL CORN WITH LIQUID

1 (16 OZ) CAN TOMATO SAUCE

2 (16 OZ) CAN CHILI BEANS

1 (14 OZ) CAN ROTEL WITH CHILES

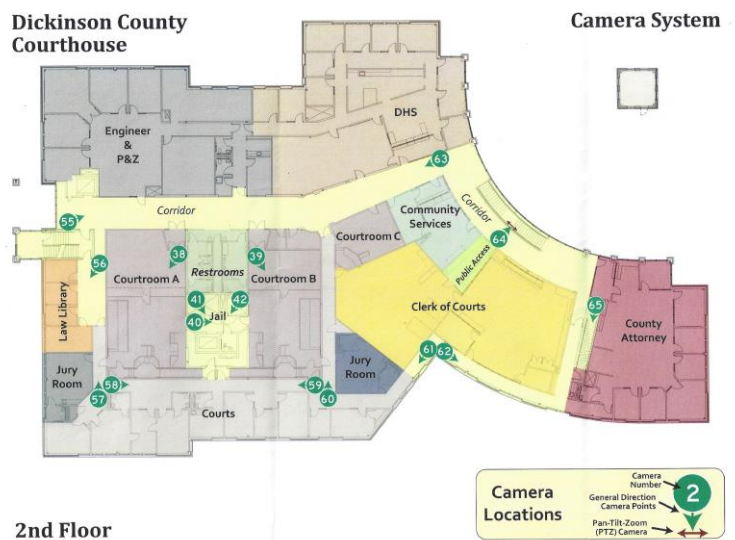
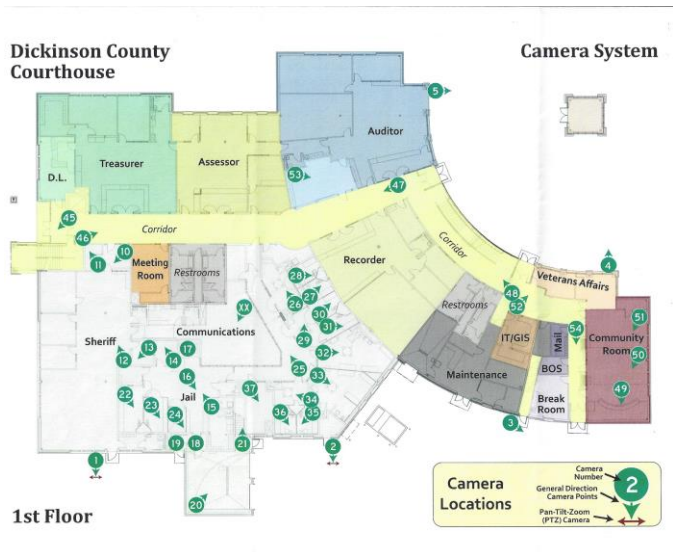
1-2 CUPS WATER – DEPENDING ON HOW THICK YOU WANT SOUP

## Kristin's favorite Motivational Quote:

**"Be an encourager. The world has plenty of critics already." – Dave Willis**

## Security Cameras:

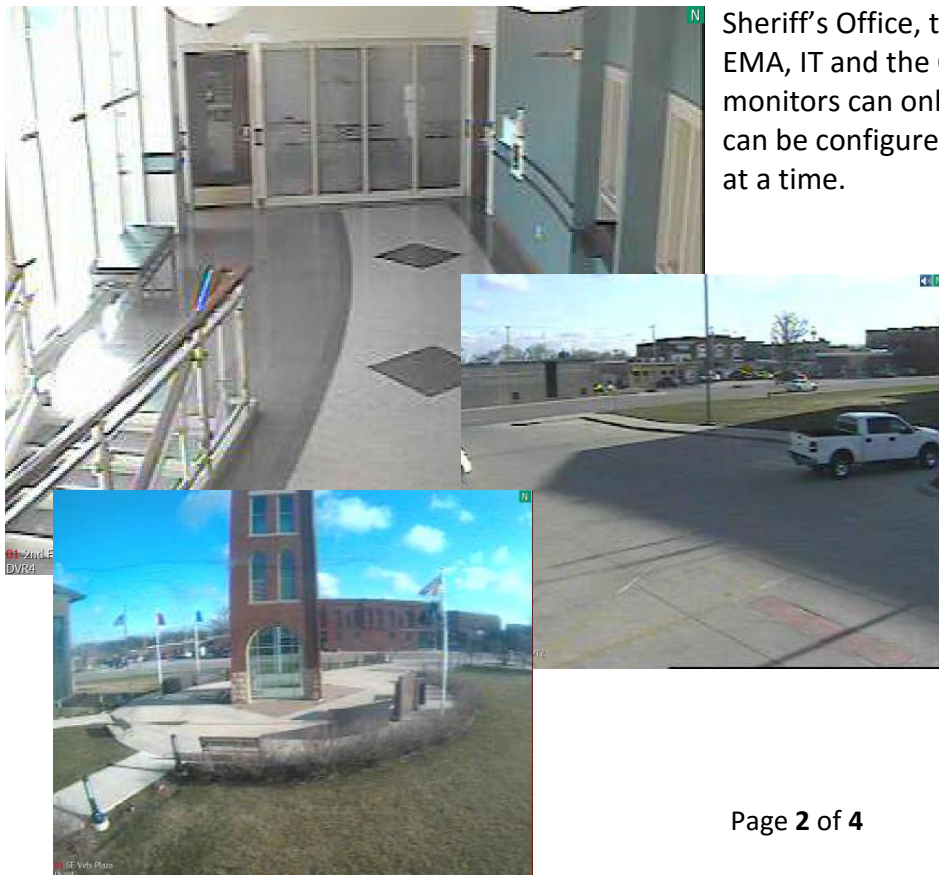
Do you know how many security cameras are currently in and around the Dickinson County Courthouse? Do you know where they are? There are currently 66. Here you see the current location of the cameras in the courthouse. Others are outside as well.



Dickinson County is planning changes in the Courthouse camera security system. A committee met on March 31<sup>st</sup> to review the current system, identify its weaknesses and

evaluate needs for an upgraded system. The committee reviewed the camera views and capabilities of each camera and made a list of locations for additional cameras. They also identified requirements and abilities needed in an upgraded system. An RFP (request for proposal) went out April 13, 2016 to potential vendors. Dickinson County is planning to do this project upgrade in multiple phases with the first phase to be the wiring necessary to complete the selected project proposal.

Below are views from 4 of the current cameras. The monitors to view the security cameras are located in the Sheriff's Office, the Chief Deputy's office, the Jailer's Office, EMA, IT and the Communication Center. Some of these monitors can only view one camera at a time while others can be configured however the user wants, up to viewing 36 at a time.





## Milford Shop Construction Update:



Ron Speckmann, FEH Designs of Sioux City, IA. was contracted by the County as the architect for the Milford Shop. On December 22, 2015, bids for the project were received from seven contractors. Speckmann had been directed by the board to check references on the two low bidders and came back to the Board of

Supervisors with a recommendation to award the bid to WS Construction in the amount of \$2,148,000. WS Construction is based out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A Pre-Construction meeting was held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Valley Construction still needed to finish the site preparation and the testing agency was to verify the compaction. Dan has determined the color selection – neutral metal wall with an 8ft. brick facing and blue trim. These pictures of the Shop site were taken on April 7<sup>th</sup> (above), 12<sup>th</sup> (below left) and again on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Highlights of the Supervisors' Board meetings in March:

- 3-1-16 Fireworks permits, Board Liability, Mobile home tax abatements, Curlyleaf Pond Weed experiment
- 3-8-16 Beer/Liquor licenses, Public hearing/Adoption of County Budget, Compensation of Elected Officers, Contract for new Milford Shop, Health insurance update from Wellmark,
- 3-15-16 Shield Contract, Liquor/Beer Licenses, Generator for the New Milford Shop
- 3-22-16 Liquor/Beer Licenses, Approval of 2 PT Jailers/Transporters
- 3-29-16 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month - no meeting.

At the conclusion of each meeting, the Supervisors review their county related activities for the past week. Below is a list of the additional board responsibilities of each Supervisor. This list can also be found on the County website.

Supervisor Board assignments FY2016				
1-Leupold	2-Allen	3-Gottsche	4-Johnson	5-Jordan
Vice-Chairperson		Chairperson		
RIDES	Seasons Center	Joint Disaster	E911	Housing Task Force
NWIPDC	YES Center	Seasons Center	FEMA Multi-Co Board	RC&D Commission
ISTEA Rep	Third Judicial District	REAP	SHIELD Comm.	Trails Board-Liaison
Water Quality Commission	Upper Des Moines Opp.	Pride Group liason	HAZMAT	Workforce Development
Decat Empowerment Bd.	Water Quality Commission		MH/MR/DD	Landfill Commission
Season Center - Alternate	State Criminal & Juvenile Justice Advisory Council		Lake Park Housing Authority	MHI Citizens Advisory Bd.
NWICC Governance Bd	State Public Safety Advisory Board			REAP-Alternate
Industrial Development	NWICC Governance Bd-alternate			Conservation Board&Foundation-Liaison
Early Child Iowa	NWIPDC-alternate			Lake Park Housing Authority
	Landfill Commission-Alternate			NWI Regional Housing Authority
	County Safety & Security Committee			Board of Health - Liaison
	County Wellness Committee			

## **April Spotlight:**

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

