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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 9-626 / 89-811

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF CLAUDIA PETERSEN AND RICK PETERSEN

Upon the Petition of
CLAUDIA PETERSEN,

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Appellee,

And Concerning
RICK PETERSEN,

Appellant.

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Emmet County, Frank B. Nelson, Judge.

Appellant appeals from the decree dissolving the parties' marriage. **AFFIRMED.**

Faith O'Reilly, Des Moines, and John L. Sandy, Spirit Lake, for appellant.

Joseph L. Fitzgibbons of Fitzgibbons Brothers, Estherville, for appellee.

Considered by Schlegel, P.J., and Hayden and Sackett, JJ.

PER CURIAM 172

In this appeal Rick Petersen claims he should have been awarded primary physical care of the parties' minor child. He requests, if we do not modify the custody award, we increase his visitation. The parties had stipulated to eight weeks' summer visitation and the trial court reduced Rick's visitation to six weeks.

We review the record do novo, Iowa Rule of Appellate Procedure 4, and under the criteria of In re Marriage of Winter, 223 N.W.2d 165, 166-67 (Iowa 1974). In determining custody we look to who is the better parent. We commend both parties for the loving and caring attitudes exhibited toward their child. Either parent would make a proper custodian. We see no reason to disturb the custody award made by the trial court.

We affirm the visitation award made by the trial court. Costs of appeal are assessed to Rick Petersen.

AFFIRMED.