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TOWN of HARRISON's ENGINE 1 "RELEASED" from BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Two years ago, the members of the Harrison Fire Association (HFA) began discussing the possibility of repainting the antique Fire Truck, Engine 1. It was manufactured by the Southworth Machine Company in Portland, Maine, on a 1927 Dodge chassis and was in service for over twenty years. The HFA sought bids for the repainting of Engine 1 and the lowest bid received was \$10,000 which exceeded the financial resources available.

Representative Rick Sykes contacted **Deputy Warden Al Barlow**, head of the Bolduc Correctional Facility, with a request to repaint the apparatus. In September of 2009,

Representative Sykes was notified that Bolduc would take on Engine 1 as a project. The next month, the truck was delivered to **Brad Davis**, the Auto Body Vocational Training Instructor at Bolduc. Brad was impressed with the condition that Engine 1 was in, considering its' age.

Several months passed and some occasional contacts between the facility and the HFA indicated that work was progressing well and Harrison was conducting fund-raising to help offset the material costs. Brad had the running boards replaced and sent the seat to the Maine State Prison to be reupholstered. Nearly eight months later, Rick Sykes was notified that the apparatus would be ready for pickup on May 5, 2010. The prisoner students and Instructor Davis were standing in the garage doorway when the HFA members arrived. All were amazed at the completely restored Engine 1. No detail was left untouched. One prisoner student spent an entire month sanding the four wooden-spokes wheels, with outstanding results.

The HFA members were immensely impressed by the quality of the craftsmanship evident in the final results on Engine 1. The accessories outfitted on the fire truck were buffed and polished and all the lights and engine pump were restored to working order. The HFA now proudly displays the unit at various events during the summer, including Fourth of July parades and, of course, during Harrison Old Home Days; however, the first event for people to see the remarkable Engine 1 was the formal unveiling held at the Harrison Lions Club Car Show held at Crystal Lake Park.

We at Bolduc Correctional Facility are all so proud of the outstanding restoration done by Brad Davis and his students!



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Victim Service Professionals in Corrections have been meeting both formally and informally whenever they had the chance for the past fifteen to twenty years. Once the National Association of Victim Service Professionals in Corrections (NAVSPIC) was formed in 2006, organizing and managing an annual national conference became a top priority for the organization. This year's conference will be in Portland, Maine, October 20-22, 2010. It will be the fourth conference held by NAVSPIC. The membership values these conferences as a way to share information, develop new skills and keep the field of victim services within corrections growing.

This year's program will give participants the chance to interact with experts in the field on a variety of topics of concern to victims advocates in corrections.

The first day will be devoted to Victim Offender Dialogue, a day led by **Karin Ho** and **Jon Wilson**.

The topics on Thursday and Friday will include:

- Crime Victims and Re-Entry, **Anne Seymour** Justice Solutions will focus on identifying "promising practices and programs in offender reentry that identify and address crime victims' and survivors needs and concerns," based upon a 2009-2010 national survey of corrections-based victim assistance programs. Discussion will also focus on victims' rights including notification, protection, restitution, participation, and victim-related programming such as impact classes and victim wrap-around. This promises to be a highly interactive discussion with plenty of time for participant questions and comments.
- Restorative Justice Panel-What does that Really Mean? How to Let Victim's Voices be Heard presented by **Amy Holloway** (VT)
- An Overview of Domestic Violence: Issues and Impact for Corrections-Based Professionals **Trudie Gregorie**, Justice Solutions Domestic violence is an extremely serious social and criminal problem throughout the United States. Understanding the dynamics of domestic violence and its profound short- and long-term effects and impact on victims is critical to effective interactions with both victims and offenders. The criminal justice system, including corrections, is an essential component of a coordinated, effective response to domestic violence. This presentation will examine these issues and identify the components of an effective domestic violence initiative within a correctional setting.
- Batterer Intervention Programs: This panel discussion will outline how states are using Batterer Intervention Programs (BIP) in both facilities and community to hold offenders accountable and be a piece of a coordinated response to domestic violence. Standards and certification of BIPS will also be discussed.
- Prison Rate Elimination Act (PREA)-What States are Doing What is the role of Department of Corrections
- Victim Services and PREA? **Robert Dumont**, Consultant The Moss Group
- Compassion Fatigue and Developing Resilience - **Katherine Manners** and **Lisa Tieszen** Working with a traumatized population is challenging and enriching; and it has a powerful impact on both our professional and our personal lives. Through presentation, discussion and experiential exercises, this workshop will explore issues of Secondary Traumatic Stress, Burnout, & Resilience.

Please register for the conference by going to www.NAVSPIC.org and clicking on the conference icon. We look forward to seeing you there.



Restitution

The National Center for Victims of Crime is putting a restitution tool kit together for Service Providers and is requesting information from the States regarding the amount of restitution collected from correctional facilities. According to the DOC Service Center, during the first six months (thru June 10,) of 2010, we have collected \$103,295.96 from the adult correctional facilities and \$3,534.12 from the juvenile correctional facilities. The Maine Department of Corrections withholds 25% of any money received or earned during the period of incarceration for restitution. The total collected by institutions and community corrections (probation) for that period is \$759,877.46.

Kathy Plante, Director of Health Care Services Retires

The Department celebrated **Kathy Plante's** 20 years of service at the Sea Dog Brewing Co., in Topsham on June 23, 2010. She and her family are planning to relocate to Florida. She was an extremely valuable employee that will be missed by all. We wish you the very best with your future.



Spring is for Rhubarb

Central Office had Rhubarb cook off, held on May 13th

Anyone who had a chance to taste the delectable creations were the true winners. It was surprising to find a variety of rhubarb treats and the judges, **Dyana White** and **Debbie Marceau**, had a really hard time judging the creations. The judges broke the creations into three groups. Creations are as follows with their winners:

- Rhubarb Sauce: **Kathy Plante** – presented in a pretty jar
- Tie between the Lemon Bundt Cake with a Berry Rhubarb Glaze - **Monica Gorman** and the Strawberry Rhubarb Trifle - **Kelene Barrows**
- Strawberry Rhubarb Cobbler - **Martha Boynton**.

Thank you all for a tasty afternoon

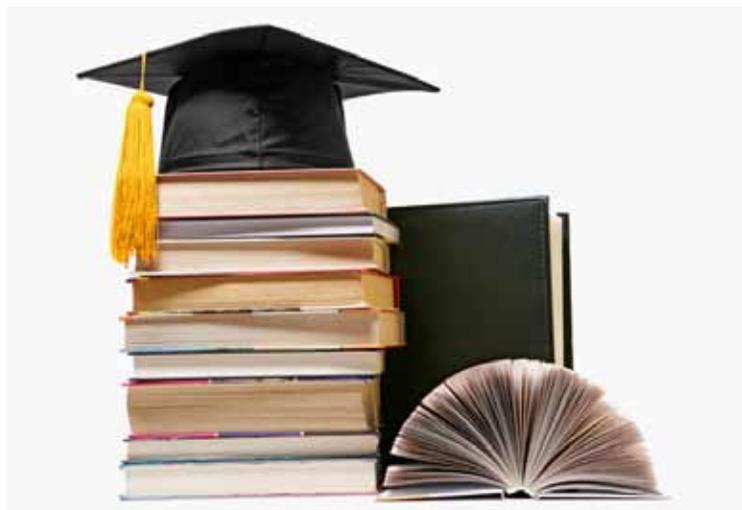
Central Office Celebrated Correction's Week

Central Office Celebrated Correction's Week with Give-A-Ways: Ice Cream Social, Barbeque, and pot luck meal. The give-a-ways were supplied by the Maine State Prison Showroom and Charleston Correctional Facility's Industries Program. Thank you to those who contributed to making this a special time.

Two Graduate from College.

Lauren Sterling, Senior Staff Coordinator for the Governor's Children's Cabinet, graduated from the University of Orono with a Bachelors of Science in Child and Youth Development and Non-Profit Administration.

Martha Boynton, Secretary Associate, graduated from the University of Augusta with an Associates of Science Justice Studies.



For Your Information

Did You Know?

An article in the latest issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin deals with making good decisions. Although this article may be written for law enforcement personnel the basics of the process can apply to anyone.

Good Decisions - Tips and Strategies for Avoiding Psychological Trap by **Brian Fitch**, Ph.D.

Each day, law enforcement professionals throughout the nation make thousands of decisions. While many of these judgments require little, if any, conscious deliberation and involve few noteworthy consequences, others carry significant implications for officers, their organizations, and the public. Bad decisions can damage an officer's career, harm public trust, and expose an agency to costly litigation. Yet, despite the importance of good decision-making skills, most officers—and, for that matter, law enforcement managers and executives—receive precious little training in this area. Although everyone likes to believe they are good decision makers, relying exclusively on objective reasoning and logic, this simply is not the case. All officers harbor biases—invisible mental forces that influence what they notice, what they remember, and how they decide—that can dramatically affect the quality of their judgments.

To access the entire article go to the FBI web-site and read the latest issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin.

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association held its last bi-monthly full-day meeting at the Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset, Maine on June, 2010. 29 people attended this meeting and represented the County Jails, MDOC adult correctional facilities, community adult education programs, and other interested agencies.

The new MACEA officers took office as of July 1, 2010. The new officers are **Gary Upham** (MSP) – president, **Ray Therrien** – past president, Stan Picknik (CCJ) – Treasurer, and Sue Knight (SCJ) – Secretary.

The staff at the TBRJ provided lunch and gave the meeting participants a full tour of the bi-county correctional facility.

All correctional educators from State and County correctional facilities and anyone else that is interested in correctional education programs in Maine are welcome to attend the MACEA meetings and annual conference.

Please contact Gary Upham, President of the Maine Adult Correctional Education Association for additional information at 273-5300 or at Gary.Upham@maine.gov

MDOC Performance Measures MDOC Adult Inmate Demographic Information

The Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) has developed the ASCA Performance-Based Resource Manual that identifies certain State adult inmate demographic criteria that are to be measured on June 30th of each year. The MDOC uses this publication as a guide and measures the demographic characteristics of our adult in-house inmate population on June 30th of each year. These demographic characteristics include the following data:

- Age
- Racial Status
- Place of birth
- Gender
- Marital Status
- Last grade completed
- Citizen status
- Religious Preference

The changes and trends of the adult inmate demographics may be used in the planning of future MDOC operations including inmate programs and services.

The above MDOC adult inmate demographic data charts are available, upon request, from **Ellis King**, MDOC Correctional Planning Analyst at (207) 287-4342 or at Ellis.King@maine.gov

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Inmate and Family Entitlements and Supports During Incarceration and Reentry

Over 200 people participated in a day of training called *Inmate and Family Entitlements and Supports During Incarceration and Reentry* held at the Augusta Civic Center on June 23, 2010. **Dr. Steven Sherrets**, Mental Health Criminal Justice Manager for the State of Maine, coordinated this event and over 60 of the participants were from the Department of Corrections. The workshops were specifically for anyone involved in planning for or providing support for inmates and their families. Evidence indicates that if individuals coming out of the criminal justice system lack support for basic necessities, they are much more likely to return to the criminal justice system. The hope is to improve their chances of success and to provide supports for families so they have a better chance of staying unified when appropriate. This is especially needed when inmates have mental illness or chronic medical problems.

The workshops included topics such as: Veterans Services, Housing, Pretrial and Specialty Courts, Language Access, Elder Services, Education, and Victim Services. **Ellis King** is addressing the participants of the Education workshop.

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Game Warden of the Year

Our Good friend and colleague, **Game Warden Mike Morrison** recently received 'Warden of the Year' from the Governor. Mike has been Game Warden for 33 years.

State Trooper David Preble

In his spare time **State Police Detective Dave Preble** makes wood wall clocks. Dave started making wall clocks in 1989 and at last count has made 1,065. These clocks look fantastic and would make a great gift for retirement, advancement, holidays or almost any other occasion. Charleston Correctional Facility has one in their security office and many visitors comment on what a great clock it is. This picture is of one of the many clocks Dave has made. If you're interested in a great conversation piece and a great looking clock to boot contact Dave at Delberp@msn.com. His clocks are beautiful and you will not be disappointed.



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Maine State Prison Bolduc Correctional Facility

Maine State Prison Fire Department

On June 22, 2010 the Bolduc Correctional Facility Hot Shots and Maine State Prison Fire Department members responded to a call out to 75 Woody Lane Cushing, Maine. The request was at 6:50 pm for a ten man Hot Shot crew and staff with tools to a woods fire in Cushing. Four staff members and ten Hot Shot crew members responded at 7:30 pm to a small woods fire for mop up actions, crews returned to the facility at 12:00 am. A crew of fourteen Hot Shots and three staff members returned the next morning at 9:00 am to complete mop actions and recover hoses, etc. They completed the mop around 12:00 pm.

This incident took place less than two weeks after the staff members had completed the Wildland Fire S190 and S130 training at Thomas College.



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Maine State Prison Principal, Gary Upham, Honored

On Thursday, May 13, 2010, at an annual evening meeting and supper of the Midcoast Community Action agency in Bath, Maine State Prison Principal **Gary Upham** was presented a plaque by the Midcoast Maine Community Action Program which read:

“Midcoast Maine Community Action Community Partnership Award presented to Gary Upham for his work in implementing programs to assist inmates at the Maine State Prison to further their education and prepare for re-entry to the community.”

Principal Upham’s work has been part of the project for the development of the Lifetime Portfolio program supported by a grant from the Maine Community Foundation and Midcoast Community Action as the fiscal agent and advisory arm of the project.

Doris Buffet, Sunshine Lady Foundation, Sponsors a Piano Concert

On May 17, 2010, prisoners, staff, and invited guests were privileged to enjoy a piano concert held in the Maine State Prison Chapel. The concert was sponsored by the **Doris Buffet** Sunshine Lady Foundation and arrangements were made by the Foundation for a baby grand piano to be brought into the prison for the concert. The pianist, Englishman **Jack Gibbons**, is world renowned and has played all over the world. This was his second concert in a United States correctional facility. As his biography will show, Mr. Gibbons has a passion for the work of Gershwin which he demonstrated in his playing and in his “stories” about Gershwin’s life. One interesting fact is that Gershwin did not write the music he composed. Consequently, Mr. Gibbons spent years listening to recordings of Gershwin’s music and from those recordings, recreated the music.

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Mr. Gibbons established an immediate rapport with his audience by the way he explained his interpretation of Gershwin's music and the context in which the original compositions were created. He performed different musical chords while explaining how he created and learned them. Mr. Gibbons presented his concert to over seventy prisoners, staff and guests and finished by playing an original composition titled "Music Box". His performance received a standing ovation and judging by the response from those who attended, his concert was outstanding. Doris Buffet's support continues to be greatly appreciated.

Jack Gibbons' complete biography can be found at: <http://www.jackgibbons.com/biography.htm> with the beginning excerpts: JACK GIBBONS has been described by the press as "one of England's most exciting young pianists". His performances have been received with tremendous standing ovations in some of the world's greatest concert halls, including New York's Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall and London's Queen Elizabeth and Royal Albert Halls, and his recordings have consistently attracted rave reviews, awards and commendations. He has also recently returned to composition, and as a composer has had very successful all-Gibbons concerts in New York and in the UK.

Born in 1962 Jack Gibbons began performing in public at the age of 10, made his professional solo recital debut playing Liszt's B minor Sonata at the age of 15, his London debut with an all-Alkan solo recital at 17, and at 20 won the Newport International Pianoforte Competition with a performance of Beethoven's Fourth Concerto with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales which was described by the jury as "masterly". Two years later he gave a critically acclaimed Queen Elizabeth Hall debut recital at London's South Bank Centre, performing Bach's Goldberg Variations, Ravel's Gaspard de la nuit and Chopin's Funeral March Sonata, which the London Times described as "monumental".

Captain and Sergeant at MSP receive their degrees.



Maine State Prison's very own **Captain Richard Brooks** and **Sergeant Anthony Cartlidge** have graduated college! Captain Brooks received his Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies with minors in Behavioral Science and Business Administration. Sergeant Cartlidge has received his Associate of Science in Justice Studies and informed me that he has 11 classes to go for his Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies with a minor in Business. Congrats to the Grad's!

Corrections Officer Robert Sutherland Sr.

On the morning of June 19, 2010 we lost a very important part of the Maine State Prison Team. **Officer Robert Sutherland Sr.** who worked in the Close Unit at MSP was taken from us suddenly in a motorcycle accident while on his way to work. Officer Sutherland was not only a great husband, father and Officer, but he was also a dear friend to all who knew him. Officer Sutherland was an Army veteran and one of his greatest loves was for his motorcycle. You will be missed Officer Sutherland, and no one will ever be able to replace you.

Officer Sutherland's wife, children and his grand children will always be in our prayers.

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MSP's Special Management Unit Awarded Barbara Bush/ Maine Family Literacy Grant

On June 10th **Unit Manager Charlie Charlton's** Special Management Unit of MSP was awarded a five thousand dollar planning grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation and the Maine Family Literacy Institute. The grant is to plan and pilot a new family literacy project in the Special Management Unit, Maine's highest security facility.

The project is monikered, "Books with Wings." The project's goal is increased family and inter-generational literacy. In the project a select group of inmates will participate in basic reading and writing programs. Those inmates will create age appropriate, customized, storybooks for their children, using their newly acquired reading and writing skills. The storybooks will be bound and the inmate will be video taped reading "his" book to "his child." The entire package will be sent home to child and caregiver.

On "the home front" the mother/caregivers will be sent age appropriate reading material for the child and lessons in "best practices" related to reading. The child is also expected to create their own books to share with "Dad."

The grant attempts to address the two most basic factors with regard to recidivism and criminality, literacy and family connections. It also attempts to create a new generation of children who love books.

On June 10 in Biddeford, **Mike Lokuta** from MSP accepted the first of the grant checks from Barbara Bush. In attendance were **Warden Barnhart, Deputy Warden Leida Dardis,** and Unit Manager Charlie Charlton.

Regional School Unit 13 and **Shannon Parker** of Rockland Adult Education are co-collaborators in the project. Also involved in the project will be Maine Literacy Volunteers, DHHS, and the entire SMU staff.



Welcome Aboard to the New Graduates



Graduating from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Corrections School at Maine State Prison on July 1, 2010.

Left to right: **Officer Kyle Ruffner, Officer Derek Booker, Officer Steven Dillon, Officer Kyle Wasiela, Officer Wellman Cromwell**

Graduating from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Basic Corrections School at Maine State Prison on May 7th, 2010.

Pictured left to right: **Andrew Jura, Casey Chadwick, Jeremy Fausset, Philip Hodgdon, Jeffery Hankins, Victoria Sheehan, Benjamin Raven, and Michael Burns.**



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Maine State Prison Correctional Employees Week:

The Correctional staff members at the Maine State Prison were celebrated throughout the week. In recognition and appreciation of all our Correctional employees, the following was provided to all staff: Four Separate Cookouts to accommodate all shifts, two days of donuts, a day of muffins and fruit, and the following raffle prizes were awarded:

- Donations (raffle items) from Industries:
 - Medium Chopping Board
 - Two Tier Nightstand
 - 36" Window Box
 - Hideaway Chair
 - Country Store Organizer
 - Lathed Lighthouse Birdhouse
 - 16" x 16" Painting
 - Hardwood Gun Rack
 - \$75.00 MSP Showroom Gift Certificate
 - \$100.00 MSP Showroom Gift Certificate
 - Grand Prize: \$250.00 MSP Showroom Gift Certificate
- Five (5) \$25.00 Cash prizes donated by the Employee Benefit Committee
- MSP Garage Auto Detailing Gift Certificates (donated by Supervisors)
- 1 box Coffee (80 K-cups) donated by Administration

Also pins and certificates were given out recognizing years of service in 5-year increments, i.e., 5 – 10 – 15, etc.

At the end of the week **Warden Patricia Barnhart** expressed her gratitude to her staff:

Sent From the Warden:

What a week...from cookouts to an awards ceremony where numerous staff received service pins and certificates, ranging from 5 years to 35 years of service, and six staff received plaques of commendation. We also memorialized our fallen comrades, **Phillip Jura** and **Ed Mayberry**, with their plaques proudly displayed in the Circle of Honor Memorial Garden. What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 434 heroes...celebrating 434 strong at the Maine State Prison.

From dealing with a distraught family member on the telephone to handling some of the most difficult prisoners in the SMU, thank you each and every one of you for the hard work that you do. Thank you for your commitment, due diligence to detail and taking pride in the work that you do. Making a difference one prisoner, one staff person, one day at a time. Striving to exemplify excellence everyday.

An Organizer



A Cutting Board

A Hideaway Chair



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Maine Correctional Center

MCC Celebrates National Correctional Officers' and Employees' Week:

The Administration and Staff at the Maine Correctional Center celebrated National Correctional Officers' and Employees' Week from May 4-6, 2010. The Administration served a breakfast consisting of a choice of Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Milk and Orange Juice. On Wednesday, May 5, breakfast was held for Administrative and Support Staff in the visit room where staff were joined by several retirees who were recognized for their years of service to the Department.

Employee of the Year:

Dean Darien, Vocational Trades Instructor (Print Shop)

For your outstanding dedication to the Maine Correctional Center and the Department of Corrections. You consistently go above and beyond, meeting and exceeding the demands of the job. You often come in early and stay late to ensure top quality products are delivered to each customer in a timely manner. You are professional and a pleasure to work with. You are always willing to help any area with special projects and take great pride in your work. You provide expert instruction in the print shop program and strive to instill these values in the prisoners along with the skills of the trade.

Your contributions to the Facility and the department are greatly appreciated.



Years of Service Plaques & Pins:



35 Years (Plaque & Pin) –
Brad Fogg

25 Years (Plaque & Pin) –
Paryse Thibodeau



20 Years (Plaque & Pin) – **Walter Parelius, Kay Bouchard, Chris Paige, Shawn Welch**

15 Years (Plaque & Pin) – **David Laframboise**

10 Years (Pin) – **Mark Kalinuk**

5 Years (Pin or Serving Since Tab) – **Brian Ahlquist, Jerrad Coffin, Brian Donahue, Charles Lacasse, Martin Jauregui, James Temple, Patrick Doughty**

Life Saving Awards:

Gary Alfiero and Jerrad Coffin

For their actions on February 21, 2010 resulting in saving a prisoner who attempted to take his own life.

Philippe Coulombe

For his actions November 20, 2009 resulting in saving a prisoner who was in medical distress.

Robert Crook and Peter J. Turner, Jr.

For his actions on November 27, 2009 resulting in saving a prisoner who attempted to take her own life.

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John P. Paskewicz, Dennis Shipman, and Shawn Welch



For their actions on November 19, 2009 resulting in saving the life of a suicidal citizen from Fort Worth, Texas who had called the Maine Correctional Center. **CO Dennis Shipman** is on left and **CO John Paskewicz** on right.



Tom Scanlon

For his actions on December 10, 2009 resulting in saving a prisoner who was choking.

Joshua Simpson, Jonathan Smith, Anthony Sweet, and James Temple,

For their actions on February 26, 2010 resulting in saving a prisoner who attempted to take her own life.

Exceptional Attendance

Ron Coulombe, Mike Barrett, Judy Thurston, and James Shanks

For using one day or less of sick time in 2009.

Perfect Attendance

Calvin Simpson, Tom Hanrahan, Chris Coffin, and Travis Hon

For using no sick time in 2009:

\$25 GAS CARDS – COURTESY OF EMPLOYEE BENEVOLENT FUND

Twenty (20) Irving gas cards in the amount of \$25 each were presented by random drawings courtesy of the Employee Benevolent Fund. The names were drawn at the administrative and support staff breakfast on May 5th. The winners were: **Mike Barrett, Norm Beaupre, Kevin Claxton, Deb Close, Angela Dumont, Robyn Egan, Elaine Foster, Joe Gore, Bert Jalbert, Martin Jauregui, Robert C. LeClair, Jim Quinn, Julie Reynolds, Kelly Ridley, Doriann Robinson, Carl Sanderson, Jerry Smith, Matt Theriault, Mike Tierney, Ben Worster**

Quality Team Excellence Award: MPU and CMS Staff:

The following employees received the Quality Team Excellence Award for outstanding performance and contributions to the Maine Department of Corrections. Their tremendous demonstration of teamwork resulted in the successful management numerous confirmed and suspected cases of H1N1. Their cooperative efforts were essential in containing this very contagious virus and in managing the population with minimal disruption to the facility. Their commitment to the Maine Correctional Center is greatly appreciated. Team Members: **Robert Bachelder; Lester Baker; Mike Barrett; Gary Beaulieu; Norman Beaupre; Ray Blossom; Lee Bourget; Glean Brown; Kathi Chase; Matt Day; Shawn Emerson; Shane Enger; Brian Espe; Ed Farrington; Dean Hafford; Ryan Harrington; Travis Hon; Charity Klinger; Hope Leblanc; Robert C. LeClair; Thomas Mango; Stephen McKeen; Richard Olin; Chris Paige; John H. Paskewicz; Ladd Postvanderburg; Kelly Ridley; Belinda Rose; Michael Simpson; Brent Stroud; Anthony Sweet; Rebecca Swendsen; Eric Thomsen; Ken Topel; Jason Turner; Tyler Wheeler; John Willard.**

A FUNTOWN SPLASHTOWN USA Winner, Courtesy of the Employee Benevolent Fund:

A Single Combo Staff was also drawn, courtesy of the Employee Benevolent Fund, the winner was: **Dianne Neilsen**

Good Luck and Good Fortune to:

Dr. Barbara Heath and **Carmalinda Madar** upon their retirements from the MDOC. Both have been good friends to all and good workers.

Malcolm Dixon is retiring from MCC after 24 years of service. Having once worked in constructing the Seabrook nuclear power plant, Malcolm came to work at MCC in 1986. With his steady temperament and work ethic he has been a valuable part of the MCC Team; and for the past several years has been working in the Women's Center. Thanks Malcolm!

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NEW "ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD" IN THE LOBBY:

A new "Electronic Bulletin Board" has generated many compliments from Staff and visitors. The "board" is a flat screen monitor in the main lobby connected to a remote computer by over 100 feet of cable. The board, which is the result of hard work and efforts by **Ken Sawyer, John Hoeplich, Mike Robertshaw** and his Staff, the Employee Recognition Committee and numerous others, primarily displays pictures and information on Employee Recognition, The Maine Correctional Center's Staff involvement in the Community, current events, upcoming events, general announcements appropriate for viewing by both staff and visitors and other items planned for the future. Please take a moment to view the many accomplishments of our staff. Those with information, photos or suggestions that would be appropriate for the board should contact Ken Sawyer or the Employee Recognition Committee.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Officer James Temple** on his appointment, in an acting capacity, to Correctional Sergeant.

Maine Correctional Center's Emergency Response Tactical Team

As of the date of June 14, 2010 the below named individuals have been appointed to the Maine Correctional Center's Emergency Response Tactical Team. **Brian Ahlquist, Travis Hon, Gary Osgood, Christopher Ross, Joseph Salisbury, Matthew Smith, Nathan Thayer, Ben Worster**

A Final Good-bye:

We say Good-bye to **Michael Cardamone**, former cook and Food Service Manager. He was the last employee to have worked the old kitchen and dining hall (where the Commissary and recreation hall now are) and the new kitchen, which opened in 1974. Mike worked under 4 different Superintendents.

We also say Good-bye to **Patricia Rogers**, long time cook and friend, who passed away this past spring.

Thanks to:

Officers Michael Tierney, Scott Dugree, Joe Labbe, James Shanks, David Williams for the work they have been doing at MCC's housing Unit at the York county Jail. Welcome back to MCC

Early Promotion:

Congratulations to **Barbara and Brian Libby**. This week they are attending the promotion ceremonies for Barbara's daughter Lindsey in Colorado Springs. Lindsey, just back from her second tour of duty in Afghanistan, her first was in Kuwait, has received an early promotion to Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force. Lindsey is assigned to the USAF Security Forces.

Serving his Country:

Correctional Officer Steven Dee is currently serving on active duty. If you would like to write Steven or send a care package, contact Ken Sawyer at 893-7000 for his mailing/shipping address.

The Great Escape Golf Tournament

Was held on May 24th at the Naples Country Club. Police Department Teams from Falmouth, York, Ogunquit, Wells, the Berwicks, Winthrop, Windham-Gorham, Mechanic Falls, Paris as well as MCC. MSP, CCF, MVDYDF, LCYDF, Probation and Parole Regions 1 and 2; the Cumberland County SO, the Fire Marshal's Office and players from the US Marshal's Service had a wonderful day. With prizes totaling more than \$6000.00 in value a good time was had by all. We will allow the winning team to blow their own horn in another section of the newsletter

MCC Employee Recognition Committee Membership:

Christopher Coffin (Chairperson), **Francine Bowden, Robyn Egan, Barbara Libby, Jeffrey Merrill II, Walter Parelius, Jack Redmond, Barbara Robertshaw, Mike Tierney, Paryse Thibodeau, Greg Royer.**

Downeast Correctional Facility

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25th Anniversary

Downeast Correctional Facility recently celebrated its 25th year of operations. The facility is fortunate to have two employees who were among the first group of Correctional Officers hired. **Harry Beal Jr.** and **Jay Maker** were hired in May of 1985 and celebrate their twenty-fifth year with the Department and Downeast Correctional Facility.

Before Downeast Correctional Facility received its first transport of prisoners a work crew of prisoners from Charleston Correctional Facility was sent down for a week to cut brush and assist in clearing the yard of the dormant Air Force Station. Downeast Correctional Facility's initial transport of ten prisoners from Maine Correctional Center arrived in June of 1985 and were all minimum security due to the fact that the perimeter containment fence had yet to be erected. The initial prisoners began work where the Charleston crew left off and were instrumental in completing the ongoing renovations necessary to convert the old complex into its current medium/minimum security facility. A momentum of the renovation process resides in the Administration Building, the conference table made from the flooring of what was once a bowling alley is now the facility's segregation unit.

As is often the case with new correctional facilities, Downeast Correctional Facility was received with mixed emotions by the town of Machiasport and the surrounding communities. Over the past 25 years the town and surrounding communities have come to appreciate and have several times rallied vigorously in support of the facility. There are likely numerous reasons for this change in attitude toward the facility probably few more influential than the economic boost it provides to the economically challenged area coupled with the tens of thousands of community service hours it welcomingly provides.

The employees/staff at Downeast Correctional Facility are proud of the facility's heritage, fully recognize the importance of the public's support and look forward to many more decades of operation and service to the people of Maine and communities of Downeast.



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Promotions

Congratulations to **David Daniels** (pictured right) for his promotion to Chief of Security; March 28, 2010 and to **Darrell Daniels** (pictured left) for his promotion to Correctional Sergeant; March 7, 2010.

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Charleston Correctional Facility

Years of Service Pins:

CCF had a successful Correctional Employee Week. The following employees received their anniversary pins:

5 year pin

Ned Hood, CO
Kevin Williams, Sgt
Patrick Lockhart, Sgt

10 year

Scott Carlson, CO
Joel Burdon, CO/CTI

20 year

Denis O'Bar, CO/CTI

25 Year

Tom Sands, Industries Manager

Congratulations

Nichole Webber, LSW, Correctional Case Worker received an award for employee of the year. Her positive, helpful disposition with staff and prisoners and all of her hard work did not go unnoticed. In addition to managing her caseload at CCF, Nichole co-facilitates Thinking for a Change and manages a case-load at Somerset County Jail. Thank you Nichole for all you do, you are a pleasure to work with.

Patrick Lockhart was promoted from CO to Sgt and has taken over the duties at night. Congratulation Sgt Lockhart!

The position of Brandon Warstler, CO has changed from the night shift to the day shift where he will be taking on the duties of prisoner property and transports.

Parker Heal, CO New Hire at CCF, welcomes

Retiring:

Ray Boyce, CO has announced that he will be retiring on June 30th after 20 years of service. Ray served the Department as a Sgt for 9 years and a CO for 11 years.

Great Escape

The golf teams from CCF participated in the annual Great Escape Golf Tournament held at the Naples Country Club in Naples Maine as it was in years past. The tournament was well attended and well organized. However the weather was an added plus this year with sunshiny skies and favorable temperatures that only made the day even better. We would like to extend a hearty thank you to **Don Jacobson, June Jacobson and Brad Fogg** for their part in organizing the event, we are already signed up for next years event. The course was in fantastic shape and the folks at the Club House were most helpful; thanks to all involved. We are looking forward to getting some of the "gang" up this way in the future for a little "country style golf".

Charleston Correctional Facility Industry Program

The Industry Program at Charleston Correctional Facility has had a busy late winter and early spring and will have a busy summer. We have completed two large bookshelf projects for the towns of Pittsfield and Appleton and are gearing up to start another large bookshelf project for SAD 4 of Guilford. Along with the bookshelves we will be building coat cubbies, storage cabinets, and base cabinets for the school.

Along with the book shelf projects we are constructing ocean docks for the Town of Westport Island through the Department of Conservation, Boating Facilities Division. The docks will be installed at the new boat lunch site on Westport Island.

The CCF Industries Program is also doing work for the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust at this time. The construction of picnic tables, docks, gang planks, and specially designed walkways are in progress as I type this and a late June 2010 delivery date is our goal. The items being constructed will be installed in the Rangeley Lakes region for public access to waterways. This project as well as the other projects has been a collaborative effort between State Agencies and Public entities.

Our Sawmill has been busy trying to meet the orders for our Sister facilities as well as local and Program demands. The Sawmill currently keeps 10 to 12 workers busy on a daily basis and assists in the loading and down loading of the kilns. If anyone out there has a market for bark let me know; I have a mountain of it at the facility.

CCF has been in collaboration with the Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Women Unlimited and Volunteers of America to facilitate the Building Futures Program. The program covers; safety, OSHA, blue print reading, tool identification along with building practices. The skills acquired through this program will not only be advantageous to the participants of the program upon release but also beneficial to the Industry Program and facility needs.

Long Creek Youth Development Center

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THE TRAINING CADRE at LCYDC

Ann-Marie Barter, Staff Development Specialist III

Long Creek YDC is extremely fortunate to have an outstanding group of trainers within the facility. Newly named "The Training Cadre", these folks have participated in several train-the-trainer courses, specialized in certain topics and trained veteran staff as well as new hires. They form the backbone of the Training Office by sharing their knowledge and experience with all departments in the facility. Many trainers have adjusted work and day care schedules to participate in developing and delivering training, attending staff development meetings, and taking advanced training classes to enhance their skills. The new ideas they bring to the Training Office increases the quality and level of engagement for staff training.

Each month, 1 or 2 trainers are highlighted on bulletin boards throughout Long Creek with their photos and a brief statement about their involvement in training. So far this year, the following trainers have been showcased: **David Grant, Brook Bowley, Chris Scott, Catherine Fisher, Chuck Grenier, John Wise and Eric Berry**. Here is a brief overview of each one:

David Grant taught 15 CPR classes in one month! He trains on all subjects, all three shifts and belongs to the Maine Gang Task Force. He was Long Creek's Employee of the month in February 2010 in recognition of his contribution to training at Long Creek.



Brook Bowley and Chris Scott are Academy trainers for Unarmed Self Defense. They bring a high level of energy and lots of hands-on practice to every training. Brook has stepped up to train new subjects this year, as well as assisting with on-the-job training for a recent new hire class.

Catherine Fisher and Chuck Grenier teamed up this year for Verbal De-escalation Techniques CCG, although they both train many other topics. Catherine has assisted in developing new curriculum for Academy mandates in addition to delivering training. Chuck and John developed an authentic training for area searches by staging an empty unit with contraband and re-arranging it after each training.

Eric Berry is the Coordinator of the Maine Gang Task Force, a member of the SitCon Team, and trains in many schools and police departments in Southern Maine.

At Long Creek, he primarily trains Security Threat Groups and Hostage Situations.

John Wise also trains many topics and is a member of the Staff Development Committee. John has developed and revised curriculum, recently hobbled around the training office on light duty, and been one of the fall-back trainers for anything in a pinch.

These dedicated trainers and the rest of the Cadre offer guidance, expertise, and professionalism to their peers and supervisors. Along the way, we have a lot of laughs and consume a lot of chocolate!

Ahhhh...the TRAINING OFFICE

John Wise, Juvenile Program Specialist

Ahhhh...light duty. Up until recently I had not experienced the joys and perils of light duty. Five weeks ago I managed to get injured due in no small part to, at the age of 50, my lack of flexibility and slower than normal reflexes. After a week in bed trying to figure out the worker's comp program, (many thanks to **Amy Arthur** for helping me understand it) I was told that there would be light duty available in the training office. It certainly beat sitting at home watching DVR summer reruns of "Biggest Loser"

Although wary, I limped in Monday morning to the training office fully expecting to be put to work filing the mounds of paperwork I knew was waiting for me. I was surprised and delighted to see that **Ann Marie Barter**, our brand new Staff Development Specialist III, had different plans for me. I am not sure it is possible to work for someone more full of life and love for her work. I experienced this first hand when she asked me to be part of the "Training Cadre" earlier in the year. As I sat in the "train the trainer" course she made mandatory for all her trainers, I remember getting a miniature football to the side of my head. It was one of the many fidget toys she had placed out for people who can't sit still for long periods of time. With that said, I have not been to a more thorough and professional training in my career.



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Let's get back to the subject of light duty. For the last 4 weeks I have been training teachers, administrators, and fellow line staff in everything from Collaborative Problem Solving to Interpersonal Communications. I have also written and/or re-written several trainings. There are some pro's and con's to light duty. I have listed them below. Some of them are training room specific. It is also more than possible that a pro to me might be a con for you. Please file the following information in your "for what it's worth" drawer.

Light Duty Pro's:

1. It's light duty
2. It's a chance to really get to know policy. There is no better feeling than telling someone "it's not in policy" or "it's in policy". It can be particularly aggravating for whomever is on the other end of the conversation, but really very satisfying for me.
3. It gives you a chance to play practical jokes on administration. (Be VERY careful here). (they still haven't found it)
4. It gives you a chance to miss your real job and for it to miss you.
5. 9-5
6. Depending on where it is, light duty broadens your acquaintance base.
7. If you are working the front desk, and check in keys you get to know at least a little bit about every person based on the kind of car they drive. You also understand how hectic their lives might be based on how many keys are on the ring.

One Key= Single, easy going, not a lot of responsibility.

Two Keys= Probably married or involved.

Three Keys and a Shaws thingy= Home owner, married or involved with at least one child

Four keys, a Shaws and CVS thingy= Home owner, married or involved at least one child and at least one oversized toy. (ATV... boat...motorcycle)

Five Keys a Shaws, CVS and Border's thingy= Home owner, married or involved with at least two children, at least one oversized toy, and a mother-in-law apartment.

Six Keys or more with at least four thingy's= Toast

Light Duty Con's:

1. It's light duty
2. It's a chance to get to know policy really well. (I have no excuses now)
3. No matter what, light duty always equals some kind of at least part time filing. I know that some people do (God bless you), but I don't enjoy filing.
4. I guess three light duty con's are my limit, especially given that they didn't have to come up with it in the first place.

These are just a few thoughts on light duty. By the time you read this, I hope to be back on the line where light duty will become a fond memory.

LCYDC Resident Semi-Finalist in CJCA Yearbook Contest

The Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) recently selected the art work titled "Masterpeace" submitted by a student at the A.R. Gould School, as a semifinalist in the First Annual Yearbook Cover Contest. This student's submission was one of 74 entries received from 17 different facilities throughout the country. The winning artwork will be published on the cover of the 2010 Yearbook available October 1st of this year. Congratulations on this achievement.

Congratulations to Long Creek Graphic Arts for Award Winning Work

Jon Renell, A.R. Gould School

The Maine Graphic Arts Association recently co-sponsored Graph Xpo 10 along with Central Maine Community College. The Graph Xpo is set up to recognize excellence in print and design production throughout the states vocational schools.

The residents in the SOLO Graphics Program at Long Creek received a third place award at this year's competition for a five color t-shirt in the multi-color on fabric category.

Congratulations go out to Graphic Arts **Teacher Jon Renell** and his students for their Award Winning Graphic Arts Program.

A DAY OF CARING AT LCYDC

Susan Finch A. R. Gould School

On May 20, 2010 Long Creek Youth Development Center, residents, staff, and UNUM volunteers participated in the 18th Annual United Way of Greater Portland's Day of Caring. The LCYDC volunteers and staff helped students design their garden. The day was spent outside planting potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, beans, and much more...as noted by the student comments.

"The day was fun and a great experience. Our math class spent a month planning the garden layout. We graphed the garden using math to design the garden to its actual scale. Working in pairs, we applied our creativity to the math in order to set up the

garden how we wanted it to look but also learning how the plants would grow. We had to pay attention to how far apart the seeds needed to be planted and how much space each vegetable needed. It felt great to know that we can have fun while helping other people at the same time.”

“The day was a lot of fun. One of the volunteers taught me an easier way to plant seeds and make rows. He showed us how to rake the row flat, plant the seeds, than rake small amounts of dirt over it. This saved us from having to dig the trenches over. It was a good day. Working outdoors is something we don’t get to do that much.”

“It shows that we (LCYDC residents) can give back to the community. There should be more programs like this at Long Creek. It helped us feel a sense of accomplishment and show others what we can do when we work together.”

The gardening class at the A.R. Gould of LCYDC is taught by Ms. Finch. The students in her class spent time using math to plan out the garden before the planting began. Then, they devoted their entire morning getting their hands in the dirt in order to make sure all the seeds were planted. Other A.R. Gould School staff included **Ms. Seigny, Ms. Virmalo, and Mr. Murray** who helped the students dig and plant seeds that will grow into vegetables for harvest. Once the vegetables grow and are able to be picked, they will be donated to various shelters.

MSEA-SEIU LOCAL 1989

LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER BENEVOLENT FUND

Susan Dyer-Taylor, President

Rationale: MSEA-SEIU local 1989 has a long history of providing collaborative support for Maine state employees and their families. In this tradition, members of the Long Creek Youth Development Center wish to go one step further and provide financial assistance at the local level whenever there is a call to do so and whenever possible.

Purpose: The purpose of the fund is to assist MSEA-SEIU local 1989 members of the Long creek youth development center who have suffered a personnel loss and who are experiencing a time of need. Loss may be in the form of a catastrophic illness, death of a family member, temporary loss of employment (for non disciplinary reasons), natural disaster, or other exceptional circumstances.

Revenues: One fourth of the Chapter’s annual finances shall be set asides as a designated fund from which financial awards may be drawn. In time of exceptional need, the Chapters Executive Committee may recommend and the chapter may vote to raise any additional funds deemed necessary.

Protocol; Any full or faire share member may submit the name of any full or faire share member to the chapter’s Executive committee for consideration at any time. A brief description of the member’s circumstance should accompany the request and will be kept in confidence by the committee. After considering the financial resources available, recommendation will be made to the general membership for final approval during a regular or special meeting. No mention of the individual’s name or circumstances will be made public or to the general membership, but the amount of the contribution will be listed in the financial records of the chapter. Anonymity and discretion will be observed at all times.

Approved by the general membership at a regular chapter meeting held on April 14, 2010.

Great Escape Golf Winners

Four LCYDC employees recently won The Great Escape Golf Tournament organized by staff at the Maine Correctional Center and held at the Naples Country Club, Naples Maine. **Steve Farrell, James Giardino, T.J. Whitcomb, and Brad Campbell** shot an impressive score of 15 under par in the scramble format. In addition, Steve won the longest drive contest in the Senior Division and T.J. won closest to the pin on the 4th hole. According to the team, the tournament was well organized and the course was in great shape.



The Pubs Survey Data April 2010

The Detained and Committed units at the Long Creek Youth Development Center represents 2 of 6 juvenile correctional facilities, to achieve a “Level 4” performance standing (highest level possible) in the most recent PBS data survey. The data was collected in April from 197 facilities throughout the country. This is the third time the detention units at LCYDC have achieved level four, and the second time, the committed side has achieved Level 4 performance. This high level of performance reflects the tremendous effort on behalf of the LCYDC staff, as well as their dedication and caring while striving to enhance the outcome of all youths. Congratulations to the Long Creek Youth Development Center, and the entire Department of Corrections on achieving such distinguished national recognition.

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Mountain View Youth Development Center

Congratulations to:

Donald Dillion and Timothy Kuespert from JPW to JPS.

The Staff Benefit Fund Committee would like to announce the new staff of the quarter **JPW Randy Johnson**.

From Staff Benefit Fund; Service award pins & certificates were presented to

Tom Davis – 20 yrs (retired)

Jackie Wilcox – 20 years

Dave Lovejoy – 10 years

Boyd Kronholm – 10 years

Cheryl Quinn – 5 years in May

Tim Harmon – 5 years in June

Mountain View Youth Development Center Celebrates Teamwork

Submitted by: Larry Austin, Deputy Superintendent

Staff at Mountain View Youth Development Center celebrated teamwork and showed appreciation for each other's contributions as part of a facility wide "Correctional Employee" week program held May 3-7, 2010. The unofficial message of the celebration was together "everyone makes a difference."

One of the striking lessons taught in DOC's Leadership Development training is exemplified by the expeditionary voyage of Sir Ernest Shackleton. While the voyage was fraught with danger, hardships and sacrifice it all began by creating a team to complete a mission. Each person chosen was selected based on what they brought to the table. No one person possessed all the skills and knowledge to complete the voyage alone. Each had to depend on others to do their part; this is especially true within our facilities. Each inter facility department does not have sufficient skills and knowledge to complete our mission by itself. This interdependency has been and will continue to be the reason that Mountain View Youth Development Center celebrated "Correctional Employee" week May 3rd to May 7th.

Each area of the facility has a unique special and important contribution in creating a safe and secure environment in which residents can acquire new skills, demonstrate success, be accountable for their choices and change their lives.

Correctional employee week was an opportunity to reflect on the contributions each area makes, recognize the people who bring their expertise and talents to bare and celebrate our combined achievements. As is the case in any organization we sometimes get caught up in our own ideas as how best to proceed. This certainly happens from time to time at Mountain View. Differences in thoughts and ideas need to be recognized, appreciated and valued. Another exceptional leader, General George S. Patten once said, "If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." We recognize that our diversity of experiences and knowledge makes for better well informed practices and that everyone has something to contribute. A team of individuals developed a process to recognize each profession represented in the facility. Each day was dedicated to a progression and all staff were encouraged to express their support and thank those staff for their contributions. For us it was scheduled as follows:

- Monday: Clerical and Administrative Support Appreciation Day
- Tuesday: Nurses and Medical Staff Appreciation Day
- Wednesday: Security/Operations Staff Appreciation Day
- Thursday: Mental Health and Support Services Appreciation Day
- Friday: Teacher/Education Staff Appreciation Day

The team organized special events and activities for everyday.

"Jeans" Day was declared for the entire week.

Superintendent and Deputy Superintendents provided doughnuts for all staff on Monday and Friday and met with staff throughout the week.

Special meals and desserts were arranged for each area on their recognized day.

A make your own ice cream sundae event for all staff was held on Tuesday.

On Wednesday we held a special breakfast for 3rd shift consisting of bacon, sausages, venison, eggs, pancakes, toasts and juice was prepared served in the culinary classroom dining area and a cookout for 1st and 2nd shifts.

Each day a special meal of pizza, Chinese or pot luck was held for the area being honored.

Unit staff arranged to have special meals for all shifts.

The program manager's hosted a cooking contest for a favorite entrees or desserts and selected oatmeal cheese cake bars, prepared by Director of Classification **Carol Conner** as the winner. The grand prize was an \$80.00 gift card to Bed, Bath and Beyond.

The Staff Benefit Committee sponsored a 50/50 raffle with \$157.00 being awarded to **Psychological Social Worker Jason Greenlaw**.

The Staff Benefit Committee also provided free sodas to all staff throughout the week.

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Food service staff were relieved from serving Friday noon meal when administrative staff donned hats and hair nets and served lunch, much to the amusement and curiosity of residents.

The week was capped off with an exciting staff verses resident softball game. The weather was wonderful and the event well attended to witness staff slug their way to a 16 -14 victory. Proving once again age and knowledge over comes youth and skill every time – sorry kids, better luck next year.

All of these events were made possible by the dedicated efforts of numerous people pitching in together to cook, clean, organize, sell tickets, judge contests supply materials, make announcements etc.

Overall, everyone would characterize the week as a great morale booster with something for everyone, and an opportunity to mingle with other areas. To all the staff who made this celebration the great success, thank you.

Experiential Learning Program Spring Start Up!



Olmsted's Apple Orchard & Gift Shop, Rt. 15 Charleston

Tate's Strawberry Farm, Puddledock Rd. Corinth

Seasonal work opportunities have started up and JMG's Experiential Learning Program (ELP) is providing eager student workers for local farms. Olmsted's Orchard selected a JMG student worker for its springtime apple orchard preparation. He received training in pruning trees, chipping mulch, cutting brush, taking inventory, and many other duties associated with orchard work. Five other JMG student workers have begun work at Tate's Strawberry Farm to assist in cultivating, weeding, watering, and harvesting this season's strawberry crop. They also planted 50 thousand pumpkins for harvest this fall. JMG student workers receive a stipend for their work, a written reference, and work experience that can be applied to their resumes. In addition, they learn valuable employment and social skills they can then apply to real world situations when they reintegrate into their communities. The employers involved in our Experiential Learning Program gain quality work at reduced cost, which can then be passed on as savings to customers, and a chance to make a difference in a young person's life. This is the Program's second year at MUYDC.

First ever MUYDC JMG student to receive college scholarship!!

The Maine Restaurant Association Education Foundation Scholarship Committee has awarded a \$1500 scholarship sponsored by the Maine Beverage Company to a JMG student at MUYDC. This is the first time any JMG student here has earned such an award. The student who has been accepted into Southern Maine Community College's Culinary Arts Program for the fall semester 2010, is excited about his opportunity to pursue secondary education and his chosen career and is grateful for the monetary assistance. Chef Mark Spahr and Guidance Counselor Martin French assisted him with the application process.



From L-R: **Martin French, Guidance Counselor, Pat Gillis, JMG Mgr. Student, and Chef Mark Spahr** in the Culinary Arts Department at Mountain View Youth Development Center

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Teen Suicide Prevention Program to benefit from JOY grant

After a lengthy selection process that involved much discussion, debate, and eventual consensus, the JMG Youth Advisory Committee at Mountain View Youth Development Center selected the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers as their first recipient of the Jumpstart Our Youth (JOY) grant. The award, in the amount of \$1,000, will be used by Maine Children's Home (MCH) to support its CAST Program, a high school based suicide prevention program targeting youth 14 to 19 years of age. **Sharon Abrams**, Executive Director, and **Steve Mayberry**, Development Director of MCH, thanked the JMG Youth Advisory Committee at MVYDC for making it possible for MCH to "fulfill our mission to build and strengthen families and their children, instilling hope for the future and a better quality of life through our programs."

MSP vs. MV Basketball: Sat., May 22, 2010

by *Ryan Dearborn*

Jay (Detective **D.A. Peary**) brought 5 other troopers (unless I'm forgetting someone?) and played two complete games with the kids. The games went very well and there were no real issues with behavior. If I remember correctly, we had approximately 19 kids participate and probably 50 plus spectators (including staff). I've spoken with Jay twice since the games and we hope to do it again whenever possible. The Troopers won both games, but they were close.

High School Graduation

by **Cheryl Quinn, Principal**

Guidance Counselor **Martin French** and Project Impact Coordinator **Elizabeth Beaulieu** escorted one of our residents to the Blaine House in Augusta for the graduation ceremony for the first Maine Department of Education Diploma Graduation on June 17th. This diploma allows at-risk students the opportunity to gather a portfolio of evidence to be evaluated by the Statewide Review Team representing different aspects of the Department of Education (DOE). Martin worked with the resident to apply and to go through the arduous process of collecting enough information for the committee at DOE to make a determination that this resident did meet the State's Standards and requirements for a high school diploma. The team then recommended to the DOE's Commissioner that our resident receive his diploma. Mr. French collected a portfolio of information including credits earned at other schools as well as at the facility. Individual Education Plan (IEP) accommodations, work done in Interpersonal Skills classes and cognitive skills groups here at MVYDC were counted. The resident did not have the credits to earn a diploma from MVYDC and his IEP accommodations were going to run out in June 2010. The DOE has the authority to look at other pathways as evidence that Standards are met for students to earn their high school diploma.

Try it-you'll like it!

By *Chaplain Paul Dunfee*

Have you ever wanted to get away from it all- To change your perspective on things- Even if it were only two miles away? **Chaplain Paul Dunfee** from Mountain View Youth Development Center and Charleston Correctional had a two mile high view of things when he did a tandem jump on June 12, 2010. At speeds of up to 140 mph and one mile free fall, he loved every second of it. If you want to change your view, contact Central Maine Skydiving. You never know... you might even say a pray as you exit the plane.



“That’s Why We Do - What We Do”

By Jeff Perkins, HH Program Manager

In the world of corrections we’re surrounded and sometimes suffocated by negatives. Behaviors and attitudes are infectious and our very own can become tainted quickly and those of us that have the luxury of leaving the facility at the end of our shift sometimes fail to see the good amongst all the bad.

Six years ago Mountain View Youth Development Center initiated a restorative justice program entitled, “Helping Hands”. To be selected for the Helping Hands (HH) Team the resident has to have exhibited prolonged good behavior and they have to obtain the blessing of their Unit Treatment Team (UTT). Once the UTT recommends them, the resident then gathers several character references from staff and requests a Helping Hands job interview.

Two weeks ago while conducting an interview a resident answered the following question in this manner:

- Q** “Adam (fictitious name), Why should you be allowed to be on the HH team?”
A “All my life I’ve been a taker. I was mostly raised by my grandmother and she has always been a giver. Since I’ve been in here – I’ve decided I want to be more like her. I want to start being a giver.”

In six years of doing every interview, I’ve never had a resident answer that question in such a convincing manner. You usually hear, “I want to get out of the facility. I want to be a help to the community. Or, this will help the last couple months of my program go by faster.”

In early June the HH team was at one of our local cemeteries doing some maintenance by moving brush and cutting back small trees that were overtaking the property. They had the radio on in the truck and as they were working, an older couple approached the crew. One of the boys stopped what he was doing, went to the truck and shut the radio off. He wasn’t told to shut the radio off, the crew staff supervisors didn’t motion for him to shut it off, he just saw them approaching and out of respect took the initiative.

Many would ask what’s so super about that? But if you worked with troubled youth you would easily recognize somewhere along the way that young man has picked up the meaning of “respect”.

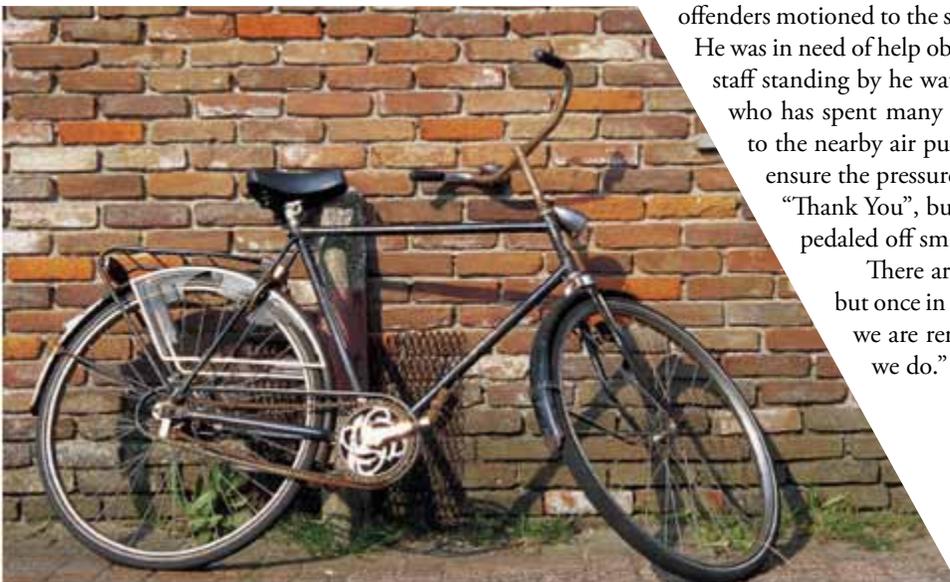
We say, “Every moment is a teaching moment.” There’s a whole bunch of truth to that in dealing with these young people who have had a rough start in life.

One more great story....

Today the team was at a local gas station filling the lawn mowers and equipment before mowing two of Charleston’s largest cemeteries. The boys were out of the truck along with the staff when a young partially crippled boy pedaled up to them and began motioning and trying to communicate. The boy was wearing a helmet and he was able to move the bicycle, but there was real confusion regarding what he needed. Then one of our juvenile offenders motioned to the staff pointing to the tires of the bike.

He was in need of help obtaining air for his bicycle. With the staff standing by he watched as our juvenile offender (one who has spent many nights in segregation) walked over to the nearby air pump and filled each tire checking to ensure the pressure was just right. With an inaudible “Thank You”, but a clear “thumbs up” the little guy pedaled off smiling from ear to ear.

There are many days we don’t see any fruit, but once in awhile we have days like today when we are reminded, “That’s why we do – what we do.”



CORRECTIONS

Honors and Celebrations

At the 3rd Annual Keeping Maine Children Connected, Youth Who Rock Ceremony, at the Blaine House, one of our former clients, Vicky, was honored and also earned a scholarship for her continued education in Early Childhood Development. Part of the reception of these awards were time to speak about their own families and lives. Vicky publicly stood up and thanked our, **Amanda Woolford**. Her exact words were, "Amanda saved my life!!" What a great way to see the work that is done in the community and what we mean to our clients. Amanda, great job and we are proud of you too!!

Rick Rogers has celebrated a birthday since our last edition. Happy Birthday Rick!

Kelli & Rick Rogers are involved with a *Day2Remember* which was held on Little Sebago Lake July 6th for 21 at risk youth from the communities they serve. **Kristie Overtone Johnson**, the woman's world record shalom skier, sent her trainer's and volunteers to spend a day with the juveniles. They had 2 hours of water skiing, 2 hours of water tubing, and 2 hours of knee boarding. They were divided into groups of 7 and rotated through each of the stations. **Dana Fournier** also attended along with **Joie Hansen** from Spurwink and **Jen Chon** from Sweetser.

Mike Mack, Scott McDonald, Joann McDonald, and Rick Rogers all volunteered at the Maine Federation Parent Workshop on Saturday June 19th in Augusta. Parents were very welcoming and thankful for their insight

As a result of the Likert Group studies **Amanda Woolford and Matt New** put together a rousing Trivia Game. The categories were Red Sox/ Yankees, Music, JCCO Duties, Courtroom Quotes and others. These two really put some time and effort into this taking from the data received during the Likert Meetings. **Brian MacDougall, Neil MacLennan, Melissa Matthews, John Coyne and Maura Douglass, Mike Mack, Dan Harfoush, and Associate Commissioner Barry Stoodley** all attended/participated in this event. A good time was had by all.

Staff Meeting will be held at **Carol Large's** Camp in July. We thank Carol for opening her camp to the entire region.

Amanda Woolford recently had a proposal approved by **Commissioner Martin Magnusson**. Her proposal is geared towards Girls Case Management Protocol. Amanda is working on this proposal as a result of Completing Tier One in the Leadership Development Training. Amanda would welcome input from her colleagues as she continues the work on this proposal.

Region 3 Adult Community Corrections

SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

PPO Scott Lewis spent a year (December 2008 through December 2009) in Afghanistan. We are glad he returned safely back to us. He has since relocated to the case load vacated by **PPO Sandy Emerson** who retired back in the Spring of 2009. Once again Scott, we thank you for your service to our country!!!

RETIREMENTS

Speaking of people retiring, we were sad to see our **Regional Correctional Administrator Dan Ouelette** take advantage of the early retirement incentive. I have been keeping track of his "retirement doings" since he left and it seems to me he is REALLY enjoying retirement so far! Also taking advantage of the early retirement incentive were **PPO Dan Dodge and PPO Paul Duncan**. Due to the hiring freeze – these positions have not been filled and there have been many "case load shifts" in the past year. You really don't want me to go into detail on all of those shifts so I would just direct you to CORNET for the most recent updates on who handles what case load!!

SPECIAL HONOR

Back in April of 2009, **PPO George Mele** was honored at a banquet at the University of Maine at Orono and was inducted into the Eta Zeta Phi Alpha Honor Society (*an Honor Society for Social Work Students Dedicated to Excellence in Scholarship and High Professional Standards.*) He is also in the Golden Key Society which means that he is in the top 2% of all college seniors in the country! George is currently enrolled in the Masters Program for Social Work and plans to complete in May of 2011. Congratulations on your accomplishments George and keep up the good work!!

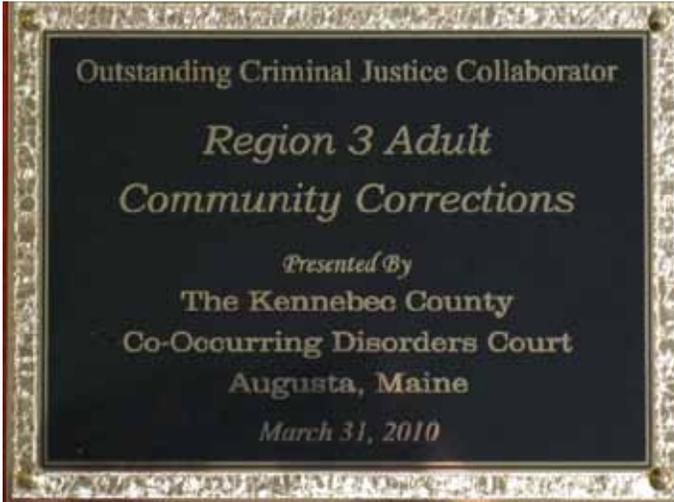
LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Several Region III Personnel participated in the 2010 Law Enforcement Torch Run. **PPOs Mark Fortin, Mark Gozdecki and Joe Galego** represented the Augusta Office, running the leg between Richmond and Augusta with the Gardiner Police Department and **PPO Anthony Prest** and **I- Marsha Booker** (I walked most of it) joined several local agencies in the 3.2 miles between the Rockland Walmart and the Rockland/Thomaston Line.

Region 3, Adult

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

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Region 3 Adult Community Corrections Honored for Outstanding Work

Many of the Officers in Region Three Probation have worked to make this Specialized Court a success. However **PPO Mark Fortin** has taken on the task of coordinating the interaction between the Court and Probation.

This award is in recognition to all the Probation Officers in Region Three for their efforts in trying to cause real change in the lives of their clients.

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DOCTalk

March 15, 2010

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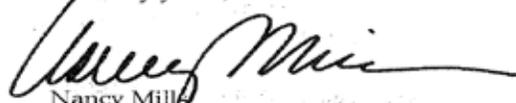
Dear Mr. Lorenzen:

I am pleased to notify you that the Co-Occurring Disorders Court Team has chosen Region 3 Adult Community Corrections to receive an award for Outstanding Criminal Justice Collaborator.

The Region 3 probation officers have been a key referral source to the CODC, which shows to us that they recognize the importance of addressing mental illness and substance abuse issues in order to help their probationers regain healthy and productive lives in society. Further, these probation officers have engaged in close client-specific collaboration with us while managing high caseloads.

The award will be presented at the CODC graduation ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kennebec County Superior Court. We hope you and other probation officers will be able to join us for the ceremony.

Sincerely yours,


Nancy Mills
Justice, Maine Superior Court

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Fire Destroys Much of the Maine State Prison

The archive photographs in this article shows the 1923 fire at the “old” Maine State Prison in Thomaston. The fire destroyed much of the prison facility and the prison was rebuilt and remodeled on the same location. There were no deaths but a number of injuries as a result of the fire. The inmates of the MSP helped to combat the fire. After the fire **Percival Proctor Baxter**, the Governor came in person to the MSP to personally thank the inmates for helping to put out the fire. The fire was believed to have started in one of the shop areas.

If anyone has any old Maine Department Of Corrections photographs that they would like to submit to the DOC TALK to use for this section, please contact **Ellis King** at 287-4342. The photographs may be published but will certainly be returned to the sender.

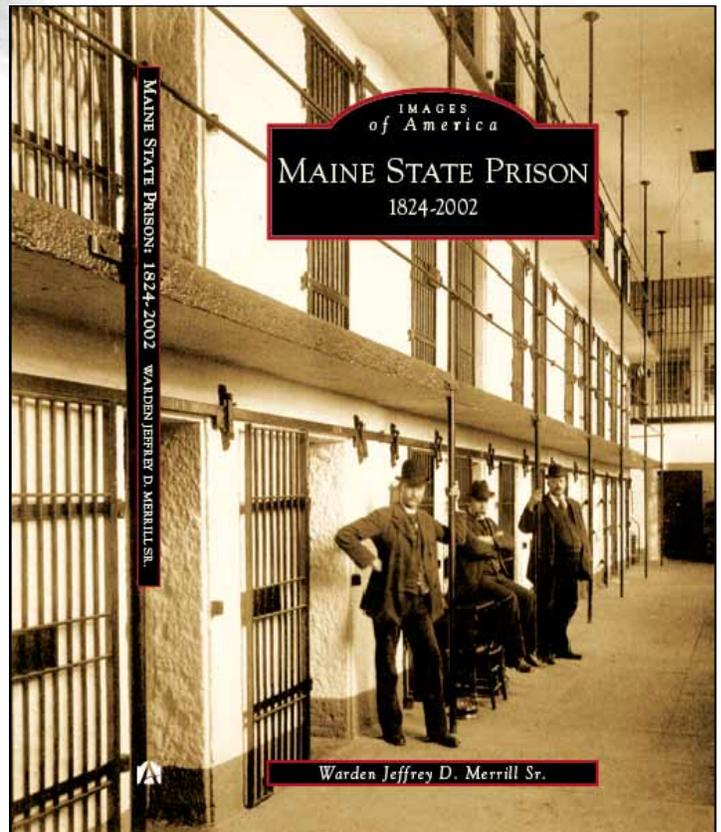
IMPORTANT NOTE ON THIS ARTICLE: I have depleted my existing supply of old MDOC photographs so I will have difficulty developing future articles. I will develop future “From the MDOC Archives” articles as old photographs are submitted to me.

Thank You!! Ellis



Images of America Maine State Prison 1824-2002

Some of the photographs that have been a part of “From the Archives” are also available in the book *Images of America, Maine State Prison 1824-2002*, through the Maine State Prison Showroom and Barnes & Noble book store.



May and June

Service Anniversaries

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5 Years

Ronald Perry	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Cheryl Quinn	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Jerrad Coffin	Maine Correctional Center
Brian Donahue	Maine Correctional Center
Charles Lacasse	Maine Correctional Center
James Temple	Maine Correctional Center
Martha Boynton	Central Office
Aaron Lamb	Maine State Prison
Timothy Harmon	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Patrick Lockhart	Charleston Correctional Facility
Bradford Campbell	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Richard LaFlamme	Long Creek Youth Development Center

20 Years

Kay Bouchard	Maine Correctional Center
Walter Parelus	Maine Correctional Center
Brian Tuttle	Maine Correctional Center
Shawn Welch	Maine Correctional Center
Thomas Davis	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Gary McCready	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Jane Tower	Central Office
Millard Rackliffe	Maine State Prison
Glenn Worcester	Maine State Prison
Christopher Paige	Maine Correctional Center
Steven Rogers	Long Creek Youth Development Center
James Sturks	Maine State Prison

10 Years

Michael Smith	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Jeffrey Merrill	Maine Correctional Center
Tricia Fernald	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Joel Burdin	Charleston Correctional Facility
Boyd Kronholm	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Roberta Ogborn	Region 2 Juvenile Community Corrections
Eric Powell	Region 2 Juvenile Community Corrections
Larry Toler	Maine State Prison
Michael Kane	Long Creek Youth Development Center
David Gruber	Maine State Prison

25 Years

Jay Maker	Downeast Correctional Facility
Harry Beal Jr.	Downeast Correctional Facility
David Ferrell	Region
Russell Ames	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Kevin Mayo	Mountain View Youth Development Center

30 Years

Corinne Zipps	Region 1 Adult Community Corrections
Clifton Blakeslee	Central Maine Pre-Release Center
Steven Maxwell	Maine State Prison
David Lovejoy	Mountain View Youth Development Center

15 Years

Thomas Pailes	Region 4 Juvenile Community Corrections
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35 Years

Brad Fogg	Maine Correctional Center
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