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Governor Baldacci Awards Employee and Manager for 2009



Josh Ash, Juvenile Community Corrections Officer, Region 4, Juvenile Division
Josh is a highly skilled and motivated employee, with a strong commitment to working with youth and families. Josh is a well respected “Motivational Interviewing” instructor who possesses immense credibility among the youth, families, community, and peers with whom he works, and he has recently been selected to serve on **Chief**

Justice Saufley’s “Juvenile Justice Task Force.” Pictured are Assoc. Comm. Juvenile Services. **Barry Stoodley, Josh, and Governor Baldacci**

Daniel Nee, Juvenile Program Manager, Division of Juvenile Services

Daniel has been with the Department of Corrections since March 23, 1980. In that time he has worked his way up to “Juvenile Program Manager”. He models excellent communication and teaches skills to deal with the most difficult juvenile offenders. Daniels problem solving abilities are uncanny. He recently received the “Barbara Allen Hagan Award” in “Detention & Assessment” category from the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators. Pictured is Assoc. Comm. Juvenile Services. **Barry Stoodley, Caitlan Nee, Dan Nee, and Governor Baldacci.** Photos are courtesy of Elm City Photo, Inc. 257 Main Street Waterville, Maine 04901 www.elmcityphoto.com



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Correction to a previous article

The photo that was attached to the CCF article (Last Issue) that notified us of the death of CO **Rick Hughes** was in error. As Editor of the MDOC newsletter, I assume the responsibility for this error and any damage that this error may have caused.

I apologize to Rick's family and to all of his friends and co-workers at CCF and throughout the MDOC for this error.

Attached to this message is a photo of Rick at the Charleston Correctional Facility that was provided by **Jeff Morin**, Director CCF.

Thank You!! Ellis

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From the MDOC Archives



The photo in this article shows the "Vault" at the old Maine State Prison in Thomaston. This was the very secure area where all of the inmate records were kept and maintained. Only selected MSP staff members were allowed access into the secure area. I was not able to identify the person standing in the photo. If anyone knows who this person is then please let me know.

This photo was included in a collection that was provided by **Gary LaPlante**.

If anyone has any old MDOC 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 and will certainly be returned to the sender.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON THIS ARTICLE: I have nearly depleted my existing supply of old MDOC photographs and I am having difficulty developing future archive articles. If anyone has old photographs from the MDOC's "Good Old Days" please let me use them for our newsletter. Thank You!! Ellis

Did You Know?

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

What are They Doing?

The field of corrections faces many challenges and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) coordinates and provides consulting, research, funding and training in an effort to address key issues. The results of these initiatives provide the field with valuable information and resources when dealing with these challenges.

Current Projects

[Corrections and H1N1 Flu](#), [Direct Supervision Jails](#), [Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in Corrections](#), [Forward Thinking](#), [Inmate Behavior Management](#), [Jail Administration](#), [Jail Standards and Inspections](#), [Leadership and Management](#), [Mentally Ill Persons in Corrections](#), [New Jail Planning](#), [The Norval Morris Project](#), [Offender Classification](#), [Offender Reentry/Transition](#), [Parole](#), [PREA / Offender Sexual Abuse](#), [Pretrial](#), [Reducing Offender Risk](#), [Regional Training](#), [Security](#), [Training Design and Development](#), [Transition and Offender Workforce Development](#), and [Women Offenders](#)

Detailed information on all of these subjects can be found at <http://www.nicic.org/Projects>

VICTIM SERVICES

Victim Advisory Group Meeting November 17, 2009

In attendance: **Denise Lord**-DOC Associate Commissioner, **Mary Farrar**-AG Victim Witness Advocate, **Tina Tucker**-New Hope For Women, **Arthur Jette**-Parents Of Murdered Children, **Michelle Noyes**-Cumberland County Jail Business Office, **Sergeant Larry LaPoint**-Cumberland County Jail, **Deb Rice**- Director, Victim Compensation, **Kate Snyder**-BOC Development Program Manager, **Denise Giles**-DOC Victim Services Coordinator and **Martha Boynton**-DOC Victim Services

The agenda

- ★ Status update on the Board of Corrections adoption of the model bail and notification of release policies.
- ★ Proposed restitution collection (pilot) for county jail inmates
- ★ Adult community corrections (probation) policy on restitution collection
- ★ A legislative proposal entitled “Resolve, To Reduce the Use and Abuse of Solitary Confinement”



Status update on the Board of Corrections adoption of the model bail and notification of release policies.

The policy will have its first reading at the November 19th meeting and be considered for adoption at the December 2nd meeting

The Victim Advisory/Focus Group is in support of the Jail Bail and Notification of Release policies.

Proposed restitution collection (pilot) for county jail inmates

Waldo County Jail is now a 72 hour holding facility. By December 1, 2009 it will be the Maine Coastal Region Re-Entry Center. MCRRC will be housing DOC prisoners as well as jail inmates.

We will be using MCRRC as a pilot to collect restitution within a jail setting.

The MCRRC will have an open house December 2, 2009. Denise Lord outlined the criteria for DOC prisoners who will be eligible for MCRRC housing. They must have 18 months remaining on sentence, Males only, a high risk of reoffending, not a sexual offender, discipline free for a set number of days, resident of one of the six counties along the Midcoast, minimum or community classification, and have no medical or mental health issues.

Adult community corrections (probation) policy on restitution collection

We are working with Community Corrections to not let restitution lapse by designing a method for converting obligations to civil orders by requesting a “motion to enforce” when probation is ending, the payment schedule has been complied with and there is a balance remaining. It is hoped that the policy will be finalized and implemented in January.

A legislative proposal entitled “Resolve, To Reduce the Use and Abuse of Solitary Confinement”

Denise Lord explained what this proposal meant; any kind of segregation would fall under the guides of solitary confinement. The national average for solitary confinement is 5%. This year Maine's average is 1.8%. The information that this proposal was based on was 1998 stats. Presently the bill was accepted as resolved and will be a part of this upcoming legislative session.

Update on INFOME inmate locator.

OIT is continuing to work on the inmate locator and we hope to see it available at the first of the year.

Welcome Mary Farrar

“After almost 14 years with the Criminal Division as a Victim Advocate, Mary Farrar is leaving to take a position with the Department of Corrections. Mary has been invaluable in working with the victims of homicides in this state... We will miss Mary and her terrific sense of humor and we wish her the best as she begins a new phase of her career.”

(W.R. Stokes, Deputy Attorney General, Chief, Criminal Division)



**PLEASE WELCOME MARY TO VICTIM SERVICES AT DOC.
Mary will be working with victims on restitution cases. She can
be reached at 287-6748.**

SEX OFFENDER RELEASES

The Office of Victim Services in the Department of Corrections offers safety plan meetings to victims of sexual assault upon the offenders release from incarceration. Victims have the right to know the offenders release date, release address and employment information as well as the conditions of probation.

When there is not a victim notification request, Victim Services takes a pro-active approach in attempting to locate ALL sexual assault victim information. Research is done prior to the offenders release to obtain the victim names, addresses and phone numbers in order to contact the victim and offer a safety plan meeting.

A safety plan meeting serves as a confidential informational meeting for the victims and/or family members allowing them the opportunity to ask questions.

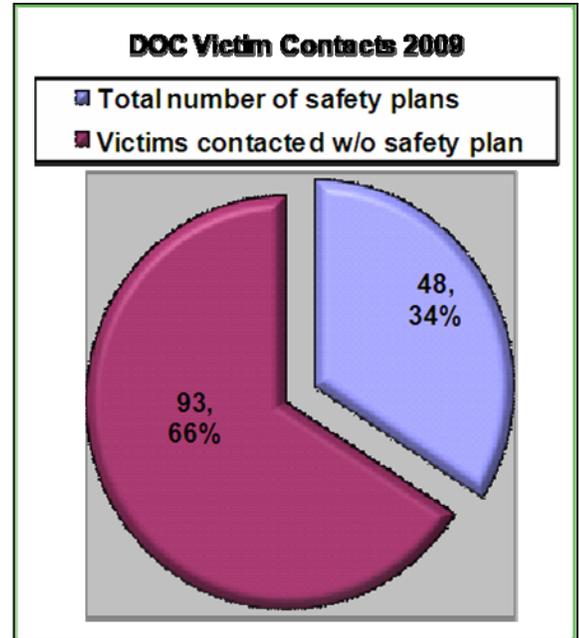
The invitation to the safety plan meeting is extended to anyone the victim may request to be present; including the Sex Offender Specialist and/or Probation Officer, Law Enforcement, DA's office, Sexual Assault center advocate, school administrators,

treatment providers and/or support person. Only those invited at the victim's request will be included at the safety plan meeting. Information provided, in addition to probation conditions, include requirements of the Sex Offender Registry and services provided by the Sexual Assault Centers. The safety plan meeting is the time for the victim to have his/her questions answered and be informed of community supports. The meetings provide information to victims in order to make the best safety plan for themselves and their families.

In 2009, 163 Sex Offenders were released from Department of Corrections; 141 victims of sexual assault were contacted, and of those contacted,

48 Victims attended a safety plan meeting.

In 2008, DOC Victim Services began monitoring sex offender releases from four county Jails; York, Cumberland, Androscoggin and Androscoggin Counties. 32 Sex Offender were released from the county jails; 39 Victims of sexual assault were contacted, and of those cited, 10 Victims attended a safety plan meeting.



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The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA)

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA) held its last meeting at the Maple Hill Farms in Hallowell, on December 3, 2009. The MACEA is an organization that promotes correctional education throughout the State and is supported by both the Department of Corrections and the Department of Education.

The agenda for the day-long meeting included a presentation by **Irv Faunce** and **Kate Snyder** of the Maine State Board of Corrections and an extensive strategic planning and goal setting session. About 32 people attended this meeting and represented the County Jails, MDOC adult correctional facilities, community adult education programs, and other interested agencies.

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. Please contact **Ray Therrien**, President of the Maine Adult Correctional Education Association for additional information at 778-3460 or at RTherrien@mtbluersd.org

The people in the photo are **Ray Therrien**, President of MACEA, and **Arlene Jacques**, Community Corrections Director, Cumberland County Jail.



DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

In The News

The Board of Corrections visited Downeast Correctional Facility on November 6, 2009.

Scott Jones, **Tim Cobb** and **David Daniels** guided the tour. The group toured the Woodshop headed by **Jeff Mason**, Motor Pool headed by **Kevin Millay**, Welding Shop headed by **Craig Smith**, Carpentry headed by **Tony Jans**, Kitchen headed by **April Gross**, Library/Learning Center headed by **Ann Grange** and Garments/Upholstery headed by **John Gilmore**. The board members also toured the dorms and were impressed by the relaxed demeanor of the prisoners. The board was also impressed by the outstanding Community Restitution work being done within the community and commented on the quality of professionals we have overseeing maintenance and coordinating the dorms, programs and industry.

Anniversaries

Special recognition goes to **Olivia Spencer** for her 35 years of State Service. She was presented her recognition award by **Scott Ferguson**, **Jack Wilcox** and **Scott Jones**

5 Years

Steven Pressley



MAINE STATE PRISON



Maine State Prison Welcomes

New Officer Graduates

On December 23rd, The Maine Criminal Justice Academy certified seven new corrections officers at the Maine State Prison. Pictured left to right: **Nathaniel White, Nathan McLaughlin, Ronald Teele III, Brandon Oldenburg, Christopher Flye, Kirby Ross, and James Harriman.**

With about thirty guests attending graduation, **Warden Patrica Barnhart** first addressed and thanked the visiting families for supporting their graduating family members new career choice, and then congratulated and welcomed the new officers "to the Maine State Prison family".

We would also like to welcome **Brittany Payson**, to administration, she transfer from DHHS to DOC.

Maine State Prison Adopts-a-Family

Once again the Business Office signed up to Adopt for the 2009 Christmas Holiday, and this year they invited the rest of the facility to be part of the family. As you can see in the photo, many wishes were fulfilled on Christmas morning.

One business office representative wrote to the rest of the facility; "Okay, the items have been delivered. It is a wonderful, yet heart wrenching, experience"! We were told that the family we collected for needed everything and that everything we gave will be greatly appreciated!

Thanks again for everybody's generosity....especially in these tough economic times. It really is wonderful to see how everyone gave!



BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

36 YEARS OF LOYAL, DEDICATED SERVICE

AL BARLOW has seen a lot during his lengthy career in the Department of Corrections, a career that just recently surpassed the 36 year mark. There have been many changes during that time; changes in correctional philosophy and in leadership, just to name a couple. One thing that hasn't changed in that time is the way Al performs his duties. Whether as a security guard, a Deputy Warden or any of the stops in between, he has always had an honest, straight-forward approach to his responsibilities. It is this approach that has endeared him to many through the years.



Al's DOC journey began on November 26, 1973 when he was hired at the Maine State Prison as a guard. He spent the next three years developing basic correctional skills. In 1976, he decided to pursue his interest in sports and was promoted to Supervisor of Recreation. After devoting 17 years to correctional recreation, both as a guard and as a supervisor, he decided to cross back over into the security ranks and was promoted to Captain in 1992. In 1994, he became the Assistant Director of the Bolduc Correctional Facility which presented him with new challenges.

In 2000, now with 27 years of experience in many facets of Corrections, Al was elevated to the position of Deputy Warden. As the Deputy Warden of the old Thomaston facility, he assisted with the transition to the new facility here in Warren. A few months after the February 2002 transition, he transferred back to BCF where he has been serving as the facility head.

Al's personal life has two passions - family and 1960s/70s muscle cars. He is a devoted husband, father and grandfather and a loving brother. Though some would believe otherwise, the muscle cars actually take a "back seat" to his love and loyalty for family and friends.

Even after 36 years of steady service, both the Maine State Prison and the Bolduc Correctional Facility are hoping to continue benefiting from his experience, wisdom, competitiveness and successes.

Thank you, Al Barlow.

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CMS at Maine State Prison Welcomes New Staff

Robert Rockett and **Shirley Barlow** both LCSW's joined Correctional Medical Services in November as part of the Maine State Prison Mental Health Team. And in December **Stacy Hall**, an LCPC; joined the Mental Health department as well. Also in December **Abbie Nicklebine**, LPN joined the medical team. Welcome to you all, we look forward to working with you.



Assoc.
Comm.
**Bud
Doughty,**
Guy, and
Deputy
Warden
**Al Bar-
low.**



The Bolduc Community has recently undergone a significant loss. **GUY LOMBARDO**, Vocational Trades Instructor, retired at the beginning of December just in time for Auld Lang Sine. Guy began working for the Department of Corrections in February of 1985 and under his guidance, BCF developed a reputation for having probably the best food in the Department.

Guy ran the kitchen and delivered the Culinary Arts program, teaching countless residents over the years, many of whom subsequently found work in the field upon their release. He was never more in his element than when he served the yearly Harvest Feast, for which all staff waited with bated breath. Aside from the beautiful presentation of all foods, including watermelon carved into various designs, perhaps the overriding image of the meal is Guy proudly carving the Steamship Round for eager diners.

Guy's absence is already felt by those who enjoyed his food preparation over the years. We hope that he has plenty of time now for his passion, though the local turkeys may not agree with that sentiment. Best of luck to you, Guy – you are sorely missed.

Officer Gary Patchell (pictured) was Employee of the Month for November, 2009. Officer Patchell:



He has worked at BCF for over 5 years and is known by all to be motivated, flexible and organized.

Officer Ronald Woodger was Employee of the Month for December, 2009. He has worked at BCF for 5 years and has been commended twice due to his diligence and quick decision-making. Officer Woodger demonstrates well his knowledge of the job. We are fortunate to have him (and his sense of humor) at Bolduc.

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Welcome Aboard to **JUSTIN AHERN** who has promoted from a JPW at Long Creek to an Assistant Classification Officer at MCC. Justin has worked for the Department since 2006.

Congratulations to **GLEAN BROWN** on his promotion to Correctional Captain. Glean has worked as a Correctional Sergeant and will now be the Shift Commander on one of MCC's night shifts.

Captain Brown is also a member of MCC's CERT Team.

Best Wishes to **HELEN YORK**, who has retired from the Maine Correctional Center after 25 years of dedicated Service. Helen has worked throughout the facility, but her primary contribution was to the improvement and enrichment of programs for female prisoners. She has been dependable in reporting for work, assisted in training officers in cross gender supervision so they would be successful in working in the Women's Center, set an example for prisoners to follow, and been consistent in her treatment of those prisoners. Helen joins her husband John in his retirement from MCC.

So Long to **ROD WINANT**, who has finally pulled the plug! Rod Started at MCC in 1978 and in 2001 took part in the Department's retire/rehire program. In December 2009 decided it was finally time to relax. Rod had a steady hand in dealing with some troublesome prisoners and for many years successfully worked in those dorms that housed special needs prisoners. Rod was both a Correctional Officer and served as a Sergeant for over ten years.

Thanks to **JON-CURTIS GRANNEY** for your service to the Maine Correctional Center. Jon has been a Field Training Officer, member of the CERT Team and MCC Honor Guard. Jon has left to become a west-coaster!



MCC employees keep on giving. Once again, during these trying times, MCC employees continued to give to the Windham Community by donations of blood to the American Red Cross and food and staples to the Windham Community Food Bank. This was in addition to their ongoing contributions to the Maine State Employees Combine Charitable Appeals Program.

The **MCC HONOR GUARD** is in high demand. They were asked to lead Portland's Veterans' Day Celebration this past November!

Good - bye Harold. Those staff members at

MCC who had the opportunity to work with **Harold C. Leighton** give their condolences to his family upon his death. Harold retired from MCC several years ago but is not forgotten!

CHARLESTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

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By **Chad Curtis**, ACA Manager

The staff at the Charleston Correctional Facility once again would like to say a very heart felt “thank you” to all of those individuals from other agencies whose dedicated efforts helped us reach our goal of 100 % in our ACA accreditation audit. Accomplishments like this do not come without a lot of time and sacrifice from a lot of dedicated staff as well as assistance from some very skilled people, and for these efforts we all feel very proud. This sense of pride, which can be seen from one end of CCF to the other, is not an attitude of personal or facility recognition, but rather because this simply validates how good of a job that the Maine Department of Corrections does each and every day and it is a testament of the high quality of staff and services and above and beyond dedication that all of us departmentally provide. As a facility, we are extremely proud to be a branch of the M.D.O.C. Adult Services here in northern Maine and we are even more proud to be able to say that we not only perform the function of providing correctional care and supervision to Maine’s adult offender population, but that we do this function with complete excellence when compared to all other correctional facilities in this country.

A lot of credit for this audits success belongs to some very hard working and dedicated employees who are no longer with us today and we are sad that they cannot share in this celebration with us, but we certainly want to honor and remember them and never forget their contribution to this facility and to this department. **Sergeant Dean Tuttle**, who left us in May after losing his battle with cancer, surprised everyone who knew him because it was the first fight that Dean ever lost. We all remember Dean as a solid employee (literally) who thought it a travesty to allow any visitor of CCF to not feel right at home and did everything within his power to see that everyone was welcomed here. Dean’s handiwork can be seen throughout the facility to this day and it serves to remind us of the man that we all want to be more like. **Officer Rick Hughes**, whose passion and dedication to this facility was unmatched and was very apparent in whatever task he was given as seen through the spit and shine. Rick left us unexpectedly in October and many of us still don’t believe that he is gone to this day. Rick responded to emergencies and incidents with a cool and an “in control” disposition that seemed to put everyone else at ease. Rick was an active member of his community and served our country in the U.S. Marines for nearly 20 years and had his orders to deploy once again in December. These two employees have left a very big hole in our hearts and lives, but as they would want us to do, we are continuing to pick up where they left off and make this facility a better place tomorrow!

In closing, a very special “Thank You” to the M.D.O.C. audit team who helped to insure that CCF was successful from the very beginning. The team has offered our facility insight that could not have

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been otherwise obtained, and accomplished this with extreme level of professionalism and with a helpful versus a critical attitude.

Submitted by Judy Bailey

Correctional Plumber **Jeff Grants** son, full-time Deputy Sheriff **Nelson Grant** has been selected along with 5 other law enforcement officers including one from Portland, Maine to participate in the "COP's ON TOP" program. This program is to honor fallen comrades in law enforcement, raising money for those officers' families. This year these fine officers will be climbing Mt. McKinley in Alaska which is the second highest mountain in the world. Lets all wish these fine officers luck in this venture. Those that wish to contribute to this program can go to the *Cops On Top* website for more info. <http://copsontop.com/>

CCF would like to welcome new Wellspring DSAT provider **Jane Irish** to the team as **Maureen Sylvain** leaves to pursue her work as a substance abuse counselor in Bangor. Welcome Jane!

Congratulations to **Kevin Williams** on his promotion from CO to Sergeant. Best to you Sgt Williams and a warm welcome to new **Sgt. Frank Wolfburg** and **CO Robert Littlefield**. We also welcome **Richard Rankins** as our new Correctional Maintenance Mechanic.

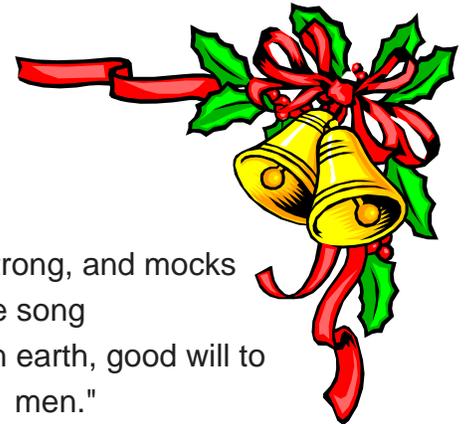


Christmas Bells Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And mild and sweet the words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had roll'd along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bow'd my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,



"For hate is strong, and mocks
the song
Of peace on earth, good will to
men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

'Til ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

first published in 1863

LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

LCYDC COMMUNITY SERVICE (MARIA DORN)

The Elm Unit and Maple Girls Elite Unit continued to do community service. Twice in the month of December, the juveniles coordinated and cooked meals for the residents at the Ronald McDonald House in Portland Maine. The Elm boys and Maple girls committed to making meals and serving twice a month and were awarded two grants to purchase food. This activity has been well received by the staff at the Ronald McDonald House and the Long Creek residents who are doing this feel their good work is valuable and enjoy doing it.

Also the Elm Unit has been travelling weekly to the Good Sheppard Food Bank in Auburn, ME to volunteer. This has been another opportunity to give back to the community and be part of something worthwhile.

RECOGNITION of THANKS (DAN NEE)

The staff of Maple and Spruce are the reason LCYDC received the Barbara Allen-Hagen Award for having an outstanding detention unit. Yes, we are one of the best in the USA!

The Maple Unit, housing the committed and detained girls together, met challenges that no one in LCYDC has to deal with, and I must say, "do it in style". JPM **Wealth Jordan**, a leader that prefers a hand on approach to running her unit, is a 20+ year veteran with the girls.

Kathleen Rand, JPS, and **Tricia Fernald**, JPW, are the most experienced shift, the mainstay of the girls program, and major contributors to the success of the "hold for court girls schooling" with the detention boys. Mrs. Rand's patience along with the firm but fair approach of Mrs. Fernald makes for a winning combo.

The next shift is led by Mr. **Jerry Dixon**, who is the only male assigned to the unit. Jerry is very healthy for the girls to experience because his calm, cool, laid back approach makes it easy for the girls approach him and his partner **Brook Bowley**.

The third day shift led by Ms. **Beth Peavy** and her years of experience which portray an energy level that is always running in the red, and encourages all in the unit at the time match her intensity. Ms. Peavy and her new partner **Sue McAllister** make the residents strive for excellence, and they will never give up on anyone.

The Spruce Unit is the male detention unit at LCYDC, and with Maple has been asked to CHANGE their ways of doing business for the past two years. "Performance Based Standards" have compelled us to focus on * room time,* time outs, *show decreases in incidents,* more positive involvement with parents, and *decreases in aggressive behavior to name a few PBS interests. To achieve this directive and accept this challenge, Spruce needed a group of staff like Maple. **Tom Profenno**, **Brad Campbell**, and **Eric Berry** demonstrating good counseling skills to keep the residents off balance with laughter and games are the shift strengths to getting the residents involved with their daily programs whether they want to or not. **Jeff Doiron**, and **Justin Madore** are able to reach the tough-

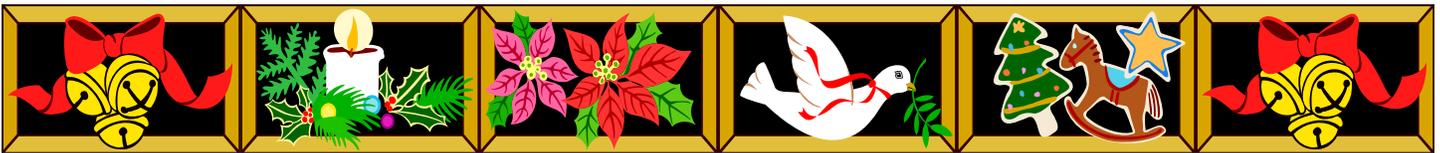
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est kids coming down the pike through patience and persistence with the residents. **John Hoyt**, **Ryan Anderson**, and **Nick Werner**, are the “young turks” of the staff, who through the use of sports allows them to work with the residents in a different light reaching even the one individual that others can’t touch.

The changes made within the Maple and Spruce Units were supported by **Superintendent Rod Bouffard**, along with **Eric Gilliam**, **Colin O’Neill**, and **Dr. Sprague Simonds**. These changes developed a culture that was safe, while enhancing the morale and satisfaction of the clients and staff. It should also be noted that the CJCA nationally recognized **Dan Nee** as “Manager of the Year” for the Department of Corrections.

WELCOME to LCYDC

Ann Marie Barter & Laurie Underwood are two new faces at LCYDC. Ann Marie is the Staff Development Specialist coordinating the employee training at the facility, and Laurie is the new computer teacher at the A.R. Gould School.

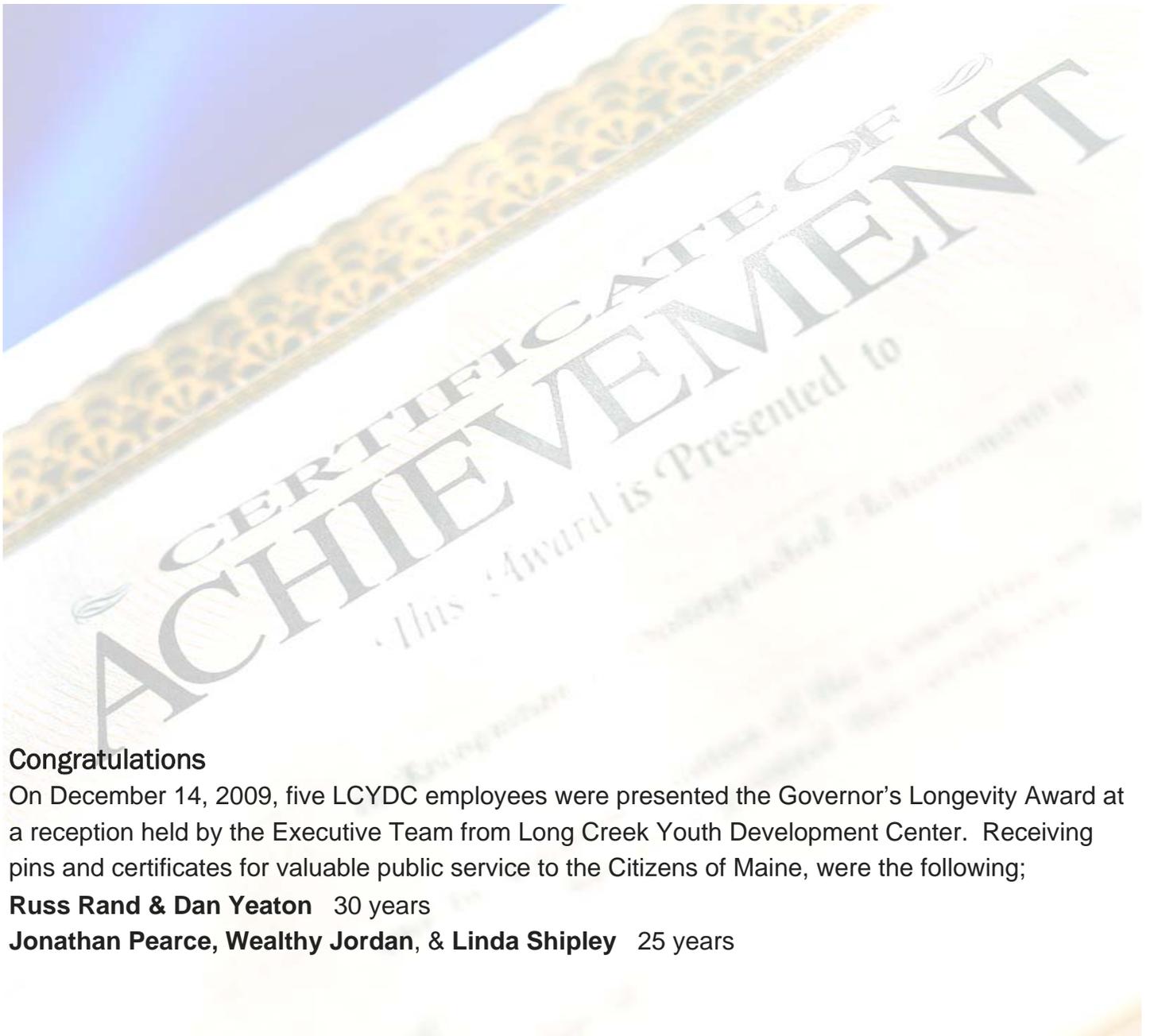


HOLIDAY FAIR (MARIA DORN)

The second annual Long Creek Holiday Fair and Silent Auction was held December 2, 2009. Residents, teachers and volunteers met for months planning this event. Items sold at the fair included baked goods, hand made blankets, woodworking items. Auction items were comprised of donations given by the community. Also, the AR Gould Basketball Team had a booster table at the fair and sold basketball tee shirts and popcorn. That table was a particular success, selling out most of the tee shirts. Staff, community members and family members attended the fair and some of the Long Creek residents manned the tables. The event made over \$3000 for the resident benefit account and was a success.

ANNUAL UNIT FAMILY STYLE DINNER EVENT (MARIA DORN)

The annual unit family dinner event took place during the month of December. Each committed resident unit had a special family style dinner with two family members of their choice in the visitation room. The food was made by the culinary arts catering class taught by **Linda Shipley**, and the Elm Unit boys under the supervision of **Anne Cardus**, a volunteer chef. The dinner was served table to table by staff and volunteers. As always, the meals offered parents and family members a chance to spend time with their son or daughter in a more relaxed, and casual atmosphere. One resident sent a card to volunteers with the quote: “Dear Everyone who put on the Christmas dinner with our family – thank you! It means so much to me that you guys did this stuff and my parent’s to. It’s so nice that people care and that we have a good Christmas. I’m honestly so so so grateful for this.”



Congratulations

On December 14, 2009, five LCYDC employees were presented the Governor's Longevity Award at a reception held by the Executive Team from Long Creek Youth Development Center. Receiving pins and certificates for valuable public service to the Citizens of Maine, were the following;

Russ Rand & Dan Yeaton 30 years

Jonathan Pearce, Wealthy Jordan, & Linda Shipley 25 years

A.R. Gould School Varsity Boys Basketball 2009-2010 Schedule

December 1st Waynflete Scrimmage 6pm

December 12th Seacoast Christian 7pm

January 5th Pine Tree Academy 6:30pm

January 13th Seacoast Christian 5:30pm

January 22nd North Haven 6pm

January 27th Pine Tree Academy 6:30pm

December 8th Elan—5:30pm

December 18th Islesboro—6:30p

January 12th Elan—5:30p

January 19th Buckfield—6pm

January 23rd North Haven 9:30am

February 2nd Elan—3:30Pm

A.R.GOULD SCHOOL BEARS BASKETBALL TEAM UNDEFEATED

Under the direction of LCYDC Athletic Director **Kim Deering**, and coach **Tom Profenno**, JPS, the A.R. Gould Bears have developed a strong team for the 2009-2010 basketball season. The Bears won their 4th game last Tuesday night against Pine Tree Academy, and are now 4-0. This year's varsity basketball team is composed of 10 players who contributed very evenly in Tuesday's game between points, assists and rebounds.

Currently the A.R. Gould Bears are seated #3 in the Heal Point Standings, which define a point system determined on the basis of athletic strength shown through the regular season. Seven teams are chosen for the annual MPA (Maine Principal's Association) basketball tournament in Augusta, and this year the Bears have the potential to make the tournament playoffs in the Class D Division. There are eleven games during the season with five games left to play. Next Tuesday, January 12th at 5:30PM, will be one of the bigger games of the season against the Elan School, in Poland, Maine. The team and staff greatly appreciate all the fans that have attended their games, and this next game could use a lot of support, because Elan is a strong competitor during the regular season. Congratulations to A.R GOULD Bears for their current standing and best of luck for the remainder of the basketball season.

A.R. Gould School
v.
Waynflete School
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**A.R. Gould School game t-shirts on sale:
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MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

PERSONNEL:

Welcome to our New Hires: Juvenile Program Workers: **Warren Brown, Nancy DeCesere, Brandon Townsend, and Rocco Pizzo**

Teacher for Title One: **Craig Courbron**

D.H.H.S. Mental Health Coordinator for MUYDC: **Kenneth Rautiola**

Intern: Graduate student **Janine Slavec** who will assist in the psychology dept.

Promotions: **Scott Demoranville** from JPW to Vocational Trades Instructor for Carpentry.

Congratulations to: **Jeff Merrill**, prior Warden of MSP, on his promotion to Director of Corrections Energy, and welcome to our Administrative offices.

Congratulations to: **Mike Nichols**, JPW, our newest Employee of the Quarter.

Mike came to Mountain View without any security background and immediately undertook his duties with confidence, and showed that a person could adapt to this environment with minimal instruction. He is pro-active in heading off any situation that could escalate. The residents have a lot respect for Mr. Nichols and often go him for advice, support and guidance. Besides his regular duties Mike worked tirelessly along side of Mr. Pratt to ensure that Mountain View earned the highest possible rating during the ACA audits. He continues to seek and accept responsibility to build upon his growing positive reputation here at Mountain View. Please congratulate Mr. Nichols when you see him.

About Thankfulness

- ★ Happiness comes when we stop wailing about the troubles we have, and offer thanks for all the troubles we do not have.
- ★ It is not what you have in our pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart.
- ★ A person does not realize how much he has to be thankful for until he has to pay taxes on it.
- ★ A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all virtues.
- ★ If you cannot be content with what you have received, be thankful for what you have escaped.
- ★ No one knows what he can do until he tries.
- ★ Achievers are not born, they are made.
- ★ A smile can add a great deal to one's face value.





GRANT FUNDS BUY NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Better Equipped Students make Better Prepared Students

A recent **Carl Perkins** CTE Grant provided an opportunity to purchase new equipment for the Small Engine Repair, Building Trades, Culinary Arts, Custodial/Maintenance, and Job Readiness programs at **Mountain View Youth Development Center** in Charleston.



Chef **Mark Spahr** has something to brag about too, as he examines the new convection oven in his Culinary Arts Department. Increased capacity means increased production and students having more opportunity to cook.

Scott DeMoranville, instructor, shows off the new, state-of-the-art table saw. Other new purchases include a lawn mower for the Small Engine Repair Program, two desktop computers for the Job Readiness Class, and a back-pack vacuum and heavy duty hand cart for the Custodial/Maintenance Work Team.

Residents 17-21 years old who have earned their G.E.D can participate in the **Jobs for Maine's Graduates** program at Mountain View and learn new career and technical skills prior to reintegrating into their communities. This is just one of the many educational opportunities available to older residents at Mountain View Youth Development Center. Younger residents, who have not yet attained a diploma or G.E.D., participate in Career and Technical Education classes at Mountain View Youth Development Center as part of their regular high school interest area studies.

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Making a Difference Awards by Caroline Raymond

Submitted by Pat Gillis, Program Manager

On November 19, 2009 **Eric Hansen** and **Rodney Bouffard** each received **Day One's Making a Difference Award**. The *Making a Difference Award* recognizes an individual who displays leadership in strengthening the infrastructure essential to preventing and treating substance abuse among Maine youth. They received their awards at Day One's Annual Event that was held this year at the Marriot Sable Oaks in South Portland. The keynote speaker was **Derek "Turk" Sanderson**, former professional hockey player. Two current residents of Long Creek also shared their stories. Eric and Rod also received an official expression of sentiment from the members of the Maine Senate and House of Representatives in appreciation for their work.



Eric Hansen and Carolyn Raymond



unknown, Rob Bouffard, and Eric Gilliam

"A LIFETIME GOAL"

On the 25th of October a determined 60 year old corrections officer from the Mountain View Youth Development Center ran and finished the 26 mile "Marine Corps Marathon" (also known as "The People's Marathon") held annually in Washington D.C..

Freeman Doore has been with Mountain View since 2001 and over the years he's proven himself to be a "can do" individual that sets his own pace. Whenever he is supervising residents he's quick to challenge them with calisthenics fostering a great atmosphere of "anything is possible if you put your mind to it."



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Freeman began training for the marathon this April but suffered injuries enroute to the October race date. In light of the physical setbacks and age his doctor as well as other runners encouraged him to put the race off for another year when there would be sufficient time to complete training. The advice to “put off” was too closely associated with “quit” and Freeman wasn’t about to allow anything to stand in his way of a life long goal.

When mid October arrived Freeman’s training was only at 15 miles a day – far short of the 26 mile goal, however he again pushed forward and arrived as planned in Lynchburg Virginia where he spent time with his daughter Shyla and son-in-law Nick, who planned to run the race with him. Nick is a veteran marathon runner and having him along was quite meaningful for Freeman as he faced this daunting goal.

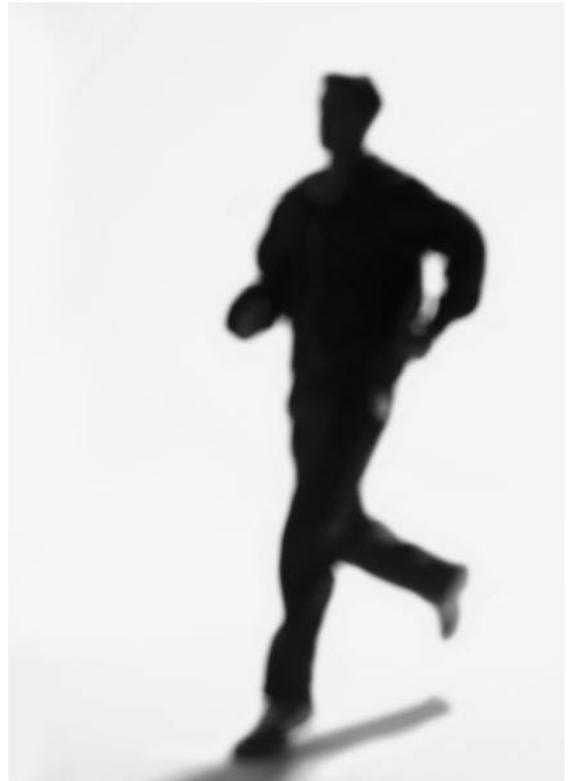
Thirty thousand runners registered for this marathon and 21,211 finished with Freeman finishing 152nd in his division. He said there were quite a few handicapped people that were participating and because of the limited amount of running space for such a large crowd they were given a 10 minute earlier start time. The overwhelming support for such a grand charity event along with thousands of people willingly celebrating their commitment to run was heart stirring. The entry cost for the marathon was \$88 per runner and there were no placement rewards given other than the sheer enjoyment of participating.

The marathon began at 0800 and with so many runners it was 0830 before the last runner crossed the starting line. They began at Arlington cemetery and ran throughout downtown Washington passing several monuments while the majority of the race was spent elbow to elbow pressing forward in the crowd. Along the route Freeman said there were hundreds of supporters in uniform passing water and shouting encouragement. Near mile #22 Freeman spotted a man on crutches that was pushing his way – at his own speed to the finish line – what commitment!

When asked if he ever entertained the thought of simply stepping aside and walking the remainder of the race since his training had fallen short, Freeman said there was no way he could do that. One of the thoughts that propelled him during those last few rough miles came from a resident that said to him on the morning he was to leave for Virginia was, “You can do it Mr. Doore – I believe in you.”

Freeman said at the finish line he was literally moved to tears by the overwhelming support of people and the overall emotion of the location of the run, his son in law with him and then visiting our country’s monuments.

Well done Freeman... commitment to others is what we are all about.



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In Deep Sympathy

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of **Marjorie Gerrish Knapp** whose life on earth came to a close on Saturday December 5th of this year. Marjorie or most often called Marge was the mother of **RCA Lisa Nash** of Region One. During her walk through life, Marge personified the true meaning of love for others by cultivating a strong and abiding love for her family, friends and hosts of others she met along the way. She will be sadly missed and long remembered for her strong spirit of living in today and enjoying life to its fullest even through the darkest moments. To Lisa and members of her extended family, we share in your sorrow and send our heartfelt sympathies your way.

Accepts new position

We all said farewell to **Stephen Craig** as he departed Region One to join forces with the Adult Protective Services Staff at DHHS. Steve has been with us for a number of years as a Reentry Specialist. In this capacity he worked very closely with both institution and probation personnel, assisting recently released inmates in obtaining housing, employment and other vital information as they made their way back into society. In his new position with Adult Protective Services, Steve will be wearing a slightly different hat as he takes on the challenges of Elder Abuse Investigations. In the time he has been with us, Steve has been a valuable resource and a real team player always willing to lend a hand whenever possible. Good Luck, Steve, we will miss you.

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Region II would like to announce the marriage of Probation Officer **Mike Simoneau** and Probation Officer **Tiffany Tomaso**.

The ceremony took place on November 14th in Boco Grande, Florida.

All of Region II wishes them a long and happy life together, congratulations.



To Mike and
Tiffany

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NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED

Book Review/Shrine Hospital Fundraiser

Noble Mele's Book Supports Shriners Hospitals

Having been in law enforcement for over thirty-seven years, I am, oddly enough, not generally a reader of mystery novels. However, once I started reading NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED, a novel by Noble George Mele, of KORA Shriners, I didn't stop until I'd discovered the fate of the book's hero, Detective Sean Collins. This book is the embodiment of most law enforcement officers' deepest fear, that they will be convicted of a crime that they have not committed. Sean Collins is a sympathetic Pennsylvania cop whose honesty and knowledge are widely known. He is a family man who loves his wife and children. Police work and being a detective are the only other loves in his life, and he is committed to the justice system. When Collins is convicted of murder after a shootout with a wanted killer, he is sent off to the Maine State Prison to do his time, since a prison where he is known would be a death sentence. There is no doubt that the author is more than familiar with the Maine Department of Corrections, and he creates in the reader a sense of the despair that haunts the Maine State Prison, even though it is new and one of the most liberal in the country. Detective Collins, removed from the side of justice where he has spent his career, is now in a different world, an upside down world where he must see things and let them go. He cannot look after people as he always has, he has to "do his own time" in order to someday return to his family. The author takes us back and forth between the events that brought the detective to prison and his new existence in the prison, between Collins' former "normal" and his new, very different "normal". Writing in the almost staccato prose of a police report, we get a glimpse of perhaps what the author himself has spent his life doing, as he is a part of Maine's law enforcement community. Sean Collins trip through the police officer's nightmare of being inside is tempered by the efforts of his partner to find evidence that will clear Collins and bring him home. The friendship of the two officers could ultimately be the key that will unlock his prison cell. Meanwhile, Collins must be vigilant that he does not violate the code that runs life



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in the Maine State Prison. Again, we see in the author's writing that of which he has firsthand knowledge. He describes the prison itself in terms that, while making it not unattractive, certainly make it a place where the average person does not want to be! NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED is a good easy weekend read, taking us to places that maybe most people don't care to contemplate, but it is also about honor even in bad places, duty, love and family. Copies of NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED By George W. Mele will be on sale at the Kora office soon, or you can find it by going online at Amazon.com. Noble Mele is donating a portion of the proceeds from sales of the book to the Shriners Hospitals. Noble Mele is a Kora Shriner, and is active in the Mid Coast Shrine Club. I had the opportunity to talk with Noble Mele last weekend at the Kora business meeting and at the same time I purchased an autographed copy of his first novel.

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