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AWARDS CEREMONY

MCC - The Maine Conservation Corps will hold its second annual Recognition Day on August 16 at the Swan Island Wildlife Refuge in Richmond. The day serves to recognize Corps members from throughout the State who have successfully completed summer projects. Corps members will receive Certificates of Achievement from Governor Brennan who will speak to the Corps members and assembled quests. Also attending the event will be job training counselors and staff from land-managing agencies who have participated in summer projects. The day will include the awards ceremony, softball, volleyball and quided tours of the island.

HEAD PROJECTS

QUODDY - Quoddy Head State Park has recently seen the completion of three major projects that have involved a large number of DOC staff over the past year. Raymond Thompson; Manager at Quoddy Head and David Jones, Ranger at Quoddy Head, have worked hard juggling these projects and must be relieved that it is all over! The parking lot has now doubled in size and a Maine Conservation Corps crew has finished staining the boardwalk into the Park's peat bog. The longawaited new interpretive panels have been installed in the Park's orientation area, scenic overlook area, and along the bog boardwalk. Jarvis Johnson, Manager at Cobscook Bay added his usual skill, hard work and humor to getting these tasks accomplished. Bill Cleaves, Regional Supervisor reports that everything looks great and has been well-received by visitors. Congratulations to all involved DOC staff on a job well done!

HONESTY - When ten-year-old Ben Hall of Richmond found \$20.00 on the lawn at Peacock Beach earlier this summer, he did what he felt was honest--turned the money in at the control booth as lost and found. After the designated waiting period, Park Manager Tim Hall was glad to turn the money over to Ben, who plans to use it to purchase styrofoam for his boat. In this case, as most, honesty is the best policy!

FAMILY PORTRAIT

A photo of Jym St. Pierre and his family was featured in a recent edition of the Lewiston Daily Sun newspaper in an advertisement for the Family Birthing Center at St. Mary's Hospital where their 2nd son, Jaaron, was born.

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SESSIONS HELD

- TRAINING Fourteen Bureau of Parks and Recreation personnel attended a training session in setting up and conducting interpretive programs. The session, organized by Pam Truesdale and Sheila McDonald, was held at Ferry Beach State Park. Participants were Bob Hunt, Sebago Lake; Charlie Noble, Gordeen Noble, Leo LaChance and Janet Mangion, Ferry Beach; Bill Gould, Laudholm Farm; John Scott, Crescent Beach/ Two Lights; Rusty Sweeny, Peaks-Kenny; Dick Minear, Mt. Blue; Frank Appleby, Fort Edgecomb; Brian Murray, Colonial Pemaquid; Andy Haskell, Aroostook; Joan Newkirk, Wolf Neck; and Dave Whiting, Range Pond.
 - VRA The Vehicle Rental Agency (VRA) created and funded by the 112th legislature is expected to be fully operational in early September. The VRA will serve as a central motor pool for all Augusta-based Conservation employees, as well as employees of other Departments. Office space has been readied for the VRA in a small trailer installed next to the tan Butler Building (next to the State Surplus Warehouse on AMHI grounds). The Department is presently recruiting for a VRA manager (Business Manager I, Pay Range 21). Three new subcompact hatchbacks have been requisitioned and VRA operating procedures and quidelines are being prepared by a special team of bureau representatives. Check future D.O.C. News editions for more information.

VACATIONERS - Tom Cieslinski and family are on vacation in Wells this week...Doug Tyler and family are vacationing in Pine Point in Scarborough... Vicky Gregory and family are also on vacation...Eddie Beach and wife went to Oregon for a 2-week visit with their daughter...Dick Coffin is back from hiking trip with friends on Isle Au Haut, Acadia National Park...

PERSONNEL - Jeff Kendall started work with DOC on July 22. Jeff will be assisting Marie Plourd with the payrolls. worked for Accounts & Control before promoting to DOC. Welcome aboard Jeff!...John Picher has been promoted to Director of Community Services with the Bureau of Parks and Recreation...Mike Gallagher is Acting Supervisor of Community Parks and Recreation. Congratulations to John and Mike.

STAMP ISSUED

KNOX - Mary Olson, Manager at Montpelier (the Knox Mansion) in Thomaston, reports that 330 people visited the house on Thursday, July 25. That date was also the first day of issue for a General Henry Knox commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service. Mark Sullivan, Ed Beach Joe Forti and Sheila McDonald attended a special stamp ceremony and joined the crowd of 330 at Montpelier where they were hosted by Mary and her staff, Sally Hill, Faye McCormick and Priscilla Moss.