A time to Remember

On March 26, the Region 1 Adult Community Corrections Conference Room was the setting for the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to the memory of Richard Godin, Peter Deane and Roman Maxsimic. Surviving spouses, family members and invited guests were in attendance, along with staff members from all three of the Region One offices. Master of Ceremony, RCA Michael Roach spoke on behalf of all gathered as he paid tribute to each officer individually remembering all the things that made Richard, Peter and Roman so very special to all of us. At the conclusion of the ceremony, individuals and family members shared their own special thoughts and then a single white rose of remembrance was presented to the families of the officers.

With family members standing nearby, RCA Roach unveiled the plaque and read its inscription as follows. “Dedicated in memory of our friends and fellow officers. They will never be forgotten”.

The afternoon concluded with light luncheon buffet being served as friends and families lingered to reminisce.
In this time of National and Worldwide crisis, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the brave men and women from the Department of Corrections who serve with pride and honor in the armed forces of the United States.

They have practiced and trained for months and years to prepare themselves for the time when circumstances require their deployment. That time is now and many of our friends, neighbors and co-workers have been called upon to assist in the battle against those who would deprive our families and us of our freedoms and threaten our way of life.

To accomplish their task, they have had to leave their families, friends, and familiar surroundings and place themselves in the face of danger. They will be joined by thousands of service men and women from this and other states and together they will prevail.

To the families of these dedicated individuals, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for their unselfish endurance throughout this difficult time.

On behalf of all of us with the Department of Corrections, we wish to express how proud we are of the commitment and how grateful we are for the sacrifice of both the service men and women and their families.

Janice LaPointe, Director Human Resources, Corrections

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Food for Thought

Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth. – Albert Schweitzer

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NEW HIRES:

We would like to welcome Marietta Crocker (formerly D’Agostino) to Central Office. Marietta is a former Juvenile Community Corrections Officer and has worked in the Department for many years.

Marietta is the new Coordinator for the life skills grant which was awarded to the MDOC by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools Life Skills for State and Local Prisoners Program.

The MDOC life skills grant program called the “Maine Street Transition Through Life Skills” will use multiple intelligences, cognitive skills, and emotional intelligence to reduce recidivism and to enhance outcomes for adult offenders. The Maine Street Transition through Life Skills Program will be offered to eligible offenders at the Bolduc Correctional Facility, Maine Correctional Center Women’s Unit, Charleston Correctional Facility & Mountain View Youth Development Center, and the Central Maine Pre-Release Center.

We would like you to join us in welcoming Kathryn McGloin to the Division of Juvenile Services. Kathryn will be assuming the responsibilities of the Juvenile Justice Specialist overseeing the JJAG funds and services. Kathryn has done much work in the area of building local collaboratives as well as overseeing grants. Her experience and expertise in this area will be of immense assistance in our efforts to improve services to juveniles in Maine. When you are in Central Office, please stop by and introduce yourselves. I'm sure she'll welcome the opportunity to put faces to names.

Dyana Beckim, who has been with Corrections for many years, was promoted to Administrative Secretary and now works in the Central Office for Barry Stoodley, Associate Commissioner for Juvenile Community Corrections. Congratulations Dyana!

RETIREMENT:

After 33 years of hard work for Maine State Government Elaine Brann, Administrative Secretary to Barry Stoodley retired on March 31, 2004.

Elaine joined the Department of Corrections on March 7, 1983. Throughout the years Elaine was known as a dedicated and diligent employee who could always be relied upon to provide her expertise on DOC matters.

We all wish her well in her retirement. She is missed by all.

*lIn Loving Memory Of*

Jim Hussiere
1940-2004

As a result of a massive heart attack, our co-worker and our friend, Jim Hussiere, passed away on April 6, 2004 while vacationing. Although, Jim had been with the Department for only a few years, his contributions, accomplishments and friendships were numerous. Jim's enthusiasm for life, and his cheerful demeanor, despite many challenges, was an encouragement and example for us all. Jim leaves a very large hole and will be very much missed!

Jim is survived by his wife of 35 years, June; two sons, Sheldon and James; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his family. We want them to know that we share in their sorrow and our thoughts and prayers are with them.
This picture is of the central control room at Maine State Prison, Thomaston, (Tommy town). The control room was on the second floor, just outside of the old visit room. The Officer is Ernie Harrington, who retired in 2001 as the inmate Advocate at Thomaston. Ernie works part time as one of our classification/reception officers at the Warren Prison. The time frame is the early seventies, he is wearing the old gray shirt gray wool pants with the old dark red stripes on the pants.

This photograph was supplied by Gary LaPlante, Chief of Security at MCC and the information on the photo was provided by Captain Millard (Rip) Rackliffe of the MSP. Thank you both for this contribution.

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 but will certainly be returned to the sender.

Did you Know?

- Over the last decade, arrests for all Index crimes have declined significantly in Maine.
- Maine has a higher arrest rate than New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Maine’s arrest rate for violent crimes is nearly four times lower than the nation.
- Over the last ten years the number of female arrests has increased by more than 60 percent.
- Juvenile arrests for drug and alcohol violations more than doubled in the last ten years.
- Female juvenile arrests increased 22 percent, while male juvenile arrests declined 6.1 percent over the last ten years.
- Maine had the fastest growing prison population increase in the nation. Between January 1 and December 31, 2003 Maine experienced the largest increase (up 11.5 percent) in prison population in the nation, followed by Rhode Island (8.6 percent), Connecticut, Colorado, and Minnesota (all up 7.9 percent).
- The number of inmates in the state prison system is above capacity. Aside from Rhode Island, all Northeast states exceeded the prison capacities for their inmates. Maine was in between New Hampshire and Vermont (at 4 percent above capacity) as New Hampshire exceeded prison capacity by two percent, while Vermont exceeded capacity by six percent.
- The average in-house population of adult inmates in county jails has nearly doubled in the last ten years.
- The number of pre-trial inmates has doubled in the last ten years, and represents the majority of inmates in the county jails. The number of sentenced inmates has also increased, but at a relatively slower rate (49.5 percent).

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA) is hosting the 16th annual conference to be held this year on Thursday, May 13th, 2004, at the John Martin Manor Restaurant in Waterville from 9 am to 4 pm. This day-long conference enables participants to attend workshops in areas of correctional education and other correctional related subjects. The conference is a forum to meet and connect with correctional educators, adult education teachers, State and County correctional facility staff, community corrections staff, and staff from collaborating agencies.

The keynote conference speaker will be Susan Gendron, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education. Commissioner Gendron is scheduled to speak in the morning and the conference workshops will follow the keynote address.

Following is the list of scheduled conference workshops that are related to correctional education in Maine:

- Educational Programs – GED Connection, Workplace Essential Skills, and TV 411 – Practical Skills for Everyday Living.

- Vocational Education Programs of the Maine Department of Corrections

- Offender Testimonies – What works and what doesn’t work from another perspective

- Correctional Special Education Programs & Federal Requirements

- Correctional Anger Management Programs

- Transition Programs for Offenders – “From the bars to the stars”

- Working Together – Security staff and Programs staff

- Job opportunities for convicted felons

- College opportunities for incarcerated offenders

- Equipped For the Future (EFF) assessment and progress

There will be three separate sessions, consisting of three workshops each. You need not designate in advance, which workshops you plan to attend. The cost for the conference, including the luncheon, is $25.

The Outstanding Service Awards, the annual opportunity to recognize individuals for their outstanding service in correctional education, is an important event at the annual conference. Anyone can submit nominations to the awards committee for recognition of outstanding performance in the area of correctional education.

If you are currently on the MACEA list serve, you will receive an information packet, describing the details of the workshops and presenters, and the registration form. If you are not on this list and would like to receive the packet and registration form, or if you would like additional information about the conference and the Outstanding Service Awards nomination process, you may call Bob Aubrey, MACEA Coordinator, at 474-6086, or e-mail at esi@somtel.com
I feel safe because of all of these things and I hope I will feel safe all my life no matter what hardships I may face. I know I am safe now and am sheltered. I wish that all the kids around my age could feel as lucky as I do.

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EVALUATION GRANT

On behalf of the Office of Victim Services, the Trustees of the Margaret E., Burnham Charitable Trust awarded Rollin and Lynda Ives of the Behavioral Health Sciences Institute a grant to evaluate the Impact of Crime Program. The program has been offered at the Bolduc Correctional Facility and Maine Correctional Center on a rotating basis since 1999. It is important to evaluate its effectiveness, both in terms of recidivism, as well as outcomes for the victim speakers.

The goal of the program is to develop empathy on the part of the offenders and to provide victims an opportunity to share the impact crime has had on their lives. It is important to know if these goals are being met and if the program is effective.

The program is currently being offered at the Correctional Recovery Academy at the Maine Correctional Center, and that class is being evaluated. Participants and non-participants have taken a pre-test. Rollin Ives and researcher Professor Win Turner from the University of Maine, Orono have made initial observations of the class. The participants and non-participants will take a post-test at the end of the program; the participants will complete an evaluation of the program, as will the facilitators and victim speakers.

The results of the evaluation will be used to make decisions regarding the future of the program.
These are unsettling times for all of us as a nation. The “roller coaster” war in Iraq causes all of us to wonder where and when this will all end? Many of us have friends and relatives on active duty.

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**Fire Department**

By Paul Doughty

The Prison Hot Shot Forest Fighting Crew was formed by Fire Chief Arthur Kiskila in the late 70’s. The current photo has our Fire Chief Paul Doughty in the center, the Assistant Fire Chief Russell Stickney is on the left with our Captain John Whitehouse on the right.

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**Administration**

By Deputy Warden Al Barlow

As a correctional administrator, thinking about the upcoming correctional employees week, I feel it is only appropriate to thank all of the staff here at BCF for their dedicated service to the DOC in these trying times. Let’s be honest, working in corrections is a job and a responsibility not many others are willing to take on.

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, correctional staff at BCF are working to protect Maine residents from those criminals who are housed here at this facility. In addition, the staff are doing everything possible, with available funds, to ensure that prisoners once released do not re-offend.

I urge anyone who comes in contact with a Department of Corrections employee to let them know how much you appreciate the work they do, day in and day out. I am proud to have served the DOC for over (30) years as are the overwhelming majority of those who work here at BCF and for the Department of Corrections.

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**Mental Health**

Our Mental Health person, Ralph Ferguson, continues to perform assessments of prisoners coming to this facility and applying for local work release, SCC and furloughs.

He facilitates an Anger Management group approximately four times a year. Ralph also coordinated the Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) as well as our Smoking Cessation offering. We have volunteers that come in to facilitate these programs four times a year as well.

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We have gone to help with fire suppression in many townships and towns in Maine. We have been to Moose Horn National Wildlife Refuge Barring; Green Island, off the coast of Owls Head; Seal island, a former bombing range during WW II. We also traveled to Bath, Bremen, St. George, Warren, Rockport, Appleton, Washington, Windsor, Whitefield, Waldoboro, Camden, Lincolnville, Northport, Searsport, Ogunquit, Charatunk, T 3 – R 7 Parlin Pond, T A – R 13 Frenchtown Township, Fairfield, Eustis, Somerville and Augusta.
We are made up of Bolduc prisoners and crew bosses from both Bolduc and Maine State Prison. We have all our own fire fighting equipment and use those in a direct or indirect method. With hose lines, cutting and digging tools as well as chain saws. Each prisoner must be able to do every job - cutting, digging or hose streams.

Training is done by a Forest Ranger each year. We start by doing what is called a step test which is a step stool and done in a cadence movement, meaning two feet up then two feet down, for a five minute period. Then your pulse is taken. Using a formula including your pulse, age and weight they create a score whereas the # 40 is a passing grade. The prisoners must be approved by medical before the step test.

The ones that pass the step test are sent to the Unit Management Team for review and then they are sent to a four hour class on Fire Behavior, consisting of how temperature, wind, terrain and humidity effect the spread of fire.

The 130/190 (16) hr Forestry class for Fire Fighters is required by the Federal government for Federal Fire Fighters. This is scaled down to (4) hours of training. Then there is a (4) hour class on fire pumps, hose lays, nozzles and fire line construction with cutting and digging tools as well as fire shelter deployment. This is mandatory training because if you get caught in a fire you must be able to know the correct method of shelter deployment in order to save lives.

After these are done, we also have a day of helicopter safety with a ride on the helicopter, when available. We must be ready to be flown either into or taken out of a fire for safety reasons.

We have to be ready for deployment within (2) hours with our tools, equipment, Nomex fire shirts, pants helmets, gloves, safety goggles and a packed lunch. The crew must be approved to go by the Warden or designee with a bus or van. Each crew boss is a member of the Maine State Prison Fire Department. Our ratio is one crew boss to five prisoners. We get information on the weather, an escape route, which flank of the fire we are assigned to and our task for the day. The fires are flagged with colored tape hanging from trees to help find the area we are assigned to. When we start our task, we continue with it until it’s accomplished.

After the fire is over we are usually assigned clean up, which includes picking up all debris, hose lines other equipment left at the fire scene.

I have been a member of the Prison Fire Department since 1981 and have held every rank from Fire Fighter to Chief, which I am now and have been head of the Hot Shot crew since 1982 at the Bolduc Correctional Facility.

Security

We want to make special mention of our Security personnel at this facility. We know the enormous amount of work you do on a daily basis. This is a time in Corrections where the environment is constantly changing, sometimes at a very fast pace. We appreciate and commend our Security Staff for continuously finding the balance during these somewhat trying times. The diversity of personalities enables the Security Staff to constantly move forward in a positive and accountable way. Without your diligent efforts to maintain that balance that is needed in any Unit Management environment, we would find it difficult to maintain the type of atmosphere that is conducive to rehabilitation. Thanks to all of you for an excellent job. We truly appreciate all of your efforts.
PERSONNEL

PROMOTIONS:

Pamela Slye from Clerk Typist II to Secretary
Steven Lacourse from Officer to Sergeant
Chris Coffin from Officer to Sergeant

RETIREMENT:

Russell Kelley has retired from MCC. Russell spent more than 25 years working at the facility as a Corrections Officer, Sergeant and Correctional Trades Shop Supervisor. He was instrumental in establishing the facility’s K-9 team, has served as a member of the CERT team and has been actively involved in K-9 training not only with the Department of Corrections, but with state, county and municipal police departments. Russell also provided guidance and direction in dog handling in MCC’s Prison Pup program while it was operating.

Russell joins his wife, Jo Russ-Kelly, in retirement. Thank you both for your service to the Maine Correctional center and the People of Maine!

NEW HIRES: Correctional Officers:
Calvin Heffington William Watson
Anthony Sweet Momi Howard
Paul Cabrala Phillip Moss

Welcome Home!

MCC welcomes home Dr. Joe Fitzpatrick who has been named our Director of Psychology Services. Dr. Joe started his DOC career in Windham and has been working a similar position out of Central Office for the past few years. Dr. Joe has been instrumental in helping to professionalize the way DOC deals with prisoner patients and their participation in mental health treatment programs throughout the Department.

FIRE AND SAFETY OFFICER

Sergeant Lester Baker has been appointed as the Institutional Fire and Safety Officer at the Maine Correctional Center. Sgt. Baker is a certified Fire Fighter, Emergency Medical Technician, has Haz Mat certification and experience. He is a volunteer member of the Windham Fire-Rescue Department. Good Luck Lester!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MCC!

The State Reformatory for Men was established by an act of the legislature approved April 4, 1919. The Inebriates’ Home, located in Windham, was purchased from Cumberland County and Harold E. Donnell was named as the first Superintendent. (A tidbit of TV history; Supt. Donnell’s daughter “Jeff” also played as Alice, George Gobel’s wife in the George Gobel TV show in the 1950’s)

Excerpts from The First Report, dated June 30, 1920:

“To the Honorable Governor and Council of the State of Maine

Gentlemen: -

For the first five months of the existence of the State Reformatory for Men, ending June 30th, 1920, the Board of Trustees beg to submit to your honorable body the following report:

After some difficulty the Board of Trustees secured from the County of Cumberland the land, buildings, stock, and tools of the Cumberland County Farm for Inebriates for the sum of $27,491.74.

The Board was fortunate in securing the services of Lieut. Harold E. Donnell, a former Maine man who has been for the past few years engages institution work in Rhode Island and later at the Naval Prison in Portsmouth N.H.
It has been found essential to build a house for the Superintendent and this house is now under construction (today known as Oak Haven and still in use as offices). Larger quarters will have to be furnished for the inmates before cold weather and adequate sanitary conditions provided for as well as heating and laundry facilities. The erection of these building by the inmates is approved.

In all probability the work on building and farming will occupy the time of the inmates during the next administration, after which some industrial pursuit will have to be provided for and care taken to place this on a paying basis.

Requirements for Parole

For parole from the State Reformatory for Men at South Windham of all men convicted of a felony, it will be required to earn a total of 350 credits. These will be allotted on a scale of 2–25 credits per month to all men doing faithful and conscientious work, and whose record has not called for disciplinary action. For special meritorious work a man may be given extra credits; while for poor work, lack of interest, bad conduct, wastefulness in clothing or food, troublesomeness and other conduct detrimental to the welfare of the institution and of the man himself, he may be fined sufficient credits as, in the opinion of the Superintendent, the offense warrants, thus prolonging his stay at the institution...

GREAT ESCAPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

A group of employees at Maine Correctional Center, are for the 12th year sponsoring the Great Escape Law Enforcement and Corrections Golf Tournament. Shotgun start may 17 at the Naples country Club. Entry fee is $55.00 per person including lunch, cart, prizes etc. Long drive competition, closest to-the-pin on all par 3’s, a closest to the pin on the second shot on the par 4 17th hole, beat the pro for club house credits on the 9th hole, and more! For more details contact Brad Fogg or Don Jacobson at MCC.

CHARLESTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

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TRANSFERS:

John Grabofsky has transferred from CO to CO/Correctional Trades Instructor.

CHARLESTON ATV RIDE

By Steve Berry

The Charleston Correctional Facility sergeants are hosting the second annual Correctional Employee Week ATV Ride. The ride is scheduled for Monday May 3 @ 15:30, rain or shine! Participants should meet in the CCF visitor parking lot at the rear of the Security Building. The ride will be 1.5 hours of encounters with mud, including a hill climb. The tour will stop for a quick break and a snack around the half-way point. Participants should also bring a change of clothing, just in case....

Please join us for a great time and help us set an attendance record above 2003’s attendance of 13 ATV riders. All state employees are welcome to join the group for a great tour of a portion of the 6,800 acre Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area.

For further information please call Sergeant Rob Pinkham or Sergeant Dean Tuttle at 285-0841.
The Downeast Correctional Facility is starting its twentieth year. The first DCF employees were hires in February of 1985 and the first Correctional Officers were hired May 13th of 1985. Our first ten inmates were received on May 28th and placed in Dorm I. These inmates had to put up with eight new Correctional Officers being trained and they were used as the training aids. The first ten were all minimum security, but the way they were watched you would have thought they were in a special management unit.

Those days are long gone and now we have a very experienced staff with over two thirds of our Correctional Officers having five years experiences or more. The strength of the facility is the experience and commitment of the staff with some having over 30 years experience in their jobs.

The Downeast Correctional Facility is now having a problem with mold, not the bread type, but (Aspergillum) which has been linked to human allergies and could present a potential hazard for those with existing respiratory problems. The solution to this problem is to clean up the mold and rebuild the plumbing. We have had to significantly reduce the numbers of inmates housed at the DCF. The result is that the other facilities are overcrowded with ex-DCF inmates.

The facility is held together by quick fix solutions to expensive problems. We need a new physical plant at DCF.

DCF is located in Washington County in the heart of one of the most, if not the most economically depressed areas in the State. The 70 or so jobs add a lot to the economic condition of the local economy. The employees of the DCF work, live and spend their money in the local community. They pay State and local taxes and are an important part of their communities.

Some changes in the daily routine of DCF have been the Sergeants going to the new 12.33 hour schedule. This new schedule permanently places one Sergeant in charge of a group of Correctional Officers. This arrangement should bring a consistency and continuity to each swing that up until now has been missing. In addition, two Sergeants will be working a different schedule and will handle the new visit background checks, as well as processing the mail and a large number of duties that are needed in the daily operations of the new computerized DCF.

Pat Hennessey, DCF’s Registered Nurse was certified as a Certified Correctional Heath Professional (CCHP) on January 1st, 2004. A CCHP is one who has shown a mastery of the national standards and has knowledge expected of leaders who are working in the field of correctional health care. This certification is awarded to those who have excellent professional references, and pass a national self-assessment exam offered by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Our long time caseworker Marcia Murphy is retiring as of March 4, 2004. She is being replaced by Carol Geel from East Machias. We wish both of them well.

Ray Mills, an officer who has been with us since 2001 is leaving to pursue a new career in plumbing.

Director C. Mark Caton and Col. Scott Jones have announced that Scott Guerra is the new sergeant on the B swing A shift. Good luck Scott!

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ROD BOUFFARD NAMED AS LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER SUPERINTENDENT

On April 7, 2004, Commissioner Marty Magnusson announced the appointment of Rod Bouffard as Superintendent of the Long Creek Youth Development Center. In making the announcement, Commissioner Magnusson stated, "During the four years that Rod Bouffard has been at the center, he has provided strong management and expertise in developing and implementing positive programming for juvenile offenders. During the recent months as acting superintendent, Rod has provided strong leadership and stability for the facility. I have confidence that Rod is the right person for assuming the ongoing responsibility as superintendent of the facility."

The Department of Corrections conducted a national search to recruit candidates to lead the 166 bed juvenile correctional facility located in South Portland. A review panel compromising education, mental health and management officials advised Commissioner Magnusson and Barry Stoodley, Associate Commissioner for Juvenile Services on the appointment. According to Magnusson, "Management and leadership of Long Creek Youth Development Center are of critical importance. There has been considerable progress and improvement at the center. The continued leadership of Rod Bouffard and the current dedicated management team at the youth development center will assure that progress."

"I am excited and enthusiastic about this responsibility," stated Bouffard. "During the past few months I have gained confidence in the staff and management at the facility. I look forward to putting the past behind us and moving forward." Rod Bouffard has been serving as acting superintendent since October 21, 2003. His past experience includes managing major state facilities such as AMHI and Pineland.

PERSONNEL NEWS

In March, the Long Creek Youth Development Center welcomed six new Juvenile Program Workers and one new Juvenile Program Supervisor.

JPW's:  Aaron Joyal        Ken "Jake" Myrick
        Don Rosier           Ryan Farr
        Heather Sprague      Scott Boyington
        Kevin Drain

JPS:  Rene Fecteau and Tonya Wilbur to the Classifications Department and the Records Office. Rene comes to us after much work in the medical field. He brings great organizational skills!!!!!!! Which we need. We look forward to working with him and Tonya who started in the records office, and with a group effort we hope to get things ship shape. Tonya brings a good sense of humor and a hard work ethic to the records office. Please join me in this welcome!!!!! Rebecca Thompson. 

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PROMOTIONS:

Diane Smith from JPW to Special Ed Teacher  
Denis Clark from JPW to JPS  
Willie Stewart from JPW to JPS  
Mike Murphy from JPW to JPS  

4-2-2004 was Jennifer Dunham’s, Clerk Typist 3 in the records office, last day of employment with the Department of Corrections. She has accepted a position with the Bureau of Development Services. Jennifer was employed at the Maine Youth Center for 28 years.

RETIREMENT:

Long-time employee JPW Robert Coulthard is leaving Long Creek for the trials and tribulations of retirement. We at Long Creek wish him well and will miss him as one of our most experienced workers and as a friend.

LCYDC RECREATION UPDATES

Volunteer Hockey players come to Long Creek on the weekends and to play floor hockey with our students. Two full teams with fully equipped goalkeepers and substitutions play a fun game of hockey for two hours. It is a great time. The volunteers have also helped improve our student’s hockey skills.

A Scavenger Hunt was held for each unit on the snowy recreation fields. Thirty plastic eggs were hidden in the recreation area. Inside the eggs were coupons that could be redeemed for various prizes.

A doubles Pool, Foosball and dome hockey, Scattagory tournament took place with all the units. The winners from each tournament received prizes.

The music room was set up as a second activity room during the February vacation. Video games, hand held games, board games, CD Walkmans, scavenger hunt books and musical instruments were available for students to use during their units scheduled times.

A Variety Show was held at the end of the school vacation. Students showed their talent by singing, dancing, playing guitar, and being a DJ for the event. All who attended had a fun time.

A girls night was scheduled where veggies, dip and other snacks were provided for the girls while the whole unit, including the staff, participated in playing the “Music Game”. Everyone had a blast laughing, singing, dancing and answering trivia questions about music from the 1950’s to today.

An incentive party took place for students on level 3/3 and above. Nineteen students participated in this three-hour event. We wanted to reward students for their efforts in maintaining great behavior and work towards completing their program. A Peanut Auction was held where students can bid on prizes with peanuts. Everyone received prizes. After the auction, students ate Italian sandwich’s, chips, cookies and juice while socializing with others. After the meal, students played football and basketball in the gym, video games in the music room and foosball, ping pong, pool, and dome hockey in the Activity room. A movie was also shown during this time. This event was a huge success.
A staff and student mixed basketball game took place. Students and staff had the opportunity to play together on teams in a full court game.

Our girl’s basketball team played their first game in their new uniforms against female staff. The event was very fun for all. Future games will be scheduled.

A “Gym Jam” session was held for the Detention unit. A DJ played music while basketball competitions were conducted. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the competitions.

A Winter flag football game took place on the snowy recreation fields. The Winning team won a pizza party.

A Snow Sculpture Contest was scheduled during the vacation. The winning unit would receive a “Hot Dog To Order” Party. Due to the lack of snow there was not a good turn out. The Maple unit did put effort a sculpture of a “Man Eating Turtle and Bird”.

Two special meals took place during the February vacation. We had a “Breakfast to Order” in which students could choose what they wanted to eat from a menu of items. A Barbeque lunch of spare ribs, hotdogs and salads also took place.

Recreation Supervisor Kim Shaw would like to thank Chaplain Tim Higgins, Chief of Volunteers Jim McManus, Operations Manager Scott Dewitt, Business Manager Wanda Petersen, Food Service Manager D. Ross, and volunteers Dan Reardon and Emmy Brown, and the FOS’s for continually helping to make the school vacation schedules a constant success. Kim would also like to thank JPW’s Chris Concannon, Ryan Hartranft, Nate Randall and Diane Smith, for helping to implement the February vacation recreation schedule with great initiative and care.

**WHTC LONG CREEK PROJECT**

Dear Press and Friends of the Winter Harbor Theatre Co: The WHTC has just completed 2 weeks of our acting program at the Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland, Maine. We have 12 students--3 girls and 9 boys--who work with us for two hours every Monday from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM.

Our classes so far have incorporated everything from vocal warm ups, to Yoga, to improv to scene study--and the kids are just tearing through the exercises and assignments. We have been so lucky to receive funding from the Maine Arts Commission, Ken and Cherie Mason, The Maine Humanities Council, the Margaret Burnham Charitable Trust and the many donors who sent us whatever they could. Without this help, we would never have been able to make this come true.

With the funding we received, we have been able to buy all the kids their own notebooks, pens, folders, plays to study and healthy snacks for “snack time.” We haven't had to stint on any materials to make this class a go. Or man power—we are now four regulars with rotating volunteers. In April, we will spend a week on Shakespeare—adding an extra workshop day—and for this we will be bringing in an expert in to work with the kids. We will also be taking the kids to see a play hopefully in the Portland area and we will be funding a performance of their own for their peers. This has so far been an amazing experience for us, and despite the fact that these kids are in "jail" we have found the Long Creek staff to be enormously supportive and helpful.

We will be looking for funding for our next 8 week program and for a two week acting camp in July.

For Press: If you would like to join us for a class or write about this program you must call Jim McManus at Long Creek or e-mail him at Jim. McManus@maine.gov. We would be happy to have you. Please contact us at (207)775-3174 to make press arrangements.

Best,

Caitlin Shetterly, Artistic Director WHTC
Tessy Seward, Education Director WHTC
Congratulations:

ACTIVITIES OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
By Sheen Lundin

I want to share with you what is happening with some of our youth at MV. Recently we had four young men from the Calvary Chapel volunteer, and we matched them with the residents who would benefit from the certain skills the volunteer possessed. When I met with the volunteers after their visit, they were excited and pleased with the results. Please believe me when I say the volunteer program is constantly moving and changing as we look for the program that will partner well with residents and staff. This is what keeps the volunteer program both challenging and exciting!

One of our volunteers, Manny, is leaving for Nicaragua very soon. When he saw the crocheted blankets and baby hats the residents were making, he asked if any of the kids would be willing to donate some of their work to the orphanage he is helping to re-build in Nicaragua. He shared with our young folk how babies are dropped off on the doorstep of the orphanage and how desperately the items are needed. Immediately the kids wanted to help. Manny will bring back pictures to show some of the babies wrapped in the blankets. I want to ask you all to let these young people know what a great commitment they have made!

At this time we have 28 young men crocheting at Mountain View. If you visit our facility, do not be surprised to see our youth sitting, watching TV, and crocheting. They also use break time to work on their projects. What has been rewarding for them is recognizing this as a relaxing and beneficial activity when they feel frustrated. This has turned out to be a great therapeutic tool, and the youth are asking for it to be put on their case plans.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRES

Nina Boulard, Psychologist III;
Paul Dunfee, Chaplain;
Federico Alzerreca, Gary Ellis, David Galvan, and Virginia Pratt as JPW’s

PROMOTIONS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY

John Simmons from JPW to Vocational Trades Instructor, Small Engines.

Dr. David Coddington from Psychologist III to Psychologist IV. “Dr C.” recently assumed the position of Chief Psychologist at MV, and follows in the footsteps of Dr. Steve McKay, who currently serves as Psychologist III. We are very fortunate to have Dr. C leading this department and look forward to the positive impact that he will have in the lives of our residents.
Lap blankets have been made for a local nursing home, and blankets are being donated to the Miracle Network. Staff are also becoming involved in this activity, and I see the residents assisting staff in learning to crochet. Residents are being responsible in assisting other kids in their unit learn to crochet, making a good peer interaction model. The list goes on and on….

_We are very proud of our young people and staff at Mountain View._

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

On January 1st, **Lisa Davis**, Mountain View’s HSA for Correctional Medical Services, and **Tania Roberts**, Administrative Assistant for CMS, attended the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in Chicago Illinois and were certified as Certified Correctional Health Professionals (CCHP). A CCHP is one who has shown mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders working in the field of correctional health care.

Nearly 400 professionals were certified in the most recently administered exam. The new class brings the total number to over 2,000 professionals who are currently certified throughout the United States. Certification is awarded to those working in the field of correctional health care who have excellent professional references, and who pass a national self-assessment exam offered by the Commission. CCHP is a symbol of accomplishment and recognition of self-improvement highly regarded by peers, staff and others.

NCCHC is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization working to improve the quality of care in out nation’s jails, prisons, and juvenile detention and confinement facilities, and establishes standards for health services in correctional facilities; operates a voluntary accreditation program; produces and disseminates resource publications; provides technical assistance; offers a quality review program; and conducts educational trainings and conferences.

_Congratulations to Lisa and Tania for this outstanding achievement!_

**THANK YOU!**

By Lisa Royal

To staff at Mountain View and CMS staff:

I can’t express how much it has meant to me for all the support and encouragement I have received during my son **Ryan**’s 12-month tour in Iraq. You have tolerated my stressful year well. Thanks for your understanding and patience during this time.

Saturday, February 27th was wonderful! Ryan and his troop arrived at the Bangor airport on their return to Fort Riley, Kansas. Thanks to so many offering to help, I was able to be at the airport to greet Ryan and his buddies, hugging as many of them as I could to welcome them home. It was awesome!

I especially appreciate the help offered through the Governor’s office and the National Guard Chaplain for assisting **Ryan’s wife, Danielle**, and her baby in making reservation changes to her flight plans to coordinate with Ryan’s flight from Bangor to Fort Riley. Through their assistance, she was able to get a price reduction on the huge fee charged for late changes. Danielle greeted Ryan in Bangor on his arrival, and her flight departed for Fort Riley just before his left!

_“Thank you” from all my family here in Maine, and from PFC Royal and Danielle._

**“BUSTIN’ DOWN BARRIERS”**

By Jeffrey C. Perkins

@ Mountain View Youth Development Center

A few days ago one of the residents at Mountain View presented the staff with a potentially dangerous situation. The distraught young man had armed himself with a wooden shelf he had removed from the wall in his room and stated he would strike anyone who entered. Our staff are trained and very capable in handling such incidents with quick, effective and safe restraints; however, through the use of new communication techniques, the staff helped the young man give up the shelf and cooperatively relocate to a separate room for the remainder of the evening.
No one was injured, and there was no need for the documentation, review, scrutiny, or public perception issues that are typically part of hands-on interventions.

The recent training on communication techniques introduced by Dr. Ross Greene and outlined in his book, “The Explosive Child”, provides staff with another tool for use in volatile situations.

An important advantage of these communication techniques is that they can, and should be, employed before the situation reaches a dangerous level. The communication also has the potential to teach the resident thinking skills, which may help equip him/her for life “outside.” Hands-on force, while sometimes necessary, does neither of these things.

Adding tools can only make us more effective in meeting the needs of our residents.

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**ART STUDENTS ENTER WORK IN BANGOR MALL ART SHOW**

By Jefferson Prestridge

The Mountain View Art Class recently entered students’ work in the Bangor Mall Student Art Show, a juried art exhibit sponsored annually by regional art educators, Art in the Heart. The display covers grades K-12 from schools as far north as Millinocket, and south to Waterville. All exhibits remain at the Mall for several weeks. Ten pieces from MV were selected as part of an exhibit that will travel on tour to many areas of our state during the next year, representing Mountain View as they travel. Due to resident confidentiality, the artwork did not contain their names. We are very proud of the talent of our young people!
Sean Eldridge, Recreation Supervisor, and staff of Mountain View have introduced a new program called *Recreation of Choice*. The intent goes beyond simply adding another rec time, but rather encourages the residents to plan ahead by signing themselves up for specific recreation opportunities based on their current behavior levels, being open to residents on levels 3 and 4. While some residents are afforded one hour of this recreation of choice, others may enjoy as much as a full three hours of exciting interaction with other residents and staff.

The program was met with astounding results from the beginning. The residents’ good behavior and willingness to enjoy some competitive basketball, weight lifting, and table tennis were clearly a welcomed acceptance. I have seen how residents and staff express quite a bit of excitement in the change in daily routine. It provides the residents with an opportunity to plan ahead, and based on their personal behavior, go to the gym for an hour or so, and then the activity room, or simply go to one activity and enjoy mixing with the other units. There have been positive comments from the residents such as: "I've got to get my levels up so that I can stay in the gym longer next week." "This was exhausting, but now I don't even need sleeping meds because this long rec helps me sleep." In all, it's been a great program, and I'm very pleased with the positive response and support our second shift staff has displayed.

Anyone can simply come to work and put in his or her scheduled workweek. However, when we take the time to invest ourselves in others, the rewards are always worthwhile.
Greetings from Region II, Juveniles Services

As I look out at the snow, I am trying to remember that spring is 3 days away. We have all about had it with winter. Greg Masalsky suffered a heart attack about six weeks ago and had to have quadruple by-pass, which was a shock to us all. We are very pleased to say he has made a speedy recovery and is back at work. He is amazing!!!

Jay was out for many weeks with foot surgery and hobbled in on crutches a few times before his foot finally healed and he could walk on his own again. He is back and doing fine.

Kelli and Richard Rogers would like to thank everyone for prayers, thoughts, gifts and the time donated.

Rick and Kelli had their adorable baby girl on 3/11/04. Kelli had about the worst pregnancy ever and I am sure she is very pleased that she can now eat again. Their baby, Emma Grace, weighed in at 7lbs and 7oz. They have already brought her in and she is absolutely beautiful. Kelli will return sometime in April.

PERSONNEL

Roy Curtis is now beginning to wrap up his work in Region One and head for Belfast. We will miss him so much. Our staff meetings and gatherings will never be the same.

We have hired Scott McDonald as JCCO. He is coming to us from Long Creek after 10 years of service and is married to Joann McDonald, a JCCO in our Region.

Great News!!!!

We have hired a new JCCO, Matt Kaply. Matt, will be covering the City of Auburn. Until Matt has completed his training, Sue Smith will continue to cover the City of Auburn along with her own case load.

Matt has experience working with at risk population both juveniles and adults. He is extremely knowledgeable about the resources in the area and is familiar with some of our kids already. WELCOME ABOARD MATT!

I would like to welcome our new employee, her name is Deborah Combellick. Deb will be working part-time in the Lewiston Office and we are very glad to have her here. Welcome Aboard Deb!
I, Alison Smith, saw my first robin this week, and that means warmer weather will follow. The crocus and daffodils have popped through the earth, and I’ve even seen bits of green grass here and there. After living in Maine for 34 years, I know that Spring can be the season that Mother Nature sometimes skips over. I’m hoping for the best!

As I write this article, we are coming up on April vacation for a lot of schools. That means some of us will be packing our bags again to head South, where there are actual apple blossoms in bloom and the temps are in the 80 degree range. Speaking of apple blossoms, Shawn Nelson and his wife Lynne are going to Washington DC, with their daughter Jodi. Shawn is now an official member of the 50 year old group. We celebrated his birthday in grand style. Sue Colson and I decorated his office with many of Shawn’s “favorite things”. :) Anyone who knows Shawn, knows he is not a fan of spiders.

Of course, we had a fair share of those creatures, adorning the walls; on his phone and even on the ice cream cake!! Galan Williamson raided his sons toys and came in with a load of snakes as well. The black balloons and crepe paper streamers added to the decor. Anyone who came to the office that day could not walk by his room without a gasp!
Meanwhile, Julie Leavitt has been covering his case load and doing a great job. Kelly Lizotte continues in “acting capacity” and the news is she has become a major asset to the folks in Aroostook County. Along with Julie and Kelly, Gary Sanfacon is the first to help out when needed. And of course, holding every one together is the excellent clerical support staff of Jane Lenentine and Carolyn Chandler. Good job guys! I’ve always been amazed at the geographical area that Aroostook County encompasses. You don’t even want to know the mileage that these folks put on their cars.....

Now that Josh Ash has settled into Reg. IV, we are happy to report he has purchased a new home in W. Enfield. Josh was the first person at the town office to buy his fishing license. I’m told Josh is chomping at the bit for fishing season to open and plans to catch enough trout to share with us all. Josh has definitely been an asset to Reg. IV, especially with his keen insight into people as well as his sense of humor.

With fishing season, comes planting season. Chris Ross and her husband Glen have opened up their green houses and are getting ready to start planting seeds and seedlings. As I’ve mentioned in past articles, their beautiful flowers and landscaping should be featured in “House and Garden” magazine. Chris generously shares, not only her plants, but also her harvest in the Fall.

I think I’ll finish up this article now and go for a walk to breathe in the fresh Spring air, and look for more robins. (My favorite bird!) .

Wishing you all a WARM and happy Springtime!