The Making A Difference Community Award 2004 winners are four Juvenile Community Correction Officers, Julie Leavitt, Kelly Lizotte, Gary Sanfacon, and Bill Francis, who work with the Juvenile Treatment Network on behalf of the Department of Corrections, Juvenile Services. These JCCO’s work tirelessly in Aroostook County to address barriers to treatment services for adolescents in Region IV, and to screen, refer and support adolescents in accessing needed treatment.

These highly committed professionals have consistently presented themselves on behalf of the Department of Corrections as dedicated, caring, diligent and engaged in both their roles as JCCO’s and as members of the Juvenile Treatment Network. It is with great pleasure that we are able to take the time and energy to celebrate these individuals in all of their successes, and we look forward to their continued involvement in the Juvenile Treatment Network both personally and professionally.

Their work ensures that youth in their region gain access to the critical substance abuse treatment sorely needed in rural Maine.
Food for Thought

“If you treat an individual as he is, he will stay as he is. But if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be.”  John Wolfgang Von Goethe 1749-1832

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NEW HIRES:

On November 15, Timothy Piekart began working for DOC’s Inspections Division as Correctional Compliance Monitor. He is filling the position that became vacant when John Hinkley retired after more than 30 years of service with our Department.

Mr. Piekart comes to us from Franklin County where he had been employed at the Franklin County Jail for more than twelve years. While there, Tim held several positions, including Correctional Officer, Shift Supervisor, Programs Officer, Training Officer, and Classifications Officer, making him well qualified for this position with an extensive knowledge of the county correctional system.

As a Correctional Compliance Monitor, Tim will be mainly responsible for inspecting county jails and municipal lockups for compliance with mandatory correctional standards promulgated by our Department. Tim will also assist with DOC’s ACA accreditation project.

Please join me in welcoming Tim as a member of our Central Office Team.
VOICES FROM IRAQ

We salute our soldiers (co-workers and Friends) in the global war on Terrorism.

Greetings from Baghdad,

I'm here working in a Logistics office, we supply all the new Iraqi military and police with their equipment until the new government takes it over. Things are moving along pretty well. I work in a building that has enough room for about 1/3 the number of people that are here, but new space is being built right now. I work 12-14 hour days, 7 days a week. I go on convoys pretty regularly, comes with the job. It's interesting to say the least. I live in a big trailer park behind the Presidential Palace. They are 2-man trailers with a common bathroom in the middle. Not too bad compared to some of the other places I've seen. The food at the Palace is not the best in the Green Zone. Fortunately there are lots of other places to eat. And with the holidays here there is no lack of junk food to eat all day. I keep busy as much as I can to pass the time, but with my work schedule it doesn't leave much time for fun.

This country is really sad; the way the people have to live is something that you can't even imagine unless you see it. Even here in the city the filth and poverty is amazing. There are some good people here and hopefully this will all work out for them. I think they really want to change but are scared and don't know how to make things better. All in all it has been an experience that will not be forgotten and I can't say that I will completely regret it. At least not yet, still have a long way to go. All the prayers and best wishes from everyone are the fuel I need to keep going. I look forward to them everyday. Thank you all so much for all your support and kindness. Next time I promise to have pictures of me all dressed up with no place to go.

Thanks again,
SSG Dyana White

RESERVE THIS DATE NOW

17th Annual Maine Adult Correctional Education Conference

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA) is hosting the 17th annual conference to be held this year on Thursday, May 12th, 2005, 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. Full details on the conference will be coming soon.

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

In Loving Memory of

Virginia J. Brown

Our deepest sympathies go out to David Brown at Central Office and his family on the loss of Dave’s mother Virginia J. Brown.

God's Garden

God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.
He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered “Peace be thine.” It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
Did You Know?

- In general, the younger the person, the more likely they were to experience a violent crime.
- Overall, when comparing whites, blacks, and all persons of other races, blacks had the highest violent crime victimization rates.
- According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, in 2002 about 49% of murder victims were white, 49% were black, and 3% were Asians, Pacific Islander, and Native Americans.
- Between 1993-98, American Indians experienced violence at rates more than twice that of blacks, 2 1/2 times that of whites, and 4 1/2 times that of Asian.
- For violent offenses, males have been victimized at higher rates than females in 2003.
- Men were more likely than women to be the victim of a carjacking.
- Blacks were more likely than whites to be victimized by a carjacking.
- In 2003 persons who had never married and those who were divorced or separated were victimized at higher rates for robbery and aggravated assault.
- During 2003 households with an annual income below $35,000 were burglarized at rates higher than those of households with larger incomes.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

This photo of the front entrance and staff of the Maine State Prison in Thomaston was probably taken around the late 1800's. A sign identifying the visiting times is mounted just under the Prison Entrance sign.

I need old MDOC photographs to use for this section, please contact Ellis King at 287-4342 if you have any to use. The photographs may be published but will certainly be returned to the sender.
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS WITHIN THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
MEASURING COMMUNITY SERVICE

The increase in Community Service Hours is one measure for assessing the department’s progress in meeting the goals outlined in our strategic plan. This measure specifically addresses Goal C. to ensure that offenders are accountable to both their victims and the communities in which they offend.

Community service includes any work that a juvenile or adult offender performs for a nonprofit organization, town, county, or state agency other than the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC). Examples of community service are work crews that work on the restoration of local town buildings, maintain town and State Parks, and perform services for the Department of Transportation. If the offender receives any monetary benefit for his/her labor it is not considered community service.

The total MDOC community services performed for 1998 (Baseline Year) is compared to the community services for the following years, these figures include the community services performed in juvenile and adult correctional facilities as well as the juvenile and adult community corrections. The financial value of the 2003 community services is based on a minimum wage of $6.25/hour. (Many of the jobs performed require special skills that would increase this labor value.)

The 2003 MDOC yearly total was 129,346 hours of community services performed Statewide. The financial value of these services is a minimum of $ 808,413.00.

The goal of the MDOC is consistent improvement and the goal for the year 2004 will be to exceed the annual hourly level for community services that was performed in each of the previous years.

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**TOTALS** 199  $35,075

**Average Contribution** $176.26
Recognition of a Maine Patriot
By Marietta Crocker

On November 24, 2004, a special ceremony was held to honor my father, Dominic P. D’Agostino, Sr. for his service to his county. My Dad has the distinction of serving in three separate armed conflicts – one as a Navy enlistee and two as a reservist. He was in the Asian Theater during WWII, served during the Korean Crisis and was in Viet Nam. The ceremony was the result of much planning by myself and Peter Ogden, Director of Veteran’s Services for Maine. Speakers and presenters included Mr. Ogden, Gov. John Baldacci, Brigadier General Libby, Senator Steve Hall, and Frank Dawson who joined us from the Pentagon. Governor Baldacci presented a Maine State Flag to my father, Senator Hall read a Legislative Sentiment, General Libby gave Dad a certificate of honor and also made a presentation to my mother for her contribution and support during Dad’s service. The ceremony ended with Mr. Frank Dawson presenting a Tribute to Freedom American Flag which had been flown over the Pentagon in Dad’s honor.

We had guests travel from all over the state and country to join us on this special occasion. Sincere thanks to all of my family, friends and coworkers who took the time to join us and share this special occasion.

My entire family was able to be there and a wonderful Thanksgiving Day followed!
The stories that come back to us indicate that these communication strategies are having a positive impact on interactions, whether they are with juveniles in our system or with everyday communications outside of work. These strategies are proving to be valuable tools for our staff. Here is an excerpt from an email sent by a participant in the training:

“I walked away from that class with a very different outlook and attitude towards work, my personal life and how I simply approach and view things. I'm not sure what really has happened to me. It's as if a light bulb came on. In my job, I feel that I am a very aggressive and fair officer when the time and place calls for it. I take a great deal of pride in what I do and how I handle myself with people. After the three day class, I explained to my wife that it was as if someone had snapped their fingers. I seem to have more patients for whatever reason. I believe that the class has helped me be a more patient parent with my very active 6yr old and my pregnant wife who is due in April. If that were not enough, we are building our 3rd residence in 9 years and let me tell you that stress has a whole new meaning. My wife was ready to fire our builder a week and a half ago. I called him and met with both he and his partner at the job site. When the M.I. tactics were applied he began understanding and later admitted that he could have handled himself in a much different manner. We walked away from the meeting with a handshake. Again, thanks for your time and you'll probably see me for a day or two in March when you begin the next class.”

For 2-1/2 years now, efforts have been under way in Juvenile Services to train all staff that has direct contact with juveniles in Motivational Interviewing (MI) techniques. Motivational Interviewing uses research based communication strategies for more effective interactions. It is an evidence-based method for helping people change.

Initially, through technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections, a couple of MI experts came to Maine and presented this training to management staff and staff that were potential trainers. Then, these experts came back and did a train-the-trainer for a select group. This group formed into a northern team and a southern team. Martha Jo Nichols, RC from Region 3 (she’s retired now), Val Norman from the Charleston facility, Jason Greenlaw from the Mountain View facility, Mary Jones from Region 4, and Kelly Bickmore, the Region 4 Mental Health Coordinator make up the northern team. Mike Mack, RC for Region 1, Dave Clock, JCCO in Region 1, Wealthy Jordan and Sue Carr from the Long Creek facility, Julio Martinez, JCCO in Region 2, and Rick Meagher, Region 2 Mental Health Coordinator make up the southern team.

A big THANK YOU to the MI instructors for your hard work and dedication! They have presented MI ten times in the northern part of the State and 10 times in the southern part of the State. So far, 98% of all juvenile probation staff have received this training, about 45% of Mountain View staff that have direct contact with juveniles have received it, and the numbers are around 30% at Long Creek. Each class also includes some of our providers, like Catholic Charities staff, VOA staff, etc.

This past year, adult Probation staff started attending the training, and in the spring, NIC will hold a train-the-trainer for them so they may continue to train staff.
VICTIM SERVICES

CORRECTIONS-BASED SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

As the call for programs and services for victims of crime has increasingly been recognized, corrections agencies have initiated a variety of new policies and practices to meet this need. The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) issued a survey in January 2004 to assess the nature and status of victim-related services sponsored by state departments of correction (DOCs). The research is useful in conjunction with work by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, which has headed many recent studies and the development of resources for corrections. The present study shows that most state-level corrections systems in the U.S. are providing at least basic services to assist victims of crime. It also shares ideas about effective programs and about agencies' current needs as they continue to develop or expand their services related to crime victim issues. The Office of Victim Services Division of the Maine Department of Corrections provided information that is included in this report.


This article was reprinted in part from the report of the same name released in August 2004. For the full report, please go to http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2004/019947.pdf

SCC/REENTRY VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS

A primary goal of the Office of Victim Services is to increase the number of victims who participate in the process of holding their offenders accountable by providing opportunities for input through impact statements. Statements are sought from victims whose offenders are involved in the re-entry project, supervised community confinement applicants and potential transition unit participants. The statements include the facts of the offense from the victim’s perspective, the financial, physical, emotional and psychological impacts and any safety or security concerns the victim may have. The victim may also request special conditions regarding contact should the prisoner be allowed the privilege of participating in one of the programs.

Once a referral is received Denise or Tessa check for victim information in CORIS and the restitution database. If there is no victim information in either database, the Victim Witness Advocate in the DA’s office is contacted. Once the victim information is obtained, a telephone call is placed to the victim, if there is no answer, a message is left and a follow up with a letter and copy of a blank victim impact statement is sent. Denise or Tessa continue to attempt to reach the victim by phone, as it is more likely to get an impact statement over the phone than through the mail. Also, by speaking to the victim in person you are able to answer questions and try to make the process as clear as possible. On occasion, people who have had no exposure to the criminal justice system may misunderstand or try to fit the information into what they know from watching television or movies and become upset when that is not the case. Victim Services, when made aware of this, makes every attempt to provide accurate information as quickly as possible. Victim Services will notify victims of approval or denial for SCC or schedule a victim wraparound for reentry if this service is requested by the victim.
BUILDING TRADES

Barry Roe’s Building Trades Program started repairs on the cow barn at Bolduc in October of this year. The work involved replacing weakened sills, studs and siding. Some innovative ideas were used to support the sides of the building while the work was performed. Without Barry’s knowledge and skill, the barn would have probably been deemed unusable. The Building Trades program educates on an average of five to six students every six months. As well, numerous other projects were completed to conform to the Fire Marshall’s Office and continuing A.C.A. accreditation.

AUTO BODY

Brad Davis’ Auto Body class has started a new project for the Saving Cars behind Bars Series. It involves a 1970 Dodge Coronet convertible. They will be performing an "Extreme Makeover" on this classic. Work is underway at this time and if the SCBB #1 car is any indication, we know that this car will be as good or even better.

WELCOME BACK

Mae Worcester has returned to Bolduc after a short vacation to fill the position of Community Programs Coordinator. With the absence of Sally Kinney, who is out for an extended time due to medical problems, Mae's timing was perfect. We all want to wish Sally a quick recovery as well thank Mae for all of her hard work since returning. It is nice to see you back!

ACA ACCREDITATION

ACA accreditation is full steam ahead. At this time, BCF is approximately 70% complete in all areas. During a recent pre-audit, the auditor visited Bolduc, talked with staff and prisoners and reviewed standards. It should be noted the Sgt. Perkins, our accreditation person, was told that his ACA standard folders were in excellent shape. Great work Sgt. Perkins!
addition of space for the programs to operate
are being built by our Correctional Trades
Instructors and Correctional Maintenance
Mechanics. Their skills in masonry, building
construction, plumbing and electricity have
allowed this work to be done quickly and
efficiently. The have joined dorms one and
two together by adding a large meeting/
classroom space and necessary offices for
the program counselors and administrators.
This program could not proceed without
their efforts.

ACA ACCREDITATION

Thanks to Officer Ken Sawyer who is doing
an outstanding job in helping bring MCC into
compliance with the ACA requirements for
accreditation. The facility is compliant with
over 80% of the ACA standards needed for
accreditation. Our employees, as a group, are
also thanked for presenting themselves and the
facility in such good light during a walk through
by Correctional Accreditation Committee.
Several Internal Audit Review teams have
been established, and the expertise of these
employees will advance the total facility efforts
towards full compliance this spring!

PERSONNEL NEWS

NEW OFFICERS HIRE:
Cindy Stinchfield
Jessica Pettingill
Elsie-Kay Banks
Jason Vallee

GOOD-BYES:
Candace Cavaliere, Clerk Typist II returning to her
home in New York
Jonathan Smith, Officer and Acting Sergeant moving
to his new home in Tennessee

PROMOTIONS:
Glean Brown from Officer to Acting Capacity Sergeant

BLOOD DRIVE

You have heard the old police saying, “cut me and
a I bleed blue?” Well employees at MCC bleed red!
On December 8, The American Red Cross collected 36
units of blood from our staff. More would have
been collected if there had not been an incident
which required officers to respond, and others had
already given blood within the last two months and
could not donate again so early! Response was
overwhelming.

Kudos to the Blood Drive Committee for setting
this up: Pamela Slye, Dawn Grass, Donna Grass,
Lester Baker and Richard Greenwald!

CREW BOSS KUDOS

MCC Dorms 1 and 2 are being renovated and will
house prisoners in two new programs: Community
Confinement Transition and Residential Sexual
Offender Treatment. The needed renovation and
The Downeast Correctional Facility is pleased to announce that “Skip” Pennell is the new programs director replacing Carl McHatten who is taking care of the classification duties at the Augusta level.

Our industries program run by John Gilmore donated 9 quilts, constructed by members of our garments program from remnants from the jeans and jean jackets to Veteran’s services. Inmates working in this program were taken into town to present these quilts receiving much deserved thanks.

Craig Smith head of our welding program finished another firefighting tank truck.

Craig, who is also Fire Chief in the Town of Whiting, has a first hand knowledge of use of these vehicles. Over the last eighteen years our welding programs have fabricated 18 local fire department and Maine forestry tank trucks. Our program also has repaired and refurbished 12 Pumper trucks that are helping local fire departments, many who could not have afforded to keep most of this equipment operating. The repair and fabrication of these vehicles have given the program a source of raw materials for training proposes that otherwise may not of been available. Our Inmates seem to enjoy the personal accomplishment that can only be achieved by creating something from the ground up. This type of training has made our welding program niche.
Our motor pool run by Kevin Millay did work on one of the local ambulances recently, replacing springs, continuing the service to the local community that Downeast Correctional Facility has attempted ever since we opened in 1985. Over the years our work forces have helped repaint churches, lodge halls, community buildings. Our small institution has worked hard to be a strong valuable presence in this local Downeast community.

For now just as we’re coming into the holiday season the feeling should be; “What can we do for this community? Not, what can this community do for us?” The Downeast Correctional Facility has held this belief as one of our priorities ever since our beginnings back in 1985. Being a valuable part of Downeast Maine, not only an employer but a true contributor to our Downeast way of life. Happy Holiday’s from the Downeast Correctional Facility.

**PERSONNEL**

**ANNIVERSARIES: MONTH YEARS**
Sherrill Colford November 3
David Daniels November 19
Werden Grover November 19

**ANNIVERSARIES: MONTH YEARS**
William Beverly December 7
Glenn Davis December 19
David Garrison December 7
Kevin Millay December 19
Fred Parten December 2
Dennis Sprowl December 19

**NEW HIRES:**
We also would like to welcome new officer
Steven Pressley II

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**LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

**LCYDC Soup Kitchen**
**Culinary Arts Program**
By JPW John Napolitano

Every Thursday morning for the last two years three staff and up to six students from LCYDC Culinary Arts program go into Portland and prepare breakfast for nearly three hundred poor and homeless people at the Preble Street Soup Kitchen. The program consists of two teachers - Bob Foley and Linda Shipley and JPW John Napolitano and a group of upper level students in the Culinary Arts Program.

The average day begins with the group getting at the kitchen at 7:00am. They start cutting potatoes and fruit and preparing the food for the grill and oven. They set up tables and chairs and make juice and coffee and start making toast. Two of the students start making and packing bag lunches for the clients who head out to jobs in the area and the rest start cooking hundreds of eggs and pancakes to serve to the clients when they arrive at 8:00 AM.

When the clients start coming in, the LCYDC team breaks up into groups. Some work the serving line, some continue to cook, some was dishes, one passes out bag lunches, and some re-stock the serving lines. In an hour and a half the team, along with some other volunteers will have served nearly three hundred hot meals and gave out forty bag lunches.

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OVER
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER continued

After the clients leave the work is only half done. The LCYDC team then cleans the dishes, cleans the kitchen and the dinning room, and stocks the kitchen with food for the noon time meal. At the same time, the delivery trucks start to arrive with food and the team may start to unload the trucks and sort the food in the warehouse.

Before leaving at 11:00 AM they again clean off the tables and mop the floors. Then they drive back to LCYDC and return to they Culinary Arts classroom and they discuss the days work.

The Culinary Arts students enjoy the experience of working at the Soup Kitchen because they learn first hand how to work in a fast paced, stressful kitchen environment and how to prepare and serve a large group of people. The students also discuss the people they meet and how they feel bad for the down and out clients that eat at the Soup Kitchen and they hope they do not end up there themselves later in life. All the students say that they feel good after working there because they helped a lot of people worse off then themselves.

LCYDC would like to welcome the five newest members to the Long Creek Coffee Club:

Steve Rogers         Shaun "23" Durfee
Timmy Byrnes         Kevin Drain
Neil Maclennan

We appreciate there contributions to the Club and we remind them and all other members that their monthly dues are currently grossly overdue. President Simonds would like to thank the donor of 67 cents to the Slush Fund. It enabled us to buy a new filter.

DAY ONE

Long Creek staff and Contract staff were invited to attend Day One's Annual Event held in November. Staff who attended showed their support for two residents who gave speeches as well as nine other residents who attended the event. Day One wishes to thank all of those involved in making the event a success. The Day One staff appreciates the support they continue to receive from Long Creek.

Pictured above from left to right: Anthony Winslow, Supervisor from LCYDC, Paul Wheeler, Supervisor from LCYDC, Derek Bessy, Sweetser Counselor, Eric Simonds, Staff Development Specialist and Coffee Club President LCYDC
PERSONNEL

ANNEVERSERIES JANUARY YEARS
Phil Blake 24
Bill Wikins 23
Julie Harrington 10

ANNEVERSERIES FEBRUARY YEARS
Larry Austin 19
Randy Knowles 7

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRES:
Patricia Armitage, as Psych Social Worker II. Pat had previously worked as a substance abuse counselor with Day One.

PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS:
Jackie Wilcox, from Accountant II to Senior Staff Accountant.
Jason Rice from JPW to Juvenile Program Specialist.
Leonard Wallace, transferred from JPW at MVYDC to correctional Officer at CCF.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
JPW Katie Gagnon, who was married on Saturday, November 27th to Russell Ladd of Brownville.

And to Jennifer Duffy-Vail, JPM & husband Charlie on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Virginia, born December 16th, 6 lbs 8 oz, 19" long.

The Birdhouse Tree:
Liz Brugger, Receptionist

We have a new addition to the Mountain View lobby, thanks to Tom Sands, Industries Supervisor and his crew over at Charleston Correctional Facility's Industries Program. They make unique birdhouses of all shapes, colors & designs but we didn't have enough room to display them. Tom designed and built a birdhouse tree so that everyone can get a closer look at the beautiful woodwork. Thank you Mr. Sands & the CCF Industry Programs talented crew.
In that role, she has partnered with Chaplain Paul Dunfee to provide group treatment for some of our residents who have difficulty grieving a loss. The “Growing Through Loss” program is a manualized treatment intervention developed in Indianapolis in a youth correctional facility there. It has efficacy verified through research.

Dana and Paul have run the group twice now, utilizing a single facilitator’s manual that I had previously purchased, and by copying handouts. The group has proven very useful to several residents, and the research has shown that youth in correctional facilities have multiple serious losses. Dana and Paul plan to start a third cycle of the group in January.

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Liz had been listening to WEZQ – 92.9 radio station in Bangor and called the station during a song of the day contest, being the lucky 11th caller. On November 18th she and husband David, our own JPW, joined 65 other contestants and their guests at a WEZQ banquet held at the Ramada Inn in Bangor. She was then the last of 65 names to be drawn for a door prize, and was very content with winning a WEZQ coffee mug. Then all names went into another drawing to win the 5-day, 4 night all-inclusive trip for two to a resort and spa on the island of Turks and Caicos, and her name was pulled out! First prize! Talk about excitement! That interview was what I heard on the radio. WEZQ will make reservations for the trip sometime in January, with a target date of mid-March for the trip. Liz promised us photos, full reviews, and good stories of this trip of a lifetime when they return.

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MY TALENT SHOW
Liz Brugger, Receptionist

On Dec. 22 we had our third talent show held in our gymnasium. Kudos for two of our residents who were the MC’s, and kept us amused while the acts were getting ready. We heard an array of musical instruments from piano to clarinet, guitars & drums. Pat Conant played marvelously on her clarinet, which she hadn’t played in 15 years. You did a great job Pat! Along with the instruments we listened to singers & watched limber dancers. It really put everyone into the holiday spirit. Thanks also goes to resident Anthony for his original composition of a hip hop rap with a great moral message. To end the show, the education department got up & led us in Christmas songs. Thanks goes to everyone that helped & participated in the talent show. Your hard work is appreciated.
Rides Off into the Sunset 
Frank Lyons

Friends and relatives gathered at the Thomas Room in South Portland on Saturday, November 20, to honor and bid farewell to Frank Lyons upon his retirement from state service November 24. Frank’s career in law enforcement spans twenty-eight years beginning with the Rockland Police Department, continuing with the Maine Bureau of Liquor Enforcement and concluding with Adult Community Corrections in Cumberland and York County. During his years in law enforcement, Frank always performed his job in a professional manner and this earned him a reputation as one of the best in his field.

As you head ‘em up and move ‘em out Frank, please tuck this into your saddlebags: Best wishes from all of us for a long, happy and healthy retirement!

Douglas Boothby

On December 1 of this year, PPO Doug Boothby officially retired from state service to begin a whole new career of sleeping late, going hunting whenever he wants and to never have to answer a late night call again.

Doug’s career began with the New Hampshire Division of Welfare in 1974 as a child protective services social worker. Following a span of five years in this position, he moved on to become a trainer in the Staff Development and Training Unit. Doug stayed in the same line of work even after he and his family left New Hampshire and moved to Maine. On February 2, 1987, Doug left child protective services and began his career with Probation & Parole in the York County area. In addition to being a full time Probation Officer, Doug was a firearms instructor, unarmed self defense instructor and a field training officer. His career with the department is one of which he can truly be proud and he will be missed by all of us.

So Doug, as you leave us to join the retired folks of this world, may the journey be enjoyable and the days ahead be happy ones.
WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Region One welcomed Barbara Nichols, who joined our staff this fall to assume supervision of the York County Caseload left open with Chris Arbour’s move to the Portland Office. Prior to joining our staff, Barbara was employed as a mental health case manager for Maine Pretrial Services in Portland since 2003. She is a licensed clinical social worker and holds a Masters Degree from the University of Illinois. Barbara brings with her valuable job experience and will be a great asset to our staff. Glad to have you with us, Barbara.

Denis Clark will be joining the Region One Adult staff on December 20 to assume supervision of the York County caseload, that includes the towns of Eliot, Kittery, North and South Berwick, Ogunquit, Wells, and York. Denis holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Rochester Institute of Technology as well as a Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York in Albany. His career in corrections began 2001 as a Juvenile Program worker at Long Creek Youth Development Center and earlier this year he was promoted to Facilities Operations Manager. Denis brings to our region enthusiasm and a fine track record of getting the job done. Welcome, Denis, we’re glad to have you with us.

A BRAND NEW DAUGHTER

PO Troy Thornton and his wife Jill are pleased to announce the arrival of their brand new family addition, daughter Abigail, who came into the world November 15 at 8:40AM at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Abigail arrived on the scene weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces and stood tall at 21 inches. It is reported that mother and daughter are doing fine, but Troy on the other hand still appears a bit frazzled. Abigail was welcomed home by her big brother Tyler. Congratulations Troy and Jill and welcome to our world, Abigail.
It is mid December as I write this article. We recently had our first snowfall here in the Bangor area. The snow is the type that sticks to the branches and shrubs, like shiny icicles. The red cardinal in my back yard is just beautiful in contrast to the snow.

This is one of my favorite months of the year. The houses in the neighborhood are brightly lit and beautifully decorated. The gingerbread cookies I baked leave the house with wonderful aroma’s that bring back fond memories of Christmas’s past. The balsam wreath hanging over my mantel fills the air with the nicest fragrance I can imagine.

In the Bangor office, we have put up the Christmas tree to get ready for our annual Christmas party. Each year we all bring a secret Santa gift and place it under the tree. During the party, we do the old Yankee swap. It is so much fun to laugh so hard. Shawn Nelson most always ends up with the funniest gift, and we laugh harder at his reactions. A great stress reliever, for sure.

Speaking of stress relievers, Donna Miles and her husband Ron recently returned from a vacation to Tennessee and the Carolina’s. Donna brought back a book she bought when they visited the Biltmore Estate in N. Carolina. The home is the largest residence in the United States, boasting of 245 rooms and 44 bathrooms!! Can you imagine cleaning 44 bathrooms?! The home is now a museum. The pictures in the book were just exquisite.

Tom Pailes went on, what seems to be, his monthly jaunt to Florida. He spent time with his children and grandchildren. Tom flies for free, stand-by, due to the fact that his son Barry, works for Delta Airlines.

Renna Hegg was also in Florida recently, visiting her three grandsons, Ben, and twin boys Jacob and Travis. Ben started kindergarten this year. Seems like he was just born…….

More vacation news. Dave and Nancy Barrett recently returned from a trip to Louisiana, spending Thanksgiving and Dave’s birthday (happy belated birthday Dave !!), with his daughter Lisa, granddaughter Amanda, and son-in-law Brian. The temperature was in the 70’s. Dave actually got a little “culture” while he was there. They all attended the Moscow Bolshoi Ballet rendition of the Nutcracker.

Galan Williamson’s two boys, Levi and Galan Jr., along with his wife Jen, are in a TV commercial for Van Raymond Outfitters. Galan Jr. has the lead role where he watches a “talking deer” !! He is so cute and did a great job with his lines. Galan is now looking for an agent. J

An update on a Sue Colson story!! Remember how I previously mentioned that Sue is a big Nascar fan? She has a whole collection of Tony Stewart memorabilia including hats, shirts, photographs etc. Well, it seems that Debbie Reynolds knew someone who was able to get into the race track where he was racing. She got an actual autograph on a license plate !! Sue was thrilled!! Too much fun !! 😊

Mary Jones reports that she has been very busy in Washington County, especially with referrals. Mary is SO glad that John Bennoch is on board. She recently got new video conferencing equipment at the Calais office. Mary was able to assist the DA with two separate trainings with the area PD’s to review juvenile laws/updates. Mary, who has been facilitating the Motivational Interviewing training spent two days in Portland at an advanced training conference which she felt was very constructive for further trainings.

“OVER”
Bill Francis collaborated with Rosalie Morin and Tova, creating a DOC web site. It is a functional working interactive web page for all DOC employees. Bill welcomes any suggestions anyone would like to offer to add to the page.

More news from Aroostook County……… Julie Leavitt and her husband Jayson are building a new home in Ft. Fairfield.

Carolyn Chandler’s son’s family, who live in the Augusta area, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her in Caribou. Carolyn’s daughter Beth is working as a physical therapist. Carolyn has a fun time taking care of her two grandchildren while Beth is working.

Renna Hegg said that over one hundred people attended the DOC and UMO sponsored training on the assessment and treatment of juvenile sex offenders. This conference was a first in a series of trainings. Providers in the community attended and collaborated with DOC and other law enforcement agencies. We’re looking forward to the second conference.

That’s the news from Reg. IV. May you all have a healthy and happy New Year!