MICHAEL CUSHMAN

Regular Educator Of the Year Award 2008

The Maine Administrator of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC) recognizes Michael Cushman as the Regular Education Teacher of the year. MADSEC is the association of Special Education Administrators in Maine’s local public schools, private special education schools, juvenile correctional facilities, and child development services (preschool) sites. Awards are presented annually in several district categories. Michael Cushman was nominated and selected as one who has demonstrated a leadership role in support of students with disabilities in the State of Maine.

Michael Cushman has taught in the Limestone School Department, MSAD #23, and Mountain View Youth Development Center since 1988. Michael studied Music and Psychology at Bob Jones University and earned his undergraduate degree in Music Education and Organ Performance from Cedarville College in Ohio. He is currently working towards his Master’s Degree in Instructional Technology at the University of Maine at Orono.

At Mountain View Youth Development Center, Michael teaches youth who have been adjudicated by the courts. Michael’s extensive roles include, Music Teacher, Personal Learning Plan Advisor, Education Technology Coordinator, Steering Committee Member, Grant Writer, MLTI - Technology Team Leader, and Professional Development Committee Member. Michael is a performing musician with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and has arranged over 50 community field trips for at-risk students to attend Fine Arts Performances. He also engages youth in technology related Career Exploration field trips. Michael shares his knowledge and success with integrating music and technology at conferences around the State. He has been instrumental in not only integrating the use of technology throughout the MVYD curriculum but also with initiating and installing technology for multi-modal instructional purposes as well as instituting applications that facilitate data collection. His ability to provide a high interest MLR aligned music curriculum, accompanied by a multi-modal instructional approach accommodates all learners successfully in his classroom. Michael is a positive support for all students at their IEP meetings. His insights and student successes are an inspiration to all IEP members. The above accomplishments are just scratching the surface of what Michael brings to the education department at Mountain View Youth Development Center.

Recognition was given at the DOE MADSEC Annual Awards Dinner, Monday evening, June 23, 2008 at Atlantic Oakes by-The Sea in Bar Harbor.

Michael resides in Bangor.
Food for Thought

When you can do the common things of life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world. — George Washington Carver

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CENTRAL OFFICE

Spring Fever in Central Office

The MDOC Service Center staff recently hosted a lunch picnic for all of the MDOC Central Office employees.

The gala event was spearheaded by Linda Nadeau with the assistance of Sharelyn Page, Mitch Boynton, and Scott Ferguson, all of whom work at the MDOC Service Center.

The menu included the regular items such as hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, salads, and cookies but the hit of the day was the Chorizo sausage that was provided by Barry Stoodley.

The Friday lunch event was enjoyed by all and special thanks are given to all of the people who helped plan and host the fun event.

Linda (serving), Mitch (Grill Master), and Scott (supervising) are enjoying the Spring sunshine and making sure that everyone has enough to eat and is enjoying the picnic.
MDOC Adult Inmate Demographic Information

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

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

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

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

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Hello Everyone!

Perry Ayotte has asked me to let everyone know about the dates for the class for the Introduction to Leadership Development Program. This is a 2-day class with 7 half-day modules following the Introduction class.

The following dates are the only dates the Introduction to Leadership is being offered in 2008. We do not know if we are going to be doing any Introduction classes in 2009.

- August 12 & 13 at Mountain View
- August 21 & 22 at Maine Correctional Center

The module class schedule will be posted when the schedule has been finalized.

Please check with your supervisor if you wish to attend one of these classes, then email Perry or myself so we can add you to the list.

Thanks, Norma Loud

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Did You Know?

Corrections Community – Visit at http://community.nicic.org
A place where corrections professionals can interact and collaborate

Thinking About Corrections

New Reports – Just Released !!!

Current issues and ideas in corrections.

What Contributes to Recidivism?

The Urban Institute has just released (April 2008) a double whammy examining factors contributing to recidivism. Working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, the Massachusetts Recidivism Study contains three interrelated study components addressed in two new reports. “Massachusetts Recidivism Study: A Closer Look at Releases and Returns to Prison” analyzes DOC administrative data and recidivism on a variety of statistical and demographic fronts. Its companion report, “Reincarcerated: The Experiences of Men Returning to Massachusetts Prisons” examines the results of parole office focus groups, as well as interviews of returning recidivists.

What Works in Reducing Recidivism and Preventing Crime?

The literature on What Works has a major new addition. "What Works: Effective Recidivism Reduction and Risk-Focused Prevention Programs" was prepared by Roger Przybylski, RKC Group for the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, but the literature reviewed is national in scope. Its promising subtitle reads "A Compendium of Evidence-Based Options for Preventing New and Persistent Criminal Behavior." (March 2008)
Because research is mounting on the relationship between program integrity and program effectiveness, the CPAI is beneficial given that its design allows program administrators to observe the areas where improvement is needed. The CPAI is valid across juvenile and adult programs, as well as facility and community based programs.

Following completion of an assessment, the program is expected to develop a quality improvement plan to address areas identified in the assessment that need improvement. The plan is to conduct regular re-evaluation, using the same tool to determine improvements.

The Department has collaborated in the past with the University of Cincinnati to conduct assessments. CPAIs are currently done through a cooperative agreement between the MDOC and the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. Staff of the Department is also involved in conducting assessments in collaboration with the Muskie School.

Both contracted and in-house services have been assessed, to include:

- Correctional Recovery Academy/Transitional Recovery Academy at MCC and CMPRC
- RULE (Sex Offender Treatment) Program at MCC
- Counseling and Psychotherapy Center (Community Adult Sex Offender Treatment)
- Sexual Behavior Treatment Programs at Long Creek and Mountain View
- Heritage House
- Violence No More (Batterers Intervention Program)
- Menswork (Batterers Intervention Program)
- Opportunity for Change (Batterers Intervention Program)
- Volunteers of America Day Reporting Center
- Spurwink Juvenile Risk Reduction Case Management Program
- Catholic Charities Functional Family Therapy Program
- Portland West Youth Building Alternatives Program
- Portland Drug Court
- Region 1 Juvenile Services
- Region 4 Juvenile Services
- Reardon’s Place
- Project Atrium
- Maria Mercedes

Should you have any questions about the CPAI, please feel free to contact Lars Olsen in Central Office or Erica King at the Muskie School of Public Service.
Leadership Development Program Update

By Pierrette Ayotte, Director Staff Training & Development

If you are wondering where the Leadership Development Program has gone, don’t worry. It was temporarily halted in February along with other training due to the budget constraints. It will start up again after July 1st. Look for the latest schedule of training online at [http://inet.state.me.us/corrections/](http://inet.state.me.us/corrections/). Just click on the Training tab, and then click the Leadership Development tab.

Here’s a table that shows the number of people that have completed each part of the CORE Leadership Development Program as February 23, 2008.

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Congratulations to the 77 individuals that have finished the entire CORE training, made up of the Introduction and all seven modules! Their names are:

**FROM MSP**
Don Black
David Boynton, Jr.
Martha Boynton
Richard J. Brooks
Karen E. Carroll
Anthony Cartlidge
Robert Costigan
T. Scott Drake
Ray Felt
Dwight Fowles
Donald W. Keene
Susan A. Kenney
Scott E. McCaffrey
Robert A. Pease
Danny L. Picard, Jr.
Creig A. Ponsant
Millard Rackliffe
Nelson G. Riley
Faron C. Sawtelle
Diane M. Smith
Ronald R. Spearing
Douglas N. Starbird
Joanna Sylvester
Randall Thomas
Robert Walden
Peter H. Warman

**FROM MCC**
Scott Burnheimer
Chris Coffin
Brad Fogg
James Howard
Don Jacobsen
Gary LaPlante
Brian Libby
Barbara Robertshaw
Mike Robertshaw
Kenneth Sawyer
Paryse Thibodeau
Wayne Willette

**FROM DCF**
Ralph Pennell

**FROM CENTRAL OFFICE**
Perry Ayotte
Kelene Barrows
Roxy Hennings
Kathryn McGloin-Johnson
Carl McHatten

**FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW**
Douglas Boyd
Joel Burdin
Carol Conner
Dan Davis
Ryan Dearborn
Wanda Engstrom
Jason Greenlaw
Lori Hasenfus
Linda Hussey
Kathleen Kemp
Boyd Kronholm
Gerald E. Merrill, Jr.
Jeffrey Morin
Rosalie Morin
Frederick Terrell

**FROM LONG CREEK**
Rene Fecteau
Maureen Lonsdale
Margo Wright

**FROM ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE**
David F. Cyr
David Farrell
Bud Hall
John Lorenzen
Steve Onacki
Anthony Prest
Allen Wright

**FROM JUVENILE REGIONS**
Diana Duff
William Frances
Susan Gagnon
Daniel Harfoush
Mary Jones
Cheryl McKenney
Russ McMahon
Sue Smith

The picture on the right shows participants of the Leadership Development Introduction @ MSP on 10/12/07.

Left/right: Sgt. David Flynn, MSP; Keith Wilson, Reentry; Sherry Judd, R2J; Mitch Boynton, Service Center.
Why Restitution?
By Jessica Pooler

On occasion I receive questions as to why the Court orders offenders to pay restitution when their prospects of employment are dim, or the amount seems so large that it is not likely that an offender will pay before their probationary period ends. There are 3 major areas where restitution has an impact.

First is the victim. The criminal justice system is very difficult on a Victim. At a young age we teach our children that actions have consequences, which are generally swift and equally compensated for the offense. In the criminal justice system however, the process of being victimized, waiting for an offender to be charged, ultimately sentenced, and finally, completing the requirements of their sentence, takes years, and is often not in balance with what the Victim feels is appropriate or just.

Receiving restitution assists Victims in feeling that the criminal justice system remembers that they were greatly impacted, and that the system acknowledges their financial loss. If a Victim is fortunate enough to have insurance, some of their initial out of pocket expenses are deflected, but there are deductibles, differences, and claims that are not covered. If they do not have insurance, they are stuck with years of paying off bills, being sent to a collection agency, or losing precious property that they will never recover, all due to a set of circumstances out of their control.

Recently I was asked to obtain information pertaining to restitution involving a crime on a minor child. In many cases the Court will include future, and on-going counseling costs as a part of a sentence, as was true for this particular case. The counseling had occurred in the past, and the Court was considering the enforcement of restitution for counseling and treatment incurred as a result of this crime. I was able to determine that the Victim had received treatment over a 4 year period, and, fortunately had insurance through the State. The final bill came to over $124,000. That is $31,000 a year. Since the costs were mainly covered by the State, the Victim fortunately did not have the added financial burden, however as evidenced by the large amount of money that was paid on behalf of that Victim, we can surmise that the emotional and physical impact was tremendous. I do not have any additional information as to whether that Victim has continued treatment past the time-frame that we reviewed, however given the intensity of the treatment this particular Victim received, we can only conclude that it is likely that additional treatment was needed, thus increasing the actual cost.

This example directly ties into the second area of the impact of restitution, the Community. The financial burden often-times falls onto the community in many forms. Insurances (as evidenced by the example provided), additions to security equipment both for homes and businesses, employing new staff, repairs for damaged property, mental health counseling for individuals, and sometimes employees, businesses that have to work with staff shortages, extra police details, the list goes on. Holding an offender financially accountable to reimburse for some of those losses shows the community as a whole that the Criminal Justice system recognizes the impact of crime not only on the Victim, but on the community as a whole.

This leads to the third area, the Offender. When we hold an offender financially accountable for the crime that they committed, it creates a two-fold purpose. The most important of course, is to address the Victims direct financial loss, but it provides an offender an opportunity to take additional direct responsibility for their actions. An offender cannot take back what they did, but by complying with their financial obligation, they are providing the Victim and their community a sense of accountability. So when asked, “Why restitution?” I can safely say that is a necessary part of a sentence to hold an offender accountable; recognize, and address the impact on the Victim; as well as notify the community that the Criminal Justice system acknowledges the overall impact.

Theresa Volpe is attending the University of Maine in Augusta, working on her Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree, this is her senior year. Theresa is a single mom of a 9 year old boy. This summer she is working as an Intern with the State of Maine Department of Corrections Office of Victim Services. She had taken on a variety of projects: gathering contact information on victims’ of sexual assault; a project to help revise the hand book After the Sentencing and working on a project collecting data on the probation violations of sex offenders. Theresa is a welcome addition to Victim Services.
During the months of April and May the **Maine State Prison** and **Bolduc Correctional Facility** took on the Walking Across America competition. The competition consisted of putting together a team to walk enough steps to complete the 5,048 mile trek from Cape Henlopen, Maryland to the Golden Gate Bridge in California.

There was so much interest that we ended up having to put together a total of nine different teams. There a total of one hundred and fifty pedometers handed out. At the end of each week the team captains forwarded their team’s total steps and the results were posted on a board for all to see. This seemed to bring about a very friendly competition between all of the teams each week.

It ended up being a lot of fun for everyone involved and even those who didn’t participate in the competition as well. The health benefits were also obvious by the weight loss and yes even the smiles.

Our industries made up placards of half a sneaker, the more miles your team walked the worse the sneaker looked. During our town meeting the placards were handed out to the different team captains.

The results were really outstanding a total of 19,281 miles walked and over 300 hundred pounds lost during the two months time frame.

**The Final Standings Were:**

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**Promotions**

- **Kurt Dyer**, Correctional Officer/Cook to Correctional Cook Supervisor 4/27/08
- **Carroll Gifford**, Correctional Officer to Correctional Sergeant 5/18/08
- **Keith Massengale**, Correctional Officer to Correctional Maintenance Mechanic 4/21/08

**Sing Sing Graduation**

By Gary Upham

Last Tuesday, June 3, I had the privilege of being invited to take a trip with Doris Buffett. Doris is the “Sunshine Lady” as well as the sister of Warren Buffett. Her foundation has given over 50 million dollars to various organizations (including the Department of Corrections in Maine – currently $158,000 for college expenses for Maine State Prison Inmates). The occasion was the college graduation for Sing Sing Prison in New York. Originally, Diane White, who has had a long relationship with this foundation, was offered the opportunity to go, but unfortunately could not make it. I say unfortunately, because not only did we go by Net Jet, but also I was treated to accommodations, meals, and, most importantly, was able to witness a program that has had remarkable success.

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The college program at Sing Sing is sponsored by a community program called Hudson Links and is associated with Mercy College. The event was held in the visit room of the prison. To enter took us about an hour because of the security needs of this event. Once inside the building we entered a visit room, which had been transformed, into a graduation hall. Chairs and flowers were arranged around a podium set up for the distinguished guest speakers (Harry Belfonte gave the commencement address!) and for the Commissioner of New York State Department of Correctional Services. A live prison band was present, tables were arranged for the meal after graduation, and security podiums were strategically placed.

What was noticeably absent was the feeling of being inside a maximum-security facility. Prisoner speaker upon speaker spoke of how the program had changed their lives and the lives of their families. The student address, given by Korean valedictorian Tae Wook Yoon, tapped the soul of this program when this man apologized to his family, to the victims, and especially to his parents – but at the same time thanked the facility and the school for the opportunity to become a man! The evening ended with a meal cooked by the culinary arts program and music by the prison band.

It also ended with some interesting observations, for example:

--When I asked the Sergeant how he felt the evening was going, he exclaimed “This is a far cry from 25 years ago when I started; the programs have changed the way Sing Sing is today! I think this is great.”

--When we asked Sean Pica, the Executive Director, (who, by the way, is a former graduate of the program) how many inmates are interested in participating in the program, he said all. When asked for clarification of the numbers, “you mean 50% or 60%?” and he repeated, “no I mean all!”

--Notably, one of the graduates of the program is now a professor for the college and is teaching in Sing Sing.

--And finally, my own observation about why they call Doris “the Sunshine Lady” – many of the students made an effort to personally thank her, not only for her support of the program, but for her personal touch in acknowledging them individually (something she has done with a lot of her students). To me the term “Sunshine” fits her to a T.
NEW COORDINATOR FOR CCF:

Please welcome Judy Bailey, Unit Manager, Charleston Correctional Facility, as our newest newsletter contributor. Judy provided a new face for the CCF articles in last month’s edition and did a superb job. Judy, an LCSW, is currently the Unit Manager at CCF, but has been involved with the DOC on and off since 1998. She started out at the old prison as Psychiatric Social Worker II and later served on the Board of Visitors for the Maine State Prison until she accepted a position as Reentry Specialist. Currently pursuing a PhD with a focus in Corrections, Judy is committed to working closely with Security Staff to meet the mission of the department and the implementation of evidence based practices.

Saving Money:

During the last four months CCF burned 319.25 cords of wood that provided heat, hot water and steam for our kilns saving an estimated 63,850 gallons of heating oil. 63,850 X 3.75 per gal. = $239,437.50

THAT’S A LOT OF MONEY!!!!!!

PROGRAMMING:

CPREP (Charleston Pre-Release Employment Program) is off the ground. CPREP is a collaborative between CCF and The Bangor Career Center whereby prisoners with four months or less attend two all day classes that teach them about the resources available to them as well as skills to prepare a resume’ and conduct job searches. Prisoners have the potential to acquire their own work-release opportunity if they are able to find an interested employer who will provide transportation.

Thinking for a Change started on 4/16/08 and the group is now half way through and very pleased with the overall growth that has taken place. The group began with 12 inmates and is currently holding steady at 9. The prisoners began the group questioning why they were there and were reluctant to share. Now individuals are sharing deep emotions and are able to put words to those emotions. This group has been a good reminder for us to be patient because as we all know, change takes time.

~Nichole Webber & Dave Needham

NEWS FROM THE CREWS:

Tom Sands CTSS and crew along with Dan Dugan CO/CTI have teamed up on the construction of bookcases for the Newport Library/Cultural Center. Tom Sands and CO/CTI Paul Saunders & Jim Morin are sawing 10,000 board feet of ash lumber that will be used to build the furniture. Neil Pinkerton CO/CTI and Dan Dugan and crews are installing the siding at the Newport Library/Cultural Center.

The Industry Crew has built 38 fish way ladders for the town of Dover and the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. to help spawning Atlantic salmon and trout to migrate. The crew also built 6 picnic tables for the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation district, and with the help of George Peterson PME they dismantled and cleaned up the site where an outdoor classroom in the demonstration forest collapsed during heavy winter snows.

Leon Gerry CO/CTI and crew finished the work on the Dexter Police Station with 4 coats of floor finish on the newly tiled floors. The Chief of Police and the officers are very pleased to have a renovated station.

Ron Miller CO/CTI and crew are hard at work at the old Dover School converting it into a Town Office and additional office rental space. Ron is also working at the Exeter Masonic/Grange Hall installing vinyl siding on the building.

Jeff Grant fabricated 3 benches and a security screen for the Newport District Court. Jeff and his crew also installed a cage in a new Penobscot County prisoner transport van.

Dennis O’Bar and crew completed work at the Stetson Food Cupboard, pressure washed and stained the Dover Chamber of Commerce, and is now refurbishing the entrance sign near Kokadjo that reads: ‘KEEP MAINE GREEN-THIS IS GODS COUNTRY-WHY SET IT ON FIRE AND MAKE IT LOOK LIKE HELL”. ~Leon Gerry

“For the season for forest fires” and CCF has done well in supplying fire fighting crews to the Maine Forest Service. The first fire was at the Ambajejus Lake north of Millinocket, on a small island which needed to be reached by boat. Two fire crews assisted for a total of over 100 hours. Other fires were Bowtown Township north of Bingham-one crew with over 100 hours, and Eagle Mountain 25 miles northwest of Kokadjo with 2 crews totaling 183 plus hours.

Great Job! May/June 2008/Page 9
Governor Baldacci toured Downeast Correctional Facility on May 27, 2008. Captain David Daniels, MCO Tim Cobb and Director Mark Caton guided and accompanied the Governor, Associate Commissioner Denise Lord, Senator Kevin Ray, the Washington County Commissioners and others throughout much of the facility. The group toured Main Control, Dorm I, Kitchen, Recreation/Segregation building, Motor Pool, Welding and the Garment/Upholstery buildings. During his visit the Governor went to considerable lengths to meet and converse with many of our staff. The visit refreshed the Governor’s recollection of the condition of the facility and its economic importance to the Downeast region. He gave high praise to the entire DCF work staff for maintaining and working with and within the aging facility. He was most impressed with the quality of the workers reflecting numerous times on the experience level of many of the staff and the availability of workers in the area.

Also in May, DCF welcomed Superior Court Justice Kevin Cuddy. Colonel Scott Jones guided the tour for Justice Cuddy. He was amazed by the various programs and community service projects preformed at the facility. Justice Cuddy commented that it is helpful during sentencing for him to know the programs offered by facilities.

Hancock County Sheriff William Clark along with his Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant also visited DCF on May 21st. Sheriff Clark is in the process upgrading his camera surveillance system and wanted to see our system and its capabilities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK CREWS

JJ Tibbetts’ crew just finished re-doing the wood floors in the Masonic Hall in Machias and will start work putting a fresh coat of paint on the Burnham Tavern. The tavern is recognized as one of the most important homes to the Revolution. It is the only house in Maine to receive honor as one of the most important sites in American History and is listed as a National Historic Site by the US Department of Interior. It is located in Machias the site of the First Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War 6/12/1775. JJ's crew began work 6/12/2008 on the 233rd anniversary of the naval battle.

The woodshop supervised by Jeff Mason continues to be busy with refinishing projects and new furniture projects. The desk pictured below was slated to be trashed. The refinishing process revealed hand painted ceramic drawer pulls and intricate wood inlays.

TRAINING

Captain Daniels and VTI Craig Smith represented the Facility in May, by attending NIMS Incident Command simulation training in Bangor. NIMS stands for National Incident Management System. NIMS is taught by the Maine Forest Service and used for any traumatic incidents, large or small. Both will 3.625be participating in a simulation training being held in August at Northern Maine.

ANNIVERSARIES

20 Years
Bruce Colbeth

10 Years
Jeff Mason
Brian Mozeliak
HOT NEWS

LCYDC Volunteer Receives Commissioner’s Recognition Award!

LCYDC Volunteer, Halorie Rintel, recently received the 2008 Maine Department of Education Commissioner’s Recognition Award for her significant contribution to meeting the needs of children and youth at risk.

Several years ago, Halorie learned that a boy she knew well had been completely deprived of educational opportunities after being incarcerated in another state. Halorie hoped she could make a difference in the lives of other youth by tutoring youngsters at Long Creek. She spoke to the Director of Volunteers, Emmy Brown, who matched her with a resident who had requested a tutor to help him study for the SAT exams. After he scored well on the SAT’s, Halorie encouraged this young man to apply to the University of Southern Maine. He enrolled in a summer College Algebra class, becoming the first ever LCYDC resident to go off-grounds to college, and received an “A” grade. He was then accepted to USM as a full-time student, made the Dean’s List, and continued to pursue his college education while serving out his sentence at Long Creek Youth Development Center. In addition, he was later elected to the Student Senate and became a three-sport NCAA Varsity athlete at USM. As a result of his own successes, this young man begged Halorie to start a “college group” for other residents interested in pursuing higher education. The Creek to College Program was born!

Although the Creek to College Program started less than two years ago, it has already become an asset to both the facility and the community. To date, with the help of a small handful of dedicated volunteer tutors:

- 49 LCYDC residents have applied to college
- 10 residents have attended classes off-grounds at local colleges
- 7 students have successfully completed college courses via satellite (from inside the facility)
- 16 residents have taken classes taught by an SMCC/UNE professor who comes into the facility to teach.

*In summary, over 33 residents have passed at least one college class since the Creek to College Program began!

What makes this more remarkable is the fact that the majority of these residents were former high school drop-outs. Most hated school. None considered themselves “college material”. Many are the first in their families to pursue higher education. Although it is challenging to pursue a college degree in the correctional environment, the Long Creek residents have been highly successful because of their extraordinary determination, enthusiasm and hard work.

Studies have shown that taking college classes while incarcerated significantly decreases recidivism rates and improves future employment opportunity. Higher education helps break the cycle of poverty. In today’s world, a high school diploma or GED is usually not enough to secure a job with good wages. Higher education is crucial. Halorie feels it is imperative that Long Creek residents be returned to their communities as more highly educated, skilled, and employable citizens.

Halorie finds great satisfaction in her work at LCYDC because she truly believes that education can change these youth’s lives for the better. She has seen firsthand how enrolling in college classes builds resident’s self-esteem and hope, often allowing these young people to “reinvent” themselves and become what they want to be.

Congratulations, Halorie! We are thrilled to have you at LCYDC!

(One-on-one tutors have made the college program successful. Anyone interested in tutoring in the LCYDC Creek to College Program should contact Maria Dorn, Volunteer Coordinator.)

The Heart and Soul of Change

By Courtney Joyal

Joanne West, Caroline Raymond and Suzan Ackerman, of Day One, attended the International Conference “The Heart and Soul of Change” presented by Barry Duncan and Scott Miller. The conference was attended by over 400 people in Phoenix, Arizona. We look forward to bringing this new and exciting information back to the facilities.
**Employee Recognition Week**

The Employee Recognition Committee made Employee Recognition Week one of the best ever. The following employees won prizes and gift certificates (GC) in the drawings.

- **Jeanne Smith** – Applebee’s GC $25
- **Christine Page** – Massage GC $50 value
- **Kathy Murphy** – 2 movie tickets
- **Jeff Arsenaault** – Shaw’s GC $25
- **James McDevitt** – CITGO gas card $25
- **Gloria Hostettler** – Ruby Tuesdays GC $40
- **Peg Emerson** – LLBean GC $20
- **Ronald Trufant** – Thatcher’s GC $30
- **Steve Stults** – Gritty McDuff’s Pub GC $25
- **Theresa MacDonald** – Whole Foods Market GC $25
- **Heidi Lincoln** – Hannaford’s GC $25
- **Danielle Gray** – Uno’s GC $20
- **Janice Sabin** – Roller Derby ticket and Friendly’s GC $15
- **Barry Lemery** – Decorative handmade vase and decorative jar of “Healthy Hot Cereal” and cutting board
- **Stacy Jensen** – Sebago Brewing Co. GC $25
- **Robert Desveaux** – Pizza Plus GC $25
- **Mark Donnelly** – Irving Gas card $25
- **Cori Cormier** – Bugaboo Creek GC $25
- **Wealthy Jordan** – Book Etc. GC $20, and homemade wreath
- **Brad Campbell** – Round of golf at Prouts Neck Country Club w/ Sprague Simonds and Scott Dewitt
- **Jim Boisvert** – Lowe’s GC $50
- **Sylvia Staples** – Great Lost Bear GC $50
- **Dan Mercer** – Best Buy GC $50
- **Brent Ouellette** – Texas Roadhouse GC $30
- **Willie Stewart** – Irving Gas card $25
- **Jeff Doiron** – Papa John’s GC $25
- **Mary Swain** – On The Border GC $29
- **Linda Shipley** – Painting by Lynn Gougeon
- **Michelle Stuckey** – Hanging Plant
- **Dave Derienzo** – Case of water, t-shirt, Starbucks GC $10
- **Carrie Ryder** – Decorative Vase and bath soap

**Employee Longevity Awards**

- **Dick Kempton** 35 years
- **Jim Stacey** 35 years
- **John Verrill** 20 years
- **Scott Dewitt** 20 years
- **Tom Olson** 20 years
- **Jeff Arsenaault** 15 years
- **Janice Sabin** 15 years
- **Karen Yeaton** 15 years
- **Rene Smith** 10 years
- **Edward O’Connor** 10 years
- **David Bailey** 10 years

**Awards Spotlight On...JIMMY STACEY**

By Climo Smith

There is a member of my shift that needs to be recognized. His name is Lawrence “Jimmy” Stacey. As of 5-29-08 he has completed 35 years of service! He has given faithful service to the State of Maine and Long Creek/Maine Youth Center/Boys Training Center. Jimmy is an avid Boston sports fan who especially loves the Red Sox and Celtics. He is a loving husband, father and grandfather. He is a friend to all who is always quick with a joke or a willing ear. We are blessed to have him as an employee.

**Well Represented**

JPW Jeff Arsenaault, Work Crew Supervisor was 1 of 3 people selected to attend the national AFL-CIO AFSCME national union convention in San Francisco on July 27th thru August 1st. Jeff is honored to be selected and to represent Maine. He is looking forward to possibly hearing from the democratic presidential nominee, who should be selected in June. Jeff is a Chief Steward in the union at LCYDC and has been in the union his whole 16 year career. The other two people selected were Will Towers from Central Maine Pre-Release and Sergeant Peatty of the Maine State Prison. Stay turned for an update when he returns! Congratulations, Jeff!
Speaking to the entire Carpentry Team in Mr. LeClair’s room, both guests also identified for the students potential career pathways towards working in natural settings like the Forest Service or a Wildlife Park. They also shared information about the park and their jobs.

### Taking Part in the Campus Read!

“The Campus Read was a facility wide effort at promoting literacy for our entire population.” In other words, it is an opportunity for all staff to participate in reading the same books that residents were currently reading so residents and staff can talk about the book. It was nice for the residents to be able to talk about the book outside of school. The books were interesting and fun to read. It was a great way for staff to model the good habit of reading, while enjoying the books the English Language Arts teachers had picked out. It is also fun to discuss what staff and the residents liked and disliked about a book they were both reading.

**Peg Emerson, Carpentry ELA teacher** spearheaded the effort with Administration in strong support of the fantastic idea. The Campus Read began on Monday 4/7 with reading assignments going back to the units. The books picked out included:

- “Zipped” by Laura and Tom McNeal: Mrs. Emerson in Carpentry
- “All My Sons” by Arthur Miller: Sue Finch in Action Tech
- “A Lesson Before Dying” by Ernest J. Gains: Sue Taylor in Detained
- “A Thousand Pieces of Gold” by Ruthanne Lum McCunn: Jeff Brogan in Culinary

Books went back and forth to and from the units. Each student had his/her own copy of the book on the committed side with the exception of Solo. Solo kept the books and the residents could trade with each other after the initial work has been completed in the classrooms. They could trade within the units.

### RESIDENTS HELP WILDLIFE

**By Bob Jenkins**

On Wednesday, April 9, [Curtis Johnson from the Maine Wildlife Park](#) and [Ken Canfield from the Maine Forest Service](#) introduced a project for the carpentry students. The [Maine Wildlife Park in Gray](#) is embarking on a project to plant new pine trees which will eventually be used to replace a stand of aging pines that are one of signatures of the park. These new trees will need protection from being accidentally injured during their early years. The solution – tree guards.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Canfield delivered several cedar poles from which small square 4-foot by 4-foot tree guards will be constructed by the carpentry students to encircle the newly planted trees. Students eligible will also go to the park to install the tree guards and to get a tour of the park.

Wedding Bells will be ringing for [Christine Page (PSW, Elm Unit)](#) and [Steven Stults (JPW, Pine Unit)](#). In order to prepare Christine for life as a wife, a crew of Long Creek and Community Corrections women gathered to ensure her readiness for this commitment. The party was planned by [Bev Grant, Courtney Joyal, Julia Cabral](#) and [Rene Smith](#). The party was hosted at the beautiful new home of bridesmaid [Joanne West](#). There was a Beach theme accompanied by an amazing Beach cake homemade by Rene Smith and amazing party decorations and favors created by Bev Grant who owns the company Dynamic Concepts which specializes in party planning and favors. There was even a Watermelon Fruit Bowl carved out to look like a Ship (Ship Christine) pulling a dinghy (Steve). Lots of prizes were awarded for fun games with [Karen Yeaton](#) winning the prize for taking the least amount of time to care for herself! (This year’s budget process is sending her over the edge). We are now all very aware of how Steve likes his eggs! The entire crowd, ladies, children and even dogs, thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

**Residents Help Wildlife**

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### SPOTLIGHT ON... JOANNE WEST

**By Carolyn Raymond and Courtney Joyal**

Joanne West is one busy lady! Joanne is the Assistant Program Manager for Day One at the Youth Development Centers. She is the Clinical Supervisor for the Mountain View Program and assists with the oversight of the Long Creek Program.

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She does this while also carrying a caseload of high risk youth from the Elm Unit at Long Creek, where staff and clients find her support invaluable. On top of this she is also working on her Master's in Counseling, taking two classes this semester. Oh and let's not forget she has two adorable daughters that she is always coordinating some extravagant party for - you should see the amazing cakes she can make! And speaking of coordinating she has a knack for picking out stylish outfits. In fact because of her party planning and outfit picking talents she has been honored with the privilege of helping Long Creek PSW Christine Page plan her wedding. Her colleagues and clients are very thankful for her 9 years of dedication to the Youth Development Centers as she can always lend an ear and bring a smile to our faces!

Religious Services—What is Kairos?

I had heard of Kairos but had no idea what it meant until I met with Volunteer Clint Daggett who has been with the Kairos program at LCYDC for 3 or 4 years. Kairos literally means “God’s special time”. Kairos is a program that begins with the Kairos Torch Weekend, or the Kairos Torch, as it is commonly called. This year’s Kairos Torch Weekend was on April 4th, 5th and 6th. This weekend involved 30 volunteers and about 20 residents. This year’s Kairos Torch Weekend was the Committed Boys 3rd weekend and the 1st weekend for the girls. The weekend retreat represents the start of the Kairos program. Residents taking part in the retreat have the opportunity to choose a mentor who will come in weekly about 1 to 2 hours each week for 6 months to meet with the resident.

Any religious denomination can attend, Kairos is open to all. Residents are referred through the chaplain to become involved in Kairos. The purpose of Kairos Weekend is to help residents engage in pro-social behavior and become closer to God with the help of a mentor. Residents taking part in Kairos Weekend enjoy good food, singing, activities such as skits and making artwork.

During the weekend the volunteers also talk about their lives. These talks are not preachy or boring. Most residents can relate to what the volunteer talks about since the volunteers have had problems and issues they have had to overcome, like many of our residents. For more information about Kairos you may visit their website at www.kairosprisonministry.org A special thank you to Clint Daggett for explaining the meaning of Kairos and the Kairos Torch Weekend.

Kairos Weekend!

By Chaplain Dan Mercer

A large line of about 20 kids streamed down the corridor of Long Creek Youth Development Center late Friday evening, not quite sure what to expect for the upcoming Kairos weekend. They had all been individually invited by the chaplain and agreed to take part in the Torch in-house youth retreat put on by the Kairos prison ministry.

Entering a large multi-purpose Solo classroom they were met by a well trained group of 30 volunteers. As each resident entered the room they were introduced, one at a time, with a loud round of applause and then met by their individual weekend guide. Each guide was to befriend, encourage and participate with the kids for the next three days and then continue as a mentor for an additional six months. Within minutes the room was abuzz with the friendly sounds of conversation, lots of snacks and soda helped do the rest. An atmosphere of warmth and anticipation filled the room and the Kairos weekend was only just beginning.

As many of us know, this is not at all the typical experience for teens here at Long Creek. Often the weekends are long, boring and filled with kids wishing they were home or just somewhere else. It is hard for someone outside of corrections to understand how time itself becomes its own prison when you are a teen, locked up and all alone. Time is one of the constants of prison life and despite the many efforts of the counselors, staff and school, this time is often wasted.

The Kairos weekend was different. It was well, just fun; fun for everyone volunteers and kids alike. It would have been fun for teens even outside these prison walls. The residents were disarmed by the love, hope and friendship like a warm blanket of support wrapped around them. This certainly helped open them to receive the message that God loved them, that He created them as both special and unique.

It was clear by the weekend’s end that a lot of ground had been covered. Without a single negative incident the boys left the youth retreat changed.
Many of these kids are now recounting how they were willing to think differently about faith and themselves; a huge step forward. The depth of change a weekend can make is hard to gage when one is surrounded by bars and concrete. Many years of negative thinking and acting take a long time to reverse but this change needs to start somewhere. At Long Creek we now have 20 kids matched with 20 new mentors ready to make that effort.

As chaplain at Long Creek I am very thankful for this added help to reach out to our kids. The Kairos team is incredible and we look forward to their being an important part of the rehabilitative work here for years to come.

I am also very grateful for the support of all the Long Creek staff that went out of their way to help make this happen, not an easy feat when faced with so many newcomers to the system. I want to take this chance to thank everyone from Maria Dorn, Chief of Volunteers, the kitchen and nursing staff all the way to the Superintendent for making this happen once again.

Blessings,
Chaplain Dan

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**INSIDE LOOK**  
**Volunteer Services**  
*By Maria Dorn*

Just an update as we go towards spring, to keep you informed of the many wonderful volunteer programs here at Long Creek. I am going to try to hit on a few of the key programs that have been running for a little while, but by no means do I mean to leave anyone out! We have, at present, 120 active volunteers! Some of them do individualized work with residents, others are part of bigger groups, regardless, the time and energy put in by our volunteers is priceless.

**Running Group:** As many of you may know, we have a volunteer led running group made up of residents, both boys and girls. Recently, some of the young men ran a 5k benefit run. The running group is out on the track three to four days a week and when the weather gets a little warmer and we can have use of the track out back, the runners will be out there 4-5 days a week. Last year the group trained some residents for the Beach to Beacon run and this is the plan for this summer as well. Any current volunteer, who is interested in joining the Running Group, please let me know! We would love to have you even if it’s only once or twice a week.

Usually, training takes place from 3:30-4:30pm. And we thank our volunteer ‘coaches’ for the great work they do!!!

**Noon Ball:** Ten volunteers come in throughout the week to play the infamous Noon Ball with the residents here. Noon Ball is an immensely popular program with the residents and the volunteers who are part of this have been doing it for years. If you are interested in playing, please feel free to contact me. It’s a great workout and a lot of fun.

**Yoga Thursdays:** Lisa King, a local yoga instructor has been spending her Thursdays in the activity room at 11:45 teaching yoga to many of our residents. It’s a stress reducing, tension relieving hour that has a following of several residents.

**Creek to College:** College classes continue to be a priority at Long Creek. Addressing education is one of the top ways to help reduce recidivism for incarcerated juveniles. Last fall, residents took a three credit “Introduction to Writing” class offered by Southern Maine Community College here at Long Creek. Halorie Rintel, the spirit behind bringing college classes to Long Creek attended each and every class to support the residents and relay the information and assignments to the tutors. We have finished that class and are now onto “Intro to Literature” again through SMCC. We have 20 residents who enrolled. The support the volunteer tutors give the students of this class helps them in their success. As always, we are in need of tutors, so again, if you have a free hour or two once a week, we have tutoring opportunities whether it’s with the college class or supporting our academic programs here. Thanks to the Friends of Long Creek, a nonprofit board made up of current and past volunteers who continue to support the Creek to College efforts.

**Support Groups:** We are fortunate to have many different kinds of support groups for the residents at Long Creek, offered on a weekly basis. We have a group run by Dan Reardon and Stephanie Netto that offers spiritual support, several Bible Study groups run by Dan and Carol Hatch of Straight Ahead Ministries and Danny Clifford, life skill groups run by Kevin Bickford. Tom and Kathy Truscott also bring music and conversation weekly to the residents. We also have ongoing AA groups that meet in each unit and have a variety of individuals coming in to run the groups. We appreciate our volunteers recognizing the needs of the residents here and responding to them. Rick Martin and Tony Raia continue to support youth on Sunday nights with the Kick It program. The Center for Grieving Children is running two eight week groups on Mondays.
Religious Services: As you know, we are in the midst of a chaplain search, as Tim Higgins left last summer to be the pastor of St. Ann’s in Windham. We have had volunteers from many churches and ministries filling in the void on services on Saturdays. Also, we will be having another Kairos weekend coming up shortly. We have 16 volunteers putting on this very special program for the residents. Our sincere thanks go out to Clint and Nancy Daggett for coordinating this with Dan Mercer.

Upcoming Events/Information: Volunteer Appreciation Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 in the dining room. This event is for all volunteers and is being put on by the residents as a way to say thanks and show their appreciation.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

School Scorecard:
High School Diplomas Earned= 3
GEDs Earned= 17

Action Technology students created robots and used them to study Newton’s laws. In English and Social studies her students are studying the play “All My Sons” and studying WWII in depth and how it affected life in the United States.

Culinary Science teacher Linda Shipley’s class just finished a unit on Oceanography. They spent time studying plants that can live underwater, such as seaweed and how photosynthesis occurs under water. Global warming was also studied and students learned how just a few temperature degrees can change the environment. Jeff Brogan’s ELA classes focused on Non Violence. They are also reading “1000 Pieces of Gold”.

Carpentry is finishing up on their theme “Stairway to Knowledge” with the close of the 3rd quarter. In the shop the Voc students have been constructing stairs which they have found to be “heavy on the math skills”. Carpenter Math Teacher Theresa MacDonald has been on board with the stair/math skills too. This has been a challenging unit for the students! Some Voc students were able to make a cutting box too like the one in the photo.

Sue Taylor’s class made these tulips out of eggshells! They are also taking part in the campus read

Art - Michelle Stuckey’s classes began working on drawing. They are now putting together journals to be altered and collaged. They are also working on perspective.

Library Happenings
By Lisa Wojcik

National Poetry Month is a celebration of poetry, first introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States. It is celebrated every April.

The A.R. Gould School students participated by writing poems and displaying them on the library bulletin board. Student’s often proclaimed that they “never wrote a poem in their lives.” But, with a bit of positive persuasion and encouragement, all kinds of poets emerged!

Pictured with the display is substitute teacher Lisa Grosneck. Ms. Grosneck has been helpful with this and many other projects here at LCYDC. Our substitute teachers are a valuable part of our community. They bring talents and skills that are interesting and diverse. Substitute teachers, as well as our volunteers, help all of us stay “well versed.”
IN UP AND OUT:

LCYDC wishes good luck to Chip Babineau, John Libby and Catherine Mullen of Youth Alternatives. You will be missed. Good luck also to John Galvin. Welcome back to Linda Blue, LCSW and welcome to Tara Kosma, and Kristen Bergeron, both with Youth Alternatives. Welcome to LCYDC new JPW’s Jessica Evangelista, Heidi Lincoln, Ron Trufant, Lawrence Nise and Carrie Ryder.

Congratulations to Pam Creamer who celebrates 35 years with Corrections in June!

Questions or Comments:

For questions, comments, or suggestions about the LCYDC section of DOC Talk please contact Mary Swain via email at mary.swain@maine.gov. We are accepting ideas for future articles, and departmental columns. We want to hear from you!

PERSONNEL

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jodie Lord, JPW 20 years
MAY 31st 1988 to MAY 31st 2008

Jason Greenlaw, PSWII 10 years
MAY 26th 1998 to MAY 26th 2008

CONGRATULATIONS go to three MVYDC students who submitted their original poems to the Creative Communications Young Poet’s Contest-Spring 2008! All three were accepted for publication in the anthology. The book will be available in a few months. (The usual acceptance rate is less than 50%). Thanks to Mrs. Jelley and Ms. Gerber for working with these students!

SAT’s at Mountain View Youth Development Center

Saturday, May 3rd, was a busy day for fourteen of our residents (2- ninth graders; 3- tenth graders; and 9- eleventh graders) who took their college SAT’s in the visit room. One student, who was in SMU, was allowed to come out of the unit and participate in the testing too. They all worked very hard and did the best that they could. There were even some residents who wanted to retake the test in the future to improve their scores for college purposes. We are working with a local school system to test one of their students currently in Detention so he will not have to take the test when he gets released and allow the school system to show the State a 95% or above testing compliance for their district.

The S.A.T. results indicated residents did well and scored average, and in one case above average, compared to the class of 2007 college bound seniors who took the test. The high lights of the scores were as follows: The average score in Reading was a 502. One resident scored close to the average and one above at 670. The average Math score was a 515 with one resident at 490. And lastly, in Writing the average score was a 494 and we had a resident score a 580 and another who scored a 480.

The staff wants to congratulate these residents for doing a fine job!

Congratulations to:

Tammy (Duncan) Cooper! We were all surprised to get an email advising us that Ms. Tammy Duncan had recently been married and was now Mrs. Bradley Cooper. The cutest part was the ps at the end - “P.S. This is not a joke - Tammy.” We certainly wish her the best. Congratulations Tammy!!
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mountain View Youth Development Center (continued)

FOREVER CHANGED:
By Jean Barry, Teacher

For but a brief moment in time,
Our lives touched.
N ev e r, intertwined.
W e played ball together,
Y ou and I, teacher and student.
B ut what is this?
The lines are blurred now,
A s we celebrate Graduation Day.
H ow did you get here?
H ow did I get here?
W hen did you come?
W hen did I come?
W hen will I go?
W hy are you here?
W hy am I here?
I s it perhaps to learn,
O r perhaps to teach me something?
O ur lives have touched,
A nd I am changed... forever

Regular Educator Of the Year Award 2008

Mountain View Wind Power Project
By David Lovejoy, Deputy Superintendent
Bull Hill, Charleston

On May 6, 2008 there was a meeting at BGS to discuss the issue of wind power with DOC and through the Governor’s Office. This past Legislative session did address the option of BGS and any department or agency of the state, to work together with regards to energy conservation projects for design, installation, operation as well as maintenance and financing for those improvements at state facilities. The specific language is in Part O, and pertains to Title 5 Section 1767.

So, with this “great” news and permission to pursue, a committee has been set up and has a list of guidelines and a schedule to follow for the next couple of months to get an RFP put together to go out to interested vendors. We are in great hopes to have an agreement/contract signed by September. We will be the first state entity to enter into this new way of doing business with an energy conservation project with wind power. This truly is being efficient and effective and makes sense for a number of reasons. At this location, the winds are almost constant and we would be foolish not to capture and use them to our benefit.

The interests an ongoing support with this project has been unbelievable by various staff as well as outside people and vendors in the industry. This day and age, we need to be “thinking” about what makes the most sense and would really be an efficient and effective way to do business and help operate a facility. We already burn wood at the Charleston Correctional Facility, so now let’s use wind as well, and have it help the Mountain View Youth Development Center and the Charleston Correctional Facility. Also, I would dare say that on many occasions, we will be generating more energy than needed, which can be available for other options. This really is a “win(d)-win(d) scenario”.

For many years the three Air Force Radar Bubbles/Domes could be seen from miles away and the concrete-steel bases are still there, but the demolition and clean-up phase of construction would bring them down. The plan would be to make the top of the hill as green and attractive as possible, enhancing the “new look”.

This has been a long time in the making, and has had many hours involved with research, discussions and meetings, but worth it! There will now continue to be, even more discussions and meetings to see this through and have it completed. We can now see “light at the end of the tunnel”. Karin Tilberg with the Governor’s Office, Denise Lord with DOC and Chip Gavin of BGS have all been involved, and their assistance and support has been excellent. This has been a Team effort and well worth the endless hours. I will share a progress report as appropriate during this next phase of the project.
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mountain View Youth Development Center (continued)

Safe Place Food Cupboard:
By Chaplain Paul Dunfee

I wanted to give a quick report to all of you concerning our first trip to the safe place community center in Corinth.

Two residents went with Mr. Dearborn and I to help distribute food to the people in the community. It was great to see our residents interacting with others who are less fortunate and in need of some empathy and help. As the residents carried boxes of food for a little old lady or a young mother caring a small child, they did a marvelous job of making me proud. Watching them smile or laugh with a complete stranger showed they do have a heart and are capable of thinking about someone besides themselves.

I want to thank everyone form the school dept. to counselors and line staff, that may have rearranged or altered their schedule to make this work. We will be continuing it in the future on a biweekly basis.

18 visitors from Hulls Cove Church of Our Fathers arrived for a tour and luncheon on Wed, May 21st. These members have been very strong supporters for MV since its opening.

I would like to say a big thank you to all. Yesterday we had a large group of 17 tour our facility and it went very well. From education, to the line staff, the muffins from culinary, the noon meal, our residents, all of this combined made them feel very welcome, and had a very positive impact.

The visitors were so impressed with the cleanliness of the facility and the programs that are offered to our residents. It is through relationships with people out in our community that we will be able to bridge the gap in getting the residents successfully back on the “outs”.

Thanks again for making us all look good - Chaplain Dunfee

MVYDC Residents Experience the North Maine Woods
By Ryan Dearborn, Recreation Supervisor

Earlier this month, a few residents from Mountain View had the opportunity to participate in the facility’s first overnight camping trip. Following many months of discussion, the Mountaineering Class and Recreation Department teamed up to supervise a trip that would introduce residents to the North Maine Woods.

The trip began at the Katahdin Iron Works checkpoint, just north of Brownville Junction. While there, the residents were given time to learn some of the history of the location. They were able to look at the remains of a blast furnace and charcoal kiln that were in use from 1843 – 1890 producing iron (more information about this historic Maine landmark is available at www.mainerec.com/katahdin.asp and www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/history/kiw/history.htm). After completing some paperwork and getting a few pictures, we proceeded to a “primitive” campsite on the Pleasant River where we would stay for the night. Once all the necessary gear was unloaded and camp setup, both the residents and staff enjoyed the rest of the afternoon fishing the river in canoes. Following a late afternoon break, which included grilled burgers and desserts, everyone returned to the river to fish until dark. At the end of the day, everyone made it safely back to camp to relax and sit around the campfire before crawling in their sleeping bags for the remainder of the night.

The following morning everyone was up early packing gear and preparing for the day. After a hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon, and sausage everything was loaded into the vehicles and we were again on our way. The remainder of the trip was spent traveling through the scenic wilderness with additional fishing further up river.

I would like to thank everyone who supported and assisted us in making this trip a success, especially the MVYDC kitchen staff and Culinary Class for providing food and snacks. I would also like to express a very special thank you to Gary Gray and JoAnn Joslyn of Mountaineering, and JPS Randy Knowles, for volunteering their services and providing so much of the necessary equipment. Without their time, energy and expertise this trip would not have been possible.
Greetings from Region 2, Juveniles

It’s been a while since we have sent in an article so on that note let me catch you up on what’s been going on.

First, please join me in congratulating Susan Gagnon who was promoted from Regional Resource Coordinator to Deputy Regional Correctional Administrator. Great job Susan and good luck with your new duties!

Secondly, Christopher Raymond was hired as a JCCO. Christopher has previous MH crisis management experience and most recently worked as a Support Enforcement Agent for DHHS. Since his former caseload was the Lewiston-Auburn area, he had experience with many of the same families that we deal with. Christopher covers the Lisbon, Lisbon Falls & part of Lewiston (S – Z). He will also temporarily cover the case load which consists of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond and Topsham while we have a vacancy. Please join me in welcoming Christopher to DOC!

Next, Sherry Judd - Office Assistant, transferred from Region 3 Juveniles to Region 2. We are very happy to have her here full time. Sherry has made a great transition to this regional office and gets to travel to the sub offices on a regular basis. Welcome aboard Sherry! Thanks to Mark Boger for working with Cindy Brann to arrange the shift in personnel.

Lastly, Matt Kaply’s last day with DOC was June 6th. He graduated from University of Maine Law School in May and will be getting ready to take the Bar exam soon. He begins work as a staff attorney for the PUC in August. We wish him the best of luck!

I would like to thank everyone in Region 2, Juveniles for all their hard work and dedication. Keep it up – you DO make a difference!

Kelli and Rick Roger’s second son, Kyle will be deploying to Iraq in mid July for 1 year. He just was advanced to E3.

Rick Rogers came in second in the WPOR Father’s Day cook off on the 13th of June and then he and Kelli flew to Georgia to spend some time with their other son, Rich. He just returned from Iraq in February and moved back to the states in April.

Dana Fournier’s daughter will give birth to twins this summer, making this the 4th and 5th grandchildren for him.

My son, Mark Matthews, just graduated from his Cardiology Fellowship and will begin practicing in Atlanta the first of July.

The Department of Education recently honored a number of individuals for their work and dedication to Drop Out Prevention and Alternative Education.

John Nevers, a Region One JCCO was nominated by the administrators of Bonny Eagle Jr. and High schools. The following paragraph was written in the program of the awards ceremony held at the Blaine House on May 29th:

We are pleased to recognize John Nevers as a recipient of the 2008 Commissioners Recognition award. John serves as a JCCO in the towns of Buxton, Hollis, Lyman, Arundel and the Kennebunks and works regularly in our schools with “at risk” juveniles on a daily basis. John takes the opportunity to develop positive, therapeutic rapport with the juveniles he supervises in our school district and is passionate about helping them grow into responsible citizens. John connects adolescents with mentors as well as Community Service projects. As a mentor himself, the man also spends time outside the work day organizing such things as hiking expeditions, ATV outings and is a regular on the sidelines of Bonny Eagle athletic events. JCCO Nevers makes school attendance, academic achievement and orderly behavior his top priorities regarding the educational aspect of his role in the legal system. He works closely with our SRO and school administrators to prevent youth from dropping out. John often advocates for students at School Board disciplinary hearings often putting his own reputation on the line. We can also count on John to help the students that have been expelled find correspondence courses and service learning. This often leads to positive responses from our school board when it comes to re-entry hearings and preparation for their transition back into public school. We want to thank him for his efforts.

We are all eager for some nice summer weather after a very long and hard winter.
My husband **Dick** and I recently returned from three great weeks in Aruba. The island continues to offer beautiful white sandy beaches, tropical breezes, international cuisine, snorkeling, sailing, parasailing (which **Chris** and **Glenn Ross** did when they went to Aruba), and a multitude of other activities. The night life is full of Las Vegas type shows as well as a variety of casinos. I actually won 2,000 nickels!! (Maybe I could be a travel agent for Aruba!) Great fun…..

**Chris Ross** is back to work after having surgery on a cut tendon/nerve in her right hand. It is so good to have Chris back. **Sue Colson** did a great job completing all the clerical work while Chris was recovering. **Thank you Sue!**

**Julie Leavitt** has become a proud grandmother for the 4th time. **Zachary** was born Monday, June 2 weighing in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. This is the first baby for Julie's daughter **Courtney**. Congratulations to all!

More congratulations go out to **Debbie Reynolds’** son, **Casey** and **Roxann Austin’s** daughter, **Kelsy** who recently graduated from high school. Casey plans to attend Maine Maritime Academy in the fall. Kelsy plans to attend Southern Maine Community College in Portland. Good luck to you both!

**Galan** and **Jen Williamson’s** son, "**little**" **Galan** is one of the pitchers on his little league team in Holbrook. He pitched a no hitter with 9 strike outs!! "**Big**" **Galan** is the coach of the team. Their daughter **Lauren** recently graduated from the 8th grade. Six students out of 80 received the Presidents academic high achievement award and Lauren was one of the 6 that were chosen. In order to receive this award a student has to maintain a B+ or higher average over the past 4 yrs. in reading and math and score 80% or higher in all national standardized tests. That is very impressive. Galan and Jen are two very proud parents!

**Laurie Aldrich’s** daughter, **Shauna**, is home for a two week visit from Eglin Airforce Base in Ft. Walton, Florida. Shauna works in personnel. Laurie reports it's good to have her home for a visit. We are all sad to have to say good-bye to Laurie as her position as the drug court manager was cut. Laurie has done great work with the drug court kids for the past 7 years. We will miss her but expect she will come in from time to time to say hello.

Everyone who knows **Donna Miles** knows she is a great fan of Elvis Presley. Her grandson, **Matthew**, who is in the second grade, had to choose a figure in history to dress up as and read their biography. Guess who he picked? Yes, Elvis. Donna and her daughter **Lisa**, found the cutest little Elvis white outfit on line. Matthew not only read the biography perfectly, he also sang an Elvis song for all the teachers!

That is the news from Reg. IV. I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. (It’s beautiful as I write! :) )

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**From the M DOC Archives**

The following article is an excerpt of a longer article that was published in the Maine Sunday Telegram in 1966. It is amazing that the article could, almost, be current today.

Too often it takes a prison break or riot or scandal to focus attention on life within a State prison.

Today, without the spur of any emergency, the Sunday Telegram publishes an article on the Maine Department of Corrections. The forceful fact of this article makes it clear why Maine prisons and jails are important to every citizen.

Warden Allen Robbins reports that during his tenure alone, one in every 150 adult males in Maine is serving or has served time in Thomaston. If you add to this, the numbers in city or County jails, it is clear why our prisons affect directly or indirectly almost every street and RFD in Maine. For every man who goes to prison usually comes back to live among us again.

Warden Robbins rightly contends that this “coming back” merits as much or even more attention then the “putting away”. He urges more efforts and more funds be focused upon the job of a prison to return a discharged prisoner to productive life in Maine after he has served his time.

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This quarter’s “DOC Talk” news is dedicated to our employees. During National Correctional Officer’s Week, MCC recognized numerous employees for their longevity, efforts and dedication to the facility and their jobs.

The employees of the Maine Correctional Center deal with one of the general areas of human welfare touching us all directly or indirectly. If it is true as the ancient orator Cicero said, “The welfare of the people is the highest law,” then it would follow that the employees of MCC have recognized their responsibilities and opportunities in developing that law.

The MCC staff has helped the Correctional Center meet the needs of the public with a high sense of conduct, citizenship and professionalism. It has moved from a small county work farm to a modern correctional facility aggressively responding to the needs of the public by offering numerous programs involving staff, groups and individuals that give prisoners the opportunity to improve themselves and not re-offend.

My Thanks to the Staff and Employees at MCC for the great job you have done and continue to do!!!

Pancake Breakfast, blueberry pancakes, chocolate chip and plain pancakes were served, along with the traditional juice, coffee, milk to all of our staff members during National Correctional Officers.” Jim Howard and Scott Burnheimer flipped pancakes fast and furiously! Good Job!

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We agree that the vital job of technical training and rehabilitation in prison is as vital to the protection of society as the more simple job of keeping a man locked up.

We agree that if society gets back a man who is as much a threat to its order, or a greater threat, than the man it sent to prison, then we are wasting a lot of time, effort, and money in apprehending him, taking him to trial and putting him in jail. Furthermore, society would not be protecting itself against repeated crimes.

The question arises. How much are we doing at Thomaston to reduce the future crime rate? Is it enough?

Warden Robbins thinks that it is not. Twice he has urged the State to appropriate funds needed to establish a new institution and improve existing ones. He believes that professional study of the criminal and his crime would enable the Court to have more knowledge upon which to pass the most appropriate sentences. More information is one basis for more productive results from the costly business of keeping a culprit in prison.

Twice, however, the legislature has refused to provide needed funds. Consequently Maine State Prison functions with the lowest ratio of staff to prisons of any similar institutions in Maine or New England. The subject has been swept under the rug too often.

Here is a fresh topic for our political office seekers to speak out about in their campaigns, which seem in need of a new subject to lift them out of their present doldrums.

If anyone has any old MDOC photographs that they would like to submit to the DOC TALK to use for this section, please contact Ellis King at 287-4342. The photographs may be published and will certainly be returned to the sender.
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Maine Correctional Center (continued)

Employee Recognition
By Sgt. Chris Coffin

Employee Longevity

Presented with a plaque and lapel pin:
Roderick Winant – 30 years  Ken Fearon – 20 years

Above Rod Winant receiving thirty year award

Presented with a Lapel Pin for 10 Years of Service:
Scott Holmes
Henry Priebe
Russell Williams
Julie Reynolds,
Glean Brown

Presented with a five year service lapel pin
George Curran
Thomas Scanlon
Nicole Lerman
James Giardino

Presented with “Serving Since 2003” pin for uniform were
Travis McEwen
David McComish
James Grovo
Matthew Day
Stephen Morse

Special Recognition Awards

Ed Tibbetts – For his work with the Visits program and the creation of a Visits Database.

Walter Parelius – Outstanding work performance, contributions to the York County Jail Project and creation of a Tool Inventory Database.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Barbara Libby – dedication, initiative and enthusiasm, positive attitude and pleasant personality, willingness to go above and beyond to help with any task and the high quality of work. Setting a great example as an employee and a leader.

Barbara Libby Receiving her Rookie of the Year Award.

COMMENDATION
Michael Barrett – For your role in the Mailroom. Your vigilance, attention to detail and ability to identify suspicious items has lead to the discovery and confiscation of contraband numerous times and has prompted investigations into illegal or prohibited activity that might otherwise have gone undetected. Your efforts contribute greatly to the overall safety and security of the institution. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Rebecca Swendsen – For your role during an assault on an Officer on October 21, 2007. After responding to the incident and assessing the situation, you tended to the injured Officer. You treated the Officer with first aid by using napkins to apply direct pressure to the Officer’s wound until medical staff arrived. You are recognized as a valued team member during critical incidents.

Rebecca Swendsen receiving her Commendation Award
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Maine Correctional Center (continued)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE for 2007
(Certificate & Black, Fleece-lined Nylon Jacket with MCC Logo)

Kay Bouchard
Francine Bowden
Christopher W. Coffin
Robert C. Leclair
Ladd Postvanderburg
Thomas Hanrahan
Norman Lowell

EXCEPTIONAL ATTENDANCE
(1 Day or Less) for 2007 (Certificate & Windshirt with MCC Logo)

Christopher Garland
Robert Kaiser
Michael A. Smith
Judy-Anne Thurston

Chip Kaiser receiving Exception Attendance Award

QUALITY TEAM EXCELLENCE AWARD

(Team Plaque & Individual Certificates)
CERT Officer Bill MacKinnon and Jon Graney receiving Quality Team Award Certificates

The Correctional Emergency Response Tactical Team
“For outstanding commitment and dedication to the Maine Correctional Center.”

The teamwork you have shown in conducting increased numbers of transports and special assignments and the leadership shown participating in additional multi-agency training and by providing mutual aid to York County in facility searches, has brought credit to our Facility and the Department.”

Team Members:
1. Captain Shawn Welch – Commander,
2. Sergeant Glean L. Brown, Jr. – Assistant Commander,
3. Sergeant Steven Lacourse – K9,
4. Sergeant ‘Jack’ McGloin – K9,
5. Sergeant Daniel Landry,
6. Sergeant Peter J. Turner, Jr.,
7. Sergeant Kenneth Reed,
8. Sergeant Gary Beaulieu,
9. Sergeant Dennis Shipman,
10. Officer Norman Lowell,
11. Officer John H. Paskewicz,
12. Officer Jon-Curtis Graney,
13. Officer Joseph Gore, III,
14. Officer John P. Paskewicz,
15. Officer Stephen Morse, Jr.,
16. Officer Troy Roma,
17. Officer Richard Barnes, II,
18. Officer William McKinnon

Welcome Back:
Joshua Simpson has returned safely from his second tour of duty in Iran

Congratulations:
Kara Dowling, Office Assistant II on her promotion to the position of Assistant Classification Officer.

Ryan Labrecque, Correctional Caseworker, who has been selected to fill a position as a Probation and Parole Officer in Region I.
Welcome to our newest Correctional Officers:

Brian Addario
Joshua Ballard,
Katrina Brown
Steven Dee, Jr.
Faith Farrington
Travis Hon
Jory Jenkins
James Lussier, and
Richard Olin.

Results of the Great Escape Golf Tournament
By Brad Fogg

The Great Escape Law Enforcement and Corrections Golf Tournament was held on May 19 with 24 teams participating. Prizes valued at over $3,000.00 were awarded or given out by draw. Every player received a sleeve of NIKE Golf Balls and a Pan Pizza just for walking in the door.

1st Low net: MSP's Brookside Golf Team captained by Richard Brooks
2nd Low net: Lamarre Kids, Captained by P&P Officer Rob Lamarre
3rd Low net: MCC's Merrill's Marauders, captained by J.D. Merrill
4th Low net: Well's Warriors from Wells PD captained by Mark Rogers
5th Low net: MCC's Giardino's Giants captained by Jim Giardino
6th Low net: MCC's Jolly Junes, captained by June Jacobson
7th Low net: MCC's the Holmes Boys captained by Scott Holmes
8th Low net: MCC’s the Steevadors captained by Mike Steeves

1st Low Gross: Mechanic Falls PD captained by Chief Jeff Goss
2nd Low Gross: Scott's Kids, captained by Brad Fogg
3rd Low Gross: Jail House Rockers from CCJ captained by Mark Toothacker

Our Thanks to X-WAVE for their ongoing support of this tournament! WE also thank the Industries Programs at MSP, MCC and CCF for their donations to the tournament!

See you all next year on the Monday before Memorial Day. Sharpen up the pencils and groove that swing!