NEW WARDEN OF THE MAINE STATE PRISON

AUGUSTA – Marty Magnusson, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Corrections, today announced the selection of the next warden of the Maine State Prison. Patricia M. Barnhart, acting warden of the Thumb Correctional Facility, Michigan Department of Corrections, has accepted the position of warden for the Maine State Prison. She is replacing Warden Jeff Merrill who is taking a position to lead the department’s energy conservation efforts.

“Patty Barnhart has more than 20 years of experience in corrections including her current responsibilities as acting warden of the Thumb Correctional Facility,” said Magnusson. “She will bring experienced and progressive leadership to the Maine State Prison.”

As acting warden, Barnhart is responsible for the direction, management and oversight of a 1,216 bed prison for adult males and youthful offenders for the State of Michigan Department of Corrections. The Thumb Correctional Facility is located in Lapeer, Michigan. Barnhart had served as deputy warden of the facility for two years before being named as acting warden. Her career in corrections also includes management of probation and parole and serving as a parole officer and a corrections officer.

“Barnhart has a strong commitment to prisoner programming and reentry,” according to Magnusson. “She is recognized in Michigan for her leadership abilities and commitment to positive change.” Barnhart will assume her new responsibilities during the first part of December.

The recruitment process for the warden position included newspaper and Internet advertisement. “We also asked our colleagues in other state departments of corrections to share the position opening with their employees,” stated Magnusson. The department received applications from within Maine and from other states as well. The finalists were invited to tour the Maine State Prison and meet with the prison’s management team.

Patty Barnhart is a 1989 graduate of Ferris State University located in Big Rapids, MI. She has enjoyed a 20-year career with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) working as a Corrections Officer, Probation/Parole Officer, Parole/Probation Supervisor, Deputy Warden, and currently the Warden at the Thumb Correctional Facility located in Lapeer, MI. As an MDOC employee she has participated on

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committees for New Field Agent Training, Discharge and Aftercare Planning for Ingham County, and Transition Accountability Plan (TAP) development. She Co-Chaired the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative in Ingham County. She has also completed the Women's Leadership Training program and has continued this supportive training offered with the MDOC by being a presenter. She is also a Diversity Trainer for the MDOC. Her spare time is spent officiating basketball as a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and softball as a member of the Amateur Softball Association.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Thinking for a Change (T4C) is an integrated, cognitive behavior change program for offenders that include cognitive restructuring, social skills development, and development of problem solving skills. National Institute of Corrections (NIC) makes available the T4C offender program materials plus a curriculum for training program facilitators. NIC also can assist agencies in training staff to facilitate the program.

T4C is designed for delivery to small groups in 22 lessons and can be expanded on to meet the needs of specific participant group. The curriculum was developed by Barry Glick, Ph.D., Jack Bush, Ph.D., and Juliana Taymans, Ph.D., in cooperation with the National Institute of Corrections. The T4C program is used in prisons, jails, community corrections, probation, and parole supervision settings. Participants include adults and juveniles, males and females. More than 6,000 correctional staff have been trained as T4C group facilitators. More than 300 trainers in 30-plus agencies are preparing additional staff to facilitate the program with offenders.

Correctional agencies can consider Thinking for a Change as one option in a continuum of interventions to address the cognitive, social, and emotional needs of their offender populations.

For more information on the Thinking for a Change Program visit http://www.nicic.org/T4C

FROM THE MDOC ARCHIVES

With Thanksgiving coming up, this photo is especially appropriate. The photo in this article shows the turkey coop at the Bolduc Correctional Facility or as it was called back in those days “the Farm”. I was not able to identify the person standing in the photo. If anyone knows who this person is then please let me know. The turkeys were raised to provide food for the inmates at both the Bolduc farm and the Maine State Prison which was then located in Thomaston, Maine.

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

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

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

Thank You!! Ellis
Leadership Development Program

A group of nine participants who have completed the Leadership Development Program received their Certificates of Completion, along with a book and a pen, from Commissioner Marty Magnusson and Dick Card, on Thursday, October 29, at a Correctional Administrators meeting in Augusta. Around one hundred participants have completed the program, and potentially, ninety more could finish by the end of January, 2010. All of the modules are scheduled through the last week of January to give participants a chance to finish the program.

Schedule for all Modules

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MDOC Impact of Crime Program Facilitator Training

The Office of Victims Services of the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) has recently completed an Impact of Crime Program (IOC) Facilitator Training at the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham, Maine. The IOC program will be presented to selected MCC inmates of the Women’s Unit and the Correctional Recovery Academy (CRA). The IOC training program was taught by Norene Dunphy, Community Programs Coordinator and Ellis King from the MDOC’s Central Office.

This IOC program, which is based on the principles of Restorative Justice, covers the eleven basic categories of crimes in separate weekly class presentation and discussion modules. The highlight of the program is presented at two sessions in which a panel of victim speakers talk about their personal experiences and emotions that he/she experienced as a victim of a crime. This presentation and discussion is a very emotional and learning experience for the program participants and it is also very rewarding for the victim speakers.

The MCC staff members who participated in the training were:

Michelle McLauchlan, Leslie Weiss, Kim Struck
Maureen Egan, Henry Preibe, Jeff Douglas
Lindsay Whitney, Carl Hesselbart

Leadership Development Tier II - Focused Training

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Leadership Development Tier III – Project Level

This level of the Leadership Development Program will begin in February of 2010. The Project Level is designed to support staff to create collaborative project teams to plan, implement and measure initiatives that will further the Department’s mission. More information about the process and the application will be available by January, 2010.

Dates and times can change, so please confirm dates before attending the modules. As always, if you have any questions about any part of the Leadership Development Program, please don’t hesitate to contact Perry Ayotte at pierrette.ayotte@maine.gov.
Training for Community Corrections on Promising Victim-Related Practices and Strategies

Contracting Agency: Office for Victims of Crime
Contracting Period: 08/01/2009 - 07/31/2011

While offender supervision strategies are aimed at protecting the public as a whole from further victimization, the interests and needs of individual crime victims often can be lost amidst the offender-directed work of probation and parole. Significant progress has been made toward elevating the role of and provision of services to crime victims in community corrections over the past 10-20 years, however more still needs to be done to enhance services during this important point in the justice system for our nation’s crime victims.

In 1999, the American Probation and Parole Association completed a compendium on Promising Victim-Related Practices and Strategies in Probation and Parole (APPA) that was funded and published by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This compendium provides direction to community corrections agencies on the development and implementation of promising victim-related services and programs in areas such as victim impact and victim notification, restitution management, victim-offender programs, family violence, workplace violence, staff training on victim issues, and community relations and outreach strategies.

Since the original compendium was developed 10 years ago, the landscape of victims’ services has evolved considerably. Therefore, OVC has awarded APPA funds through Recovery Act funding to review new research and lessons learned from 10 plus years of practice in providing services to crime victims in community corrections to update and develop resources and to provide training to enhance the capacity of community corrections agencies and practitioners in responding more effectively to the needs and rights of crime victims.

Deliverables of this project will include:

An Executive Summary that provides a revised and updated listing of key elements of victim-related practices and strategies in probation and parole

Regional training programs for community corrections agencies interested in enhancing services to crime victims

Webinars on promising victim-related practices in probation and parole

Workshops at regional and national conferences

Articles in professional journals and publications

Community corrections professionals interested in learning more about this project should contact: Project Manager

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On the second week of September all staff at CCF saw the results of their hard work when the auditors from ACA awarded a score of 100%. At the exit briefing the auditors stated that they rarely see a facility that can successfully combine work and programming the way Charleston has. It is a true testament to the hard work and training of the staff at CCF. Thanks go out to all those who came up to Charleston to help with the pre-audits.

During September CCF was once again visited with pain and sorrow when CO Rick Hughes passed away suddenly, a much loved friend and co-worker. Rick was a great Officer, a Marine and an EMT/Firefighter for the Corinth fire department. He was preparing to leave for his third tour of duty to Afghanistan. Rick leaves behind a wife and two children and a large extended family. Rick’s funeral was a tribute to all the people he touched in his life. Thanks to all other DOC employees who have shown their support during this difficult time.

During the past year the Lubec – Campobello – Cobscook Bay area has suffered some very tragic fishing and marine related losses resulting in the death of seven individuals. In the two most recent cases only pieces of the vessel’s wheelhouse were recovered floating, but no part of the hull, engine, winch, A-frame, or drag was ever recovered in spite of intense searching by the Coast Guard and Maine Marine Patrol and diving by the Maine State Police Dive Team. The searches resulted in locating only the captains of the boats and it is suspected that the missing fishermen may be found with the rigging. In the past 10 years there have been at least two and possibly three other cases of draggers rolling over in the Lubec-Cobscook Bay area after being “Caught down” while dragging but fortunately the crews were recovered alive. The hulls were never recovered; however a suspicion is growing that perhaps the lost hulls, engines, A frames, winches, and drags are becoming serious dangers to navigation as their location is not exactly known. National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), US Coast Guard, Maine Marine Patrol, and Maine State Police are working together to survey the bottom to locate these riggings. Welding Program Instructor Craig Smith and some of his crew spent an entire day in Eastport welding and fabricating outriggers to hold the half million dollars worth of NOAA’s sonar equipment. The sonar covers a 100-meter swath on each pass and provides high-quality images of the bottom. This joint effort has been well supported by the local community. DCF is proud to be a part of this endeavor.
The Wood Shop
Our woodshop crew, led by Jeff Mason, recently completed a custom bookshelf for the Medical Department. The bookcase project took one week from start to finish. See photos. The woodshop is busy year-round refinishing furniture as well as building new furniture for the local community.

DCF Anniversaries
John Gilmore 10 Years 
Kristin King 5 Years

DCF New Hires
DCF welcomes our newest correctional officer: Ryan Harmon —10/13/2009

1. Jeff Powell retired from Bolduc Correctional Facility on October 1, 2009. He worked as an Industries Supervisor and as an officer at BCF for 11 years. We want to wish Jeff the very best in his retirement down south! We will remember him as a great team player - always willing to help wherever the need was.

2. Our employee of the month for September is Brad Davis, Vocational Trades Instructor (Auto body). This is the second time Brad has been selected. Brad has been a dedicated employee of BCF since 1992 and also volunteers as a monitor for the prisoners’ Grief & Loss Group.

3. ACA On Friday, October 23, the Bolduc Correctional facility received recommendation for reaccreditation with a score of 99.0. All staff at BCF, as well as some from other facilities, assisted and supported us through this process. Staff, as well as prisoners, are very proud of this accomplishment.

4. Jason Butman, Vocational Trades Instructor (Plumbing & Heating), resigned the end of October. Jason was with BCF for only 2 years but we saw the quality of his work ethics. We will miss his friendly nature but wish him success in the private sector.

5. Welcome to Sharon Boynton - our Unit Clerk. Sharon came to us from DOC/DAFS where she worked as a Personnel Assistant; she has over 22 years as a state employee but we hope she will feel a sense of enthusiasm and warmth in her new place!
New Employees:
Correctional Officers Richard Bissett Sr., Robert Kirkbride and Kristen Lane started on October 19. Good Luck to them in this new career and welcome aboard.

Good Luck
MCC says goodbye to James Giradino who is transferring to the Long Creek Youth Development Center and Corey Young who has resigned to move south and a warmer environment.

Congratulations to Melissa Nielsen, daughter of Dianne Nielsen, who has been accepted and is now attending Husson University as a freshman.

Good luck and congratulations to Lindsay Judkins who has recently been promoted to Staff Sergeant with the United States Air Force. Lindsay, the daughter of Barbara and Brian Libby, is currently serving with the Air Force Security Service in Kuwait. This is her second tour of duty in the Mideast.

He survived a hot time in the old town. Congratulations to Sergeant Ken Reed who successfully completed the Fire Fighter I and II training class. Ken is MCC Fire and Safety Officer as well as a member of the Windham Fire Department.

Thanks to the York County Team for the outstanding job that they have done over the last 30 months. Officers Michael Tierney, Scott Dugre, Richard Olin, James Shanks, and David Williams; as well as other Officers who have worked there have made the York County Unit an instrumental part of the Maine Correctional Center. They have processed some 826 prisoner transfers into the C3 Unit; and over 430 into the York County Jail that also boards prisoners from MCC.

The C3 Unit at York is unique in the Maine Department of Corrections and County Jail system in that it is the only Jail Unit managed exclusively by State Correctional Officers working within a jail. All services, Classification, caseworker, recreation, visits, discipline, etc; that might be provided to prisoners at MCC are provided to these prisoners at York County by MCC staff. Special thanks also go to Barbara Libby for her ongoing administrative support. Good Job to All.

We also Thank Sergeant Lester Baker, Sergeant Glean Brown and Sergeant Dennis Shipman who have
been serving as or served as acting capacity Captains; and Charles Dame and Rebecca Swendsen who have been serving as acting capacity Sergeants. They have helped MCC transition through some difficult times with the retirement and medical leave of some of our supervisory staff.

**Spiritual Sign.** In August 2009, under the guidance of Brian Altvater, Sweat Lodge Keeper and assisted by Newell Lewey, Pipe Carrier both of the Passamaquoddy Tribe from Pleasant Point, the Maine Correctional Center had its first Sweat Lodge Ceremony for Native Americans.

On August 12th the lodge was constructed and on the morning August 13th, nine Native American men at the Correctional Center participated in the Sweat Lodge Ceremony and during the afternoon eight women participated in the ceremony.

In late September this authorized picture of a Hawk perched on the lodge was taken by Officer Norm Lowell. Brian Altvater the Sweat Lodge Keeper has informed us the Hawk is a messenger to tell us that the lodge is authentic.

**Correctional Trades at the MCC 2009 review**

By Bob Hudson

It has been a challenging year on many fronts, from the farm fields to the institutional needs, from Community Service at the many municipal sites to the undertaking of new projects in and around the institution. With the perseverance of the CTI’s and their crews we were able to meet the needs of the many and still take on gardening in hopes of offsetting some of the costs of produce for the food service department. As luck would have it we picked one of the wettest springs in recent memory to try our hand at gardening. Not being fully educated in the area of growing vegetables we had a lot of trial and error moments trying to learn from our mistakes. We were eventually hit by Tomato Blight and many different species of garden pests that we tried to overcome with “Green” earth pesticides. Some were successful others were not, and from that we will learn. Even with the loss of much produce we were still able to deliver hundreds of pounds of produce including cabbage, corn on the cob, tomatoes, lettuce, squash, and some potatoes. We learned much about what to grow and what not to grow. With that knowledge we hope to improve in all aspects from pest control to maximizing the harvest potential. In the area of hay farming we had to wait for things to dry out after the spring rains ran into June, in doing so the first crops of hay were more course than we would have liked, but all farms wrestled with the same issues. In the end we lost some quantity of second cut hay due to the late cut for first crop but we still managed to harvest over 8000 bales of various qualities of hay. Overall we were able to work the land and provide financial relief to some while earning some funds to maintain our equipment and reinvest in the properties for future farm endeavors. As for our community service works we were able to meet all requests for assistance and to date log over 8500 hrs of work to local municipalities, state agencies, and non-profit organizations. The tasks were varied from grounds work to building projects, but it all adds up to $$$ dollars saved for those who utilize the Correctional Trades Program to help with their programs and properties. To try and summarize it all would be next to impossible, so many tasks exist within our walls, from fixing the leaks to replacing windows to patching leaky roofs and on and on. We work at an institution that was here in the early 1900’s and is still utilizing some of the original housing units, in part due to the contributions of the Correctional Trades Instructors and their crews. We look forward to next year and the challenges that may come our way, as well as attempting to surpass the fruits of this years “Garden Challenge”.

Picture by Norman Lowell
MCC Celebrates Employee Appreciation Week:

The Administration and Staff at the Maine Correctional Center celebrated Employee Appreciation Week from September 15-17, 2009. The Administration served a lunch consisting of B.B.Q. Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls, Ice Cream Sundaes and Lemonade to Staff throughout the three days. Many staff paid great compliments with some saying it was the best B.B.Q Chicken they have ever had.

Years of Service Awards:
- 30 Years (Plaque & Pin) – Scott Burnheimer
- 25 Years (Plaque & Pin) – Will Blanchard, Helen York, Ron McKee
- 20 Years (Plaque & Pin) – Dean Darien, Jo-Anne Dunn, Steve Lemieux, Richard Damon, Robert “Chip” Kaiser, Ronald Coulombe, Myra Leviness
- 10 Years (Pin) – Nancy Landry, Matt Golder, Kevin Claxton, Mike Tierney
- 5 Years (Pin or Serving Since Tab) – Charity Klinger, Matt Theriault, Phil Moss, Michael Steeves, Jason Vallee

Certificate of Commendation:

Officer Brian Espe received a Certificate of Commendation for his vigilance and excellent work leading to the detection and confiscation of a cellular phone and contraband pills from a prisoner. It began when it appeared to Espe that the Prisoner had too much Commissary in his possession for being there such a short time. Espe decided to act and follow up on his suspicion.

Letter of Appreciation:

Officer Rosemarie Burns was recognized with a letter for her dedication and hard work acting in the capacity of the Reception Officer.

Letter of Appreciation:

Sergeant Les Baker was recognized by the Administration with a letter for his good work as a Captain in Acting Capacity over the last few months.
THE FOLLOWING TWENTY (20) STAFF WERE AWARDED $25 GAS CARDS – COURTESY OF EMPLOYEE BENEVOLENT FUND

Another twenty (20) Irving gas cards in the amount of $25 each were presented by random drawings courtesy of the Employee Benevolent Fund. The names were drawn by Paryse during the administrative and support staff lunch on September 16. The winners were:

Brian Ahlquist, Lisa Beesley, Robert Crook, Dawn Dean, Freda Estey, Chris Garland, Jim Giardino, Joe Gore, Tim Huntley, Greg Lauture, Jason Lerman, Lynn Madar, Jeff Merrill, Gary Osgood, Belinda Rose, Joshua Simpson, Gretchen Staples, Betsy Thayer, Nathan Thayer, and David Williams

Superintendent Burnheimer Approves Parking in Recognition of Longevity:

The Superintendent has authorized the Employee Recognition Committee to designate six (6) premium parking spots close to the Main Entrance to recognize and appreciate employees for their longevity. Employees with fifteen or more years of service are entered into a random monthly drawing. Six names are chosen and they have the option to park in any one of the premium spots throughout the following month.

Employee Recognition Chairperson Thanks Committee:

“I would like to thank everyone on the Employee Recognition Committee and Ken Sawyer for all their hard work and for making these events not only possible, but fun. I would like to extend a special thanks to Greg Royer, who works very hard to ensure the staff lunches are a success. Also, thank you to the MCC Administration and Managers for continuing to support this program and their hard work during the events.” – Sergeant Christopher Coffin, Chairperson - MCC Employee Recognition Committee

MCC Employee Recognition Committee Membership:

Christopher Coffin (Chairperson), Francine Bowden, Robyn Egan, Barbara Libby, Jeffrey Merrill II, Walter Parelus, Jack Redmond, Barbara Robertshaw, Mike Tierney, Paryse Thibodeau, Greg Royer.
Chaplin Ensures Death with Dignity for Prisoners

No one should have to die alone and everyone should have the right to die with dignity. It's a belief that compelled Chaplin Foster to help establish an end-of-life program, similar to hospice at the Maine State Prison.

The program is modeled after the highly successful prison hospice program at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola and on Sept. 2nd, officials and volunteers from that facility traveled to Warren to speak to the people who are to be instrumental in carrying it out here.

Five inmates were screened and approved to attend the 40 hours of training along with Foster, nursing staff, social workers and the security personnel who have frequent and ongoing interaction with dying patients. In the Angola model inmates are an integral part of the program; providing championship, feeding, cleaning, reading and a vigil at the end.
Superintendent, Rod Bouffard thanked James Sheppard for his service to the nation and for taking time to visit with the Youth at Long Creek. (Bill Linnell)

One of America’s original Tuskegee Airmen, Master Sergeant James Sheppard, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Monday, September 28, 2009 at Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland. Hosted by Long Creek and Jobs for Maine’s Graduates, James Sheppard held residents and staff spellbound for an hour with his talk on Black Aviators in World War II. At eighty-five, Sheppard was one of 14,000 black pilots, navigators, engineers and mechanics who fought in World War II. After the war, Sheppard made his career in aviation, including years as a Federal Aviation Administration Inspector in Portland, Maine. He still travels around the country, speaking to various groups, and has also traveled to Iraq, on a morale-boosting visit to American troops. After his talk, Sheppard spoke individually with residents and staff, and had his picture taken with all who asked. Long Creek Superintendent Rod Bouffard thanked Sheppard for his service to the nation and for taking time to visit with the youth at Long Creek.

Receiving the Award

At the Annual leadership conference sponsored by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators, (CJCA), Bob McCormick accepted the Barbara Allen Hagen Award on behalf of the Long Creek Youth Development Center/Detention Center. This award is made annually to one detention center and one correctional facility, best exemplifying the PbS principle set forth by Barbara Allen Hagen “that facilities provide safe environments conducive to learning and effecting behavioral change and that staff and managers operate the facilities as if the next child to be admitted was one of their own”.

Using the Maine Operating Approach (MOA) LCYDC leadership team reduced the use of room confinement by 99% in two years. In April 2007 the facility recorded 419 uses of room confinement which was reduced to 15 individual uses of room confinement in April 2009. Congratulations to LCYDC Detention Center for such outstanding success. Pictured with Barbara Allen-Hagen are Barry Stoodley, David Crowley, & Bob McCormick.

Welcome to LCYDC

New JPW’s Elia Atkinson, Michael Buck, Susana Delapena, James Giardino, Sean, O’Keefe, and Steven Schafer.- and new teachers, Amanda Anderson, Katie Ayers, and Becky Sevigny Catherine Parker and April Berry to the A.R. Gould School.
Congratulations

Last spring, Joanne West, Caroline Raymond, and Diane Stults received graduate degrees from USM. Joanne received a Masters Degree in Clinical Counseling, Caroline received a Masters Degree in Social Work, and Diane received a Masters Degree in Special Education.

ACA Re-Accreditation-Noteworthy Success

By Bob Lancaster

On Friday, October 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 2009, The Maine Department of Corrections achieved a high degree of success in the 3 year re-accreditation process of six correctional facilities. Maine Correctional Center (MCC) achieved a score of 100\% on mandatory standards and 99.6\% on non-mandatory standard, Maine State Prison (MSP) received 100\% mandatory and 98.2\% non-mandatory and the Bolduc Correctional (BCF) achieved 100\% mandatory and 99\% non-mandatory.

The facilities Mountain View Youth Development Center, Long Creek Youth Development Center, and the Charleston Correctional Facility, all achieved a perfect score - 100\% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards. This score is not easily achieved and very few correctional facilities have such a score.

We all need to take a moment and congratulate ourselves for a job well done. The painting, the cleaning, tool inventory, chemical inventory - just look at what “we” did. ACA accreditation not only fulfills our statutory mandates but more so, insure that we are providing a safe, secure and healthy environment for the employees and the inmates/residents under our jurisdiction. “ACA - THE BEST WAY TO GO”

To think that the ACA re-accreditation process is “done for now;” is a mistake. All six facilities have begun the process of folder development for each of their 3 re-accreditation years.

In conclusion, the Department of Corrections Audit Team wishes to extend its deepest appreciation and respect to all the employees who worked diligently to insure that their facility achieved success. Also, there were many employees, who assisted other facilities; who shall not go unnoticed. Truly, the achievement was a Departmental effort.

SAVE THE DATE
HOLIDAY FAIR & SILENT AUCTION
DEC. 2, 2009
PERSONNEL:
Nate Terrio is our new Employee of the Quarter!
Nate goes about his duties always smiling and cordial. He has a very difficult job here at the facility; his job does not require him to deal with problems that just ‘come up’ although he is always accommodating to these tasks. Lots of times Nate may be in the middle of a project when someone has a request to call someone in a different area; he always seems to respond with a smile and a positive attitude. Nate is very knowledgeable and good at what he does. We could use more “Nate’s” here at MVYDC.

Education
On October 14th there were 22 residents who participated in the annual PSAT’s. They were tested for over 2 hours on Math and Language Arts skills. We at Mountain View are proud of their efforts.

Unbelief is not a problem of the intellect, but of the will.

United in Marriage
Two Lights State Park was the setting for the wedding of Danielle Craig and Paul Pekins on Saturday September 12th. Relatives and close friends gathered at 11AM and watched with much joy and happiness as Danielle and Paul exchanged their vows and began their life together. Officiating at the ceremony was fellow officer Allen Wright. A reception followed affording all those attending an opportunity to give hugs and best wishes to the newlyweds. The happy couple enjoyed a sun filled honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas. Congratulations Paul and Danielle, may they have a long and happy life together.

Hosts Open House
We’re all so proud and pleased with our new home at 107 Washington Avenue in Portland that we decided to host an Open House and invite all our neighbors, friends and associates to come see us on Wednesday, September 30 from 2 to 4PM. Refreshments were provided by staff members so our guests had a number of culinary treats to choose from in the buffet line. There were new faces and familiar faces as guests mingled about enjoying the convenient space of our totally
New Adult Probation Officer – Welcome Christopher Libby

Probation Officer Christopher Libby received his badge from Associate Commissioner Bud Doughty at Central Office on October 7, 2009, after a brief swearing in ceremony. Christopher is assigned to the Region 2 main office in Auburn. Chris joins Adult Probation after 21 years with DOC where his time was split between MCC and Juvenile Community Corrections. Welcome to your new assignment, Chris!

Pictured are Probation Officer Chris Libby with Associate Commissioner Bud Doughty & Associate Commissioner Bud Doughty, Commissioner Marty Magnusson, Probation Officer Chris Libby, and Regional Correctional Administrator Nancy Downs, Adult Region 2

A person may fall several times but they are not a failure until they start saying somebody pushed them.
The Cumberland County Jurisdictional Team Planning Committee has come up with a Parent Resource Guide for parents of youth involved with the Juvenile Justice system. It has received rave reviews from parents who have found it to be very helpful. Special thanks to Mike Mack who was one of the leads in this guide.

Detention numbers continue to remain low despite the fact that Region 1 usually sees a big jump in detention rates in September and October. Thanks to all the Region 1 JCCOs for their hard work and dedication to keeping kids in the community.

The CPS initiative is going strong in Region 1. Special thanks to Rick Rogers, Diana Duff, Melissa Matthews, John Coyne and Carol Large for agreeing to assist the other Regions when they go forward with this initiative.

**CELEBRATION**

**MANAGER of the YEAR!!**

As a Region we would like to take the time to acknowledge a legend in the Department of Corrections as he was awarded the Manager of The Year for 2009, Dan Nee. As a prime consumer of the detention beds at Long Creek Youth Development Center we are in close contact with Dan and his team. All are top notch and provide the kind of consistency that these male clients have become accustomed to.

Dan started off at the Maine Youth Center many years ago and worked his way through the ranks as a TSC I (now JPW) all the way to a Unit Director, today’s JPM. To say that he has seen it all would be an understatement. He has built programs from the ground up and as a strong member of the management team has rescued a few too.

I would ask that we all join together in congratulating Dan Nee on this well deserved and long over due recognition for a job well done. GOOD JOB DAN!!!  AEQUITAS VERITAS

**EMPLOYEE of the YEAR**

Region I would also like to congratulate Josh Ash JCCO with his recent award of Employee of the Year. We have heard that the competition was unprecedented. With the strong foundation that Josh developed in Region I we knew long ago what a star he was. Please join us in congratulating Josh!!
Exciting news from Region 2, Juveniles

WE ARE MOVING to 945 Center Street, Suite 3 in Auburn 04210!

We have been cleaning and packing all week. It’s amazing how much we’ve gathered over a short period of time and how you don’t realize everything you have until you start going through it all.

Luckily all of our telephone numbers will stay the same. The only thing that’s changing is our address.

We will of course miss our old neighborhood with its many wonderful hidden treasures. We have been amazed at all of the activity that takes place across the street in Kennedy Park. The summer and warm weather brings out all types of people dressed to go to the pool or sunbathe. We have enjoyed watching the kids running and playing. My personal favorite is seeing the wide variety of animals that have passed our window over the years. Some have been so adorable and some have been eye catching to say the least.

One thing I won’t miss is watching the cars go by our window going down the one way street the wrong way and waiting for that sound (you know that sound- the one where the breaks are screeching or the sounds of a crash. It is amazing how often this happens and luckily all we do hear is a horn beeping).

We will be in our new place November 2nd. Hopefully, everything will be up and running and back in working order with minimal interruption.

Our new location is very close to many stores, shopping, restaurants, and food. The downside is a bit more traffic than our old location, but we will adjust. We are very close to a Chinese food restaurant (right next door) so we trade off from the smell of bread baking in Lewiston to the smell of Chinese food in Auburn. Hmmm, NOT great for anyone on a diet!

So if you’re in the area, please stop in and visit. We would love to show you around.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone in Region 2 Juveniles for always working as a great team and for all of their hard work - everyday - especially during this exciting time. Thanks, you all are the Best!

When you look at others, don’t examine only their moves, but find out the motives that make them move. Right motives are even more important than the right moves.
The Tammy Coburn Cookbook

Tammy Coburn, who previously worked for the Department of Corrections as a re-entry specialist, was in a terrible motorcycle accident, which resulted in her leg being amputated. When we heard that she didn’t have the money to buy a prosthetic leg and that a few of her friends were holding fund raisers, a call for help throughout the Department was made for the recipes to develop this cookbook. All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go to the “Tammy’s Leg Fund.”

Despite all Tammy has been through, her spirit remains strong and her sense of humor unchanged. The following note is attached to all her outgoing emails:

“And remember: the bend in the road is not the end of the road—unless you don’t make the turn!”

As Christmas time quickly approaches once again, we would like to make it known that we still have cookbooks available for purchase. Please e-mail Sharelyn.Page@maine.gov or fax to 287-6092 the quantity of books you would like along with where to have the copies shipped; they will be shipped only once payment is received. Please make checks payable to Esther Riley. Payments must be mailed to ~ Department of Corrections State House Station #111 Augusta, ME 04333 Attn: Cookbook. The cookbook is beautifully illustrated and is designed for easy use. It is 271 pages. For the very low discounted price of $5.00 each you could own your very own copy of this wonderful cookbook.