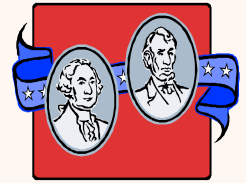




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17TH ANNUAL MAINE ADULT CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA) is hosting the 17th annual conference to be held this year on Thursday, May 12th, 2005, at the John Martin Manor Restaurant in Waterville from 9 am to 4 pm. This day-long conference enables participants to attend workshops in areas of correctional education and other correctional related subjects. The conference is a forum to meet and connect with correctional educators, adult education teachers, State and County correctional facility staff, community corrections staff, and staff from collaborating community agencies. The MACEA is supported by the Maine Department of Corrections and the Maine Department of Education.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Stephen J. Steurer Ph.D., Executive Director of the Correctional Education Association, the largest association of educators in adult and juvenile corrections.

In addition to his duties as the Executive Director for the CEA, Steve has been the Coordinator of Correctional Academic programs (literacy through high school) for all adult prison education programs and the male juvenile Hickey School under the authority of the Maryland State Department of Education from 1973 to 2004

Director Steurer's main goal is to convince the public and education communities that correctional education makes a positive contribution to educational attainment, employment, civic responsibility and overall public safety.

The workshops that are being planned for the conference will be on the following subjects:

- ★ **Programs versus security in a correctional facility**
- ★ **Employment and hiring of ex-offenders**
- ★ **Cognitive skills programs**
- ★ **Inmate testimonies**
- ★ **Work release programs**
- ★ **Adult Community Corrections**
- ★ **Restorative Justice**
- ★ **Anger management programs**
- ★ **MCC Transitional Unit**

The Outstanding Service Awards, the annual opportunity to recognize individuals for their outstanding service in correctional education, is an important event at the annual conference. Anyone can submit nominations to the awards committee for recognition of outstanding performance in the area of correctional education so begin to think about who you may want to recognize for his/her outstanding performance.

If you are currently on the MACEA list serve, you will receive an information packet, describing the details of the workshops and presenters, and the registration form. If you are not on this list and would like to receive the packet and registration form, or if you would like additional information about the conference and the Outstanding Service Awards nomination process, you may call Bob Aubrey, MACEA Coordinator, at 474-6086, or e-mail at esi@somtel.com

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Food for Thought

“The best way to get people to ‘think outside the box’ is to not create the box in the first place”

Martin Cooper

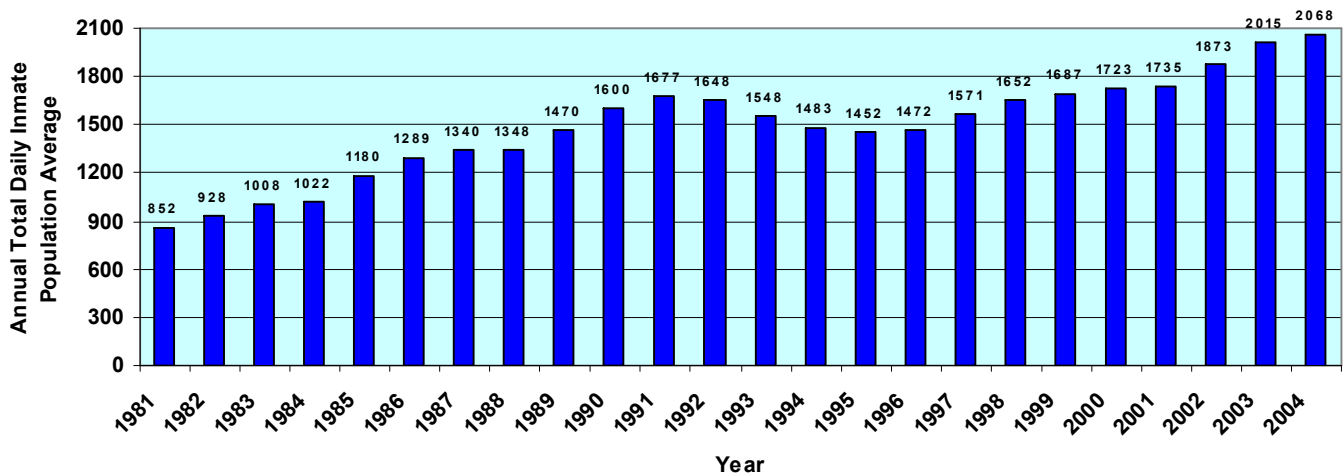
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Maine Department of Corrections
 Annual Daily Average - Total Adult Inmate Population
 1981 to 2004



CENTRAL OFFICE

Did You Know ?

In 2003, 6.9 million people in the United States were under some form of correctional supervision. This includes prison, jail, probation and parole:

This number is close to the total populations of the following States:

Wyoming	479,602
Vermont	593,740
Alaska	619,500
North Dakota	633,666
South Dakota	733,133
Delaware	753,538
Montana	882,779
Rhode Island	990,819
Maine	1,253,040
Total	6.9 million

- * At yearend 2003, over 4.8 million adult men and women were under Federal, State, or local probation or parole jurisdiction; approximately 4,074,000 on probation and 774,600 on parole.
- * The 1.5% growth in the probation and parole population during 2003 -- an increase of 73,574 during the year -- was about half the average annual growth of 2.9% since 1995.
- * Women made up about 23% of the nation's probationers and 13% of the parolees.
- * Approximately 56% of the adults on probation were white, and 30% were black, and 12% were Hispanic.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



The archive photograph in this article shows the gym at the "old" Maine State Prison in Thomaston. An unidentified inmate is working out on a speed bag in the left side of the photo and an unidentified Correctional Officer is standing near the center of the photo. The gym at the prison offered the inmates the opportunity to participate in many physical activities and team sports.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE ON THIS ARTICLE:

I have depleted my existing supply of old MDOC photographs so I will have difficulty developing future articles. I will develop future "From the MDOC Archives" articles as old photographs are submitted to me. Thank You!! Ellis

VICTIM SERVICES

A Handbook for Victims about Offenders Time in Prison

The Office of Victim Services received the first 250 handbooks specifically written for victims about an offender's time in prison. *After the Sentencing* provides information regarding the programs, services and living conditions of Maine's six adult correctional facilities. Information is also provided concerning victim's rights and resources. The booklets are paid for with PIEH money which is money generated from certain prison industries programs within the Department of Corrections. The booklet was created by **Peter Michaud**, Victim Services Coordinator, New Hampshire DOC and adapted for Maine by **Denise Giles**, Victim Services Coordinator, Maine DOC with assistance from **Paryse Thibodeau**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Maine Correctional Center and editing by **Wesley Andrenyak**, Chief Advocate DOC and **Ellis King** Correctional Planner.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY COMMITTEE

As a result of a Governor's Executive Order each state agency will work with a team from the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence to assist in workplace violence policy development and outcomes. The goals are to train employees who may be seeing Domestic Violence in course of their jobs, all employees will receive training – There are Domestic Violence victims among employees. No one is singled out, information is provided to all.

Domestic Violence victims may or may not have sought assistance from a family violence project. The policy information is to come from a victim perspective. Domestic violence is deceptive by its nature. People who are violent may not present that face to the public. Most offenders do not wear that label. Employees may be abusers as well. The policy is intended for all employees of the department.

The Domestic Violence Workplace Policy will cross reference sexual harassment, as well as other policies already implemented for employees. One issue the committee considered was how to appropriately approach a fellow employee to offer assistance without violating privacy. Training will provide the knowledge and ability to respond to red flags. Domestic Violence is a pattern not a single event. A goal is to increase sensitivity to victim.

Posters and policy indicate the workplace is meant to be a safe place. Interventions to be put into place to provide safety to victims, support is the key. There will be a need for annual training on policy for supervisors to review current research, opportunity to discuss incidents that have occurred. Workshop approach is being considered and updated resource availability will be provided.

The Workplace Violence policy committee held their second meeting on Tuesday January 11. The agenda consisted of the orientation training provided by MCEDV partners **Tina Tucker**, New Hope for Women and **Ellen Ridley**, Family Violence Project. The policy is currently in first draft form and will be discussed in detail at the February meeting. The culture of corrections was discussed during the first segment of the meeting in order that the policy reflects the specific needs and issues of corrections employees. A joint meeting with other state agencies whose employees are equipped with guns will be arranged in the near future by **Laurel Shippee** of the Bureau of Human Resources. Please email to **Nat** your comments on the draft policy and correctional issues to be considered at the next meeting. The meeting will be held in the Tyson conference room at 1:00 on February 8, video conferencing available.

The third meeting of the committee was held on February 8. The policy draft was reviewed and various issues discussed including not only victim safety but also safety for other employees in the workplace who may be impacted by the situation. A final draft of the policy will be discussed at the March meeting and training issues will then become the focus of the committee.

MAINE STATE PRISON

January 12, 2005

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT AT THE MAINE STATE PRISON

The Maine State Prison was chosen to host the photographic exhibition, "The Language of Hands," by Bethel area photographer, **Sally Taylor**. Ms. Taylor contacted Associate Commissioner **Denise Lord** and expressed her interest in exhibiting her work at the Maine State Prison. With the assistance of Associate Commissioner Lord and State Representative, **Arlan Jodrey**, an exhibit was arranged for her on January 12, 2005. This exhibit is the first in the history of the prison, but hopefully more will follow.

The exhibit came about when Ms. Taylor visited the prison in December to show the Warden a representative sample of her work and to review a possible exhibition site. Prison staff were impressed with the photographs and made arrangements for Ms. Taylor to return in January, 2005 to display her work in the prison lobby and in the prisoner visitation room. Many of these photographs have been displayed previously at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, Gould Academy and at the Handicapped Skiing Center in Newry.

Having received positive comments from the above institutions where she has exhibited her work, Ms. Taylor thought the prison would also be an appropriate site for an artist's work. She pointed out that while people inside a prison cannot visit museums or galleries, exhibitions can be brought in for both staff and prisoners to enjoy. Ms. Taylor said by bringing her exhibits to institutions, whether they are educational or correctional institutions, affords her an opportunity to make an important, personal contribution.

Ms. Taylor explained that she began her photograph project several years ago while photographing a friend who signs for the deaf. She exhibited those photographs first at the University of Southern Maine which offers American Sign Language as part of its

Linguistics Department. The exhibit has grown to include ordinary people of all ages at work and play, in motion and at rest. There are hands of musicians, farmers, children, mechanics and athletes in her work. The photographs range from showing a baby's hand just touching its mother's hand, hands tying fishing flies, hands working on equipment, hands touching animals, hands signing and old hands quilting. Ms. Taylor remarked that the human hand is so familiar that we not only know what it is doing, but we know what it feels like and that the communication through hands is both direct and personal. Although these pictures were taken in the Bethel area over the past year and a half, they could have been taken anywhere, with hands telling their own stories.

The photographs on display reveal both the connectedness and aloneness of people. These elements have intrigued Ms. Taylor. While hanging the photographs in the prison Visit Room, she explained that she photographed hands because they communicate so much of what we immediately understand about each other. She said, "Hands are so much a part of our lives that it is easy to take their extraordinarily articulate and beautifully expressive characteristics for granted. But by showing hands without faces, these photographs give new focus. We cannot take these hands for granted."



Pictured above: Ms. Sally Taylor.

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MAINE STATE PRISON continued

Ms. Taylor appreciates that many prisoners who are serving long sentences or may never be released will only have memories of the activities shown in the pictures. Ms. Taylor said, "They can't go out to a farm, but a photograph can bring the memory in." She reflected that her work may evoke bittersweet memories for some prisoners.

She hopes that staff will enjoy the exhibit which will remain at the prison through April and she has extended an offer to display her photographs at other correctional facilities.

Leida Dardis, D.W. of Prisoner Services

MSP AREA BLUE KNIGHTS DONATE TO HANDICAPPED GIRL

Maine's Chapter VII of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club remained busy over the winter season by donating money to a 13-year-old handicapped Bremen girl who was raising funds to purchase a service dog. **Meaghan Lyndaker** is confined to a wheelchair due to a degenerative disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). SMA is an autosomal recessive disease that affects the anterior horn cell, located in the spinal cord. It mainly affects the proximal muscles (near the trunk). Her disease is progressively getting worse, and the day will come when Meaghan will not be able to open doors, turn on lights, pull off her socks, or pick up the phone. After a story appeared in the Lincoln County News, Maine's Chapter VII of the Blue Knights donated towards the \$5000 needed to purchase a service dog. Maine VII's primary charity is the Pine Tree Camp for Handicapped Children and Adults, in Rome, Maine.

The Blue Knights were formed in 1974 in the Bangor/Brewer area by a handful of law enforcement officers who loved motorcycles. The organization has since

grown to over 18,000 members in 23 countries around the world. In order to join the Blue Knights, you must be an active or retired, full or part-time, law enforcement officer with statutory powers of arrest, and own a motorcycle. Maine's Chapter VII covers the midcoast area, with members from Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties.

Three members of Maine VII went to Meaghan's home to deliver the \$100 donation. **President Mike Celentano** - MSP Disciplinary Officer and Administrative Liaison to the Long-Timers Group, **Secretary Shirley "Sam" McAfee** - MSP Medical Department Nurse, and **Director Jim Quarles** - MSP retired Corrections Officer, met with Meaghan and promised her motorcycle rides as soon as Spring arrives !

Anyone interested in joining the world's largest and most prestigious law enforcement motorcycle club, can call (877) BKI-LEMC (254-5362) or check our website at www.BlueKnights.org. You can also reach Maine VII at BKMEVII@hotmail.com.

Ride With Pride,

*Mike Celentano, President, Blue Knights Maine VII
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Members of the Blue Knights Maine VII motorcycle club personally delivered a check for \$100 to Meaghan Lyndaker of Bremen to help buy a service dog.
Left to Right Sam McAfee, Meaghan, Mike Celentano & Jim Quarrels (Judi Finn, photo)

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MAINE STATE PRISON HONOR GUARD

The Maine State Prison Ceremonial Honor Guard detail was formed to promote a positive professional public image of the Maine State Prison and Bolduc Correctional Facility. Its mission includes rendering honor and performing funeral services as pall bearers or honor guard duties to deceased and honorably retired officers and staff of the Maine State Prison.

The highly trained Ceremonial Honor Guard detail is an all voluntary unit consisting of 14 uniformed officers and 1 Commander. The unit conducts training in precision formations and movements in unison depicting the *esprit de corps* of the Maine State Prison while dressed in distinctive uniforms.

The Honor Guard Detail is currently gearing up to represent the prison in several parades this year and has hopes of attending the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC this May.



Left to Right: 1st Row: **Sgt Brooks, Sgt Littlefield, Officer Steele, Officer Palmer and Captain David George.**
2nd Row: **Sgt Russell and Officer Cunningham.**



CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE MAINE STATE PRISON HONOR GUARD ARE:

Capt. D. George (Commander)	
Sgt. R. Brooks	Officer Abbott
Officer Ball	Officer Doody
Officer Quigley	Sgt. Russell
Sgt. E. Littlefield	Officer Therrien
Officer Kibel	Officer Steele
Officer Palmer	Officer Mendoza
Officer Wigdzinski	Officer Cuning-

TRAGIC LOSS...

On January 25, 2005 the flag flew half mast at the Maine State Prison in memory of one of our own.

Tragically, on January 18, 2005 at the age of 40, **Officer Richard M. Bartlett** unexpectedly passed away at his home.

Officer Richard Bartlett began his career with the Maine State Prison on April 18, 1992. He worked in many areas of the State Prison in Thomaston, the State Prison in Warren and the Bolduc Correctional Facility, as a Corrections Officer

Richard was a tall very unassuming man whose characteristics of patience and caring were easy to spot.

Richard was held in high regard by his fellow officers and supervisors because of outstanding work ethic and technical ability as a Corrections Officer, but one of his best attributes was his wit.

Richard was quick to smile and tell a joke perking up everyone's day.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Richards's family which includes his brother Al who also works as a Corrections Officer at the Maine State Prison.

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Congratulations to Officer **Peggy Barrett** and her family for their new addition. **Kassidy Anne** was born on January 25, 2005 at 2:52 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs. and 7 oz., and was 21-1/2 inches long. We wish the family well.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Warden **Jeffrey D. Merrill** and members of the senior staff recognized the outstanding performance of two employees during the month of January. **Ron Hastings**, a Caseworker in the Medium Custody Housing Unit at the prison and **Faron Sawtelle**, a Second Shift Security Sergeant at the Bolduc Correctional Facility were presented plaques citing their outstanding performance and designated parking spaces were approved for their own use for a month. Congratulations and keep up the good work!



From Left to Right: 1st Row, **Warden Jeffrey D. Merrill, Sergeant Faron Sawtelle and Ron Hastings.** 2nd Row, **Deputy Warden Leida Dardis, Deputy Warden Al Barlow, Deputy Warden Jim O'Farrell and Deputy Warden Nelson**

BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Habitat for Humanity:

The Vocational Trades Instructors have been busy over the past four months constructing a new home in Thomaston for the Habitat for Humanity program. **Barry Roe's Building Trades** program has erected walls, installed roofing and sheetrock to name a few. **Gary Tilton's Electrical Trades** program has installed an underground service, rough wired and is now in the process of installing fixtures and devices. **Tim Cousins' Heating** program has installed an entire heating system, baseboard and under slab plumbing. Approximately 1300 hours in community service was performed on this project. This is the second home in a series of hopefully several other homes to be constructed in the Thomaston-Rockland area. This project allows the student to become more involved in the home building process, build confidence and provide knowledge that will be beneficial upon release.



Electrical Trades:

The Electrical Trades class for 2004 had all of its students pass their Journeyman Electricians exam put on by the State of Maine. The 2003 Electrical Trades class had three of its students placed in gainful employment with major electrical contractors.

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BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY continued

Toboggan Championship:

The 15th annual Toboggan Championship was held at the Camden Snow Bowl in Camden, Maine on February 5th. Four daring athletes that represented the Bolduc Correctional Facility were: **Susan Dumond, Captain Richard Ivey, Sally Kinney and Mae Worcester**. Their team was dubbed the “Bold Ducks”! In overall competition the team placed 67th out of 213 teams. Well done team!!!! The Bold Ducks will represent B.C.F. in the 2006 competition.



Farm Program:

Paul Dow's farm program had an extremely huge yield of potatoes this season. Due to the volume of

potatoes, **Stefan Plesner**'s crew has been bagging 50 pound bags and has distributed nearly 9000 pounds to local charities, food pantries, soup kitchens, churches and other non profit organizations to be later given out to those less fortunate. At this time, the University of Maine system will also be purchasing potatoes as well from BCF. Bags of potatoes are also for sale at the Maine State Prison Showroom to all Department of Corrections employees and the public.

New Horizon Academy:

The New Horizon Academy came to the Bolduc Correction Facility under the guidance of **George Ezzy** the Founder and Executive Director of the Academy. The New Horizon Academy is a highly structured and innovative four week program. We had to adjust that schedule to meet our needs so here at BCF it was a (15) week residential program. The New Horizon Academy focuses on self-discovery and the realization that each participant has the power to create a meaningful, joyous, and contributory life. The program is broken down into four work shops: Self-Discovery and Assessment, The Power Within, Career Planning and Cultural & Interactive Social Activities.

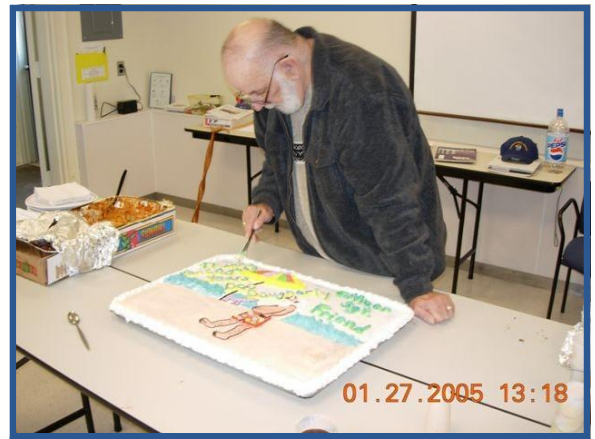
BCF had little trouble finding volunteers to attend this academy. We had (52) original applications and from that list we narrowed the participants down to (26). The schedule that BCF used was on Wednesday the group would meet together from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM and in the afternoon from 12 noon until 3:30 PM. The participants had one-on-one counseling. We were honored to have **Bill Cumming** from Bath, Maine, who is a personal growth seminar leader, as our morning facilitator. In the afternoon the participants had the opportunity to have one-on-one session with an area career planner and counselor. We would like to thank those counselors: **Jim Alkins, Robert & Juliana Pfeiffer & Henry Lunt**, I know the participant's lives have been changed in a positive way because of your influence.

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BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY continued

The participants started the academy on 10-13-04 and we held a graduation ceremony for (24) men that successfully completed the program on 2-9-05. The graduation was an opportunity for the counselor to publicly acknowledge the successes of their individual client. There was much applause and many blessings as we watched the interaction of the counselors and participants. There were many hugs and pats on the back and yes there were even tears. This academy in all aspects was a success. I have heard many comments from the participants through out the months and they were all positive. It is going to be exciting to see how they will use these new tools that they acquired from this academy.

Raymond 'Doc' Dougherty has medically retired after 28 years at MCC. He served as an Officer and Sergeant, as well as friend. He is a man with many fond memories of his experiences with several prisoners – and for that matter staff. He could write a book of war stories. Doc was active with the Employees Benevolent Association for many years, coached the Center's staff softball team, and was instrumental in developing rules, regulations and post orders for our minimum security housing areas: Dorms 5 and Six. He has served as a instructor and mentor to our new officers and other employees, using his personal experiences to help many become better officers.



Pictured: Raymond :Doc: Dougherty

Martin "Marty" Wagg has received medical retirement. Marty, when he first came on board, joined a brother Steve (CCF) and his father John (retired from MCC) in the correctional business. He worked as a correctional trades instructor at MCC, helped run the farms and gardens before they were closed; and has been a good friend to all that know him. Marty continues to struggle with cancer and his family appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

GOOD BY TO:

Carla Decker, Clerk Typist II who recently resigned to be with her family.

Angela Ferraris, Correctional Officer who is moving to Germany to be with her fiancé.

MAINE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

PERSONNEL NEWS

NEW CORRECTIONS OFFICES HIRED:

Cindy Stinchfield	Elsie-Kay Banks
Jason Vallee	Jessica Pettengill
Robert Wallingford	Martin Juaragei
Steven Punsky	Mathew Despins
Patrick Doughty and	Benjamin Sands

RETIREMENTS:

Maine Correctional Center wishes best to three long time employees.

Douglas Hiserodt has received medical retirement after 17 years with the Center. Doug came to the Correctional Center after having worked a number of years in the New York State correctional system. While at MCC he worked a number of different posts with a great number of different officers. Doug has been active in youth hockey and is an accomplished wildlife carver.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MAINE CORRECTIONAL CENTER *continued*

ACA Team stepping it up:

The ACA accreditation process at MCC is picking up speed. Prior to this writing, over 400 of the ACA standards had been met. **Ken Sawyer** has been joined by Officers **Jack Redmond**, **Walter Parelius** and **Dennis Shipman**. Together they have addressed fire safety issues, hazardous materials storage, tool control and inventory, weekly inspections to insure compliance in all areas of the facility and ongoing accreditation efforts.

Kudos to

The Correctional Trades Instructors and Maintenance Mechanics who continue the fight in keeping an aging facility up and running. During the last quarter they have continued the construction of the Sexual Offender Treatment Program Space which involved building a new wing between two current buildings; they have continued to repair or bring up to code various problem areas identified in the ACA inspections; and they have kept the parking lots cleared on snow.

The Correctional Officers, Teachers, and Administrative staff who work so hard in coming into compliance with the ACA standards. They have stepped up to get the facility looking good, supervised painting and cleaning crews, participated in audits and in general squared the facility away. Although space prohibits us from listing the entire staff – Good Job Everyone!

Meritorious Action:

Shortly after having completed CPR training, Officers **Scott Holmes** and **John P. Paskewicz** responded to a medical emergency and used their knowledge in CPR to resuscitate a prisoner. Both Officers went above and beyond the call of duty in performing CPR until medical staff could respond.

The Great Escape Golf Tournament:

For Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers and their guests. May 16, shotgun start at 0800 at the Naples Golf Club, just off route 302 in Naples, Maine. For those that were there last year you can plan on the same if not more! For those that haven't been – it's a great time that you really do not want to miss. Food, prizes, closest to the pins, long drives, team prizes, beat the pro and whatever else we can come up with. Last year we had eighteen teams, with teams from Maine Correctional Center and Cumberland County winning the top prizes. Mountain View and MSP were close seconds. For more details contact **Brad Fogg** or **Don Jacobson** at MCC: 893-7000.

CHARLESTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

PERSONNEL

<u>ANNEVERSERIES</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Ray Mountain		23
Tom Sands		23
Amasa "Skip" Salley		25

<u>ANNEVERSERIES</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Robin Pinkham		24
Dennis O'Bar		15
R. John Grabofsky		6

PROMOTIONS/TRANSFERS:

Congratulations to **Valerie Norman** as she was recently promoted from Correctional Officer to Sergeant on the night shift at CCF.

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CHARLESTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY *continued*

RETIREMENT

Sgt. Amasa "Skip" Salley has finally reached "the light at the end of the tunnel" that many of us are looking forward too. On March 6, 2005 Skip officially retired with 25 years of exemplary state service with the Dept. of Corrections. Skip says he doesn't have any definite plans for the immediate future except to sit back and enjoy the fact that he no longer HAS to get to bed by 0800 in order to be up and back at work by 1800 for his next twelve hour shift. Skip will be missed by everyone at CCF as he was the anchor of the Sergeants office on the night shift for over 20 years. We all wish Skip the best in his retirement and will miss him. We hear Florida is somewhere in his plans.

"Biggest Loser on the Hill"

By Robin Pinkham, Sgt.

From January 3rd to February 28th, CCF staff participated in a contest to lose weight. There were 15 participants with a prize of \$150 going to the person who loses the most weight in the 8-week period. The idea came from Sgt. Dean Tuttle, who, at this writing, also seems to be in the lead with approximately 27 pounds lost to date. Contestants include the CCF Captain, Director, some sergeants, CO's, and CTIs, as well as kitchen personnel, juvenile workers, a nurse, and a State police detective. The competition seems to be thinning...

DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

PERSONNEL

<u>ANNEVERSERIES</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
William Day		16
Brian Day		19
Arthur McCurdy		

A special anniversary to **Arthur McCurdy** who started in state service sometime in 1988

<u>ANNEVERSERIES</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Jim Dolan		6
Eugene Fletcher		2
Everett Foster		2

<u>ANNEVERSERIES</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Charles Peabody		4
Moe Moffatt		1

The Downeast Correctional Facility is pleased to announce that **Dave Garrison** is the new Sergeant on night shift; we do wish him luck in his new role.

We also would like to welcome our newest employee **Shawn Hatt**; he also will be on the night shift.



The month of February has left us plowing out from under snow storm after snow storm. This is usually the standard for this month at the Downeast Correctional Facility. Each of our small storms left just enough snow to be a nuisance and making driving very dangerous. The warmer temps and rain only added to the slick roads making the wait for warm spring weather longer.

During these times the outside jobs done for the community slows. Boredom for the inmates takes over and the internal problems in the housing units usually take center stage, but not this winter. The performance of the inmates in the housing units has been overall quite good. They have continued to keep the institution clean, even though this mud and salt sand season keeps the floors wet and dirty.

The work done in the shops continues. Our industries program inmates getting their photos and an article on the front page of the Bangor Daily News sure was a shot in the arm for the moral of these hard working inmates. The refinishing work done under the watchful eye of **John Gilmore** is wonderful.

I was in the carpentry shop the other day just as **Tony Jans** our VTI in charge of the carpentry shop was explaining fractions to one of the inmates.

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DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY continued

Sometime we as correctional personnel forget how educationally limited some of our inmates are. The time taken by our instructors trying to explain and teach something that most people would consider simple is amazing.

Jim Dumond in our school department recently had an inmate pass the math portion of his GED. This may not seem like much to some, but to the inmate who passed it was a great accomplishment. It does speak well for the teachers who take the time to teach.

To each department throughout the different facilities most of which go without as much as a thank you... Thank you! Thank you for a job well done!

LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Danny and Karen Yeaton of LCYDC are proud to announce the birth of **Alex Douglas Yeaton**. He weighed in at 7lbs 12 oz and was born on 12/21/04. Danny is our Warehouse Supervisor and Karen is our Senior Staff Accountant. LCYDC is very happy for them and wishes them happiness and long hours of rest in the near future.

We Request the honor of your presence at the
Retirement Celebration Honoring

A L Carlisle

On Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 6:00 PM

At the Portland Fraternal Order of Eagles

Atlantic Room, 184 St. John's Street, Portland, ME

\$25 per person, cash or checks

RVP To: Susan L Carr, 21 Roland Avenue, Lewiston,
Maine 04240—1-207- 782-2884 or 1-207- 822-2721

MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

PERSONNEL

<u>ANNEVERSERIES</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
David Richards		22
Russell Ames		15
Kevin Mayo		15

<u>ANNEVERSERIES</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Carol Conner		22
Timothy Nichols		17
Sam Bradeen		13
Rosalie Morin		6
Jeffrey Vance		6
Larry Hooper		6
Michael Mullaney		5

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRES:

Anita Morales, JPW

Ryan Dearborn, JPW

Patrick Heathcote, JPW

Margaret Dionne-Tyler, Teacher

Rick Jelley, Teacher

Maria Gerber, Substitute Teacher

PROMOTIONS:

Peter Ippoliti from Psychologist III
to Psychologist IV

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STAFF WHO HAVE INCREASED THEIR FAMILIES:



PW **Jim Sinclair** & his wife had a baby girl
January 11, Irene Louise, 6 lbs. 6 oz.



Our CMS nurse, **Lisa Smedal, RN**
married our own **Jeff Perkins, JFOS** on
Saturday, January 15th.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER *continued*

As many of our articles surround our activities at Christmas, as the last edition was submitted prior to then, it is amazing to look back and realize that it was less than two months ago. And we have withstood the cold, and the snow, and the groundhog. And now, we look eagerly forward to that wonderful time of the year when the earth springs forth with new life: MUDSEASON IN MAINE!! Enjoy.

Christmas 2004 News and Activities

By Sheena Lundin

This year our Christmas Projects team prepared many gifts for children and families of local area towns. Organizers JPW **Lori Call**, JPW **Edwina Strout**, and Staff Development Trainer **Rosalie Morin** collected and provided toys, clothing and needed items for families in the Towns of Charleston, Dexter and Dover-Foxcroft, as well as the Dover Head Start Program and Womancare. Mountain View is an amazing place to work as I watch all the giving our staff do with no hesitation. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited MUYDC bringing a bag of goodies for each young person, and on Christmas morning there were bags of gifts for every resident.

Decorating Contest

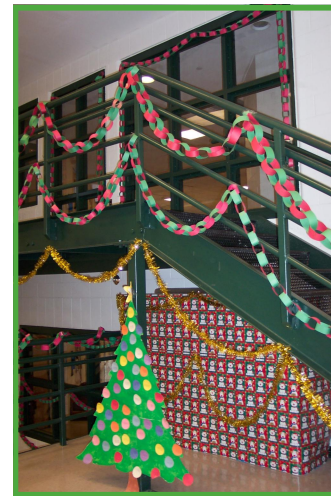
A “Best of the Units” contest was held for all the residents for the best-decorated unit. Categories were originality, overall presentation, and Christmas Spirit. “Judge Perkins” and “Judge Boyd” had a difficult task in choosing this year’s winner, but Unit D’s unique theme presentation of Frosty the Snowman made it the outstanding contest winner. Residents sang the theme song, while others cried around the beloved melted snowman, and another resident recited the famous story. The

inside was superbly decorated, and outside one could watch “Ole Frosty” snow sculpture rearing up his reindeer for an exciting time! The winners chose their prize - a Subway Party with the huge 16-footer sandwich!

1) Santa’s village;



2) Unit D-décor;



3) Frosty and Reindeer;



MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER *continued*

A “Helping Hand” for Those in Need

By Jeff Perkins, JFOS

In an effort to give back to the community during the holiday season the *Mountain View Youth Development Center's* Helping Hands Team recently donated time, labor, and talent in building a needed shelving unit for the Bangor Homeless Shelter. The shelving was built of sturdy two by four and plywood construction and measured over seven feet tall and 12 feet long. Special thanks go to JPWs **Lori Call** and **Edwina Strout** for all the hard work they did in getting this project funded, as the materials for the shelving were the result of the Mountain View staff participating in various fundraisers during the holiday season.

“Helping Hands” is a responsive justice program comprised of selected residents who are at the end of their treatment program and have proven themselves ready for the extra challenge of working in the community in a volunteer capacity. The residents are supervised by an equal number of staff, and while on these outings are afforded unique learning opportunities.



FROM THE MOUNTAIN TO THE COMMUNITY

Kids Helping Kids by Jeff Perkins

What began as a project for the Mountain View Volunteer Services Program involving the Helping Hands Team and the Jobs for Maine's Graduates Transitions Team quickly grew into an all-hands-on effort once the residents in the vocational woodworking class learned of the destination of the toys they were making. These young people demonstrated the true spirit of the season in their interest of helping others.

On Monday, December 21st the students and their elves (Chief of Volunteer Services, **Sheena Lundin**; Jobs for Maine's Graduates Program Manager, **Kathy Kemp**; Juvenile Facility Operations Supervisor, **Jeff Perkins**; and Building Trades Instructor, **Jeffrey Schaller**) delivered the toys to the Department of Human Services; Community Health and Counseling Services in Dover-Foxcroft, Care Development Center in Dexter for foster children; and the Christmas Project for the Town of Charleston. The wooden gifts consisted of dollhouses, airplanes, hobbyhorses, building blocks, children's chairs, and an assortment of wooden animals.

The young people of Mountain View received warm appreciation and praise for their wonderful work.

Graduation

On Friday, January 21, Mountain View celebrated another Graduation Day for students receiving their GEDs/High School Diplomas. This event, which brought the total number of GEDs approved for MV to 101, was an exciting day for many. We had a superb line of speakers including **Alan Stearns** of the Governor's Office, **Paul Vestal** of Catholic Charities, **Shelly Reid** of the Department of Education, and Assoc. Commissioner **Barry Stoodley**, DOC. Thirteen students received GEDs, and after the ceremony, Culinary Arts students served up a fantastic buffet. The next graduation will be July 22, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS Region 3

My name is Marsha Booker and I am the secretary in the Thomaston Office of Probation and Parole. I have been asked to take over the DOC Talk reporting duties from Bud Hall who has become very busy with FTO duties and other commitments. I'm hoping as time goes by my fellow Region III staff members will supply me with some good things to report. As for this issue here are a couple of things.



VOICES FROM IRAQ

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

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

For the past year, Probation Officer/1st **Sargent Anthony Prest** has been serving with the 133rd Engineering Battalion in Mosul, Iraq (and surrounding areas). They have done MUCH work in and around Mosul building and rebuilding schools, medical facilities, living quarters for the Iraqi soldiers, and other things needed to improve the lives of the Iraqi people. Tony has written that the people of Iraq have (for the most part) been receptive to the soldiers and very appreciative of all they have done for them. Of course, all of the good things they have done did not come without a price. The 133rd lost 3 soldiers and had several injured during their year in Iraq each one coming as a great blow to the battalion. As of this writing, (Tuesday, February 22, 2005) the local news stations are reporting that **Senator Collins** delivered the news that they would be departing Kuwait for Fort Drum, New York on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. I'm sure all of the soldiers

are very excited to get home and get back to their "regular" lives. Tony sent several e-mails and pictures of some of their projects, and although he is ready to be home, he writes with pride of what they accomplished while serving in Iraq. I will try to convince him to write a "guest column" when he returns to let all of you know of the MANY accomplishments they made during their year in Iraq. Tony plans to be back to work "sometime in early April." WELCOME BACK TONY! And THANK YOU for serving our country!!!

A CELEBRITY AMONG US

I received an e-mail on February 2, 2005 from **Sandy Emmerson**, PPO from the Farmington area. He was bragging about his wife **Kathy Lynn** and by all rights he should!!! One of Kathy Lynn's short stories "The Kenduskeag Killer," set in 1888 Bangor, is the lead story for April's edition of *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*. This magazine is one of the premiere publications in the business and has published several of Kathy's stories in the past, but this is the first time they have chosen to place her work in the "showcase" position. Sandy reports that the magazine can be found in almost any bookstore and most supermarkets, Walmart and other stores. Kathy has been a professional writer for many years and currently writes two mystery series. Although I have not read any of Kathy Lynn's mystery writings, I have read one of her romance novels – it was GREAT!!! If you would like further information on Kathy or any of her writings, check out her website at www.kathyllynemerson.com. CONGRATULATIONS Kathy!!!

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS *Region 1 continued*



Rick and Kelli Rogers are awaiting the birth of **Hannah**, due early in April, but more likely will make her presence in March. Their daughter, **Emma**, turns one in March, so as I have mentioned before, they will be very busy.

Jennifer Goan recently returned from Atlanta, GA where she underwent surgery and she has now returned to work feeling better than ever. Welcome back Jennifer.

We just endured the “Blizzard of 2005” and most of us are eagerly counting the days until spring returns. The driving in Southern Maine was quite treacherous this morning and I think we are all pretty tired of it.

We are all very tired of the hard winter and hope spring cannot be too far away.



JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Region 4

Spring is on it's way. The seed catalogues have begun arriving and that always gives me time to contemplate and reflect on a new design for my flower gardens. I am planning on going to the Boston Flower Show and always come home with new and creative ideas.

Speaking of being creative, **Galan Williamson's daughter, Lauren**, who has beautiful long blonde hair, chose to give eleven inches of her hair to “Locks of Love”. That organization takes the donated hair and creates wigs for children who have been going through chemotherapy. It was Lauren's idea and we are all very proud of her. So very thoughtful.....

Vacation news!! A lot of folks are trying to escape this cold winter weather. **Dave and Nancy Barrett** are on a two weeks vacation in Florida. They went down to watch their **son Joel**, who is on UMO's baseball team , play in their annual Spring trip. The Black Bears will play twelve games. The prospects for the season look good!

Donna Miles and her **husband Ron** are also in Florida, to find some warmer weather and visit with family. Donna, along with her three daughters, recently took her nine grandchildren on an overnight to Portland. Can you imagine the great fun they all had with nine children, at Chuckie Cheese!?! Donna was ready for a nap when she got home. :) Speaking of Donna, she was invited to speak to the Juvenile Justice class at Husson College. **Tom Pailes** assisted her in terms of demonstrating the new electronic monitoring equipment we use with some clients as an alternative to detention. Donna also spoke at the Students Aspiration Day held at the Bangor Civic Center during Women's Week in Feb. She reported a very good turn out. The audience consisted of girls from various middle schools around the state.

More vacation news! **Renna Hegg** is in Cuba, as I write this article. Cuba !! That sounds like a brand new adventure, for sure. Renna said part of her itinerary included learning a lot of the Spanish dances, such as the salsa. (The dance, not the food) :) We can't wait to hear how her vacation went.

Laurie Aldrich, our drug court manager is on a cruise to the Bahamas. This is Laurie's first cruise and she was looking forward to sampling all the food everyone who has been on a cruise, told her about. She was told you need to lose 10 lbs. before going on this trip as their is more food available then anyone could imagine, at any hour of the day or night.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS Region 4 continued

I saw **Bill Francis** the other day and he said he's been out polishing his "Road King Harley", anxious for the roads to clear up and the warmer weather to arrive. Bill said the "Hog Rally" is being held again, this July, in Caribou. I understand it's the first time the event has been held in the same place more than once. There's lots and lots of wide open spaces and beautiful scenery to be appreciated in the Caribou area.



Bill, as we all know, spent a year in Iraq. Bill, as do we all, would like to "Welcome Home", **Scott Lewis**, Reg. IV Adults, **Tony Prest**, Reg. IV Adults, and **Brian Abbott**, MSP. They were all in the 133rd Engineer Bn. who recently returned home from being stationed in Mosul, Iraq. We're all so happy they are back home safely with their families.



Julie Leavitt has just become a grandmother for the third time. Welcome to the world, **Braden Anthony Gould!!** He weighed in at 8 lbs. 11 oz. Braden was born on Jan. 21st. Julie's other two grandchildren are **Caleb** and **Arianna**. Julie reports she loves being a grandmother. For all of us grandmother's, we know how great it is to have grandchildren. We can spoil them as much as we want and then give them back to their parents ! :)

I'm looking out my window, at the red cardinal, sitting on my red stick dogwood , anticipating that first robin. Robins are one of my favorite birds because that means Spring has arrived and the warmer weather is just around the corner.

I hope you're all staying warm and doing whatever makes you happy.

Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC)

Coloring & Essay Contest

Coloring Contest Theme: What I am Most Proud Of

The Maine Department of Corrections realizes that our correctional employees have an important role outside of their professional careers. As Victim/Witness Organizations around the Country commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16, 2005, they honor the risk that correctional employees take everyday.

How to Enter

1. Draw a picture (ages 3-12) or write an essay (ages 13-15) that describes what you are most proud of.
2. The pictures must be completed on a blank, white piece of 8 ½ X 11 inch paper. Water colors, crayons, markers, pencils may be used.
3. The essays must be limited to 1 page of 8½x11 inch paper and can be in either readable handwriting, typed, or printed.
4. Be sure to fill out your name, age, your relative's name and the facility or program where they work.
5. The pictures or essays must be received in MDOC Central Office by March 31, 2005.

Send to: Denise Giles
MDOC Central Office
111 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

All age categories will have a prize for the top three entries.
All participants will receive a certificate and a ribbon.

Winners will be announced during
Crime Victim's Rights Week!

PRIZES
Ages 3 - 5
Ages 6 - 8
Ages 9 - 12
Ages 13 - 15