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DOC TALK...

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National Correctional Employee's Week

In Celebration

By Bonnie Kinney



The Maine State Prison joined DOC'S around the nation in celebration of National Correctional Employee's Week, May 5th to May 9th. Something special marked each day of the week, a cookout, banana splits, prizes and pins and certificates recognizing years of service.

Corrections is an ever-changing profession and every employee in a correctional environment, an officer, a nurse, a case manager, a food service worker, a shift commander, administrator or an accountant in the business office, are charged with the responsibility of protecting the public and have a very tough job.

Many of our employees put their lives on the line every day in order to help ensure the safety of our cities, towns, and neighborhoods. Our staff are true professionals who face unique challenges and work under a great deal of stress. They are truly deserving of this special recognition.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

The legislative session ended in June with the creation of two study commissions, the enactment of a biennial budget and many changes in the laws regarding corrections. As we begin this new fiscal year, we have much to be proud of, and we should certainly take the time to reflect on these accomplishments.

- Continued to manage an increasing number of adult offenders in our facilities and on probation;
- Reduced overtime costs;
- Improved medical and behavioral health services;
- Completed development of the first phase of the new Information System (CORIS)
- Issued the third report on juvenile recidivism, improved juvenile corrections workers training;
- Promoted efficiencies and effective programs at the county jails;
- Implemented female offender programming; and
- Revised our contracting processes.

However, challenges and continued work remain. Initiatives for the next two years include:

- Accreditation of our correctional facilities;
- Continued development and training in CORIS, the information system;
- Improved practices of juvenile detention;
- Transition planning and services for offenders returning to the community;
- Development of a system of intermediate sanctions;
- Development of a reception and diagnostic center for adult prisoners;
- Sex offender treatment for both juvenile and adult offenders; and
- Improved relationships with county jails.

We start this fiscal year with the creation of several study commissions. A major effort will be the Study Commission to Improve Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners. This Commission will be looking at ways to improve efficiencies and effectiveness in the state and county correctional systems. Additionally, there is a commission looking at sex offender issues. We will keep you informed as these efforts progress.

Martin A. Magrusson

Food for Thought

Men show their characters in nothing more clearly than in what they think laughable.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 - 1832)

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CENTRAL OFFICE

“BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS” **INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION** **PROVIDES IMPROVED SERVICES**

A group of individuals from many State and community agencies recently presented a panel presentation on “Building Partnerships” at the Adult Education Summer Institute that is hosted by the Center for Adult Learning and Literacy (CALL) and is held annually on the University of Maine campus in Orono. The “Building Partnerships” members meet on a regular basis to discuss and plan projects that will combine their services and help meet the needs of the people that use these services.

Representatives from the Maine State Departments of Corrections (**Ellis King**), Education (**Marcia Cook**), Labor (**Gail Dyer**), Human Services (**Steve Telow**) together with representatives from the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation (**Mary DuRoss**), Women, Work, & Community (**Sally Davis**), and the Literacy Volunteers of America—Maine (**Stella Hernandez**) each presented information on the projects and “Best Practices” that involves working together with other agencies to provide bigger and better services to meet the needs of their clients.

One of the best examples of how these collaborations have helped the MDOC’s offender population is the recently completed project that combined the State departments of corrections, education, and labor, together with the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation, the Maine Adult Correctional Education Association, and the Maine State Library in a project that provided the Career & Learning Connections videotape educational programs of the *GED Connection* and *Workplace Essential Skills* to every State and County correctional facility in the State of Maine. The education programs consist of over 50 videotaped educational programs and supporting workbooks that will enable learners to prepare for the GED exam and then learn the skills necessary to find and keep a job.

If anyone within the Department of Corrections has an idea on how the combined services of these agencies can provide better programs and services for our offender population, please contact Ellis King (Ellis.King@maine.gov) with the idea so that it can be discussed it at the next meeting of the “Building Partnerships” collaboration.



CHILDREN OF PRISONERS: CHILDREN OF PROMISE

The Maine Department of Corrections recently hosted a National Institute of Corrections (NIC) videoconference on *Children of Prisoners: Children of Promise*.

This 3-hour videoconference, broadcast on June 18, 2003, was intended to identify the problems and greatest needs of incarcerated parents and caretakers with regard to their children, identify the problems and issues that children of prisoners or former prisoners face that put them at risk, identify and describe evidence-based and promising approaches to support these children and build on their strengths, and describe the benefits of the criminal justice system becoming more family-friendly. The highlight of the program was a panel of children, that had one or both of their parents incarcerated in a jail or prison, who provided some very valuable input on the emotions, perceptions, and ideas of children separated from their parents because of incarceration.

The videoconference was held at the videoconference site at the Maine State Library (MSL) and with the help of **Alan Fecteau**, Audio-Visual Specialist at the MSL the program reception was perfect.

The videoconference was attended by individuals representing the MDOC, community agencies, and institutions of higher learning.

For more information on this videoconference and future programs visit the NIC web page at www.nicic.org



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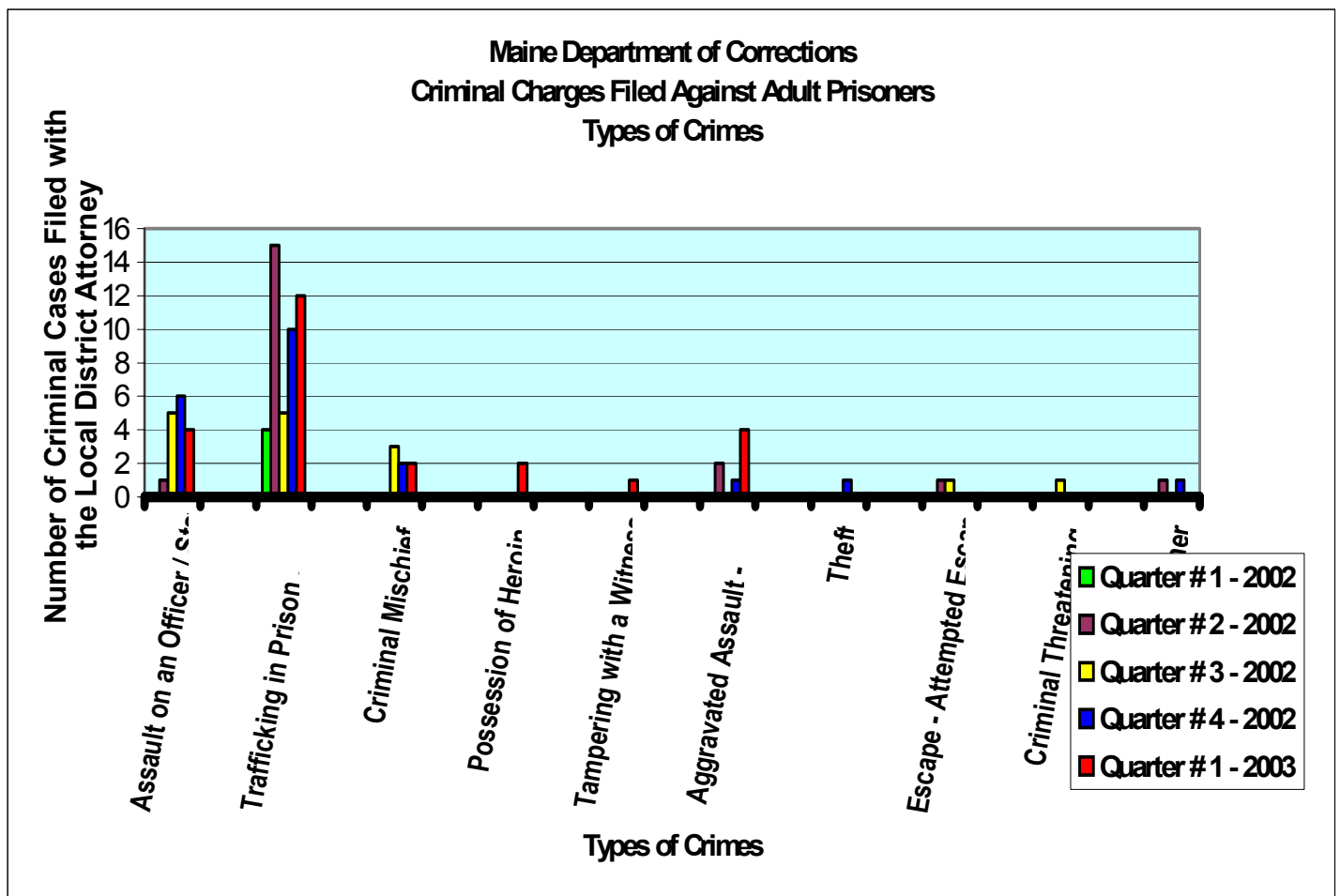
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS IN THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Measuring the Number of Criminal Cases filed on Prisoners incarcerated within the MDOC Adult Correctional Facilities

This is a new MDOC Performance Measure that will report the number of criminal cases filed on prisoners that are incarcerated within the MDOC adult correctional facilities using calendar year 2002 as the baseline year for future annual comparisons. It is the goal of the Department to continually reduce serious criminal activity within the adult inmate population.

The specific type of crime for the criminal charges that were filed in 2002 included, but not limited to, Assault on an Officer, Trafficking in Prison Contraband, Aggravated Assault, Drug Possession, and Criminal Mischief. The chart indicates the type of crime and the number of criminal charges for each type of crime.

The data that will be reported on an annual basis will be the total numbers of the criminal charges for each of the adult correctional facilities and the nature of the types of crimes.



Did you Know?

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has developed The Parent's Guide to Internet Safety as part of the Bureau's Crimes Against Children Program. The Parent's Guide to Internet Safety can be accessed at <http://www.fbi.gov/publications/pguide/pguide.htm>

The Federal Trade Commission has listed Identity Theft as it's most substantial category of reported crime, a 43% of the total. As a result of this fact the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has developed and presented a Congressional Statement on the FBI's Cyber Division. To access the report go to <http://www.fbi.gov/congress/congress03/farnan051503.htm>

In 2000, about 571,000 State prison inmates were released to the community after serving time in prison.

In 2001, while overall violent crimes were more likely to occur during the day than at the night, some crimes exhibited different patterns. Workplace violence - Of selected occupations examined from 1993 to 1999, police officers were the most vulnerable to be victims of workplace violence, as well as correctional officers, taxicab drivers, private security workers, and bartenders.

One in four violent crimes occurred in or near the victim's home. Including these, almost half occurred within a mile from home and 73% within five miles. Only 4% of victims of violent crime reported that the crime took place more than fifty miles from their home.

Family members were most likely to murder a young child -- About one in five child murders was committed by a family member -- while a friend or acquaintance was most likely to murder an older child age 15 to 17.

THE PASCAL POE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Pascal contributed so much to the education of inmates in the Maine Correctional System during his lifetime that it seemed fitting to create a memorial educational scholarship fund in his honor. The Pascal Poe Memorial Scholarship Fund will be available to help former inmates after their release from prison who wish to take a college course in the University of Maine System but are unable to afford the full cost of tuition.

If the endowment level of \$6000 is reached, financial support will be dispensed to individuals each year in perpetuity (amounting to \$250 per year). If the fund does not reach the endowment level, awards will be made in \$250 to \$500 increments to individuals who would benefit from the support, until the fund runs out.

If you wish to make a contribution to the fund, please make out a check to "University of Maine Systems," and send it to:

Carol Mc Gorrill, 722 Law
University of Southern Maine
P.O. Box 9300
Portland, ME 04104-9300

Include a note, indicating that your check should be deposited in The Pascal Poe Memorial Scholarship fund, or indicate the name of the fund in the "memo" section of your check. If you wish to make this an annual charitable contribution, the University of Maine system can also accommodate this. If you have further questions, please contact Eleanor Morse (207) 775-6860, eleanor-morse@earthlink.net, or Lorraine Carroll, Lorraine@usm.me.edu, (207)761-4651

FROM THE MDOC ARCHIVES

The archive photograph pictured in this article was one of the buildings in the employee housing area of the Charleston Correctional Center (CCF) in Charleston, Maine. These buildings were COLD in the Winter. The reason for this as the “old timers” at CCF explain is because these buildings were pre-manufactured down South and shipped up to Maine, via truck, and assembled. Supposedly the Air Force messed up and sent the buildings that were built for the Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina (totally uninsulated) to Maine and visa versa. This building was demolished in order to build the Mountain View Youth Development Center which now sits on this site.

The Charleston Air Force Base was sold to the State of Maine in 1980 to be used as an adult correctional facility. The “golf ball” on the radar tower can be seen in the distance.

This photograph and information was supplied by Steve Berry, the current Director of the CCF. Steve’s remembers that back when Marty was the Director of CCF, his car was a white Chevette. “For those not in the know, a Chevette was a mini-horror of a car made by GM for economy. It certainly was not made for anyone over 5’ 7” or 150 lbs. We hear that Marty had nothing good to say about that car”.

Steve, Thank you for this contribution!

PHOTO

15th Annual Maine Adult Correctional Education Conference

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA) hosted the 15th annual conference that was held on Thursday, May 15th, 2003, at the John Martin Manor Restaurant in Waterville.

The conference key note speaker was **John Wilson**, Restorative Justice & Victim Advocate and Magazine Editor. **Sylvia McCollum**, from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, was a special guest and presented a workshop on the mandatory education programs of the Federal adult correctional facilities.

The Maine Adult Correctional Education Association that hosted the Correctional Education Conference is made up of the academic and vocational educators from all the state and some of the county correctional facilities, as well as community adult education representatives. This organization provides a rare opportunity for the educators to compare programs and discuss educational “best practices” issues, as they relate to correctional facilities and inmate populations

The conference participants attended workshops in the following subjects:

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- * Educational Programs – GED Connection & Workplace Essential Skills
- * Career and Life Planning
- * Work Release – Skills Building Program
- * Integrating Poetry in Multimedia
- * Marti Stevens Interactive Improvisational Theater
- * Mandatory Education Programs in Corrections
- * Batterer's Intervention Program

Service Awards is the annual opportunity to recognize individuals for their outstanding service in correctional education. The individuals that were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the area of correctional education were the following:



Dean Darien, Outstanding Vocational Teacher (MDOC - MCC)

Pictured: Scott Burnheimer, Dean Darien, Jim Howard



Francine Bowdoin, Certificate of Recognition (MDOC – MCC)

Pictured: Francine Bowdoin and Scott Burnheimer



Denise Lord, Outstanding Leadership

Pictured: Denise Lord and Bob Aubrey, Director of the Maine Adult Correctional Education Association

Judy Garvey, Outstanding Volunteer (Hancock County Jail)

Connie Johnson, Outstanding Academic Teacher (Franklin County Jail)

Tom Reuwer, Outstanding Academic Teacher (Kennebec County Jail)

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†David Berube†

1965-2003

AUGUSTA -- David Berube, 38, of Eastern Avenue, died Friday, May 23, 2003, at Maine General Medical Center, Augusta Campus, following a brief illness.

He was born in Augusta on Feb. 8, 1965, the son of Edward F. Berube Sr. and Lorraine (Park) Berube Thibodeau.

Mr. Berube was a graduate of Skowhegan High School. He suffered from muscular dystrophy all of his life.

He was a quiet person, but we all remember that when he did decide to speak, just like E.F. Hutton, we all listened.

David is survived by his father, Edward F. Berube Sr. of Auburn; his mother, Lorraine (Park) Berube Thibodeau of Litchfield; two brothers, Michael Berube and Edward Berube Jr., both of Augusta; a sister, Beatrice MacLean and her husband, Martin Murphy, of Oakland; a niece, Jennifer Quimby of Oakland; a nephew, Eric MacLean of Presque Isle; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., Attn: Director of Planned Giving, 3300 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Ariz., 85718.



of Justice Programs. The project has developed and implemented standards in over ninety-six detention and correctional centers in over twenty-eight states across the country.

The goals of the project are to:

- 1) Develop a set of standards that individual facilities should strive to meet;
- 2) Create tools to help facilities attain these goals through regular self-assessment and improvement;
- 3) Allow facilities to evaluate their performance over time and in comparison to other facilities nationwide; and
- 4) Promote effective practices and help facilities support each other.

On a quarterly basis, Performance-based standards covering six areas of facility operation: 1) safety, 2) order, 3) security, 4) programming, 5) health and mental health, 6) justice, and 7) reintegration are measured and targeted for improvement. Facilities' performance is evaluated by collecting data on outcome measures, processes, and expected practices that related to each standard. The project uses a total of 118 expected practices, 124 processes, and 79 outcomes measures.

The implementation of performance-based measures represents a significant contribution towards the improvement of facility procedures and operations. The goals of the PbS Project are widely embraced by facility administrators and staff at Mountain View Youth Development Center (MVYDC) and Long Creek Youth Development Center (LCYDC).

The Division is represented by **Rosemary Kooy**, Director of Organizational Development & Quality Assurance who acts as the PbS State Coordinator and **Jeff Morin**, Juvenile Program Manager at MVYDC and **Bob Lancaster**, Manager who serve as the facility PbS Site Coordinators.

DIVISION OF JUVENILE SERVICES

The Division of Juvenile Services is at the forefront of a movement within juvenile corrections to utilize performance-based standards that focus on performance and attainment of concrete goals to improve the quality of services within youth correctional facilities. Since 2000, Maine has participated in the national Performance-based Standards (PbS) Project, a project spearheaded by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in the Office

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Victim Services

MAINE ASSOCIATION OF BATTERER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Minutes of May 10, 2003 Meeting
By Barbara Hester, Secretary

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: **OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM** :
: **FOR INFORMATION SHARING AND** :
: **INTERACTION AMONG AGENCIES AND** :
: **INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH** :
: **THE PROVISION OF BATTERER'S** :
: **INTERVENTION PROGRAMS IN MAINE.** :
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Website: The MABIPS web address is www.mabips.com. It was recommended that pictures and individual web pages are needed for the site, otherwise they are not compelling to read. Also, a list of facilitators should be put on the register of the bulletin board so people can check to make sure each person is truly a legitimate employee of a program.

By-Laws: The Bylaws are still in process. A discussion ensued about the issue of “associate” members and how do they differ from full members? Before that’s done the role and expectations of members need to be defined. For example, should associate members have a vote, pay a lower fee, have full access to all parts of the meetings? Everyone present agree that members need to be in agreement on ethical standards of confidentiality. Discussion on this at the next meeting.

Speaker: There was discussion about outside speakers at meetings for training purposes and obtaining CEU’s for the training meetings. **Bonnie Hardwick** offered to draft a letter to Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence the CEU’s, apparently it’s not a difficult process. All the details and approvals will be in place before a speaker is invited to a meeting.

Women Who Stay: **Cathleen Dunlap** came to speak from the program “Services for Women Who Stay”. It is a grant funded, one-year project looking at services for 1) women who want to stay with their partners,

2) how these women utilize services now and, 3) how to better serve them in the future. This is primarily in southern Kennebec County.

Cathleen reports that there is a perception and perhaps, rightly so, that DV Projects only help women who leave or want to leave. As a result, women who stay do not use DV Project services. Cathleen has formed a focus group to look at what kinds of services the women who stay really want from DV Projects. They are looking at what are the frustrations to serving women who stay? The community frustration is that “she keeps coming back for a protection order and then dropping it” so community resources tend to re-victimize out of their frustration. This system is still not focusing on the real question and issue: Why is he abusing?” When victims are asked how life is while their partners are attending Batterer Intervention Programs the women report that they are beaten much less but are getting more emotional abuse. They have asked for their own support group.

Standards: The State standards have been passed in both houses and are valid for two years. Clarification was asked for around the language “working with your local DV Project”, cannot go with anything implied. Bonnie Hardwick reported that there is a standards training for administrators on June 20, 2003 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Peer Consultation: There was some discussion around obtaining police reports once again. The men are being told they can’t have them and/or being charged a variety of amounts for the paper work. In some areas, having the men obtain the report and victim statement is seen as unsafe for the victim because in some cases, men are re-victimizing their partners and ex-partners after reading the reports. It was suggested the most expedient way to obtain the documents is to request a copy of the discovery from the DA’s office.

Retreat & Next Meeting: The weekend retreat will be August 8 at Sturtevant Island off Falmouth. The next business meeting is October 10, 2003 at Menswork in Augusta.

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MAINE STATE PRISON

MSP INDUSTRIES CHALLENGER SPACE SHUTTLE PROJECT



The Maine State Prison Woodshop has undertaken a very special project for Framingham State College. After a visit to the Prison Showroom last fall a college administrator called and asked if it would be possible for the program to hand carve a replica of the Challenger Space Shuttle for display at the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center. After some lengthy discussions with our work force and review of some detailed plans we accepted the offer.

The scaled replica will be 44” in length and have a 29” wing span. The shuttle body is being carved from basswood and will sit atop a cherry wood base. Many of the detailing descriptions and images used in this project have been provided to us by personnel at the Kennedy Space Center. This exciting project is coming along very well with an anticipated completion date of mid July 2003.

MAINE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

A Restorative Justice Initiative into the MCC Women’s Unit

A meeting was held recently in the Women’s Unit of the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham to discuss how the principles of restorative justice might be used in the informal resolution stage of the inmate disciplinary process. The principles of restorative justice are an important part of the Department’s Mission Statement and Guiding Principles.

The restorative justice pilot project discussion is just getting started but everyone is excited about the potential benefits that the project will offer both the MCC staff and offenders.



Restorative justice planning meeting participants, (left to right) **Jeff Merrill II**, **Denise Giles**, **Scott Burnheimer**, **Karlee Hoecker**, **Suzanne Rudalevige**, **Chris Kelley**, **Jim Howard** and **Ellis King** (not pictured).

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BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

MENTAL HEALTH AT BOLDUC

We have completed another session of the Alternatives To Violence Program (AVP). We had 18 prisoners participating with 2 prisoner trainers and a facilitator from our local AVP project.

AVP originated in the United States in 1975 when a group of inmates at Green Haven Prison in New York asked members of the local Quaker community to put together a program on communication and non-violence. The program was very successful, and since then AVP has expanded to many states and countries.

AVP is offered in intensive two and a half day workshops on three levels. The Basic Workshop concentrates on:

- * *Affirmation - building self-esteem and trust.*
- * *Communication - improving listening and assertive methods of expression.*
- * *Community Building - developing cooperative attitudes and a sense of oneself as part of a community.*
- * *Conflict Resolution - exploring and practicing creative and peaceful alternatives to resolving conflict.*

Advanced Workshops help inmates focus more deeply on the underlying causes of violence in their lives. The group chooses the theme it wishes to explore: topics like anger, stereotyping, or power and powerlessness. The Training for Trainers Workshop teaches participants how to become a facilitator for other inmates.

The first Alternatives to Violence workshop in Maine was held at the Bolduc Correctional Facility in 1995. Pascal Poe and Diane White, in the Education Department, were instrumental in getting the program started and supporting it through its first growing pains. Bolduc Correctional Facility has gone on to have a thriving program, with high involvement from prisoner facilitators.



Photo: Al Barlow and Jim Loomis



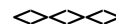
ADMINISTRATION

We have been working diligently on our ACA project. This is a very exciting time for our Department/Facility to be involved in this process. These standards set goals that will protect and promote the best environment we can offer for both prisoners and staff. We are looking forward to working with this worthwhile project for the rest of our careers in Department of Corrections.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Our Local Work Release program enables the prisoner to be accountable through payments of child support, restitution, etc.

We currently have about six (6) employers from our local area that participate in our Program with approximately twelve (24) prisoners that are able to share this opportunity. We expect the summer months to bring additional employment prospects that will benefit both the State and the Community.



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CHARLESTON CORRECTIONAL CENTER

CCF "RIDE-IN"

By Rob Pinkham, Sergeant



A very unique event took place this year during the "National Correctional Employees Week" at CCF. The first annual Charleston Correctional Facility "ATV Ride-In" was held where all interested CCF and MVDYDC employees were invited to tour the facility access roads and trails on the 7,000 acres of state owned land via ATVs and view the timber cutting/wood harvesting areas. It was as a huge success! Scheduled after work for two consecutive days to allow as many as possible to attend, we had 13 vehicles the first day, and five on the second day. The brainchild of Sgt. **Robin Pinkham** (Suzuki

500 Vinson) and organized by Sgt. **Dean Tuttle** (Polaris 300 Trail Boss), this event turned out to be a real fun time for all, even though all were quite wet and muddy. Only one person got stuck...yeah, you guessed it - Sgt. Tuttle! (while demonstrating how to traverse a log filled stream with 2-wheel drive). JFOS **Brian Carle** used 600 ccs of "Grizzly Power" and his winch to assist the Sergeant to more solid footing. Thanks from all of us to VTI **Steve Conner** (Polaris 500) for guiding us through the trails, and special recognition to CO **Jim Gerace** (Honda Rancher 350) for the most creative use of camo-tape to make his machine virtually invisible.

A NEW "HOME" IN BOWERBANK

Sergeant **Jim Chase** and wife **Donna** have always loved dogs, so the natural thing for them to do this spring was to open their own dog kennel, **Happy Tails Boarding Kennels**, at their home in Bowerbank. On May 31st, an open house was held for the new business from 9 am – 4 pm., including a view of the kennels and outdoor running area, prizes of dog toys and goodies, and even a free two-day stay. The new facility houses 8 kennels with Donna being the primary caretaker (while Jim is caretaker at CCF). Of interest to many is that **Jim**, a former handler for the **CCF K-9 Team**, brought his working bloodhounds home with him whenever possible, and provided them with a retirement home at the end of their services. A very affordable canine motel, **The Happy Tails Kennels** is located on the Bowerbank Road. Good luck to you **Jim** and **Donna** as new small business owners in Maine.



PERSONNEL

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dean Tuttle	19 years
George Simmons	16 years



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MOUNTAIN VIEW YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

PERSONNEL

ANNIVERSARIES

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Tom Davis	13
Tim Jones	13
Gary McCready	13
Jason Greenlaw	5

<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Scott Estes	19
Jim Breckenridge	17
Jodie Lord	15
Jackie Wilcox	13
Jeff Morin	11
Jennifer Moore	5
Janice Young	5
Joseph Riitano Jr.	5
Tammy Duncan	5

PROMOTIONS/ TRANSFERS

Harry Taylor from JPW to JPS

Tammy Duncan from Psych Social Worker II to Juvenile Program Manager in Female Unit

Barbara Atkinson from JPW to Psych. Social Worker II in the Detention Unit.

ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

Eric Campbell, JPW

Joseph Baker, JPW

James Elliott, Teacher; and

Bill Goodman JPW

CONGRATULATIONS

Marriages: On May 15, 2003 Mountain View Youth Development Center's JPW **Lee Parady** and JPS **Jeffrey Vance** were wed in quiet ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Vance plan a future honeymoon.

WELCOME BACK

To **Edwina Strout**, JPW, returning after her husband's much needed kidney transplant (see last issue). We are glad to report he is progressing very well.

To **Ed Danforth**, Special Ed Teacher for the Detention Unit after his surgery and recovery. We are glad to report "Special Ed" has stated he feels the best he has in years!

BLOOD DRIVE

By *Liz Brugger*, Chairperson

On June 9th and 10th, Mountain View Youth Development Center and Charleston Correctional Facility held a blood drive through Eastern Maine Medical Center's Blood Donor Program. The turnout was wonderful. We had 40 donors sign up, with 13 units collected on Monday and 12 units on Tuesday. It is interesting to note that a unit of blood helps save or enhance THREE lives, so that means our efforts helped 75 people! Thank you to everyone who signed up to donate and for being so kind and *courageous!* I also wanted to add that the blood drive staff commented on how much they enjoyed visiting with us, and they look forward to coming back in October.

EMBRYOLOGY-

Chick Hatching Project

By Roger Drazak, Science Teacher

In April 2003, we started a Biology Unit on Human Anatomy in Unit C and decided to incorporate a lab project dealing with hatching chicken eggs. This allowed the students to learn about the subjects of reproduction, embryology, incubator management, brooder management, and chicken management. During this embryology section, students compared the embryonic development of chicks to that of other animals, including humans. Students were able to observe many similarities among embryos of different species at particular stages of development.

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The students (6 boys) gathered information about incubator management in various ways. They researched from the computer, books, and people experienced in the hatching of chicken eggs. First of all, students learned the purpose of the incubator and how to regulate it. The eggs needed to be rotated three times a day. We also needed a system to track this task and the management of the incubator. We created a data log to record the date, time, temperature, humidity, notes, and names of people recording the data. The students rotated and recorded everything in the log once in the morning, once after supper, and once before bed for 21 days. Facility staff assisted us by allowing them access to the classroom to complete the rotation after hours. Staff assistance and cooperation greatly contributed to the success of the project.

The eggs were candled at various times during the incubation process. We constructed a simple device with a lamp and cardboard box, which allowed us to determine development of the embryos in the eggs, culling those that did not show viable embryos. After the 21 days of incubation, 30 eggs hatched! Once the chicks were dried off, the students transferred them to a brooder and taught each chick how to eat and drink.

A surprising and impressive result of this project was the boys' willingness to give an enthusiastic oral presentation to the E-Unit girls and teachers who exhibited interest in a similar project. The boys presented a great demonstration with pictures and notes detailing the work involved in hatching and caring for the chicks.

The entire project took about 26 days, one hour each day, and involved preparation and research three days, incubation and ongoing learning 21 days, managing chicks one day, presentation to another group one day. This project was a great learning experience for students, teachers, and staff. The students learned many science concepts about embryology, hatching, and animal care. Furthermore, they demonstrated responsibility, ownership, and respect for living things during this time. The students'

dedication to the project was remarkably pleasant, surprising many other students and staff, and proved their determination to complete their task. Others admired their achievement and dedication. Because of the success of our first hatching project and the willingness and determination of the students to do it again, maybe ducks next time?



On Follow up: Mr. Drazek did bring in some duck eggs, and out of 9 eggs, two hatched and were taken care of well by the students. The “cute ducklings” (as opposed to ugly) will now spend their summer at **Camp Perry's**, where they will be well nourished, cared for and the ultimate companions for all the grandchildren!

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

VOLUNTEERING AT MUYDC

By Sheena Lundin, Chief of Volunteer Services

In honor of National Volunteer Week, a Volunteer Banquet was held to recognize the commitment of volunteers to the youth at Mountain View. Chef Spahr and his culinary arts students prepared finger foods for the banquet. With all dressed in formal attire, they served each of the volunteers. Under the guidance of Michael Cushman, our music teacher, students presented a musical program that consisted of a solo, a French horn piece, a piano recital and a combined musical presentation. Residents also decorated gifts bags, made thank you cards, and presented them to each volunteer. All the volunteers expressed their delight of the evening's events.

The residents of the woodworking class are making wooden cradles for baby dolls, and wooden trucks and cars, which will be presented to the children's placement agencies in our community for the foster children they serve. The toys will be placed in the playrooms for the children to enjoy while they are at the offices.

Kevin Bickford and **Dawn Zimmerman** from the **Salvation Army Prison Ministry** have received volunteer training and will provide programs to the residents. The Volunteer Department arranged a meeting for them with our social workers to plan what would suit the needs of the youth at our facility and begin a partnership with this program.

The Volunteer Department has recently made presentations to the Maine Junior Quarter Horse Committee, the Ayuda Club of Milo, Care Development in Bangor, The United Methodist Church in Old Town, the Christopher Home in Caribou, with many more programs scheduled for presentations throughout the summer.

M.V. CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

By Mark Spahr, Culinary Arts Teacher

As a community service project, **Chef Spahr** contacted the Manna Soup Kitchen in Bangor to have his Culinary Arts students prepare 13 Apple Pies for Manna's Easter dinner. The students peeled over 100 apples by hand and everything was made from scratch.



SENTOC – STUDENT ENTERPRISES OF CHARLESTON

By Kathy Kemp, J.M.G.

SENTOC is managed by the Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) program. Kathy Kemp, JMG Program Manager/Educator is working with students, teachers, and staff to create companies and service providers from within the educational Interest Areas. For example, the Diversified Trades teacher, Brian Marchant, is teaching his students how to build their own wooden canoes. The Culinary Arts teacher, Mark Spahr, and his students are perfecting their skills with baked goods.

SENTOC is a constructivist entrepreneurial program at the Mountain View Youth Development Center designed to teach students life, work, and survival skills in preparation for their successful re-entry into society.

The creation of the SENTOC program will enable students the opportunity to form interest area companies, provide products and services, and participate in the entrepreneurial system that is vital to our economy and country.



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Region 1

STAFF CHANGES...

On June 25th, we welcomed **Frank Lyons** to our staff to assume the supervision of **Doug Boothby's** caseload as Doug moves into the fulltime York County Court Officer position. Frank is a familiar face to many of us through his years of employment as a Liquor Enforcement Officer in Southern Maine. Frank is known to many as the "gentle giant," a person who gets the job done and does it well without a lot of fanfare. This coupled with his years in law enforcement makes Frank a real asset to our Region. Welcome aboard, Frank.



STAFFERS RECEIVE

SPECIAL RECOGNITION...

On May 15th PPO **Tamson Ross** was the recipient of the Chief's Recognition Award presented to her by Chief of Police **Roger P. Beaupre** of the Biddeford Police Department. This award was given to Tamson in recognition for her superior and exemplary performance as a Probation Officer working in conjunction with the Biddeford Police Officers. Congratulations Tamson. Well done!

PPO **Sue Wiechman** also received special recognition this year from Associate Commissioner **Bud Doughty** for her handling of a very problematic probationer. Because of Sue's timely and professional response to a potentially explosive situation, the offender was located, apprehended and taken into custody in a very short time Professionalism at it's best and a job well done Sue!

"AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE"...



On Saturday May 24th at the Foreside Community Church in Falmouth, **Laura Nash** became the bride of **Cristian Rodas** in a lovely late afternoon ceremony. **Laura is the daughter** of PPO **Lisa Nash** and **hubby Jay** of Falmouth. Even though it was a miserable day outside, inside the church radiated the love and joy of family, friends and well wishers in attendance.

To Laura and Cristian, congratulations and best wishes are being sent your way now from all of us here at Region One. May your love remain strong and your life together be filled with much joy and happiness.



IT'S A GIRL...

PPO's **Scott** and **Laura Landry** are proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, **Madeleine Margaret** Landry born Saturday, May 17th at 7:18 AM at Mercy Hospital In Portland. Their brand new bundle of joy came into the world weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. Maddie will be the baby sister to her big **brother Curtis** in the Landry family. All are reported doing well. From all of us here, heartiest congratulations!

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS Region 1

We are once again experiencing changes in our Region. We are pleased to welcome **Chad White** as a new JCCO. He replaces **Stephanie Libby** and will cover her former caseload. He comes to DOC from DHS and we are glad he is a member of our team.

Tina Vermiglio is resigning her position as of next month to return to Connecticut to be with her family and return to school. We will miss her very much, she has done a marvelous job with her all female caseload and I am sure her juveniles will miss her as well. We all wish her the very best. She is taking a trip to Italy in a week and will be gone for a couple of weeks touring Italy.

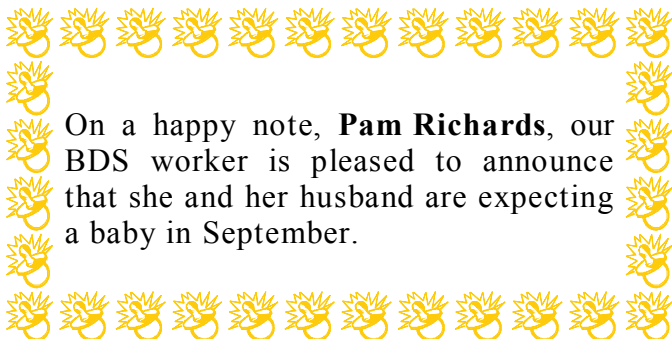
Elizabeth Buxton's last day will be June 17th as she is going out on medical leave before retiring. She has worked hard for 30 years for DOC and looks forward to spending some leisure time. She has been a dedicated and diligent worker and made a huge impression on many young lives and she will be very much missed by us all.

Finally after many years of very hard work with little breaks, **John Nevers** is taking 3 weeks off to take his **wife, Helen** and **daughter Courtney** on a trip. They are flying to California and then driving through many states, stopping at National Parks and viewing the beautiful west coast. I cannot imagine John leaving his caseload behind and enjoying himself but I surely hope they will have a wonderful time.

We have another joint staff meeting with Region II on June 27th and we look forward to getting together with another region as will miss our statewide conferences.

I hope everyone enjoys summer (if it ever gets here). It is nice to see green grass and flowers but the temperature could definitely get warmer as far as we are concerned.

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 On a happy note, **Pam Richards**, our BDS worker is pleased to announce that she and her husband are expecting a baby in September.