



DOC TALK

Maine Department of Corrections Newsletter

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT Mountain View Youth Development Center



Canine Program:

Children learn that direct eye contact, greeting others face-to face, hands outstretched, hugging, and smiling with teeth exposed are regarded as pro-social communication skills. Yet, when these particular communication skills are used to greet unfamiliar dogs, their meaning is anything but positive. Through Mountain View's Canine-Assisted Therapy Program, under the direction of Bangor Humane Society's Dog Obedience Trainer and Fly ball Champion, **Dawn Weber**, students at Mountain View learn the language of canines in order to safely facilitate dog obedience training and handling activities. Once "dog-friendly" body language is mastered, youth learn techniques for teaching obedience and begin making other valuable connections in the process.

Come, stay, sit, and stay down are basic commands for any young or untrained dog, just as be respectful, follow directions, and stay on task are basic rules for any juvenile. These young or untrained dogs have a lot of the same challenges, personality traits, behavior issues, and temperaments that many juveniles do. On any given day, one of these dogs can be doing really well with sit, stay, and down, for example, and suddenly, a distraction or impulse washes over them and they quickly revert back to old behavior. The dog is yanking on the leash, jumping up when he shouldn't, or wandering away when he's been told to come. In a flash, he has become a challenging juvenile testing the handler's skill, confidence, and patience.

Many students in our canine therapy program see themselves or their circumstances rather quickly in these dogs. If a student is working with a dog that wanders off and refuses to come, tunes them out like teenagers can or becomes uncooperative, what does the student as trainer do? Scream at the dog, yell at somebody else out of frustration, shut down, or give up? With Dawn Weber's guidance coupled with the help of MUYDC staff, the student learns to consistently work through the problem in a positive manner so the dog clearly understands and becomes motivated to follow through.

Dawn Weber has the experience and skill to highly motivate a dog to do anything she wants him to do. She also has a gift for quickly and efficiently showing what the handler needs to know for correcting the behavior of any given dog. She is encouraging, precise, consistent and allows for plenty of practice time. Mountain View Youth participating in the Canine program learn tools to teach and reinforce basic to advanced obedience commands, and also learn to work with dogs that have various behavior issues just as they do. They see how they can help a dog actually become a better dog, and in so doing, see how they're a more effective and positive communicator because of it. They feel a sense of accomplishment. They feel acknowledged. They feel listened to. They feel the joy that goes along with giving back to the community. They find it rewarding when they work through their own frustration with a dog's unwillingness to obey, and they feel great when they realize that because of them, through their patience, positive tone of voice, enthusiasm, and skill - this is happening. Through the Bangor Humane

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Central Office Victim Services



Victim Advisory Group Meeting – March 4, 2010

AGENDA

- BOC Performance measures for Victim Notification policy-**Ralph Nichols**
- Restitution at Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center
- Legislation

BOC Performance measures for Victim Notification policy-Ralph Nichols was not available, the Group recommends the performance measures for the BOC Policy 1 –*Victim Notification of Inmate Release* as follows:

Number of notifications for time served – end of sentence

Number of notifications for work release

Number of notification for supervised home release

Number of notification for Furlough release

Number of notification requested directly from the victim and number requested through the District Attorney's office.

The Group recommends the performance measures for the BOC Policy 2 – *Notification to Victims of Domestic Violence of Defendants Released on Bail* as follows:

Number of domestic violence offenders admitted to the jail

Number of domestic violence victims notified

Number of non-domestic violence victims notified

Total number of notifications

Total number of victims not able to be contacted

Denise Giles would also like to present the performance measures to the Jail Administrators at their next meeting on March 26th. **Captain Rich Wurpel**, Kennebec County Correctional Facility Administrator, will make the request to the President of the Association.

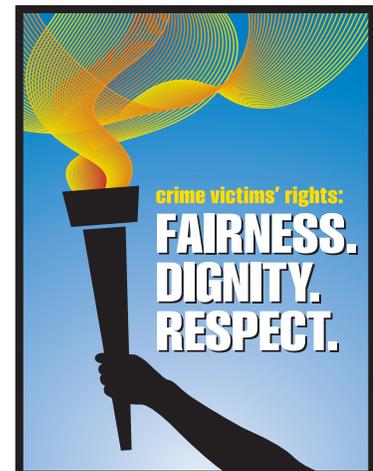
Restitution at Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center a pilot program will be instituted at MCRRC and they are working on all the potential future and present problems. **Michael Tausek**, MCRRC Director, will present the jail restitution program and has several questions for the March 18th meeting with Denise Giles and the Victim Witness Advocates of the six counties who may have inmates at the Center.

Legislation: The Group reviewed the Legislative Document 1583, noting that it had been amended and that there is a fiscal note attached. The committee reported on March 2nd that it ought to pass as amended.

Other Business: The Group was invited to attend the National Association of Victim Services Professional in Corrections conference which will be held in Portland, Maine, on October 20-22, 2010, at the Eastland Park Hotel.

Crime Victims' Rights Week - April 18-24, 2010

Department of Corrections Victim Services and the Board of Corrections, is hosting a Blaine House Tea, on April 22 to celebrate and recognize years of work by victims and advocates and the progress made to establish and promote victims' rights in Maine.





The photo in the November/December edition of DOC Talk of the “Vault” at Maine State Prison in Thomaston is of **Bill Crockett**. At the time of the photo he was a guard assisting in the Classification Department. He was an Assistant Classification Officer for a very brief period of time and it is believed that he actually served as the acting Classification Officer, also for a very brief period.

He then worked outside of the prison as a grounds crew supervisor where he was promoted to Sergeant. He was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant, Captain, Major, and eventually to the rank of Colonel or Chief of Security. He retired in 1979. Bill died shortly after his retirement in either 1980 or 1981.

Thank you to those who supplied the information on him.

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



Did You Know?

Credit Cards: New Law Protects Consumers from Surprise Fees, Rate Increases and Other Penalties - Some changes are effective now, most start in August 2010.

In May, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 — the Credit CARD Act — the most sweeping statutory changes in card protections for consumers since the Truth in Lending Act was enacted in 1968. The new law is intended to help protect consumers from abusive fees, penalties, interest rate increases and other unwarranted changes in account terms.

“Credit cards are a vital component of everyday life for consumers,” said Luke Brown, the FDIC’s Associate Director for policy issues involving bank compliance with consumer regulations. “This new law will help you better manage your credit cards and avoid unpleasant surprises.”

While the law generally will take effect on February 22, 2010, some important changes went into effect on August 20, 2009, and others not until August 22, 2010. For a look at key provisions visit <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cnum09/newlaw.html>



Continuing Education

Maine Adult Correctional Education Association Adult Education Hall of Flags Day

On February 10th, the Maine Adult Correctional Education Association (MACEA) hosted an exhibit at this annual event alongside adult education programs in the State Capitol rotunda. This is the once yearly opportunity to meet legislators and talk about the importance and impact which adult education can have on learners career progress and goals. Over the course of several meetings, MACEA Officers felt it was vital for MACEA to prepare for and develop a plan for the day, involving appealing and informational material to display and give out in addition to a presence to share information about correctional education in Maine's adult correctional facilities.

Richard Lumb, Ray Therrien, and Ellis King hosted this years MACEA table at which they displayed and provided information about our organization, MACEA Directories, membership cards, MACEA pads of paper, and a statewide map showing correctional facilities and their adult education program partners.

Special thanks to **Dean Darien**, Maine Correctional Center Print Shop Manager, for creating the Directories, pads, and membership cards exactly as hoped for and right on time. These MACEA items reflect the teaching and training Dean provides to his learners; these can certainly give them new and valuable skills to use on the outside as released inmates look to gain employment.

On January 29th, **Sue Knight**-Education Instructor at the Somerset County Jail, **Ellis King**, and **Bob Aubrey** were at the jail to start a pilot project involving inmates. This involved 10 volunteers randomly selected by Sue, to participate in a 72 question survey about education. The goal was to review how the process went, how long it took, the reaction to and comments from the participants, any resistance or difficulties encountered, and the information gained. Our goal to use this evaluation to finalize the survey and process to be used in the inmate education survey at a much larger sample across statewide correctional facilities. After each finished, they were given a short 4 question form asking for their thoughts and opinion and recommendations which they did and which we will incorporate in the final survey. We wanted their honest input and also felt the participants needed to be part of the survey creation process. A big Thank You to Sue who did all of the preparatory work before we arrived, and also to the inmates who were a willing and eager group who helped move this process.

The Adolescent Brain: Contemporary Research in Development Exploration of Implications and Applications

Karen Williams is a writer and speaker known for her ability to explain the latest neuroscience and apply it to real life situations. When she concluded her presentation to a group of ninety seven participants in Bangor, on February 26, 2010, it was her fifth presentation in a series of five that Karen did in New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine. The audience included Juvenile Community Corrections Officers, juvenile facility workers, attorneys, representatives from the Department of Education and many service providers.

The audience learned about the latest research on how the adolescent brain develops, how differently it works during the early adolescent years, and how anti-social behaviors are triggered and can be changed. This information has profound implications for organizations serving youth in correctional settings.

Karen was joined in the Bangor presentation by **Dr. Ross Greene**, author of two highly acclaimed books: *The Explosive Child*, and *Lost at School*. Dr. Greene promotes collaborative problem solving strategies, and he teaches us that "Kids do well if they can". If they are not doing

well, we adults need to figure out why, so we can help. Dr. Greene also believes that "Behind every challenging behavior is a lagging skill and a demand for that skill (i.e., an unsolved problem).

The response from the audience was extremely positive. Thank you Karen Williams and Dr. Ross Greene!



Karen Williams, Associate Commissioner Bartlett Stoodley,
Dr. Ross Greene

January and February

Service Anniversaries

5 Years of Service

John Hoyt	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Karen Tomah	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Vincent Will	Maine State Prison
Randall Williams	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Russell Belair	Maine State Prison
Ian Fish	Maine State Prison
Raymond French	Maine State Prison
Martin Jauregui	Maine Correctional Center
Shawn Hatt	Downeast Correctional Facility
Gayle Paine	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Patrick Doughty	Maine Correctional Center

10 Years of Service

Julia Jacobs	Region 4 Adult Community Corrections
Robert Lamarre	Region 3 Adult Community Corrections
Stacy Jensen	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Colin O'Neill	Long Creek Youth Development Center

15 Years of Service

Julie Harrington	Mountain View Youth Development Center
Peter Campbell	Maine State Prison
Curtiss Doyle	Maine State Prison
Ryan Fries	Maine State Prison
Gerald Hartley	Maine State Prison

20 Years of Service

John Coyne	Region 1 Juvenile Community Corrections
Douglas Cunningham	Downeast Correctional Facility
Ronald Secord	Maine State Prison
Iliia Stankov	Long Creek Youth Development Center
Michael Lokuta	Maine State Prison

25 Years of Service

Michael Mack	Region 1 Juvenile Community Corrections
Pierrette Ayotte	Central Office
Paul Dow	Bolduc Correctional Facility
Scott Norris	Maine State Prison

30 Years of Service

Susan Dumond	Bolduc Correctional Facility
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35 Years of Service

Ronald Sagner	Region 4 Adult Community Corrections
Wendell Atkinson	Maine State Prison/Bolduc Correctional Facility

Some of the Guiding Principles for the Department of Corrections

Achieving Results, Ensuring Quality Services and Meeting Professional Standards will only be achieved through clearly articulated goals and strategies informed by staff's experiences and research and supported by training. What we know works and doesn't work, will inform all our policies, the programs we develop and implement, and the decisions we make. We are committed on an ongoing basis to evaluating and measuring our programs' effectiveness.

Investing in our People and the Organization means that we will continually develop the organization and change and realign the existing systems to appropriately support new innovations. Change requires dynamic leadership who can manage the process of leading and directing an organization that integrates evidence based practices and collaboration into day to day operations and who can transform organizational culture.

Prevention will be promoted by working with families and communities to address those factors which put children and families at risk and to protect them from those risks.

"Setting an example is not one way of influencing another, It is the only way."
Albert Einstein



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Maine State Prison Bolduc Correctional Facility

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Director of Nursing

Brian Castonguay, Registered Nurse at Bolduc Correctional Facility, was promoted to Director of Nursing at Maine State Prison, Correctional Medical Services, on January 18, 2010. Brian has been with the Department of Corrections for over 11 years, starting as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Even though we congratulate him immensely, we miss him greatly and we are only consoled by knowing that he will still have oversight of the BCF Medical Department, along with **Carol Phillips** and **JoAnn Laggan**! He has taken on quite a challenge but we know that he can and will manage successfully! KUDOS, Brian!!



Bolduc Correctional Facility

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Please congratulate **Kevin Kramer**, former BCF Grounds & Equipment Supervisor, on his promotion to BCF Building Maintenance Supervisor. This new position began with the New Year and like the New Year, expectations are high but based on Kevin's prior job performance, he will exceed! His technical, operational, and managerial skills will carry over into his new duties, continuing to make him an asset of this facility.

Welcome **Scott Ambridge**. Scott came down the road, from Maine State Prison, to take the position of Bolduc's Grounds & Equipment Supervisor. This is quite a switch for Scott who was working as an assistant in the Personnel Department at MSP. His knowledge in planning and overseeing work details will aid in his success of meeting the responsibilities of this job. We're glad to have him on board!

The first graduating class of officers at the "new" Maine State Prison in Warren gave us **Gerry Bassett**. Gerry worked as a guard at MSP from 2002 until the end of last year. At that time, he was selected for the position of Vocational Building Trades Instructor at BCF. As Gerry develops curricula and plans his classes, we offer him our best wishes and support and know that with his skills, abilities, and knowledge this program will be another success story at Bolduc.

American Correctional Association congratulated the Bolduc Correctional Facility at their 2010 Winter Conference on January 25 in Tampa, Florida. This accreditation was awarded to the ACA Manager, **Wendell Atkinson**, for the satisfactory completion of a rigorous self-evaluation followed by a review by independent auditors. Bolduc was complemented on our professionalism and high standard of service. Let us strive to maintain this excellent achievement!

Years of Dedicated Service: **Ray Felt** began his career as a guard at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston in 1984. In 1990, he was promoted to a Sergeant. Two years later he was moved to Bolduc and made Lieutenant. In 2000, another promotion - the first Unit Manager! Ray continues to hold this position which has become quite a juggling act in recent years. However, Ray has played a major role in the achievements of BCF and we are proud to have such a committed manager on our staff.

Mae Worcester began her career at the Maine State Prison in Thomaston in April of 1976. After working as a clerk for a couple of years, she was promoted to the Community Programs Coordinator position. In 1997, she transferred to Bolduc as our CPC and after 34 years, she is still doing an outstanding job and still considered a valuable employee!

Thank you Ray and Mae!

Central Maine Pre-Release Center

It appears that the town of Hallowell has missed another bullet in terms of flooding as the ice jam that caused havoc with some of the down town businesses just a few weeks ago have largely broken up and moved down river. Town officials and our staff had been working on contingency plans that would utilize prisoner work crews to assist the town with moving/evacuation chores in the event of further flooding; but that appears to have passed, thank God. Now if we can continue to be so lucky throughout the remainder of the spring rains/thaw.

Public Work Crews have been busy, total man hour numbers contributed to the public for the year 2009 is: 28,370. It seems the worse the economy has become the more that local municipalities & nonprofit agencies have come to rely on assistance from our public service crews. Spring must be in the air as we are already starting to receive multiple requests for spring clean up jobs from various entities.

Work Release continues to be a struggle with the sluggish economy but, **Sergeant Beal's** persistence is paying off as we continue to have approximately 45% of our population working. Keeping our fingers crossed for a better spring & we have several irons in the fire with tentative jobs with Reed & Reed Corporation and boat yards on the coast. Sergeant Beal has also been assigned the responsibility of representing Central Maine Pre-Release Center with the Maine Department Of Correction's training/implementation of Prison Rape Elimination Act requirements.

Sergeant Colfer, a twenty five year veteran of the MDOC has returned to work after several months out recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Correctional Officer John Shaw will be transferring back to Maine Correctional Center and **Correctional Officer Mike Boyce** to C shift once we finish the interview/transfer hiring process.

Congratulations to **Correctional Officer/Cook Derek Crommett** who has completed his mandatory Maine Criminal Justice Academy training and is now back in the kitchen full time; I know that his supervisor and co-worker appreciate that as do the other staff and prisoners who experience his culinary talents first hand.

Congratulations on the retirement of **Spectrum Health Systems State Director, Jim Sims**. Central Maine Pre-Release Center and Spectrum staff wishes him well in his new adventures!

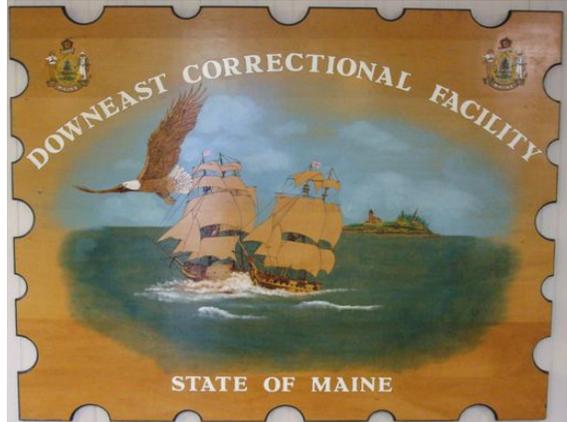
State Board of Corrections

If you would like to know what the State Board of Corrections (BOC) is working on; go to the State Board of Corrections on the Maine Department of Corrections web-site (<http://www.maine.gov/corrections/index.html>)

Go to the Calendar site to access the BOC meeting agendas and the minutes of each meeting.

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Downeast Correctional Facility



Message from Director Jones

Downeast Correctional Facility will soon be marking its 25th year anniversary. The facility values the well respected history it has established within the community and continues to honor and maintain the community support it enjoys.

Above all the facility's most treasured asset is its dedicated and knowledgeable staff. Experienced security personnel are highly valued in any correctional setting. Over years of service lessons are learned, mistakes are made, and valuable experience and insight is gained. The facility also reaps the rewards of its maintenance staff many of whom are experienced with knowledge that can only be gained through a history of working on and within the physical plant. Downeast Correctional Facility is indeed fortunate to have over 50% of its personnel with ten or more years of experience. This level of experience and knowledge is a tremendous asset in maintaining the facility and ensuring its safe and secure operation.

Downeast Correctional Facility's program department provides various services for the prisoners including; industry programs in woodworking, garments/upholstery, and auto repair and maintenance. Also available are vocational programs in carpentry and welding. In addition the facility provides educational and library services; case plan services; classification services; and medical services. Our community restitution prisoner work crews provide thousands of hours of community service for towns, local schools, churches and civic organizations.

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Long Creek Youth Development Center

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ODE TO THE BEARS

(T.J. Whitcomb)

*We gather here today to encourage our team
Who are trying to live every ballplayer's dream
Wouldn't it be something that is pretty cool
If they brought home a championship to the A.R. Gould School?
Let's take a minute to meet this group
Who seem pretty good at filling the hoop
Former Deering ballplayer Ian Nono
His athleticism and dunks are a big part of the show
Rebounding specialists Gedeon and Tra Pham
Both have improved at boxing out their man
Hopkins and Abdullahi both contribute a lot
They've hustled all year and worked on their shot
When Grimmick and Aldrich come out on the floor
They'll play great defense and help their team score
Losuk, York, and Ishag it seems
Can steal the ball away from any other team
So continue to work hard and enjoy the ride
And when it is all over you can feel some pride
Because you guys are making the journey
To play in a state basketball tourney
A ride up to Augusta will be quite a trip
If filled with many baskets and good sportsmanship
We're all proud of you guys and we'd like to see
You represent yourself well and win the Gold Ball of Class D!*

ONE TEAM ONE HEART

(Kim Deering LCYDC Athletic Director)

The AR Gould BEARS basketball team finished their regular season, undefeated, with an 11-0 record. The final game of the regular season was preceded by the very first Pep Rally ever held at Long Creek. The BEARS finished #2 in the Class D Western Maine Heal Points system. A reason to celebrate! At one point in the season they were #1, knocking off Richmond out of first place for two days.

With a lot of work from MANY people at Long Creek, the BEARS were heading to the Class D tournament at the Augusta Civic Center. Gould's Head Coach, **JPS Tom Profenno** motivated the team throughout the season and prepared them for the big day. The BEARS looked sharp in their dress clothes entering the Civic Center and they looked sharp in their uniforms, on the court. The BEARS first game was against Greenville High School. They were nervous but also excited. This was the first time they had played in a different gym all season. This



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One Team One Heart continued

was more than a gym though. This was a stage where it was predicted to be the most anticipated game of the day, according to many Maine people who follow high school basketball closely. There was no doubt all eyes were on them as they walked into the building. The Gould team was somewhat of a mystery to all who did not have an affiliation with them. The boys handled this experience as if they had been there several times before. Perfectly! Gould won their first tournament game with a score of 72-59. One of the BEARS broke a tournament record at the Augusta Civic Center by scoring 45 points in a single game. The old record was 43 points.

Gould was ready for the semifinals the following Wednesday. They were facing the Vinal Haven Vikings, who upset higher seeded Valley. The routine was the same regarding preparations. The BEARS were ahead all game except late in the 4th quarter following a series of calls that were not in favor of the BEARS. They tried their best to remain focused and gain back the lead but the shots weren't falling. The A.R. Gould BEARS lost the game 55 to 45 in an upset. The BEARS played with a lot of heart and class and left Augusta winners no matter what.

Upon arrival back to Long Creek, signs plastered the hallways and gym walls that read, "You are gold to us!" The team was received by a gym filled with residents and staff cheering on their efforts and showing their BEAR Pride. The team had pizza together for lunch. The topics of conversation were ones of disbelief that the season was over but eventually you could hear the conversations turn to the future and what opportunities will lay ahead for them involving basketball as well as how they are going to carry this positive energy, which they felt throughout the season, on to other areas of their lives.

As Napoleon once said, "Ability is of little account without opportunity." Thank you to everyone who had a hand in giving these kids the opportunity to play at each level. Thanks also to those who supported the team in one way or another throughout the season. Your time and effort is invaluable to the program no matter how small.

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LCYDC TEAM PLAYERS SUPPORT 16TH ANNUAL SWISH OUT CHILDHOOD CANCER CHALLENGE

Joanne West

Team "Hoop Dreams" comprised of LCYDC JPWS' **David Grant, John Emerton, and Steven Sults** were one of 33 teams that played in the "16th Annual Swish-Out Childhood Cancer Challenge" on January 31, 2010. Team Hoop Dreams placed third in the event which was supported by credit unions of Maine. The 2010 tournament benefit raised almost 25,000.00 for the Maine Children's Cancer Program.



The tournament, founded by **Dr. Noel Paradise** in 1994, began with seven teams and raised just over 500.00. All of the teams in the competition are composed of players from families, businesses, and organizations in central and southern Maine. Tournament director **Jon Paradise** summarized this year's basketball benefit as "proof of what can be accomplished as a community. From the participants and sponsors, to the spectators and volunteers, the success of this event is directly related to the people who take the time to support it. It is so rewarding to see

the number of teams that return year after year because of their experience and the cause".

Congratulations to the team "Hoop Dreams" for your success in the tournament and your support for the Maine Children's Cancer Program. LCYDC JPWS' **David Grant, John Emerton, and Steven Sults** with HOOP DREAM TEAM MEMBERS

Thank you to **John Stetson** for the photo of the basketball team



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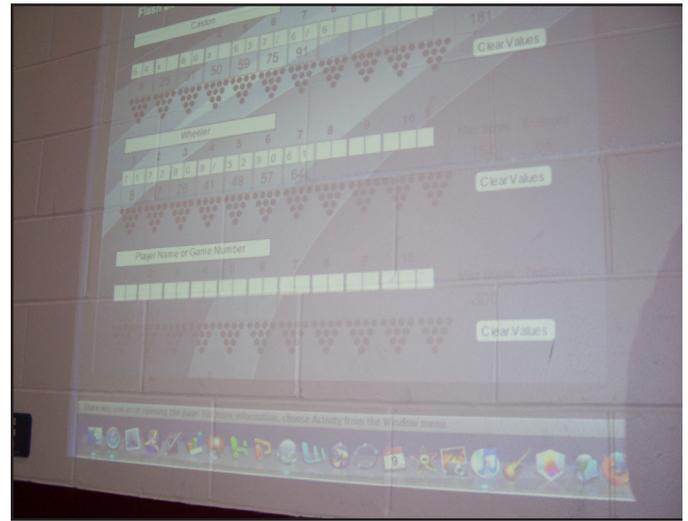
Mountain View Youth Development Center

Physical Education Program

by Coach Bob Seccareccia

For the fifth year now Mountain View Youth Development residents have been participating in a comprehensive physical education program, that includes team sports such as soccer, flag football, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, team hand ball, floor hockey, large group games and softball, as well as participating in fitness testing that includes, the mile run and indoor test as in shuttle run, sit up test, push up-chin up test, and flexibility test; as well as jumping test (standing long jump and vertical jump).

About 2 years ago there was a need to give residents who graduated from "school" or earned their GED to have a different type of physical education program. In designing this program for the residents in the JMG (Jobs for Maine graduates), we took into consideration of the age group and type of activities to offer. Since most working adults are more likely to partake in leisure activities, we choose those activities to include in the yearlong program. What you see below is bowling, part of four activities called recreation sports tournament.



Residents' play four different games bowling, ping-pong, horse shoes and the tail gate game called corn hole toss with a partner. You will also notice the use of technology in the classroom. A laptop supplied by Maine Learning Technology Initiative has given way to the use of a bowling calculator downloaded to provide the scoring that closely models the ones used in bowling centers.

Program Spot Light

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Weber provides a canine program that takes place in the community for pass eligible juveniles who want work experience in dog care and training. This program provides the opportunity to gain work experience for resume building. Upon program completion, Weber provides a letter of recommendation or certificate of completion to students that states how well they performed, that they have a good work ethic, follow direction well, work well with canines, and would be an asset to a facility that cares for pets.

The Mountain View Canine-Assisted Therapy Program is facilitated and supervised by **Pamela Jelley**, Science Teacher and **Michael Pratt**, Jobs for Maine Graduates Instructor. Many thanks to them for supporting a positive, challenging, goal-oriented, and successful program that gives Mountain View students many opportunities to work through frustration, develop positive reinforcement training techniques, and be responsible for the safety, care and well-being of canines.



Mountain View Students donate Blankets to the Bangor Humane Society

By Lori Prestridge, SPED Director, MVYDC

Students from Mountain View recently donated blankets that they had made to the Bangor Humane Society. This heart felt donation was the inspiration of D Unit staff. Many thanks went to all the students who gave of their time to create these beautiful blankets with the hope that they will give comfort to many unwanted dogs and cats. Continue reading for more information on this years K-9 program.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Region 1, Adult

Region 1, as most of you know, encompasses York and Cumberland Counties. Our main office is in Portland but we also have offices in Biddeford, Springvale and Naples. We have 21 officers supervising approximately 1700 offenders. This includes several officers who are sex offender specialists, domestic violence specialists and female offender specialists. Treatment programs for sex offenders and substance abusers are held in several of our offices. *Movin On* (Women's Cog group) is now up and running in York County and it is hoped that it will be running in Cumberland County in the near future. Having treatment groups in the offices has greatly enhanced our ability to supervise offenders. Close communication with treatment providers keeps us up to date with the work and effort that offenders are making.

The Region 1 Portland office has truly settled in to their new space. The convenience of the office and the parking has been wonderful!!! As the supervisor in this region I am continuously amazed at the variety of issues that officers are called upon to deal with on a daily basis. You could not make this stuff up. Recently, officers completed a house call in a building in Portland that looks like it was either harboring illegal aliens or was a house of "ill repute". As a result, the city of Portland closed the building down. Other officers provided assistance and information to an offender who was being sexually assaulted. Still others have done a great job working with a wide variety of mentally ill and/or suicidal offenders by helping them to connect with appropriate resources in the community which is no easy task. In the most southern part of the state officers are trying to complete their jobs with even fewer resources available from York county which is struggling financially. These struggles have impacted both law enforcement and the courts. Officers have provided assistance when and where they can and they continue to get the job done.

This may sound corny but there is no doubt in my mind that probation officers have a huge impact on increasing public safety as well as helping to improve the lives of offenders on a daily basis. This is difficult, time consuming work that requires patience and good judgment. I am impressed with all that they do.

Region 1, Juvenile

Rick and Kelli Rogers announced that their son Richard is back state side after a one year deployment to Iraq. Thank you Rick for the work that you do in the Armed Services.

Dan Harfoush expressed his appreciation to JCCO's **Diana Duff, Kelli Rogers, Rick Rogers** and **John Coyne** for their participation in conversations about the future implementations of CPS throughout other Regions in Juvenile Services. Dan said that they represented the Region well and their experiences were well received.

Recently **Robert Swett**, serving as an Administrative Assistant in the Region 1 South Portland Office, moved on to the Biddeford DHHS offices. Bob was a great asset to the workplace. He came to Region 1 on a temporary assignment and jumped right into the work at hand. His job performance was exemplary during the time that he was in our office. Our LOSS is DHHS's gain. Good Luck Bob!!

HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY wish to **Melissa Matthews** JCCO Region I

Region 4, Juvenile

Well to start things off we're all so glad to have **Bill Francis** back from Afghanistan. Been a long year for him but hopefully he's home for good! Welcome back Bill...we all missed you!! Our office has been very quiet since last fall due to **Alison Smith** and **Donna Miles** retiring. Very very different without them here. Didn't realize how much noise they made until they were gone..LOL **Dan Delahanty** has come on board and has been doing some of Donna's area along with all of this case load. He's a great addition and a big help! **Julie Leavitt** has moved down to Old Town from Aroostook County and has taken Alison's case load. Fits right in here like she's worked in this office forever! Very easy going and fun to have around. **Kerry Stefani**, she's great to have in the office as she keeps us all up on the latest fashion trends. **Sue Colson's** daughter's both had their birthdays last week. Two teenagers in the house...!!! **Roxann Austin**, well she's just really busy with her new grand daughter Ava...She's having way too much fun with her. **Jeff Leonard's** daughter has come to live with him full time since fall so things are pretty hectic at his place these days. All kinds of changes going on. **Tom Pales**, well he's seeing all this good weather and trying to make up his mind if he wants to keep coming to work everyday or go on a permanent vacation somewhere warmer. We're wondering how hard it will be to make that decision, we all know what we'd pick! People in Aroostook County, **Carolyn Chandler, Gary Sanfacon** and **Kelly Chartier** are just waiting patiently for spring to arrive up there. It's on it's way!! Jane lost her sister very recently so we've all had her in our thoughts and prayers. **Josh and Mary Jones** have been doing their trainings here and there and have been keeping busy with that lately. **Deb Reynolds** is in Florida so we know she's definitely having more fun than us here at work. **John Bennoch** is on vacation and **Shawn Nelson** is heading to Florida for a couple of weeks too. That leaves **Dave Barrett** and **Galan Williamson** and probably they just need to hang around so someone's here to run the ship. Until the next time...Enjoy this awesome spring weather!!

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