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Department
of Correction

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Our motto: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dignity, Excellence

AT WORK



Charlene Perkins ReEntry Center Dedication Ceremony

Whether going to the beach, camping or to the interstate, passers-by on shoreline Route 156 still look over and say “it’s Niantic jail.” Many in town still haven’t gotten used to calling the state’s only female facility, York Correctional, even though it’s been more than a decade since the dedication. Well, as of Friday, local residents may still call the newly-renovated brick building, Niantic, but it is now officially known as the Charlene Perkins Center, an alternative residential program for female offenders. With the proud family of Charlene Perkins by her side, and an audience including state and local dignitaries looking on, Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz on June 10th, cut the ribbon and officially dedicated the old administration



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From the Commissioner

Since I have been commissioner, I have frequently used the motto, “One vision, one mission, one team” to symbolize our success as a correctional agency. Along with our organizational values as embodied in P.R.I.D.E., it represents the emphasis on teamwork that is essential to maintaining our core foundation of safe, secure and orderly facilities in conjunction with effective treatment and management systems. Regardless of our job classification, **each of us has a mission critical role to perform.** Our overall effectiveness is enhanced when we respect each other, work together, and share our commitment to public safety, staff safety, and reinforcing offender responsibility to be law abiding. It is my belief that there is no greater profession than public service, no greater mission than public safety, and no greater reward than public confidence. My vision includes our agency representing the best in public service, that all employees embrace our mission, and that working as one team our success is guaranteed.



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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration

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About and for
correctional
professionals

June 5 - 18, 2005

Tip-A-Commissioner

Pictured left to right in the photo (**below**) are James M. Thomas, Commissioner Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Hartford Police Chief Patrick Harnett, Department of Correction Deputy Commissioner Brian



Murphy and Commissioner Theresa Lantz. These “Top Cops” take a moment from “waiting tables” to pose for the camera at the Tip-a-Commissioner Event held at a Coaches Bar and Grill on May 26th. The event featured top officials from local law enforcement agencies as wait staff and they raised a total of

\$3,024.00 for CT Special Olympics.

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building at the York Correctional Institution as the Charlene Perkins Re-Entry Center.

“We must break the cycle of incarceration dependency that brings so many of these women back to us time after time and in its place create a mindset of community self-sufficiency,” said Commissioner Lantz.

The outdoor ceremony, which included the program’s first 77 offenders, was highlighted by remembrances of Charlene Perkins, a former deputy warden of Niantic and Population Management Director. The 17-year veteran, whose office had been in the building, which now bears her name, was memorialized for her efforts to positively assist the inmate population.

Commissioner Lantz has established the enhancement of support for the successful reintegration of offenders as a priority of her administration. The Center, which accepts women within 18 months of discharge, provides intensive programming in such areas as substance abuse, domestic violence and family issues.

Commissioner Lantz challenged the offenders present to fully utilize the programming that is available to them so that they would not return to incarceration.

One of the offenders read the Center’s Creed, which the women recite at the beginning of each day. In part it states, “...clearly our release is inevitable but our continued freedom is up to us. We will prepare ourselves to become productive law-abiding members of our communities.”

Warden Lori Ricks hosted the ceremony that was conducted in front of the center which had been completely beautified to a park like quality by the facilities management staff of York CI.

Agency Good Neighbors

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Northern CI - Staff at Northern helped support the CT-Special Olympics. A sign was donated from fund raisers and the NCI QWL Committee. The sign was placed along the route of the Torch Run. In the photo are the following supporters: Lyn Lombardo, Melissa Guzie, Heather Thibodeau and Jim Zuccalo. Other staff also participated, but were not in photo. They are: Scott Szaban, Yadira Sterling, Tony Barone, Shirley Lambert, Diane Sullivan



(Above) Heather Thibodeau, Lyn Lombardo, Jim Zuccalo and Melissa Guzie

Enfield CI - On March 24th Enfield CI Staff responded to a Code White in C Building and discovered an inmate who was unresponsive. Officers Lowe, JL Santana, Moran, Dubish and Nurse Vincenzo performed life saving techniques, to include the use of the AED

Lifepak Defibrillator on the inmate. The inmate was revived and then transported to an outside hospital for further treatment. Warden Peter Murphy gave the following accolades: "I am both impressed and very proud of the responding employee's implementation of Departmental Training. They rendered aid to someone in need and saved a life. It is a gratifying feeling to have such a knowledgeable and professional work force who consistently rise above difficult circumstances and achieve remarkable results."

Diversity Day at the IRS

Facing a room full of auditors from the Internal Revenue Service is typically an experience that no one looks forward to. But it was the topic of diversity and not taxes that brought Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz to the agency's Hartford office recently for a diversity observance program entitled, "Women Making a Difference in Connecticut." Commissioner detailed her 29-year career in corrections, explaining that in 1976 it was an extremely non-traditional career for a woman. From the first woman officer in the male high security unit, to becoming a state firearms champion, "If you want to get the guys' attention beat them at the firing range," Commissioner detailed her achievements. She also reviewed the highlights of her tenure as head of the Department of Correction, the mental health consolidation, reintegration enhancement, sexual harassment policy and staff diversity which the Department is proud of and seeking to expand. "I always think of diversity as a flower garden," said the Commissioner. "You don't plant all one kind or color of flower, but many different kinds of plants and that's what makes a great garden." Commissioner Lantz was joined in the program by Revenue Services Commissioner Pam Law and the President of Asnuntuck Community College, Dr. Martha McLeod.



(L-R) Commissioner of Revenue Services Pam Law, President of Asnuntuck CC Dr. Martha McLeod and Commissioner Theresa Lantz

2005 Torch Run

Warden Eileen Higgins is holding the torch as she leads the group of runners from Bergin CI during the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics movement worldwide. Law Enforcement officers from every state and more than 30 countries carry the Flame of Hope



in honor of the Special Olympics athletes in their area and around the world.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is an international series of torch relays, run by law enforcement officers, leading up to each state or nation's Special Olympics Summer Games. Law Enforcement officers raise money in conjunction with their respective Torch Runs for their local Special Olympics programs.

In Connecticut, more than 3,000 officers from law enforcement, corrections, state police, federal, college and university agencies participated. In addition to the actual run, departments will conduct other ancillary fundraising events, such as Tip-A-Cops.

Around the cell block

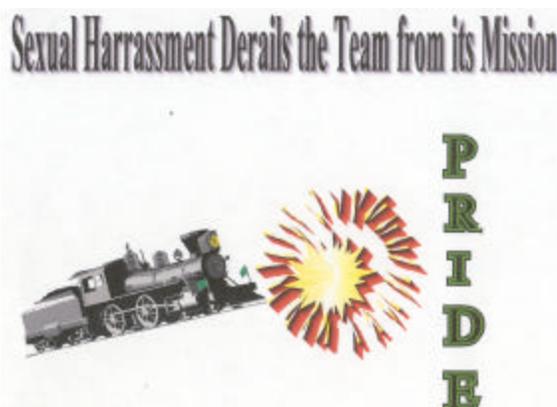
England- Politicians are upset that inmates at a new prison will be pampered with reflexology, aromatherapy and Indian head massages.

Canada- Officers in the federal prison system have received a replacement for the light blue uniform that they say made them look like McDonald's employees.

Vermont- The new superintendent of the Springfield prison says since his officers are working eight hours of overtime a week he needs 10 additional staff.

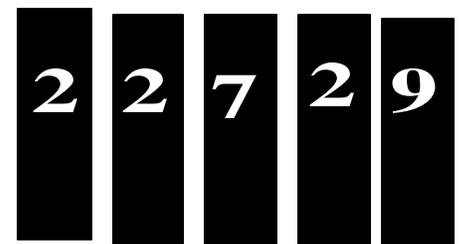
Washington- The Supreme Court upheld a federal law requiring prison officials to accommodate inmate religious practices if they can be balanced with safety and security.

In an effort to help create awareness and understanding of what sexual harassment can lead to, the Sexual Harassment Advisory Committee has created posters for display. Keep your eyes open and you will soon see a variety of new posters on your facility walls alerting us all to sexual harassment issues.



Supervised Population on June 15,

2005



On June 15,, 2004 the population was 22,810.

New S.O.G. Commander

Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy congratulates Captain Dennis Roche of Robinson CI on his new appointment as the Special Operation Group (SOG) Commander.



Did you know?

Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This week's issue was submitted by Nick Costanzo who can be reached at 860-692-7564. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860-692-7554.



Most people think soldering or sweating copper pipes can be a very difficult thing to do, but in reality it is a fairly easy task to perform. Just follow these simple guidelines and take all precautions against fire while using a torch.

There are two basic forms of copper pipe or tubing, rigid and flexible. Rigid pipe is most commonly used in new home construction and more difficult to work with than flexible tubing. Rigid tubing comes in 20-foot lengths of copper, it is cut and joined with copper fittings and makes for a neat installation (these are the copper pipes you usually see in your basement). Soft tubing or flexible tubing comes in a roll and is used where rigid tubing is impractical to use because of lack of accessibility.

Copper pipe is available in three basic types: Type M (denoted by red lettering on the exterior) is a thinner walled tubing usually used for heating system piping. Type L (denoted by blue lettering) is a medium walled tubing usually used for domestic water lines and type K (denoted by green lettering) is the thickest and is better known as the flexible tubing. Very rarely will the average homeowner use type K tubing so either use M or L in any repairs or construction that you might make.

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MVP's:

Alicia, Edward	CC	MYI
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Selander, Jeffrey	Lt	HCC
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Snedeker, Edward	CO	MYI
Trapp, Robert	CO	BrgnCI
Valeriano, Armando	Capt	CO
Velez, Ferdinand	CO	NHCC
Wales, Preston	CO	HCC
Young, Kenneth	CO	MYI

Bike Project Update

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(Above) Officer Chuck Marshall of CRCC making a last minute adjustment on a donated bike

The Corrigan-Radgowski CC culminated their annual bike program earlier this month. They assembled over 80 bikes for the Helping Hearts and Hands Organization of Norwich. The organization will distribute the bikes to needy kids in the area.

Calendar

July 17 - First Annual Special Olympics Motorcycle Run Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Litchfield Community Field. Donations are \$20 for Riders and \$10 for Passengers. Please contact Officer Bangie Vazquez at 203.250.2639 or Lt. Bill Waterhouse at 203.250.2665 for additional information.

July 22 - Retirement Party in honor of Mike Butterworth will be held at the Oakdale Firehouse from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. A donation of \$25.00 includes hors d'oeuvres, buffet meal, beverages and a gift. For tickets please call: Duane Kelley @ 860.848.5742, Stephen Faucher @ 860.848.5702, Timothy Woodcock @ 203.271.5178, Phil Princevalle @ 860.691.6978 or Bobby York @ 860.848.5700.

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Did you know? cont'd

Cutting into copper tubing: Before cutting into any copper lines in your house, be sure that the water supply is isolated, you can tell if it is isolated if you turn on the plumbing fixture that it is supplying and the water stops running completely (this may take a few minutes). If the water does not stop completely, do NOT attempt to cut into the line, instead try to shut off the entire house using the main water shutoff. At this point, if the water still does not stop flowing contact a professional plumber he may have to shut the water off at the street or well and replace a valve or two. When the water has been stopped, with a tubing cutter simply place it at the location you want to cut the pipe and turn the cutter handle until the sharp cutting wheel makes contact with the pipe. Now rotate the entire tubing cutter around the tubing gradually turning the handle slightly to apply constant tension, keep spinning the cutter around the tubing until it finally cuts through.

Soldering or sweating a copper joint: After you have cut the copper pipe, make sure all the water is drained out, clean the end of the pipe with a piece of plumbers sand cloth, steel wool, or 4 in 1 tool being careful not to touch the ends of the cleaned pipe with your fingers, apply flux or soldering paste with a flux brush. Now, clean the inside of the fitting you will be using with a fitting brush and apply the flux to the inside of the fitting as you did to the outside of the pipe. Slide the fitting in place and connect all ends to be soldered. (Before you do this next step you might want to practice on a scrap piece and fitting) Using a propane torch apply the tip of the flame to the outside center of the fitting moving the flame around slowly. Once the fitting starts to discolor remove the heat and apply the lead free solder to the joint, the solder should draw into the joint, if it does not apply more heat until it does being careful not to overheat the fitting. Apply solder to all joints and then let cool. Wipe the fitting with a clean rag, look to see that solder has been drawn all the way around the fitting, if not re-solder. Once you think you have a good solder joint slowly turn the water on and check for leaks.

Key points when soldering: Never try to solder if there is water in the line. Always use lead free solder, never use acid core. If you are soldering close to wood or combustibles remove them if possible, if not cover them with a piece of sheet metal or multiple pieces of tin foil. Practice on a scrap piece of pipe and fitting if you are unsure of your ability. And most important of all, Always have a Fire Extinguisher available.

DOC Staff Recognized by US Attorney

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Among the ranks of local, state and federal law enforcement officers from across the state, recently recognized by Connecticut's United States Attorney, were three staff members of the Connecticut Department of Correction. The U.S. Attorney's eighth annual awards presentation was held at New Haven City Hall, and praised those who have contributed to convictions in some of the state's highest profile cases over the past year. In one of the first applications of the crime of, "Threatening the Use of a Weapon of Mass Destruction and Delivery," DOC Captain Joseph Carlone was recognized for the successful prosecution of Noel Davila. Davila, a former high ranking member of the Latin Kings, had sent a letter, with a white powder claimed to be anthrax, to the Connecticut State's Attorney's Office in Bridgeport. He received a three-year sentence. Also praised at the ceremony were Parole and Community Services Supervisor Teri Williams and Officer Stephen O'Connor for their role in the successful Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative in Waterbury. That state and federal partnership has resulted in the prosecution of 107 cases of firearm possession by felons since 2003 and has positively contributed to the city's quality of life. Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz was in attendance to personally congratulate her staff.



(L-R) Capt. Joe Carlone, Commissioner Theresa Lantz, Parole Supervisor Teri Williams and Officer Stephen O'Connor

C.E.R.T. Recruitment

Director Richard Miele of the Tactical Operations Unit has announced the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) is recruiting new members to fill current vacancies.

Candidates should be familiar with Administrative Directive 7.4, Emergency Response Units, and should be in compliance with Section 8. Emergency Response Unit Member Selection, Appointment and Retention Criteria. A CERT Member Application is attached.

Interested candidates must submit a copy of the previous year's attendance, last evaluation, three letters of recommendation and a one or two paragraph letter explaining the reason for applying for this position. All perspective candidates must pass the DAS physical assessment test and complete a two-week Tactical Operation training session before being assigned to C.E.R.T.

Applications must be forwarded to the employee's Warden for signature no later than July 15, 2005. Wardens will then forward the application to the CERT District Executive Officers accordingly (Lieutenant Greg Harding, North District or Lieutenant Robert Martin, South District). If there are any questions, you may contact the Tactical Operations Unit, Statewide CERT Commander, Captain Stephen Faucher at 860-848-5836. We are searching for the Department's finest to join this critical, elite team.

Calendar, Cont'd

July 23 - K-9 Olympics

September 25 - Blue Mass for Law Enforcement at the Cathedral of St. Patrick located at 213 Broadway in Norwich

December 10-12 - 2005 Road Trip to the Texas Stadium to see the Dallas Cowboys vs. the Kansas City Chiefs. For more information contact Dirmy Mack at 203.250.2690



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