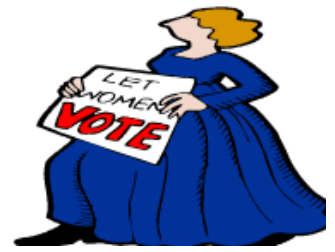


# Hotline

March is Women's  
History Month



## NEWS IN CORRECTIONS

In February, **Governor Tim Pawlenty** directed state agencies to implement hiring restrictions because of a forecasted budget deficit. The governor recognized exceptions for certain positions necessary to maintain public safety and support critical government functions. Corrections officers were specifically mentioned as an exception to the restriction.

In March, the **Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Faribault** will open the first of three new 416-bed living units. Between March and May of 2008, 672 Faribault offenders will be moved into the new units. Construction of the first unit is Phase II of a four-phase expansion plan and adds 181 beds to the facility. Phase II also includes renovation of existing living units into program space and a remodel of Faribault's long-term care unit. The \$27.9 million project addresses issues of safety and security, offender population growth and the need for a long-term care unit for an aging population.

A **National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) resource guide** is now available online to help communities and organizations provide awareness of crime victim issues. The online guide includes posters, press releases, public service announcements and crime victimization statistics. NCVRW will be April 13-19. During this time, Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities will hold programs and events to recognize and raise awareness of crime victims' rights. To download the resource guide or learn more about NCVRW, visit [www.ovc.gov/ncvrw](http://www.ovc.gov/ncvrw).

**David Schiebel**, fugitive investigator with the DOC Office of Special Investigations (OSI), has been awarded a *Medal of Commendation* by the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). Schiebel received the award for his efforts that resulted in the arrest of a robbery suspect in October 2007.

**Erin Spruance**, investigator-corrections intelligence, OSI, has been nominated for the MPD *Investigator of the Year* award. Spruance has been involved in a two-year federal investigation of a violent street gang in South

Minneapolis. She has dedicated thousands of hours to the investigation, which has resulted in 18 federal convictions, 9 murder convictions, 63 guns recovered and more than 5 kilograms of crack recovered.

The MCF-Stillwater's second annual **Transitions Fair** was held in November 2007. During the fair, organizations from the community provided information on programs that help offenders transition back into the community when they are released. A total of 34 organizations participated in the event, including representatives of education, housing and employment programs.

**Grant Duwe**, DOC manager of research and evaluation, has authored *Mass Murder in the United States: A History*. This non-fiction work examines 909 mass murders in order to explore whether mass murder is a new phenomenon, how it has changed over time and what causes a person to commit multiple murders. Duwe's book is available through online book stores, including [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

The legislature directs the DOC to review issues or programs and submit reports to oversight committees. This year's **legislative reports** address supervision fees, the conditional release program, and other topics. Reports can be accessed at [www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/legislativereports/default.htm](http://www.doc.state.mn.us/publications/legislativereports/default.htm).

**Former DOC Assistant Commissioner Janet Entzel** has written her debut novel *aka McGuire*. The suspense thriller follows prison Warden Kitt Logan as she unravels the mystery surrounding a prison psychiatrist who has joined her staff. Entzel's novel is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and other online book stores.

Many DOC facilities have formed **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committees**. These committees support DOC staff that have been called to active military duty as well as their families. Support may include letters and care packages while overseas, or helping returning veterans reintegrate into the workforce.



**MINNCOR**, the department's prison industry program, is having a sale on overstock items, including tables, chairs and desks. Visit [www.minncor.com](http://www.minncor.com) to view the featured items. Quantities are limited.

### DOC STAFF CHANGES

**Eddie Miles** has been named associate warden of operations at the MCF-Stillwater, effective March 5. Miles joined the DOC as a correctional officer in 1992 and has also worked as a fugitive apprehension officer and special investigator. He was promoted to program director at the Stillwater facility in 2005 and also served as the affirmative action officer.

### OPENINGS

The MCF-Faribault will host a **job fair** for the general public on March 13. The event will take place in the facility's Sierra training building from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Faribault is expanding and will recruit to hire approximately 200 positions, with the majority of positions in health services (LPN/RN), education, treatment (CPT/psychologist) and security (corrections officers). Candidates will have the opportunity to take a video tour, talk with job experts, receive benefit information and apply for open positions. For more information, visit [www.doc.state.mn.us](http://www.doc.state.mn.us).

Olmsted County has an opening for a **probation officer** to provide investigative and diagnostic services for the court and the DOC. The position is also responsible for casework, treatment or supervision groups, random field visits, and other related duties. Nights, weekend, holidays and other non-traditional work hours are required. Candidate must have a B.A. or B.S. degree with a major in social science and two years related experience. Applications can be found at [www.olmstedcounty.com](http://www.olmstedcounty.com) or by calling 507/328-7700. Applications are due March 13.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual **Minnesota Alcohol Traffic Safety Association Conference** *Tech Know...2008* will be held April 23-25 at the St. Cloud Holiday Inn. The conference will include workshops such as "Working with Media and Traffic Safety" and "The Minneapolis Bridge Collapse." Early registration must be postmarked before April 12. For more information, visit [www.matsa.us](http://www.matsa.us).

The **Minnesota Community Corrections Association** (MCCA) will host a motorcycle ride and poker run on Saturday, May 17. Riders will begin at the DOC Central Office and travel to the MCF-Lino Lakes, MCF-Rush City, MCF-Stillwater and end at the MCF-Oak Park Heights. At each stop, riders can pay \$1 to receive a playing card. The rider with the best poker hand at the end of the ride will receive \$100. Registration is \$35 and includes lunch and a *Reentry Ride for Freedom* t-shirt. For more information, contact Dan Cain, RS Eden, at 612/287-1611.

The **Corrections Education Association's 2008 Regional Conference** for regions III and IV will be held April 10-11 at the Ramada Mall America in Bloomington. Registration deadline is March 24. For more information, visit [www.ceanational.org/upevents.htm](http://www.ceanational.org/upevents.htm).

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) has announced the dates for its annual **Fall Training Institute**. The 2008 conference will be held October 28-31, 2008, in Duluth. Check the MCA website at [www.mn-ca.org](http://www.mn-ca.org) for more information as it becomes available.