

## NEWS IN CORRECTIONS

Governor Tim Pawlenty has proclaimed May 7-13, 2006, as **Correctional Officers Week in Minnesota**. The proclamation reads:

*Whereas: One of the primary goals for the State of Minnesota is to provide its citizens with an effective criminal justice system that concentrates on the safety of all our citizens; and*

*Whereas: Minnesota's dedicated correctional officers are essential to the success of our criminal justice process; and*

*Whereas: Correctional officers' work includes daily exposure in a hostile environment with many of the most dangerous individuals in society; and*

*Whereas: Correctional officers have performed their duties in a most professional and dedicated manner, while at the same time being faced with potential harm to themselves from inmates; and*

*Whereas: The State of Minnesota asks that all citizens join in expressing appreciation for the outstanding and dedicated service of these officers.*

*Now, therefore, I, Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2006, to be Minnesota Correctional Officers Week in the State of Minnesota.*

Other national recognition weeks occurring in May include **Nurses Week** (May 6-12) and **Teacher Appreciation Week** (May 7-13). These and many other professional, technical, and support positions are represented in correctional agencies. For information about career opportunities in the Minnesota Department of Corrections, visit [www.doc.state.mn.us/employment/default.htm](http://www.doc.state.mn.us/employment/default.htm). ■

**Peter Orput**, Director of DOC Policy & Legal Services, has accepted an appointment as Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, Criminal Division, effective May 2. Orput joined the DOC in 2004 after leaving private practice. From 1999-2003 he served as an Assistant State Attorney General in the Criminal Prosecution Division and Public Protection Section and was also lead prosecutor with the Minnesota Gang Strike Force. Prior to his state service, he was an Assistant County Attorney in Mille Lacs, Carver, Washington, and Dakota Counties. ■

Department of Corrections' staff from central office, the Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-St. Cloud, and the MCF-Lino Lakes have raised nearly \$6,000 through the **Law Enforcement Torch Run** benefiting Special Olympics Minnesota. Money has been raised through the sale of Torch Run t-shirts, bake sales, cash donations, and the sale of a quilt donated by the Whole Heart Project and youthful offenders at the MCF-St. Cloud.

Staff from central office and the MCF-Lino Lakes participated in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics this past winter, and MCF-St. Cloud and Lino Lakes staff will participate in the final leg of the Torch Run on June 21-22. For more information about Special Olympics Minnesota and the Torch Run, visit [www.specialolympicsminnesota.org](http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org). ■

Governor Tim Pawlenty has announced that the state is again deploying Sentencing to Service (STS) crews and Adopt-a-Highway volunteers to clean up litter from along Minnesota's highways. **Operation Clean-Up** crews will work from April through September. Last year, Governor Pawlenty brought together the skills and resources of the Departments of Transportation (MnDOT) and Corrections for the first Operation Clean-Up, dedicating more than 35,000 hours to cleaning about 9,000 highway miles across the state.

STS was created in 1986 as a sentencing alternative for Minnesota courts, putting carefully selected, non-violent offenders to work on community improvement projects. Judges can sentence offenders to STS rather than jail or fines, in combination with jail time,

or as a probation sanction. In addition to contributing to a cleaner Minnesota, the STS program reduces jail crowding and provides offenders with a positive way to repay the community for their offenses. About 29,000 offenders participate in STS annually, working over 1 million hours. ■

**Warren Peterson**, former DOC district supervisor, has written *I Never Got a Parole*, his memoirs from over three decades of service as a probation/parole agent and supervisor. Peterson covered five counties in the Duluth area until his retirement in 1985. For additional information about this publication, contact Peterson at warren\_peterson@msn.com or call 218/724-7383. ■

## OPENINGS

**Probation Officer.** A highly responsible position supervising high-risk offenders on parole and probation. Provides investigative and diagnostic services for the court and corrections department; provides casework, treatment, or supervision groups; and performs other related duties. Will conduct frequent random field visits in the community. Must have an understanding of the criminal justice system, victims' rights, substance abuse issues, violence issues, and criminogenic factors. Work will include nights, weekends, and holidays. Requires a B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited college with a major in a social science field and two years related experience. Applications are required and can be obtained at [www.olmstedcounty.com](http://www.olmstedcounty.com) or Government Center, Human Resources Department, 151 - 4th Street Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota 55904-3710, phone 507/285-8333. Apply by May 16, 2006. ■

**Program Director.** RS Eden is seeking a program director for its Reentry Metro Program in St. Paul. The program director manages fiscal and program policies. S/he is responsible for all aspects of operating an adult residential community corrections program, including selecting, supervising, and training staff; maintaining a safe and orderly environment for residents and staff; ensuring ongoing successful program operations; maintaining a stable client population; ensuring maintenance and cleanliness of the physical plant; maintaining positive contact with referring agencies; supervising non-residential or contracted programming as needed for the program, and other duties. Qualifications include:

- A four-year degree in human services or a related field, or equivalent training, education, or experience. Graduate degree preferred.

- Five years experience in human services, preferably in the criminal justice field.
- Demonstrated experience in supervision/administration.
- Working knowledge of community services, including the criminal justice system, welfare system, chemical dependency, mental health and mental disabilities, and other related services.
- Leadership and organizational skills.
- Excellent oral and written skills.
- Evidence of the energy and stamina necessary to accept and discharge the responsibilities associated with this position.
- Computer literate.
- Ability to relate to people from diverse backgrounds with multiple problems.

This position provides salary plus benefits. Send letter of interest and resume to RS Eden (Attn HR); 1931 West Broadway, Suite 101, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411, fax 612/287-1616, or email [hr@rseden.org](mailto:hr@rseden.org). Questions should be directed to 612/287-1600. For additional information about RS Eden, visit [www.rseden.org](http://www.rseden.org). Apply by May 24, 2006. ■

## OTHER NEWS

The **Children of Prisoners (COPS) Motorcycle Rally** is scheduled on June 10, 2006, starting in Apple Valley. This event is a fund-raiser for Parenting With Purpose, an organization that works with incarcerated parents and their children. Cost is \$30 for a single rider (\$10 for each additional passenger). For information or to register, visit [www.copsrun.org](http://www.copsrun.org) or call Lori at 612/483-8562. ■

Fore! The Minnesota Correctional Education Foundation (MCEF) second annual **Golf Open - Best Ball Scramble** will be held August 18, 2006, at Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake, Minnesota. Cost per golfer is \$125 (\$25 tax-deductible). Non-golfers are invited and encouraged to attend the awards luncheon and auction at a cost of \$30 (an extensive silent auction with dozens of items will be featured at the luncheon). All proceeds go toward supporting DOC educational programming. MCEF is seeking golfers, sponsors, and volunteers to staff the tournament. Contact Liz Evensen at 651/642-0285 or [liz.evensen@state.mn.us](mailto:liz.evensen@state.mn.us) for more tournament information or to learn how to support MCEF in other ways. ■