

NEWS IN CORRECTIONS

Probation, Parole, & Community Supervision Week will be recognized nationally July 17-23, 2005.

There are over five million people across the United States under some form of community correctional supervision. This recognition week salutes those individuals who enhance public safety by monitoring offenders in the community to ensure they are complying with correctional sanctions. It also provides an opportunity for the community to learn how well supervising agents do their jobs despite escalating workloads, dangerous environments, lack of available resources, and the changing offender population. For more information, visit the American Probation & Parole Association website at www.appa-net.org. ■

The **Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Rush City** has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections. The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards developed by leaders from the field of corrections, law, architecture, health care, and other groups interested in sound correctional management. Standards address services, programs, and operations essential to effective correctional management. The MCF-Rush City, opened in 2000, currently houses about 1,000 adult male inmates in a close-custody setting. ■

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents has expressed support for **MINNCOR Industries**. A policy amended in March 2005 states that “The University shall assist the Minnesota Department of Corrections in providing work opportunities and training for offenders in Minnesota’s correctional facilities by providing information to the University community about MINNCOR’s products and services and by advising MINNCOR of bidding opportunities at the University.”

MINNCOR employs about 1,100 adult offenders in the state prison system, giving them an opportunity to learn work ethics and job skills to increase their chances for successful reentry into society. For more information about MINNCOR products and services, visit www.minncor.com or phone 651/603-0118 or 800/MINNCOR. ■

Offenders participating in an aluminum can recycling program at the **Minnesota Correctional Facility-Willow River/Moose Lake** recently contributed to the Barnum Community Scholarship Award fund for local students. The recycling program is one of about 20 facility restorative justice projects, where offenders attempt to repair harm done by crime and build positive relationships with the community. ■

Susanne Lambert has been named executive director of Progress Valley, Inc., a state-licensed residential aftercare treatment center for adults with chemical dependency disorders and disabilities. Lambert will direct and coordinate all agency operations and bring leadership to the organization’s vision to assist alcohol and drug dependent adults who are motivated to maintain their sobriety. Previously, Lambert served as associate executive director of RS Eden. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshop proposals are being solicited for *Clearing the Path for Girls & Women – A Call for Action*, the 11th National Workshop on Adult & Juvenile Female Offenders to be held October 15-19, 2005, at the Marriott Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota. Workshop presentations must be received by June 10 and should be based on the conference tracks of gender, environment, relationships, services and supervision, socioeconomic status, and community. All presentations are 90 minutes in length and may be standard lecture, panel discussions, question and answer, prob-

lem solving, or experiential. Interactive approaches are preferred. For additional information on the call for proposals, visit www.ajfo.org or contact Mary Whitaker at scullywhitaker@frontiernet.net or Paula Schaefer at paulaschf@aol.com. This event is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Association on Programs for Female Offenders. ■

The 30th Annual American Probation & Parole Association Training Institute will be held in New York July 24-27, 2005. ***Reaching New Heights – Building Partnerships that Protect and Strengthen our Communities*** is cosponsored by the New York State Probation Officers Association and the New York State Council of Probation Administrators. Over 80 educational sessions will be offered, along with continuing education credit and networking opportunities. For additional information or to register, visit www.appa-net.org or phone 859/244-8204. ■

OPENINGS

Corrections Case Aide, a full-time position in the Benton County Corrections Department providing support to corrections agents in completion of professional responsibilities as required by the court or by Benton County Corrections. Requirements include a high school diploma or GED; one year of formal education in the area of human services; one year of experience in a human services field or related area; Rule 25 certification; and a valid Minnesota driver's license. Salary for this position is \$13.04 per hour with an excellent benefit package. Contact Benton County Human Resources Director, Courthouse, P.O. Box 129, Foley, Minnesota 56329 or phone 320/968-5086. Application materials can also be obtained by visiting www.co.benton.mn.us. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 13, by 4:30 p.m. ■

OTHER NEWS

The Minnesota Correctional Education Foundation (MCEF) will hold its first **Golf Open - Best Ball Scramble** - on July 28, 2005, at Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake, Minnesota. MCEF's mission is to provide eligible offenders with appropriate aca-

demical and vocational opportunities to prepare them for release as productive and contributing citizens. MCEF is also inaugurating the "MCEF Traveling Institution Trophy" for the DOC institution team that wins over all other participating institutions. Persons interested in learning more about how to support MCEF through the Golf Open may contact Curt Peterson at 651/642-0285 or curt@mcef.info. For a copy of the registration brochure, visit MCEF's website at www.mcef.info. ■

The **15th Annual Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) Golf Tournament** is set for Monday, September 19, 2005, at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker, Minnesota. This event is a four-person scramble, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Tournament fee is \$56 per person, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, awards, and prizes. Trophies will be awarded for the foursome with the lowest gross, second-lowest gross, longest putt, longest drive for men and women, and closest to the pin. Registration deadline is August 29, 2005. Forms are located on the MCA website at www.mnccorrections.org/mca/golf.htm. For additional information, contact Chris Jahnke at christopher.jahnke@co.wright.mn.us or 763/682-7862. ■