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Reflections On A Fulfilling Career

By Alton Lick, Director
DOCR / Division of Juvenile Services

I appreciate the invitation to provide the Directors Message for this newsletter. I will share my thoughts and observations from the last 20 years as Director of the Division of Juvenile Services.

I would begin by saying how lucky I am to work in a state that puts a high value on its' young people. The Division has always approached the commitments we receive from the Courts as young people who have made some poor decisions but we attempt to provide a treatment and education environment that will allow them to positively get control of their lives.

One of the first and most difficult decisions we have to make is what is the level of security a young person in order to provide public safety. At the same time we must determine the treatment and education needs of the young people committed to us. The risk/needs assessment we use to make these decisions is researched based and has been developed to address security and treatment for adolescents. One of the

real important aspects of our instrument is that it deals with the strengths of the youth and his/her family.

Another very important aspect of the Division is the continual and current training that our entire staff receive. All staff are exposed to the current research about the treatment needs of our clients and their families. With the increase in the more complicated behaviors we see in our commitments this training is vital to staff. At our training we are also able to provide our staff with improving the skill levels that staff and administrators feel are needed in order for DJS to provide the quality services our clients need and deserve.

Because, in North Dakota, juvenile delinquents are able to access the foster care system provided by Children and Family Services, our array of services is unique in juvenile corrections. We are able to access well run, professional services located in group homes, residential treatment centers and therapeutic

foster homes. This means all services for our clients are not limited to the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center. When behavior is under control we are able to step-down youth committed to use to less secure levels of care.

Sure there are areas where prevention and diversion could be funded at high levels. The loss of federal funds and the Children Services Coordinating Committees leaves holes in the area of prevention. We also need to work hard at bringing services to the reservations so that we don't have the large over-representation of Native Americans in juvenile corrections.

In conclusion, I want to extend my thanks to the dedicated staff we employ for their commitment to the youth we serve in the Division. I cannot express in words the admiration and respect I have for the work they do. The yearly recidivism rate supports the method in which North Dakota delivers juvenile corrections. DJS always is constantly ranked as one of the lowest in terms of recidivism in the nation.

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Thank You!!

By Brian Taylor, Caseworker
DOCR Prisons Division / NDSP

On Feb 28, 2006, my 13-year-old son Jon was diagnosed with cancer. As you can imagine, it was every parent's nightmare come true. Needless to say my wife and I were floored by the news. I cannot even begin to describe the constant flood of emotions than came over us. There was shock and disbelief.

I was working in the West Unit at NDSP when my wife called with the news. I felt as though my world had just come apart. I couldn't even think straight after getting off the phone. From that point on I found out that I worked with a lot of people who cared.

My wife had taken our son to the doctor for what we thought was a cold and swollen glands in his neck. We knew that something was wrong when we were immediately sent to the Pediatric Oncology Clinic and then sent to Minneapolis, MN the next morning. We were overwhelmed with the many things that needed to be taken care of in a very short time. We had bills that needed to be paid, arrangements to be made for our dogs to be cared for, and packing in a hurry to leave early in the morning. We were short of funds and weren't sure what to do. We had barely enough money to get to

Minneapolis, much less a hotel room once we got there. The evening before we left, we received a phone call from my supervisor, Lt Ron Bjelland. He wanted to bring over some money to help with travel expenses. The thing that made this amazing was that he didn't know about our financial situation. He was one of many people who just wanted to help.

Once we arrived in Minneapolis we quickly became overwhelmed with all the things we needed to familiarize ourselves with; treatment needs for our son, living arrangements for ourselves, keeping friends and family up to date on what is going on, the list could go on and on. It was probably the most stressful experience my wife and I have ever had. We almost lost our son. His airway was compressed from the cancerous mass around his airway. The cancer was also compressing his aorta. Initially every procedure that was done was categorized as "high risk" or "life threatening." Any parent can get an idea on how those made us feel. Most every evening we would get phone calls from someone on my shift with words of encouragement. I'm not sure if there are enough words to express how much that meant to my wife and I.

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Because of the type of treatment my son was receiving he was confined to his hospital room a lot. As you can imagine there isn't a lot for a 12 year old to do when you are in bed a lot. We received a pleasant surprise in the mail from Pat Schatz/Property Officer who had sent a Gameboy Advance and some games for my son. My son also received some games from Mark Schwher, another co-worker on my shift.

One of the benefits of working for the Department Of Corrections is the paid time off. Unfortunately my wife's employment doesn't include this benefit so we were now in Minneapolis losing money plus picking up new expenses. Money issues were only one of the many issues we were now facing. Although money wasn't the primary concern at the time, it was certainly an issue that couldn't be ignored. During one of my many phone conversations with co-workers

Thank You!!

back in Bismarck, I was informed by Lt Bjelland that the entire Swing Shift had raised \$1350.00 to help with our expenses. The money was very much appreciated but not near as much as the knowledge that my family mattered to those I work with day after day. This was only the beginning of many events put together by my shift because they cared.

After my son was stabilized and had his initial round of chemo we were allowed to return to Bismarck for the remainder of his treatments. Because of the nature of my son's illness and the lengthy treatment needs I used all of my vacation time plus the family sick leave. It was no surprise to see all the staff at NDSP who offered donated annual leave so I could be with my son during all his treatment. There isn't a day that goes by that I'm not asked how things are going or given some kind of encouragement. That is just how the people I work with are. On April 26th, the employees of NDSP put together a benefit dinner and silent auction to raise money to help my family. My family was deeply moved and forever grateful for the sacrifice and generosity of everyone involved. The weeks pre-

ceding the dinner/auction, several people from my shift were out posting flyers and arranging donations for the silent auction. Several people from NDSP not only donated their time but items from home. There were quilts, fishing tackle, expensive imported alcohol, a computer desk, and many other items. There was also a designer t-shirt designed by Nurse Colleen and signed by NDSP staff, which was her gift to my son.

Occasionally, we'd receive cards in the mail from staff wishing us well. A lot of times those cards would have a check in them. Some of those cards came from personnel throughout the DOCR, which included friends from Parole and Probation. This has continued on for the last 3 months.

On the night of the benefit dinner/auction there were a lot staff involved with the event. It was a very emotional time for my family. When you see Warden Tim Schuetzle, both Deputy Warden's Bob Coad and Pat Branson, Chief Of Security Corky Stromme, Warden's Assistant Denise Senger, and numerous Unit Management staff bussing tables, serving food and drinks, all of which after working a full day, it definitely sent a message to my family

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that we mattered. The entire swing shift was there helping with the many different jobs that needed to be done with the auction, washing dishes, etc. One of the items for auction was a rare out of print music box set that I owned. I wanted to give something of importance to me because of all the sacrifice that my co-workers had made. When the auction had been completed, to my amazement, my shift had bought it back for me! Thank you to Capt Brian Jorgenson for buying the fishing tackle at the auction for Jon. He loves it. My family will be eternally grateful to every one in the DOCR for their generosity and help during our time of need.

We would like to also thank my co-workers and friends Brian Jacobson and Chris Bertsch for taking my son fishing. This is something he loves to do and it means a lot him and me both. There are so many names that I could mention and I apologize if I have forgotten anyone. The list could go on and on, each and every one of you is appreciated and all of you have a special place in my family's heart. Also, thank you to Unit Manager Jean Sullivan for the prayer blanket for Jon to use during his chemo.

A Message from the Editor

The *DOCR Quarterly Connection Newsletter* is an official publication of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and is published four times each year. Its goal is to enhance communication and keep staff, and all those interested, informed of developments and achievements throughout the Department.

All employees are encouraged to submit articles, letters, comments, and ideas for future issues of the *DOCR Quarterly Connection*, to be considered in the next publication.

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Upcoming State Holidays...

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Independence Day.....	4
AUGUST 2006	
None	
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Parole Board Meeting Dates for 2006

January 8-9	July 9-10
February 6-7	August 6-7
March 5-6	September 10-11
April 2-3	October 8-9
May 7-8	November 5-6
June 4-5	December 3-4

Parole Board Members

Parole Board Members are appointed by the Governor for a three-year term. The Parole Board Members are listed as follows:

Member	Location
John Olson, <i>Chairman</i>	Bismarck
Dick Davison	Bismarck
William Gipp	Bismarck
Nels Olson	Bismarck
Budd Warren	Fargo
Beverley Adams	Fargo

Pardon Advisory Board Dates for 2006

April 4	November 14
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Pardon Advisory Board Members

Pardon Advisory Board Members are appointed by the Governor for an open ended term to include the attorney general, two members of the parole board, and 2 citizens/residents of the state. The Pardon Advisory Board Members are listed as follows:

Member	Location
Duane Dekrey, <i>Chairman</i>	Pettibone
Craig Smith	Bismarck
Wayne Stenehjem	Bismarck
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The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential assessment/counseling/referral service staffed by trained professionals who can help you and your family members evaluate your problems and take positive action to resolve them.

St. Alexis/Heartview have clinical staff available to provide assessment, referral, and short-term counseling. Access to EAP can be obtained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling:

St. Alexis Medical Center/Heartview
Employee Assistance Program
530-7195 (or) 1-800-327-7195

Please feel free to call for help and/or advice at any time. When calling after working hours, please ask for the EAP staff member on call.

DOCR EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

DJS Community

2004: Tony Kozojed
2005: Sydney Hove

Field Services

2005: Rick Hoekstra

State Penitentiary

2004: Barb Gross
2005: Joe Charvat

JRCC

2004: Jody Buechler
2005: Clyde St. Claire

Jonathan Taylor Benefit

By Jean Sullivan, Unit Manager
DOCR Prisons Division / NDSP

At a recent benefit supper held at the Amvets Club in Bismarck on April 26, 2006, a total of \$7,170 was raised to help defray the medical expenses of Jonathan Taylor. Jonathan is the son of Brian and Deb Taylor. Brian has been an employee at the North Dakota State Penitentiary for 12 years.

Jonathan is 12 years old and is in the 7th grade at Mandan Junior High School. As is typical of many children his age, he loves playing video games and is an avid baseball fan that particularly enjoys playing outfield. He was diagnosed with lymph node cancer recently has been put on an experimental drug regiment for the treatment of his cancer

through the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital. Although the chemo and radiation is administered in a Bismarck, Jonathan and his family have to return to the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital monthly for testing.

The North Dakota State Penitentiary employees, in conjunction with the Amvets Club of Bismarck, put together a benefit spaghetti supper and silent auction. The event was a huge success with everyone pitching in on Jonathan's behalf.

A huge thanks to all who participated in this event, and in particular, to the employee's of the Amvets Club who went out of their way to make this event a success. Many of our staff

helped put this event on, and that's what makes things happen.

As we all know, the expense of travel and medical needs for this serious of an illness can be devastating to any family, as is the emotional stress. But the strength of the family and of all the people who helped out and contributed to this benefit to show the caring for this young man and his family is truly rewarding to all. Our prayers are with Jonathan and the family for a speedy recovery.

All contributions will be most appreciated and can be sent to the North Dakota State Penitentiary, PO Box 5521, Bismarck, ND 58506 to the attention of Denise Senger.

Performance Based Measurement System (PBMS)

By Patrick Foley, Director of Research
DOCR / Central Office

Isn't it frustrating when you want to compare the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) to another state, but you know that other state measures things differently then we do? It is particularly frustrating when talking to legislators or the public. Several years ago the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) embarked on a mission to help resolve this problem.

Past-Director Little was an advocate of common measures and sat on the ASCA committee for the Performance Based Measurement System (PBMS). Their work is beginning to pay off as a large number of Prison measures have been developed using common definitions and counting rules. Director Bertsch also supports this project and will sit on the ASCA committee for PBMS. So far, about half the states have sent representatives to training on PBMS,

including North Dakota. Patrick W. Foley and Cathy Jensen attended the June 2006 training session and will help coordinate the effort for the ND DOCR. So far measures have been developed only for prisons. Ultimately, measures for the community will be developed. These are exciting times for those with a little "geek" in us and we'll try and keep you informed as the process develops.

Online Master's in Forensic Psychology Offered by UND

By Jennifer Swangler, Marketing Coordinator
UND / Division of Continuing Education

Grand Forks, ND - The University of North Dakota will launch an online Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology degree program beginning Fall 2006, the first to be offered online by a nationally recognized, fully accredited university. The Department of Psychology, College of Arts & Sciences, worked with the Division of Continuing Education to design and deliver the first online program targeted for working professionals.

UND will offer the online program to help feed the rapidly growing specialty area of psychology. Forensic psychology broadly refers to the application of psychological theory, knowledge, skills and competencies to the civil and criminal justice systems. Graduates of the program will be trained to apply psychology to issues relating to law and to legal systems.

"Thanks in part to the popularity of shows like *CSI*, *Profiler* and *Criminal Minds* our society's interest in forensic psychology is on the rise. Unfortunately, so is the need. Through our online program, students will learn how to provide the psychological expertise and knowledge greatly needed by the legal community and agencies having a strong forensic

focus," said Dr. Douglas Peters, professor of psychology and online program director.

"I anticipate students in the program will be in-service professionals, such as law enforcement personnel, who want to further their career as well as those with a behavioral or social science background, such as counselors or social workers, who are interested in applying psychology to their work involving forensic issues," said Peters.

Online courses will be offered every fall, spring and summer semesters. Core courses in the new program include, psychology and the law; foundations of forensic psychology; and behavior pathology. Depending on career goals, students may choose from a variety of elective courses, including psychological profiling and criminal behavior; child psychopathology and treatment; community psychology; and conflict management. After successful completion of the 34-credit program, graduates can work as forensic specialists in areas such as private practice doing trial consulting or program evaluation, or work in city, county, state and federal government agencies, and in hospitals.

"Graduates may work in a prison or state hospital setting, or may serve as a consultant for a broad range of organizations that deal with problems that interface psychology with the law. They may work in family courts on custody decisions or in criminal justice systems evaluating mental status, jury behavior or eyewitness testimonies," Peters indicated.

To get accepted into the program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.20. New applications are accepted every fall semester. The application deadline for the Fall 2006 semester is August 1. If students prefer to start the program in Fall 2007 or later, the application should be made prior to January 15 of that calendar year. Space is limited. For more information, contact UND Continuing Education toll-free at 877-450-1842 or visit www.conted.und.edu/ddp/maf.p.

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DOCR PERSONNEL NEWS

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Prisons Division	
JRCC	
CO I	Sarah Hanson

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JRCC	
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Temp Office Assist to Office Assist III	Katie Trout
.....	Tonda White Lace
Office Assist III to Admin Assist I	Katie Trout

Retirements

Prisons Division	
NDSP	
CO II	David Meuchel
Training Director	Loren Kransky

Left Employment with DOCR

DJS, Community Services Division	
Juvenile Corrections Specialist	Sharla Price
Juvenile Corrections Specialist	Roberta Lagasse
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Temp Admin Support	Marni Hieb
Field Services Division	
CCA II	Jamie Barman
Temp Admin Support	Kayla Schwartzbauer
Prisons Division	
JRCC	
Addiction Counselor III	Shawn Cudmore-Kremer
CO II	Stacy Devig
.....	Jeremy Roberg
CO IV	George Beltz
.....	Gerald Maragos
Registered Nurse II	Cameron Petrek
NDSP	
CO I	Steve Skaret
CO II	Michael Huck
.....	Keith Johnston
Office Assistant III	Brooke Ronsberg (to Parole)
.....	Lana Zimmerman
Addiction Counselor II	Orville Mandan

First And Long-Serving DJS Director Retires

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*Alton Lick, Director
Division of Juvenile Services, ND
DOCR*

Congratulations to Alton Lick. Al is currently the Director of the Division of Juvenile Services, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for North Dakota. He has served as the Director for the Division of Juvenile Services (DJS) since July 1, 1987. His accomplishments have been many and extraordinary.

Al began his career in 1965 as a teacher and coach. He taught junior high school in the Bismarck school system for seven years before beginning his career in state government in 1972. He worked as a budget analyst in the Department of Accounts and Purchases for five years. In 1977 he accepted the position of Director of State Telecommunications in the Director of Institutions Office. In this position he instituted the first system-wide telephone system for state government.

In 1981 he was appointed Director of Institutions which position he held until July 1985. During these four years, Al strove to improve services for children at the School for the

Deaf, School for the Blind, State Industrial School, and at the Grafton State School. As Director of Institutions, Al was recognized and respected by the directors of the various institutions for his ability to solve problems, his interaction with staff at all levels, to develop new appropriate programs for children, and his leadership abilities. After working in private industry for two years, on July 1, 1987, Al accepted the position of Director of Juvenile Services for North Dakota because of his desire to improve services for children.

Al was also one of the pioneer members of the Juvenile Correctional Leadership Forum that began in 1989. He was selected as one of 10 juvenile corrections administrators for the Forum. Al was active in the Forum until 1994 when the group evolved into what is now CJCA, Council of Juvenile Corrections Administrators. He is one of the founding members of this organization. Al served a 3-year term as President of CJCA, 1998 - 2000. He was selected to receive the Outstanding Administrator of the year by CJCA in 2001.

Just to touch on a few of his many accomplishments:

- Nominated for the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service in January 1992.
- Designed/implemented statewide non-secure holdover (attendant care)
- Forged relationships which allowed development of tandem (common system for child welfare and corrections) foster care system, saved the state millions of dollars over the years. Although a few other states have a similar model, none have implemented this type as successfully.
- Unified the Division by building a system where institution and

community work together in the best interests of kids. The system is well balanced, with each branch having well defined roles. (Many systems are heavily weighted towards institution; in North Dakota the needs of the youth drive the system). Evidenced by North Dakota not building one new juvenile corrections bed in 20 years, in spite of the building trend in every other state, while still maintaining a recidivism rate that is the envy of the nation.

- Built over time a system of care based on mission; implemented proven practices and research-based principles, founded on good data.
- Articulated vision in a way that allowed staff to understand and translate concepts into practice - this is very difficult. Not enough to be a visionary, but must be able to inspire others, serve as a model, set a course, and follow it through.
- Served longer than any other juvenile director in the country.

What staff, associates and friends have to say:

- I worked in State Government for 30 years and was fortunate to have worked with Al in some capacity most of those years. Al Lick is a special and unique leader. It's been said that everyone can be replaced. However, some are much more difficult to replace than others and Al Lick is one who will be missed for years to come. Al has set the highest standard for providing services to juvenile offenders. His leadership style has been one that has inspired people around him to do their best. He is a master at getting other people to join him in trying new innovative initiatives to help kids. His ability to communicate with others in the system to maintain a well coordinated system of services for juvenile offenders will be a

2005 DOCR SERVICE AWARDS

FIVE YEARS

DOCR Central Office.....Rod Pegors
DJS Community
 Rhonda BryShannon Hallahan
ND YCCBill Fleck
 Tonie Garcia..... Heidi Gunsch
 Rick Makelky.....Dan Weising
 Tennille Weising.....Tony White Bear
Field Services Division.....Rachel Wallock
 Camilla Jensen.....Colleen Weller
 Lloyd HaagensonDebra Frank
State Penitentiary
 Cissandra Christopherson Troy Gross
 Stacy Goehring..... Ken Johnson
 Paulette SchmidtRussell Wolf
JRCC
 Brenda Beckman Joey Cotton
 Shawn Cudmore-Kremer Brian Dreher
 Kay Eagleson Melannie Flynn
 Ben Kennelly.....Carl Krovoza
 Jeffrey Lorenz.....Lyle Mee
 Arnold Middlestead.....Chad Netolicky
 Cameron Petrek.....Donna Schwartz

TEN YEARS

DJS Community.....Roberta Lagasse
 David LundyCory Pedersen
ND YCCAndy Anderson
 Cindy DykemaJeremy Ward
 Pat MartinJana Ternes
Field Services Division
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NDSP SORT Team Update

By Joe Charvat, Team Leader
 DOCR Prisons Division / NDSP

The NDSP SORT Team assisted in the search for the missing three-year-old Reachelle Smith on May 24, 2006. Officers Joe Charvat, Brad Holt, Troy Schulz, Scott Miller, James Saylor, Steve Vetter, and Kelly Nyquist were notified approximately seven hours before we were supposed to leave for Minot. These seven hours had to include preparation time and sleeping. The “NDSP seven” left for Minot at 6:00 am. We assisted in searching the Lake Darling area along with ten parole officers and roughly 200 other searchers from various law enforcement and volunteer agencies.

The weather was supposed to be warm. Instead it rained off and on for the entire day, at times raining so hard it was difficult to see. The “on-foot” searchers were responsible for the heavily treed areas and ravines that could not be covered by ATV’s or on horseback. By the time they called off the search for the day we had covered 2,500 acres and pushed through dense bushes and trees. Most everyone was wet, had scratches, and torn clothing from pushing through these areas. Unfortunately we did not find what we were looking for that day.

I am extremely proud of



what the NDSP SORT Team was able to accomplish on short notice. The training and dedication was evident. Not only were these seven in Minot but also four other SORT officers were on a transport to Appleton, MN. With this many staff away from the institution it left the 1-9 shift extremely short. Many other staff pitched in to work overtime and help out in other areas. All the staff that helped in this unfortunate circumstance should be commended.

JRCC SORT Team Update

By Tyler Falk, Assistant Team Leader
 DOCR Prisons Division / JRCC

On February 9th and 10th, a “SORT Basic” course was conducted at JRCC. This was a multi-agency course with certified counter-measures instructors from the Jamestown Special Operations Team. Agencies participating were NDSP and JRCC SORT, Williston Police Department, Minot Police Department, and Jamestown Police Department. Training was conducted on the basic principles of tactical entries and area domination, the use of distraction devices, operating in a rural environment, planning and executing tactical operations, and responding to an “active shooter.” The

class concluded with a scenario involving the use of actors armed with paintball guns.

On April 28th and 29th, JRCC SORT conducted training at Camp Grafton, Devils Lake (ND National Guard). The first day consisted of team members participating in the “Leadership Reaction” course. This course is designed to enhance leadership and problem-solving skills by presenting participants with a variety of obstacles to overcome with limited tools. The first day concluded with briefings and planning for a mock fugitive recovery operation, that would be conducted the following morning. The

second day consisted of utilizing the “MOUT” course (Military Operations in Urban Terrain). A mock fugitive recovery operation was conducted. Upon completion of the scenario, the team conducted training on squad operations in an urban and rural environment, establishments of secured perimeters, tactical entries, area domination, and the utilization of sniper teams.



2006 NDSP Fishing Tournament

By Joe Charvat, Sergeant
DOCR Prisons Division / NDSP

On June 10, 2006 the NDSP Fishing Tournament was held at Graner bottoms (Sugarloaf) south of Mandan. Ten teams and thirty people participated in the tournament. Seven teams weighed in fish with the top combined weight being 13.8 pounds. The weather was less than ideal for a fishing tournament in the middle of June. The high temperature for the day was 51 degrees. The

tournament started at 7:30 am and the weigh-in was at 3:30 pm.

First place with a weight of 13.8 pounds went to team "Master Baiters", Matt Geiger, Dick Geiger, and Tim Sjomeling. Second place with a weight of 13.0 pounds went to team "Wet Lines", Randy McGonigal, Darrell Theurer, and Brandon Scherr. Third place with a weight of 11.7 pounds went to "Mags Team", Don Magstadt, Monte Preabt, and Donny Magstadt.

Following the weigh-in, door prizes donated by the NDSP Employee Committee, Securus, Chips Casino, Capital Credit Union, Kulm Bar, and BNI Coal were given to participants. A special thanks goes out to the fishing tournament committee Kate Brovold, Craig Theurer, Marie Voegle, Denise Senger, Tom Radenz, and Matt Geiger. Anyone interested in planning the 2007 fishing tournament contact Joe Charvat or Denise Senger.



1st Place: *Master Baiters*



2nd Place: *Wet Lines*



3rd Place: *Mags Team*

NDYCC Library Advisory Meeting

By Judy Ringgenberg, Librarian
DOCR / Youth Correctional Center

On March 14, 2006, the school library was the location for the Bi-annual Library Advisory Meeting. This meeting is to discuss and share ideas and concerns about the school library at NDYCC and to improve the services offered to students and faculty at the facility.

In attendance were Doris Ott, ND State Librarian, Beth Greff, Mandan Junior High Librarian, Becky Donovan, NDYCC English teacher, Dave Helfrich, Brown Cottage Director, Gaylene Massey, Administrator of

Educational Services for YCC, a student representative, Rafeal M, and the librarian, Judy Ringgenberg.

Topics discussed ranged from budget for the library to needs of students in buildings to ways to increase use of the library by classroom teachers. Some suggestions were to raise awareness of library services via email and classroom or hallway posters. There are additional databases that some faculty and students are unfamiliar with at this time and perhaps training is needed to expand this

resource.

The minutes of the entire meeting can be found on the NDYCC network or by emailing the librarian, Judy Ringgenberg at jringgen@state.nd.us.



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