

D.O.C. RETIREE NEWS

PEOPLE WHO BUILT THE D.O.C. TO THE LOFTY STATURE IT ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE NATION
FOR CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE #1 DEPT.

SINCE 1996

#111 MAY 2014

WM (BILL) MCRAE PASSES AWAY.



BILL, WELL KNOWN AS A SOLID ADMINISTRATOR, SPENT THE LAST 22 YEARS WITH THE D.O.C. AS WARDEN/SUPT OF MCF ST CLOUD.

BEFORE THAT HE WAS THE 'TED TELANDER' OF ADULT AGENTS STATEWIDE. HE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS AN AGENT AND AT STILLWATER.

HE AND WIFE JEAN, HAD RETIRED TO A LAKE HOME NEAR CLEAR LAKE, MN

BILL HAD BEEN IN PRETTY GOOD HEALTH IT SEEMED UNTIL WEEKS BEFORE HIS PASSING AWAY. HE WAS KNOWN AS A 'HEALTH NUT'. DIDN'T SMOKE, LIKED TO 'RUN' (AT NOON TIME WITH COL NEMEC THE PERSONNEL MGR AT SRM).

THESE ARE HARD TO WRITE FOR ME, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PERSON WAS A CLOSE FRIEND, LIKE BILL.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO JEAN.

RECALL YOUTH AGENT MICKEY ELLENBECKER?

I REMEMBER HIM AS YOUNG AND A YOUTH AGENT COVERING A CASELOAD IN THE MINNEAPOLIS AREA BACK ABOUT 1967 OR SO. (BEFORE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS)

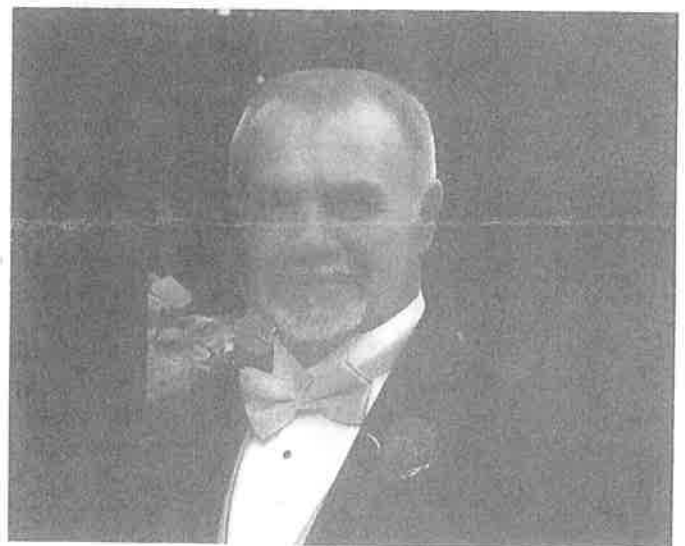
AS FAR AS I KNOW, MICKEY LEFT THE D.O.C. TO GO TO GRADUATE SCHOOL.

HIS NAME CAME UP IN THE PRESS BECAUSE HE WAS FOUND MARCH 8 IN HIS KITCHEN IN PICKWICK, MN. HE HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD WITH A .22. HE DIED THE NEXT DAY.

WHAT A MYSTERY!

HOW DID HE DIE? MURDER? SUICIDE?

Mickey L. Ellenbecker



Ellenbecker

March 13, 2014 12:00 am

PICKWICK, Minn. — Mickey L. Ellenbecker, 72, of Pickwick died Sunday, March 9, 2014, at Andersen Lutheran Medical Center, La Crosse, Wis.

Mickey was born Dec. 26, 1941, in Fairmont, Minn., to Milo and Dora (Wagner) Ellenbecker. He graduated from Fairmont High School. He attended Hamline University and graduated from Sankato State. He attained his masters degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was a former professor at Wnona State University and taught criminal justice and sociology, retiring in 2000. Prior to teaching, he worked in the Wnona County court system as a probation officer and he

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LETTER FROM STEVE JOHNSON.

I live in Longville in Cass County and winter in Arizona. Retired after 35 years in corrections in Carver, Scott and Hennepin. Was hired by Dick Mulcrone and was Court Service Director in Scott. When state po exam was required to hire county po's, even though State never reimbursed counties at full rate, I used to arrange for your office to test po candidates, from other county probation counties, to get their candidates qualified. You sent me the bill and hiring county would pay it. You always wondered how I got authorization to hire so many people! Lots of good people, with testing issues, got jobs after passing test and had excellent careers in corrections. I know the Attorney General and doubt that she would indict me on this.

Your stories about Ted T just make me chuckle. He was a great person and a true "character" unlike many of the autocrons in corrections today. Grew up in poverty in Boch.....always wanted Jack Elam to play him in the movie.....with Peter Falk as Orv Pung....and Woody Allen as red-penned Darryl Pangborn....grading my state reports like a term paper.

I teach Senior Defensive Driving in several communities in northern Minnesota and in Arizona. Also run Lakes Area DWI Clinic in Walker for first offender clients for several counties (including Hubbard) in my spare time. Am also president of PEPSA, lobbying group at the legislature for PERA. In my spare time, I am an AIS activist, fighting to protect our Minnesota waters.

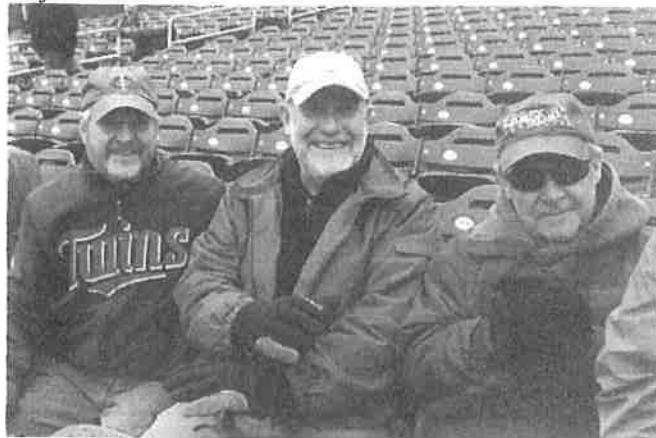
If you want the 10% car insurance discount, you can attend my May 12th Def Driving class in Walker! Nevis is just a scenic drive over to Walker in the spring! I use humor, large screen projection and comfortable seating to make the 4 hours rush by...and you get certificate same day as class. Beats a folding chair and untrained instructor in a church basement. Plus I offer food and drink.

Really appreciate your newsletter! Get everybody to commit on-line and save your expenses. I wonder if Bob Redford would fund that movie...."Corrections in Lake Wobegon" ? Don't slip on the ice there!

(STEVE CAN BE REACHED AT E-MAIL- stjupno@arvig.net)

Editor: I really can't recall his system of testing po candidates. It does sound kind of Weird - questionable.

WHAT? Mike Downey, Bill Guelker and Rick Thomton spent May Day at the Twin's Ballpark with their wives. Despite the rain and temps in the mid 40s, and a Twin's loss to the Dodgers, they had a great day!



EDITOR: I SEE RICK THOMTON., BILL GUELKER & MIKE DOWNEY. WHERE ARE THE WIVES? *AT THE MALL OF AMERICA?*

DONATIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER
COLONEL NEMEC LOIS GELBMANN

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
AND THANKS, TOO, TO THOSE SENDING
LETTERS AND PICTURES I COULD USE IN THE
NEWSLETTER!

***JUST THINK! THIS NEWSLETTER IS
#111 SINCE I STARTED THEM BACK IN
1996. HOPE I CAN KEEP THEM
COMING! NOT GETTING EASIER AS I
HIT THE 80S.***

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING
OVER?**

**KURT HOEHNE SR., RETIRED
WILLMAR AREA AGENT DIED
MARCH 20TH AS A RESULT OF
CANCER. HIS SON, KURT JR
IS A PAROLE AGENT AT MARSHALL,
MN.
QUITE A LEGACY!**

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THIS LENGTHY ARTICLE REFERS TO THE "TRANSITION FROM PRISON TO COMMUNITY" OR 'TPC PHILOSOPHY" IT APPEARED IN THE SMALL TOWN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF NEVIS MN. DATED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014 IT IS TOO LONG TO PUT IN THE DOC RETIREE NEWS.

HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THIS IS THE DIRECTION THE DOC SEEMS TO BE GOING AND WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF IT. BELOW IS THE FIRST PART OF IT SHOWING LOCAL PARK RAPIDS AGENTS AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT-

THE 'DOC RETIREE NEWS IS COMING OUT EVERY OTHER MONTH. NEXT ISSUE WILL BE JULY 2014.

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Community-based programs reduce recidivism

By Carrie Hitchcock

It is an age-old question in human society: Can those who commit crimes really be rehabilitated in order to reintegrate into that society?

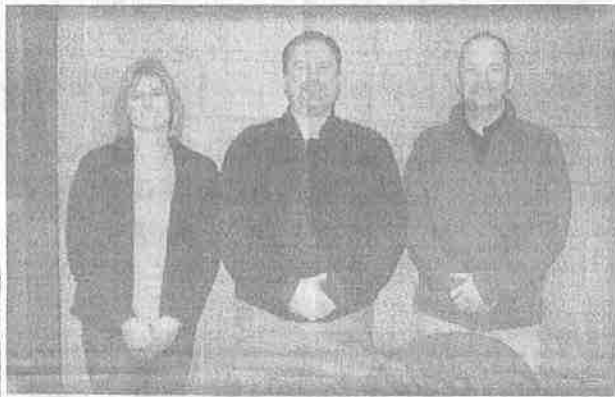
The mission statement of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) tries to answer this question directly, aiming to "reduce recidivism by promoting offender change through proven strategies during safe and secure incarceration and effective community supervision." Statistically, Minnesota has one of the lowest per-capita incarceration rates in the country, ranking #48 for number of people

held in state prisons in 2007.

Marc Bloomquist, District Supervisor for the DOC, said that Minnesota's state prison population is fairly stable at a little over 9,000 people, and is ahead of the curve in the country for rehabilitation programming. "We don't just warehouse people," he said.

Indeed, the October 2013 Final Report for the Minnesota Comprehensive Offender Reentry Plan (MCORP) Pilot Project stated that "offender reentry begins as soon as offenders are admitted to prison."

"These people are going to be returning to
(Programs continued on Page 5)



Jill Welk, Marc Bloomquist and Joe Peterson of the Minnesota DOC in their Park Rapids office.
Photo by Carrie Hitchcock.

I APPRECIATE YOUR LETTERS AND INVITE YOU TO SEND YOUR WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS.