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Mike Ferriter, Brent Doig, and Mike Mahoney on tour with Paul Cory in an unfinished portion of the East Campus

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS VISITORS

Department of Corrections personnel had lunch at the Great Falls Transition Center in August and then toured the facilities, including the new East Campus building and the unfinished second and third floors of the north wing. Visiting personnel included Mike Ferriter, Director of the Department of Corrections; Mike Mahoney, Warden Montana State Prison; and Brent Doig, Lead Budget Analyst.

The main difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

Every time you speak, your mind is on parade.



MEET THE BOARD - KAREN GROVE

Karen Grove, the newest member on the Board of Directors, is a Great Falls native who graduated from Great Fall Central High School. Karen attended college and started working for D. A. Davidson. She has been a trust officer in the Davidson Trust Company for 26 years.

She serves on the Weed and Feed Board and is involved with Neighborhood Council 8, both of which meet at the Transition Center. When a former member of the board resigned, Karen was asked to serve in her place.

Karen is married to Corky Grove, the chief of police here in Great Falls. They have three sons and three grandchildren

Karen enjoys walking their two dogs and being involved with Neighborhood Council and Weed and Feed.

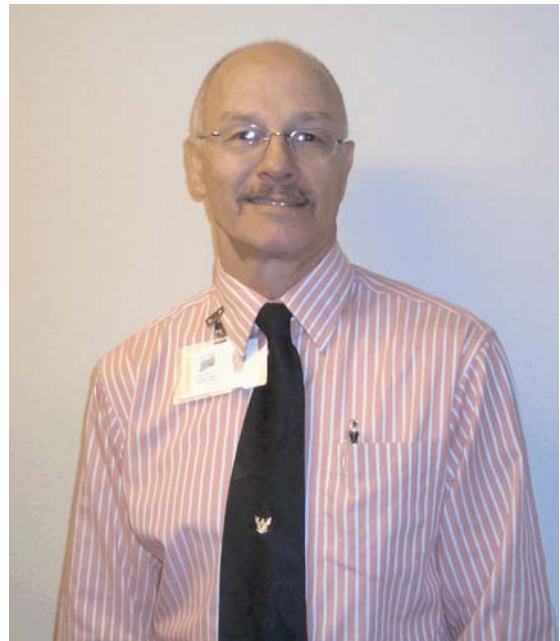
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER - JERRY KELLY

Jerry Kelly is the Assistant Community Service Coordinator, assigning individuals to non-profit agencies to do community service assigned by the courts. He has established personal relationships with nearly all of the community service location supervisors and they know they can count on him to handle related issues. Jerry created a “how-to” booklet which describes how to accomplish all tasks within the Community Service Office. He also handles electronic monitoring and jail alternative.

Additionally Jerry takes pictures of all in-coming residents for the Transition Center data base, transports residents to Helena for psychological testing, and is a notary public.

Jerry was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base for nearly two and a half years before being stationed in Japan. He retired from the Air Force in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and then moved back to Great Falls because he and his family liked living here and had retained a house here. He worked for First Nationwide Mortgage Company before coming to work at the Transition Center in 1999 as an RA for four years. He then entered his present position.

Jerry and his wife Senuen from Thailand have three children and two grandchildren. He likes to hunt and fish, camp, and ski now and then.



FEATURED DEPARTMENT OF THE QUARTER - JOBS DEVELOPMENT

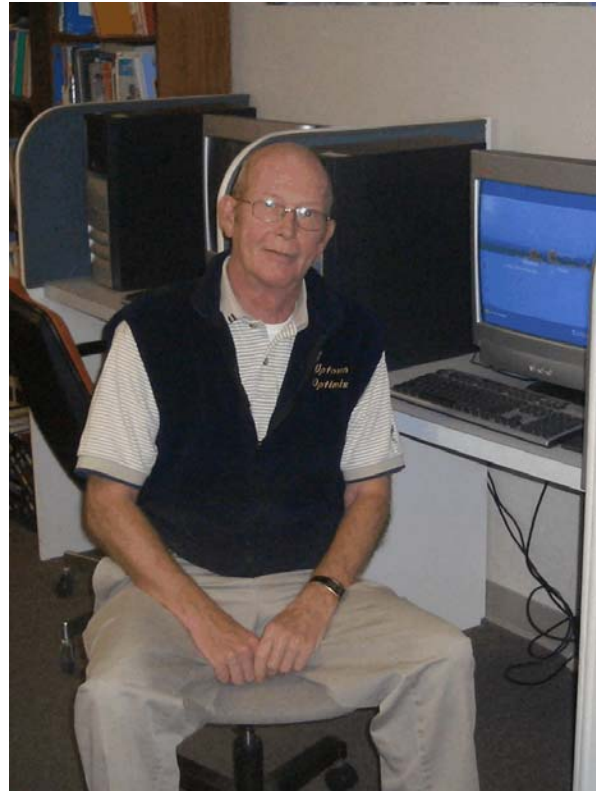
Roger Lesofski, the Jobs Developer at the Transition Center, began working here in early 1991 with about 28 residents. His first task was to help them find jobs, but it was soon evident that the major task needed to be development of life-long job-seeking skills. Over the years Roger refined those techniques and today he handles job development with 200 plus residents and 70 to 100 employers in the community.

Roger worked for Job Service for eight years as an employment specialist, placing job-seekers and handling executive accounts, screening applicants for companies such as Montana Power.

Additionally, Roger is the administrator of the computer system in the Transition Center complex. There were no computers when Roger started and now all employees have access to computers.

Roger has used his networking abilities to his advantage in job development through his many community activities: the Chamber of Commerce Sports and Recreation Committee, the Four Seasons Sports Foundation, the Uptown Optimist Club, and his hobbies/interests of racquetball, golf, skiing, and horse racing. Roger is also a member of the Great Falls Pre-Release Public Relations Committee.

The Great Falls Pre-Release has become recognized as a major work-force entity in Great Falls through the hard work and determination of the Jobs Developer and the residents.



STAFF NOTES

Congratulations to Treatment Services Director **Alan Scanlon**, who completed his fifth year of employment at the Transition Center in July and RA **Stu Brown** who completed his first year in August.

Welcome to our newest staff members, all RA's: **Jeremy Blose, Tyra DeLuca, Mike Duncan, Cara Firman, Brandy Gauer, Vicky Jones, and Jana Letcher.**

We have enjoyed the presence of **Saori Kameue** from Japan, a graduate of the University of Great Falls, who completed eight weeks of volunteerism. She spent time with staff in numerous departments and learned what work is done in each department. She also did various assigned tasks for staff to give her a better idea of how a transition center operates.

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