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Veterans Day Pinning Ceremony at LHS/CLS

On Veteran's Day, staff and students at Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake School honored two volunteers in their Foster Grandparents Program who are also veterans. Ken Meier, a Navy veteran and Jack Crowley, Marine veteran were each presented with a certificate, pin, thank you letter and a card made by the students. The awards were provided by the Corporation for National Service, the Foster Grandparents Program, and Lincoln Hills and Cooper Lake Schools.



Grandpa Jack Crowley, Former Superintendent John Ourada and Grandpa Ken Meier

Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake Schools former Superintendent John Ourada presented the items to the Veterans in honor of their service with these words of appreciation:

We all thank you for the sacrifices you made and your willingness to serve our country. You endured hardships and were willing to risk your life to maintain our freedom.

You, at this time, still continue to serve your community by volunteering to work with young students who are at-risk.

On behalf of The Foster Grandparent Program, Lincoln Hills and Cooper Lake Schools and the Corporation for National Service please accept our thanks and gratitude. When you see this pin, know that your service to the nation is deeply appreciated.

We thank you!

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Call for Nominations

During March, Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin will be conducting its annual election of Executive Board Members. Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

Executive Officers

**President-Elect
Secretary
Treasurer**

Executive Board Members

**Maximum/Minimum Security Representative
Medium Security Representative
State Agency Representative
At-Large Representative/Newsletter Editor**

Any CEA-Wisconsin member is eligible to run for office. All Offices and Board Members serve two-year terms with the President-Elect assuming the office of President at the end of his/her term. Nominations must be received by **March 1, 2016**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2016 Executive Board Meeting.

Nominations are to be sent to:

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It is our hope that this newsletter will be used to communicate information concerning activities, special events, new directions and policies of CEA-Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Articles for publication may be submitted to the CEA-W News Review Editor Jerry Bednarowski at: jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com

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Ken Meier

An 83-year-old Navy veteran, Grandpa Ken Meier has been volunteering for nine years at CLS/LHS helping the students through his participation in the Foster Grandparent Program. He comes Monday through Friday and volunteers 30 hours each week of the year. As of last month, he has given 12,841 hours of service to young girls and boys who are at risk and in the juvenile corrections system. Ken works in the classroom assisting the teachers with students who may be struggling to keep up with class assignments, helping them keep on task and complete their work. Most of the CLS/LHS students need the one-to-one help so he is a very big asset for the teachers to have in their classroom. There are times when the class behaves better due to a Foster Grandparent in the classroom.

Jack Crowley

Grandpa Jack Crowley, an 85-year-old Marine veteran, has been helping the students at LHS for the past three years through his participation in the Foster Grandparent Program. He comes Monday through Thursday and volunteers 28 hours each week of the year. He has given 3,707 hours of service to these young boys. He volunteers in the living unit as well as in the classrooms at school. He plays cards in the living unit while passing on his values and experience to the boys whenever it is appropriate. He helps in the classrooms too where he works one-to-one with the youth in the school and is very much appreciated, as he likes to help in the math classes. Jack is also a walking history book and has helped to clarify things that are in the book that he has actually lived through.

The Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program is a volunteer program sponsored by Copper Lake and Lincoln Hills Schools and is federally funded by the Corporation for National Service.

In Lincoln County, the Foster Grandparent Program places older adults where their support and lifetime of experience will make a difference. Currently 16 seniors from three surrounding communities are actively busy making a difference in the lives of youth at Copper Lake and Lincoln Hills Correctional Facility in Irma, Wisconsin. There are presently two shifts of Foster Grandparents (one 5 hours, 5 days a week and the other 6 hours, 4 days a week) interacting with the students from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm daily. The Foster Grandparent Program has been an active part of Lincoln Hills for 42 years touching the lives of many youth. The youth experience firsthand the vitality of older people and learn how to interact with them and treat them with respect.

Some of the activities in which the Grandparents participate are: talking and listening, playing cards, baking treats together to share, planting flowers outside the living units, crafts, assisting and tutoring in the classroom, and helping those who are struggling to keep up or just stay on task. Many students with the help of a grandparent have been able to improve both academically and socially. This assists in breaking the cycle of failure these youth so often experience and become comfortable with. The youth become so proud of themselves when they progress, which is not a feeling they are used to. The Foster Grandparents enjoy watching the students develop better skills, experiencing their progress firsthand and knowing that the help they give so freely will assist in helping them become a productive part of our community.

It is rewarding to the Foster Grandparents to know that they have made a difference. With the special skills these grandparents have learned through their own life experiences they are able to motivate the students in very unique ways. The Foster Grandparents at Copper Lake and Lincoln Hills Schools are a very dedicated, caring group who see past what may have brought our students to Copper Lake or Lincoln Hills School to see the potential in all the students and help them to see a future for themselves.

For more information about Foster Grandparent Program, contact Copper Lake School/Lincoln Hills School Volunteer Coordinator Donna Nash at Donna.Nash@wisconsin.gov.

Artist Reflects on Creativity Contest Participation

Each year, CEA-Wisconsin invites writers and artists incarcerated in Wisconsin's jail, prison, and juvenile facility populations to submit their works for the annual edition of the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest. Right now, members of the Creativity Contest Committee are busy reviewing the original prose, poetry, and ink drawings and selecting those to be published in the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest booklet.

Once the entries are selected, the booklets will be typeset and printed for distribution. The target date for distribution of the booklets to CEA-W members and correctional facility libraries is the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day on May 2-3, 2016. Authors and artists whose works are selected will also receive two free copies of the booklet when it is published in May.

The Creativity Contest goes beyond reflecting the professional commitment of CEA-Wisconsin members to promote literacy and encouraging the creative efforts of their students at various education levels. It also has a personal impact on the writers and artists who participate in the project.

The following is a letter received by a Creativity Contest Committee member from a contest participant at the Green Lake County Jail:

Shortly after writing you I received two copies of the new Creativity Contest book. I was surprised to see that what I heard about was there, that my sketch had made the front cover.

Jail time gave me the time to renew interest in things I hadn't done for years, reading, writing and drawing several sketches, including the one that was entered. It was actually sketched with a black felt pen and done on the 8 ½ x 11 sheet the long way. It was reduced, and shrank which lost a lot of detail, but they really did a nice job with the border. This is a real positive program and they do an excellent job of editing and printing. I'm impressed.

I would like six more copies of the book but don't know how to pay, credit card, check? I'll send you a copy of the original full size sketch. You could bill me too, I'm good for the money, trust me.

Thanks again, God bless.

Bob Wessels

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Monday, March 21st – Wednesday, March 23rd
Paragon Resort, Marksville, Louisiana

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Must be postmarked by dates below to receive rate

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\$249.00 by February 5th
 \$299.00 from February 6th to 26th
 \$349.00 after February 26th

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\$324.00 by February 5th
 \$374.00 from February 6th – 26th
 \$424.00 after February 26th

For registration materials, go to: www.ceanational.org.

Forum Hotel Discount Room Rate:

\$83.00 – Standard Room, Single or Double
 \$114.00 – Deluxe Atrium Tower Room, Single or Double

To receive the forum room rate, reservations must be booked no later than February 27, 2016 using the discount room code CEAA03G. Website: www.paragoncasinoresort.com.

Our National Office Has Moved!



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Two Wisconsin Prisons Help Conserve Monarchs

Two Wisconsin prisons are partnering with the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge to support monarch butterfly conservation. For roughly a decade, the Refuge has worked with Louise Bever, a horticulture teacher at New Lisbon Correctional Institution, and with Cloy Neis, Facilities Repair Worker at Jackson Correctional Institution. Both Bever and Neis supervise and assist inmates who grow a number of prairie species native to central Wisconsin.

In 2015, both institutions expanded the size of their garden beds to accommodate growing several milkweed species in addition to those species they've already been growing. Milkweeds are an obligate species for monarch butterflies, meaning that monarchs require milkweed for part of their life cycle. Monarch caterpillars feed only on milkweed, although adults can get nectar from a very wide variety of flowering plants including milkweed. One can have a prairie of nectar-producing plants, but without milkweed the prairie will not support monarch reproduction.

Inmates involved in these projects learn about the life cycle requirements of the plants they grow. Some seem to take a greater interest in learning about techniques, such as different ways to stratify seed to improve germination, while others appear to just enjoy working in the gardens.

Inmates involved with the projects had similar views: A New Lisbon inmate put it this way, "I enjoyed learning about the various wildlife plants and watching them grow. It is wonderful to be part of a program that helps to replant and preserve the natural grasslands of Wisconsin."

Another at the Jackson facility expressed that "I enjoyed working in the wildflower garden to help renew the natural prairies of Wisconsin. This makes me feel like I am giving back to Wisconsin and the community. I am honored for this opportunity to serve nature in Wisconsin."

Some species are started in a greenhouse and later transferred to garden plots. Others they plant directly into the plots. Seeds collected at the end of growing season are cleaned to remove excess chaff and other material. Inmates then inventory, package and label what they've collected.

While coordinating project expansion with the two institutions, Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program biologist Mark Pfof discussed the project with both staff and inmates and answered their questions. He has given talks at the New Lisbon facility that encompass monarch conservation specifically, as well as wildlife conservation and Leopold's land ethic more generally. Inmates were engaged and asked many questions.

Another New Lisbon inmate stated, "It has given me the opportunity to not only enjoy what I may not have otherwise been able to, but more so, learn about the important role these plants play and contribute to the restoration and maintenance of natural wildlife habitats so that others may have a chance as we did. To leave the world a little better than I found it!"

Inmates are not the only ones who enjoy being involved with the project. Louise Bever also finds satisfaction: "Working with Necedah National Wildlife Refuge offers me, as a horticulture teacher, the opportunity to expand teaching into species conservation and a land ethic while they are learning to grow plants for food and beautifying their space in the community. Personally, it offers me an opportunity to enjoy the flowers in bloom and refresh my memory of common and scientific names."

Biologists at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge then incorporate the seeds into prairie restorations on refuge or on restoration projects with private landowners through the Partners for Fish & Wildlife

Program. The amount of seed produced by the two institutions is relatively small, probably not enough to plant even a small prairie, but it does help.

Whatever may have led inmates to be imprisoned; these comments suggest that their support of the monarch conservation initiative through their involvement with this project may exert a positive influence on their lives.

Adapted from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field Notes Entry



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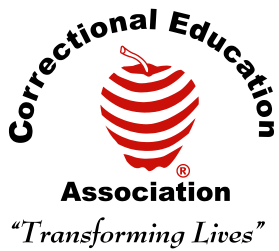
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Call for Presentations

CEA-Wisconsin Training Days

May 2-3, 2016

The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

The Wisconsin Chapter of CEA will be hosting its annual training days on Monday and Tuesday, May 2-3, 2016. A wide variety of workshops will be needed to make this conference an excellent professional development opportunity. This is your opportunity to share information about your program or services with correctional professionals!

Possible workshop topics may include: vocational education, basic literacy instruction, HSED/GED preparation, math instruction, financial literacy, special education, juvenile programming, county jail programming, library services, technology in the classroom, professional development, and other areas.

Sessions will last 75 minutes. You are responsible for providing all materials and handouts needed for your session. Due to incompatibilities of hardware/software, you must provide a computer, if needed, for your presentation. We will provide screens, LCD projectors and flipcharts.

Deadline for proposal submission: March 1, 2016

You will be notified by April 1, 2016, if your presentation is selected.

Send your proposal to:

Holly Audley, Office of Secretary Reentry Unit-EBP Manager
3099 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53704
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Email: holly.audley@wisconsin.gov

Workshop title: (12 words or less)

Workshop description: (65 words or less)

Intended/Targeted Audience: (Check all that apply)

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Preferred presentation time (circle one):

No Preference Monday AM Monday PM Tuesday AM Tuesday PM

Are you planning to attend the whole conference? (circle one): Yes No

I need the following equipment (circle needed items): Screen Flipchart

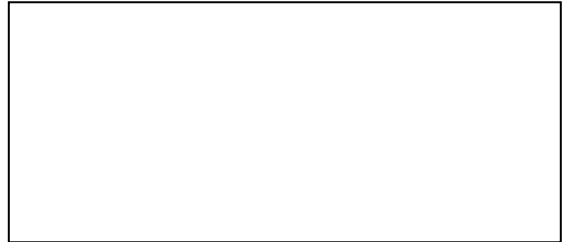
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Presenter Information: Please make sure this information is complete and accurate as it will be used for the conference program. Include as many sheets as needed for the number of presenters.

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President's Message

As a part of my doctoral research on correctional educators, I have found a website that may be of interest to you. (http://www.csusb.edu/coe/programs/correctional_ed) The California State University San Bernardino has a Center for the Study of Correctional Education. It is the only organization of its kind working to support teachers and education administrators who work in confinement institutions. Founded in 1992, the Center houses the most complete collection of correctional education related literature anywhere in the world, as well as the only complete collection of *The Journal of Correctional Education*. A subscription to this journal is one of your membership benefits in CEA. If you are not a member, check out the special membership offer on page 7.

I will close with an interesting description I found from Reagen & Stoughton (1976), "Corrections is designed for custody and control. Education's purpose is freedom, growth, and self-actualization. The correctional educator must, at the minimum, maintain an **island of sanity in a storm of psychosis.**"

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