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Letter from the President

This winter has certainly been one to remember! First, we made it through a polar vortex that plummeted temperatures to around 60 below zero in some parts of the state. Now we have been blanketed with snow, snow, and more snow. Southeastern Minnesota was hit hard. Blizzard conditions lead to numerous accidents, road closures, and many stranded motorists. Snowplows worked tirelessly to keep up with clearing blowing and drifting snow, while emergency personnel and civilians worked together to rescue those in need. There’s nothing like bad weather to bring out “Minnesota Nice”.

Planning is in full swing for our MJPS Spring Conference “Exceeding the Vision” for April 30, 2019 - May 2, 2019 at Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge. We are looking forward to the training opportunities as well as networking with others across the state. We have some great speakers lined up that you will not want to miss. And, be sure to take advantage of the early bird special as registration is now open.

Nominations for Kay Siebrass and Dave Grant awards are now open as well. Please take a moment to nominate a fellow programmer for all of the hard work that is done every day. Also, there will be a 3-year term opening for a new MJPS board member that we will vote on this spring. Consider getting involved and sharing your talents with your fellow programmers.

In closing, keep your scarf-wrapped chin up fellow Minnesotans; the groundhog saw his shadow which means an early spring! I sure hope that holds true.

Peace and Grace to all of you,

Mary Davidson
MJPS President



Retirement Announcement Congratulations Mary Spiczka!

FAREWELL TO MY FELLOW PROGRAMMERS

It is hard to believe the time is here. I am officially retiring February 28th. After 23 years in the jail and 28 years total with the County, it's time for me to bid farewell.

It has been an absolute pleasure working, knowing and networking with all of you during this time. I know we don't always see each other all that much but the emails, the phone conversations and the camaraderie are what made us all such "family". I will treasure that and your friendship forever. I always believed that it takes a certain breed of people to be jail programmers and I think that's why our group

is so unique. Over the years I have seen so many people step up to the plate to make a difference in someone's life. Whether it be a new program, one on one assistance or planning re-entry for someone, programmers always give their heart and soul to have that transition be as successful as possible.

Years ago, when Jo Carpenter and I were presenting a Programmers 101 at a Correctional Officer Conference, something came out of my mouth that to this day I'm uncertain how it happened, but has stuck with me forever. And I believe this quote says it all for what

we do. **"Don't lock 'em up and throw away the key, let's give them the key to opportunity!"**

Keep doing what you do best and thanks for being a big part of my successful career! I will always treasure the time we've spent together! I will miss you....please keep in touch!

Love,
Mary Spiczka
Program Coordinator
Benton County Jail
Personal Cell: 320-293-4048

P.S. Now, I actually will have time to travel! (Quit laughing, Anoka's Mel and Jill!)



SIGN UP NOW!



SPRING CONFERENCE
"EXCEEDING THE VISION"
APRIL 30TH - MAY 2ND 2019
RUTTGER'S BAY LAKE LODGE

2019 MINNESOTA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION JAIL PROGRAMS AWARDS

The Kay Siebrass Program of the Year Award will be granted to the county jail that nominates a program that could be duplicated in any facility (large or small, rural or urban, etc.). One of the goals of MJPS is to share ideas that can be duplicated and to prevent programmers from “reinventing the wheel.” We also want to recognize new and innovative ideas, as well as the time & effort of volunteers/programmers in our county facilities.

**NOW ACCEPTING
NOMINATIONS!**

The Dave Grant Award will be given to the county jail that nominates a program that has partnered with other resources in their communities, or through tapping other sources of funding (i.e. grants, vending commissions, outside salaries) has created a program that may not be available to all of our counties.

See applications below

Application for the “Kay Siebrass” Program of the Year Award

Each year the MJPS Executive Board asks facilities to nominate any of their programs that they feel are deserving of the “Kay Siebrass” Program of the Year Award.

Five criteria are used in the selection process, and they are as follows:

- use of volunteers or program staff
- cost effectiveness
- innovations
- on-going program
- provides new skills

Please use this form to nominate one of your programs

Program Title: _____

Program Facilitators: _____

Institution or County: _____

Program Coordinator: _____

Description of Program: Use whatever format you wish to present your nomination, be sure to include the required criteria.

Send your completed application to:

Mary Davidson, MJPS President

Mower County Justice Center

201 2nd Ave NE, Suite 4

Austin, MN 55912

Phone: 507-434-2718

Fax: 507-437-9563

Application deadline is March 25, 2019

**Application for the “Dave Grant”
Program of the Year Award**

Each year the MJPS Executive Board asks facilities to nominate any of their programs that they feel are deserving of the “Dave Grant” Program of the Year Award.

Four criteria are used in the selection process, and they are as follows:

- cost effectiveness
- innovations
- provides new skills
- utilization and/or integration of community resources

Please use this form to nominate one of your programs

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SPRING CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. JODY JANATI

Dr. Jody Janati is a professor of communication studies at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Dr. Janati's work focuses on conflict resolution, conflict reduction, and interpersonal communication skills. She holds an Ed.D. in Organization Leadership from Argosy University and a M.A. in Speech Communication from North Dakota State University.



ROGER SEIP

Roger Seip is the author of *Train Your Brain for Success*, a bestselling book on how to remember more, read smarter, and break records. After a successful career in sales, he co-founded Freedom Personal Development and has been providing trainings on expanding potential to organizations for over 15 years.

MSA APP

The MJPS Spring Conference is going digital!

The conference book will be available on the MSA app for use during the conference. The app is a great way to view up-to-date information on this conference and other MSA events.

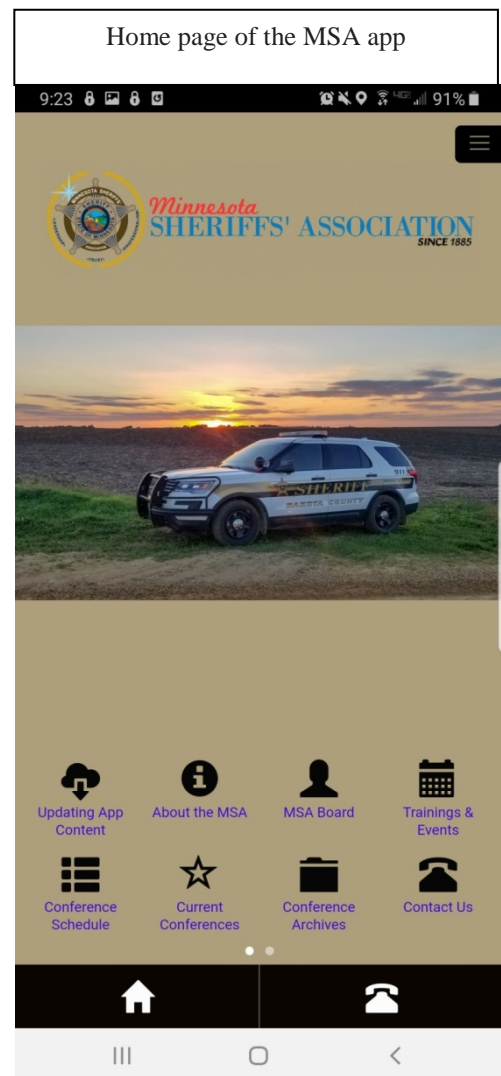
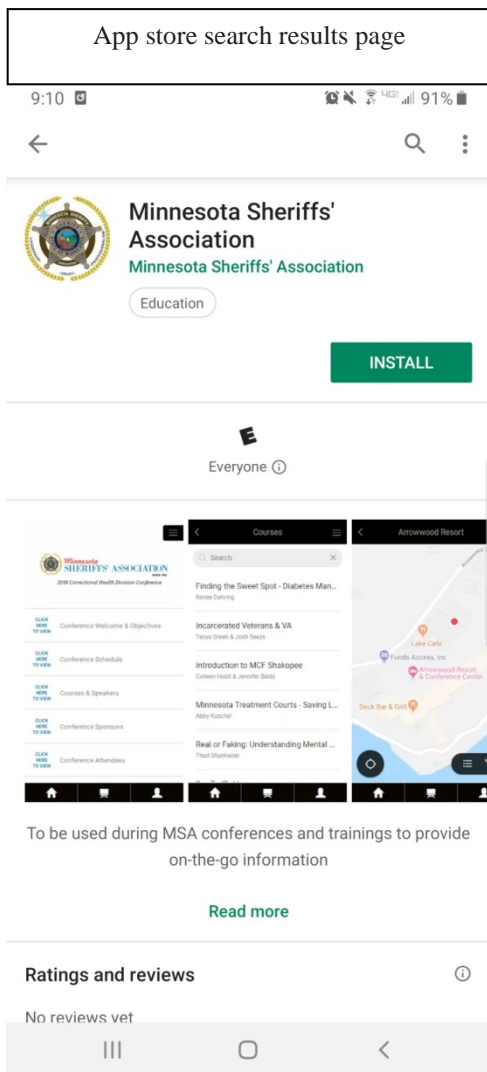
The facility has free WI-FI which will allow for easy access to the app throughout the conference.

If you would like a paper copy of the schedule, please

print the one that will be emailed prior to the conference. There will be a limited number of paper copies available for those unable to use the app or print ahead of time.

The MSA app can be downloaded for free to your phone or tablet from the app store by searching MN Sheriffs' Association.

Check out the pictures below to see what the app looks like in the app store and once it is opened!



Dakota County Gets Back to Basics

The Dakota County Jail has proudly resumed GED testing for inmates in custody. A new partnership with the Great Rivers Adult Education Consortium has revitalized the Adult Basic Education programming in the jail.

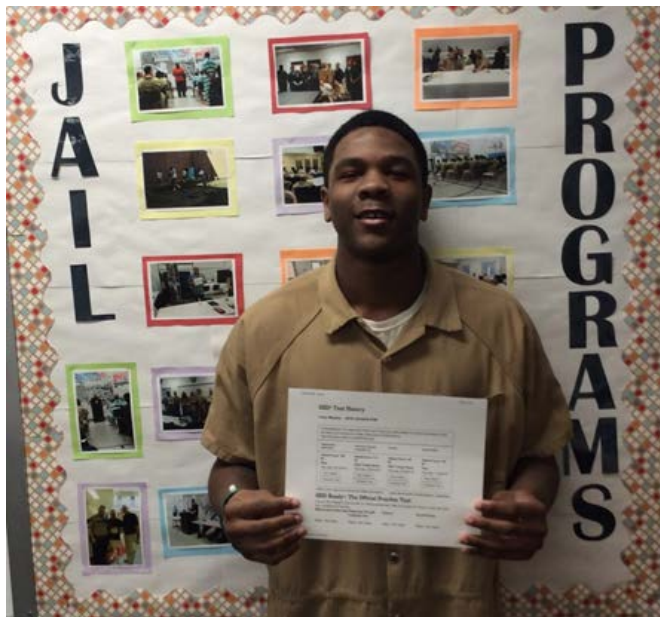
The new partnership has brought in the opportunity to provide extra programming with the support of the teachers at no cost to the county. Great Rivers' teachers now run an anger management class, a parenting class, a life skills class and a college prep course in addition to their usual GED/ABE material.

The first inmate to take the GED in the facility in over five years passed his last test this month!

Congratulations to the student and well done Dakota County for developing a fruitful partnership to support inmates in obtaining further education.



Dakota County Jail Programs Sergeant, Jake Schak, shows off the official "Pearson VUE" testing signage.



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