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Warner Creek Correctional Facility celebrates 10th anniversary

In a ceremony last Thursday, Sept. 10, staff and community members celebrated the 10th anniversary of Warner Creek Correctional Facility in Lakeview. The day opened with a flag ceremony by the Department of Corrections Honor Guard, followed by remarks from Superintendent Steve Brown, former Lake County Commissioner Kit Collins, DOC Deputy Director Kim Brockamp, and WCCF Sgt. Mike Winters. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed refreshments and toured the facility.

Deputy Director Brockamp and Ms. Collins both commented that WCCF has become part of the Lake County community, and praised the collaboration among WCCF staff, community members, and local businesses. Sgt. Winters spoke about DOC's top agency initiative – staff wellness. He is part of an effort to increase staff wellness at WCCF through a new and improved wellness center.

Superintendent Brown closed the ceremony by thanking each and every WCCF staff member. "DOC and WCCF have experienced many changes over the past ten years," he said. "The one constant has been our dedicated and professional staff. It is due to these individuals working as a team that WCCF can accomplish its mission and ensure an inmate's history does not become his destiny."

WCCF is a minimum-security prison in Lakeview that houses approximately 486 male inmates who are within four years of release. WCCF provides a range of correctional programs and services including education, transitional programs, religious services, and work opportunities. WCCF has a contact center on site through Oregon Corrections Enterprises. The facility opened in September 2005, and it received the State Energy Efficiency Design (SEED) award in May 2008 for its progress in design efficiency. The most energy-efficient element at WCCF is the use of geothermal energy, providing 100 percent of the hot water to the facility.



The DOC Honor Guard posts the colors to open the ceremony.



L-R: Superintendent Steve Brown, Eastside Institutions Administrator Steve Franke, and Assistant Director Michael Gower.

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