

Exemplary service

Reaching new heights

Lake County earned two National Association of Counties (NACo) distinguished Achievement Awards this past year for innovative programs. Since 1994, Lake County has been recognized 24 times with NACo Achievement Awards. The winning 2006 programs are:

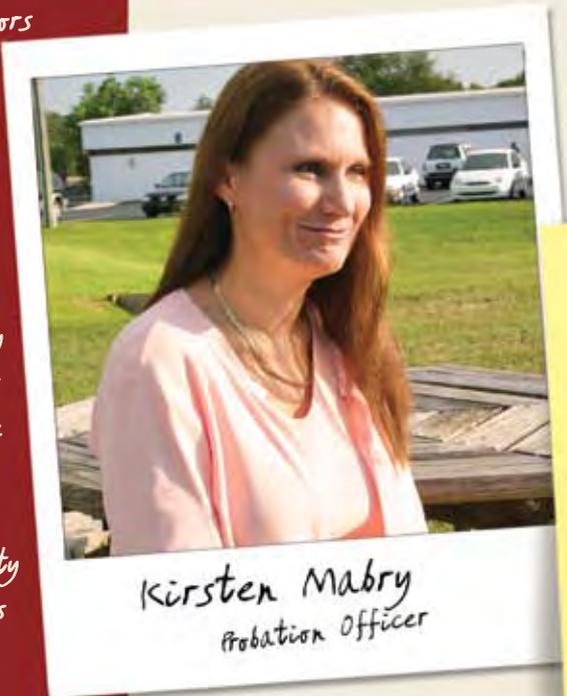
The **Sharps Disposal Program** allows residents of Lake County to visit one of the County's 16-staffed fire stations to pick up a specially designed free container that promotes the safe disposal of biohazardous medical waste, such as syringes with attached needles and disposable lancets. By placing a syringe in the container and twisting the top, it safely disposes of the used needle and a small portion of the syringe. The

process destroys the disposable syringe preventing any possible reuse or needle-stick injuries. Unlike most containers that require special disposal, this container is safe to throw away with household trash.

The **Home Heating Oil Recovery Program** was initiated by the Department of Environmental Services. It encourages homeowners in the cities and the unincorporated areas of Lake County to join in the fight against soil and water pollution by locating and properly draining fuel oil from old tanks. The service is provided at no cost to homeowners and is financed by the Pollution Recovery Trust Fund. The fund receives money from civil penalties imposed for polluting the environment.

The Florida Association of Community Corrections (FACC) announced this past year that Lake County Probation Officer Kirsten Mabry was selected as "Adult Line Officer of the Year."

The award honors someone at the line officer level who has done an exemplary job within the criminal justice system. Ms. Mabry currently handles about 280 of the 1,200 offender cases supervised by the Lake County Probation Services Division.



Kirsten Mabry
Probation Officer

"A lot of people might think probation is not a flattering or glamorous job, but it is a humbling experience. I try to enforce the law while helping people get back on their feet."



bears fruit

Libraries are second nature

Wendy Breeden, Director of Lake County Library Services, received the "Florida Leader of the Year Award" from the Florida Library Association at the 2006 Annual Conference and Exhibition in Lake Buena Vista.

The award is presented to a member of the Florida Library Association for distinguished service. During the past year, Ms. Breeden chaired a committee that successfully searched for a new lobbyist for the association and was a member of the association's legislative committee. She was also appointed last year to a statewide task force to review the State aid grant for libraries.

Nature's Masterpiece

The Lake County Department of Tourism and Business Relations received a Red Baron Media Award at the 12th Annual Convention and Trade Show of the Florida Festivals and Events Association in August 2006. Lake County was presented with an award for a print advertisement, titled "Nature's Masterpiece," which was published in two editions of Orlando Arts Magazine to promote the County's cultural attractions. It is the fourth consecutive year Lake County has earned awards at the annual convention.



- EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER
- Donnie Prevatt,
Energy Maintenance Technician
 - Scott Catasus,
Environmental Specialist
 - Linda Maston,
Office Associate
 - Teresa Conant,
Office Associate

- SUPERVISORS OF THE QUARTER
- Brenda Quattlebaum,
Executive Management Associate
 - Phil Maggio, Engineer
 - Sheila Short, Planner
 - Charlene Smith,
Assistant Library Services Director

Cream of the Crop

The following staff members were selected for employee or supervisor of the quarter awards during the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

