

# They did it!

## Marion County jail earns national certification

**M**arion County Jailer Barry Brady and his staff strive to go “above and beyond” in maintaining the quality of their facility. “There are three things you don’t ever compromise: staff, staff training and life safety issues,” Brady emphasized.

This commitment to quality and to consistently meeting the American Correctional Association’s (ACA) Core Jail Standards each and every day has earned the Marion County Detention Center ACA certification – making it one of the few certified jails in America and the only certified jail in Kentucky.

During the yearlong ACA certification process, Brady pointed out, “We strive to do the right thing so we can reduce our liability issues without sacrificing the needs of the inmates or the professionalism of our staff.”

The Marion County Jail is a model of efficiency. The facility has a capacity of 297 inmates, and stays full most of the time, holding local inmates, state offenders and federal detainees. There is a state-of-the-art training facility on the jail campus where officers receive training

“The American Corrections Association established the Core Jail Standards, which are focused on professionalism in the business of jails. I am very proud of the Marion County De-



Marion County Jailer **Barry Brady**, left, was congratulated by KACo Loss Control Specialist **Corey McIlvoy**.

tection Center staff and our achievement of the proficient title of being a Certified Jail Operation,” said Brady.

However, not content to sit on the laurels, Brady noted, “We want to be innovative here and work on continuing improvement and continuing communication.” ■