A look on the inside

PREPARING TO SEE THE JUDGE
Cpl. Nathan Spencer places handcuffs on a female inmate who is preparing to walk to the Roscommon County Courthouse to see a judge. The female inmates are kept separate from the male inmate population.

COMMUNICATION FROM BOTH SIDES
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At the Roscommon County Jail, the inmate is greeted by the jail administrator, Deputy Angie Griffis. The inmate is then given standard orange clothing and taken to a cell.

SORTING OUT THE DETAILS
For 18 years, Cpl. Rob Holliday has been on constant watch and also distributing medications to the inmates. Twice a week, Roscommon County Jail Nurse Angie Griffis fills pill boxes for all the medications the inmates need. Those pill boxes are then given to the correction deputies who distribute them to the inmates.

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At the end of breakfast, Cpl. Nathan Spencer collects trays from the inmates to be placed in jail or get them ready to be released. Beck said being a road patrol officer is fun for so long, she knows the amount of work the jail staff members perform on a daily basis and noted that she has always had a respect for the police. In order to show them how integral they are to the daily operations of the Roscommon County Sheriff’s Office, Beck said the correction officers are all trained to high standards and have experience in defensive tactics as they are not legally allowed to carry a firearm in the jail.

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