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FACILITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Bertie reports that for the month of October, a total of eight students received their GED certificates. Three completed the GED within three weeks of attending class and three increased their reading and math scores from six to ten points within two weeks. During the month of November, seven students were awarded certificates in the Commercial Cleaning, fifteen awarded in Character Education and eight awarded in the Thinking for a Change Program. For the month of December, four students received certificates in the A/C Heating and Refrigeration Technology class and three students received certificates from the Computer Information Technology class.

Caledonia currently has sixty students assigned to Vocational classes and twenty-three students assigned to academic programs. The annual graduation was held October 7, 2010. Mr. Bronson Williams, CEO of New Life Media was the guest speaker. The Food Service class and students from the Apprentice Program provided a great meal. Caledonia's students completed and received certificates in the following programs: Plumbing (21), Facility Maintenance (17), Masonry (17), Small Engine (21), Food Service (17), ABE/GED (18), Computer Applications (18), and CRC (24). Registration was held in December for the January 2011 seminar.

Columbus was able to maintain their academic and vocational classes for 2010. As a result, fifteen academic students received their GED certificates during this fourth quarter. A total of sixteen vocational students completed the Human Resource Development class, Computer Language (9), and Computer Repair (14). The Columbus Correctional Staff along with the staff at Southeastern Community College look forward to working with the students in preparation for their transition back into the community.

Greene Correctional implemented new vocational/HRD programs for the fourth quarter. The programs are: Essential Skills for Food Service, Computers w/CRC & Keytrain and FREE (Focus on Reality, Education and Employment). A total of thirty students completed the programs. Also, there were two students that successfully obtained their GED certificates. Greene's Essentials Skills for Construction Trades is slated to start in January.

Harnett Correctional held a Recognition Ceremony on October 29, 2010 in the Visitation Hall. Seventeen students were awarded their Barbering Certificates from Central Carolina Community College after successfully completing 1528 hours of study during the past year. All of the students

have now moved to the second phase which is the Apprenticeship Program. They will work under the supervision of a licensed barber for one year. An additional three Apprentice Barbers passed the NC State Board Exam on October 7, 2010 and are now Provisional Licensed Barbers currently working with the DOC at minimum custody facilities in the state. On December 20, 2010 fifteen students completed study for the Small Engine and Equipment Repair Certificate. Sixteen students completed training for the Food Service Technology Certificate during the community college fall semester at Harnett. The Welding Class completed the fabrication of one pig cooker for a Community Service Project on November 23, 2010 for the benefit of the Relief Lodge #431 A.F. & A.M. in Benson, NC. A final tally of December circulation figures showed that the library at Harnett experienced an 18.2% circulation increase in 2010. The actual total number of books checked out was 24,556 in 2010 versus 20,773 in the previous year. This amounts to over 25 books read per person annually. At Harnett, the residents place particular value on library services. Eighty-six (86%) of the population uses the library. A computer failure in early December necessitated the replacement of a hard drive for the circulation computer. Undaunted by this challenge, the library continued to operate, providing books to the inmate academic students and general population. During the two weeks the computer was inoperative, hundreds of returned books were piled behind the circulation desk while signed cards from books inmates borrowed were stacked awaiting entry into the computer. With collaboration and hard work, data was entered and the backlog taken care of. One of Harnett's entries in the 2010 Annual DOC Inmate Art Contest held a Catawba CC in Hickory, NC won a first place award in the painting category. There were 180 entries from thirty one facilities.



Harnett Apprentice Barbers working



Holy Smoke! It's a pig cooker fabricated by HCI Welding students



Harnett Apprentice Barbers practicing their tonsorial art



The Harnett Apprentice Barbers, on the "cutting edge" of new career opportunities

Hoke Correctional held their annual GED ceremonies on November 18, 2010 with Mr. Larry Grant as the keynote speaker. The Life Skills Class graduated four students on October 25, seven graduated on December 16 from the HRD/Computer class and ten graduated from the Horticulture program on December 17. Hoke continues to have a volunteer from the Moore County Literacy Council to tutor students with their reading.

Morrison is pleased to announce that eighteen students participated in the GED graduation ceremonies at the Minimum School on October 21, 2010. They are also pleased to announce that the Medium School held its GED graduation on December 2, 2010 with eighteen students being honored. Dr. Richardson from Educational Services, Central Office, Mr. Smith, Vice President, Richmond Community College, Mrs. Byrd, Program Director, Richmond Community College, Mr. Huggins, Morrison's Superintendent and Mr. Trask, Assistant Superintendent joined in the ceremonies. The event was held in the medium custody chapel. Mr. Wase, retired principal of Morrison CI was the guest speaker. He spoke of the many challenges that may be ahead and how students may overcome those challenges through continued study and persistence. During the fourth quarter, thirty-seven minimum custody students earned a certificate in Office Practices. In October, eighteen students received their certificates for successful completion of the Richmond Community College computer course with Mr. Utley. Twenty-two students earned certificates in bricklaying, resulting in a 47% increase in successful completers compared to April 2010. Ceremonies were held in October and December to congratulate the students on their successes. The medium and minimum libraries at Morrison now host a collection of 600 or more books after a recent purchase. An additional fifty books were added via a donated \$50 certificate. Library software has been installed in the medium custody library to keep an automated electronic record of books. In the coming months, the minimum library will be equipped with the same technology.

Pasquotank reported the following events for the fourth quarter: The Food Service Technology class held a Chili Cook Off on October 28 and students used various ingredients to prepare home-style chili. They were judged on taste, presentation, cook time and creativity. A Chicken Cook Off was held November 29. The class prepared several different chicken style meals in the tradition of the popular television series, "Iron Chef". A Gingerbread House Baking Contest was held on December 10. Students made gingerbread houses using various candies, treats and snacks and were judged on taste, presentation, cook time and creativity. The judges selected a winner from each contest for first, second and third places. The Food Service Technology Program had five students to complete the full requirements for their diploma in December. Pasquotank currently has six students enrolled in the Digital Design Apprenticeship Program in the Sewing Plant. A total of thirteen students completed the program in December. Pasquotank selected two eligible candidates to transfer to Columbus CI and two to transfer to Scotland CI to take part in the Sewing Machine Repair Apprenticeship Program.

Thirteen students completed the program in December. Fifty students completed the GED program from January - December 2010. Pasquotank is proud to report a passing percentage of 98.9%. Six students are currently enrolled in the UNC Outreach Program.

Piedmont Correctional partners with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College offering classes in Masonry, Auto body, Light Construction, Vocational, GED and ABE. They take great pride in the accomplishments of their students completing the various programs. The minimum facility held a graduation ceremony on December 15, 2010 recognizing students receiving certificates of completion in the following programs: GED (7), Chaplaincy Re-Entry Program (6), Character Education Program (5), and CBI: Thinking for a Change Program (6). The medium facility held the winter graduation on December 21, 2010. Ms. Jeanie Moore, Vice-President, Continuing Education, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, was the guest speaker. Recognition was given to students earning certificates in the following programs: GED (4), Auto Body and Light Construction (18), Enterprise Apprenticeship Program (2), Anger Management (9), Character Education Program (11), Napoleon Hill Program (20) and CBI: Thinking for a Change (23). The vocational classes continue to complete various projects for the community such as building cabinets for a local Volunteer Fire Dept., repairing and refurbishing vehicles. Piedmont CI aided Forsyth Correctional Center with their December Bike Project by refurbishing donated bicycles for distribution to needy children at Christmas. The class also repainted fire trucks and buses for various local agencies.



Southside VFD Brush Truck
Partners in Learning Bus



Habitat for Humanity Outbuilding/Cabinet inside Landis VFD Bus



Forsyth CC Bike Project
Discovery Place Kids Fire Truck

Swannanoa CCW was featured in the October 2010 magazine issue of the “Western North Carolina Woman.” Women who stand With the Wolves: The New Leash on Life Program is highlighted with a featured story and photos by Laura Hope- Gill, Director of Asheville Wordfest and the first poet laureate of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The article gives an in-depth account of what is involved with this very beneficial program to both the dogs and all of the residents of the facility. Superintendent Debbie Hughes is very appreciative of the New Leash on Life Program and states that it adds to the facility’s positive programming. This program was started in 2005 at the Black Mountain facility (which moved to Swannanoa) under the direction of Superintendent Hughes. The trainers are generally women who have an expressed interest in the program. The article contains photos of trainers Stacey and Barbara with the dogs. Riley is a Blue Heeler-Jack Russell mix and Bentley is a Boxer with black, brown and white dog-goggles. The successful program has been piloted at Marion CI and is in the works at Craggy CC and other facilities.



Stacey Moore and Riley

Wake Correctional continues to look for new opportunities in education for their population. During the fall a new Employability Skills Class funded by the IIP program was added. Additionally, the Blue Print Reading class was started again. It was previously put on hold due to not having an instructor. Presently, all classes are at full capacity with an ongoing waiting list.



Michelle Morrow and Bentley

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“The only time you don’t fail is the last time you try anything – and it works.”

William Strong

“He, who opens a school door, closes a prison.”

Victor Hugo

“The years teach much which the days never knew.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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