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Columbus recruits Maryland basketball star to help raise money to fight cancer

BRUNSWICK--Maryland basketball star Chris Wilcox won an

NCAA national championship ring on Monday, April 1. Four days later, he was back in his hometown of Whiteville, helping the Columbus staff at Correctional Institution raise money to fight cancer as part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.



Chris Wilcox with his mom, Debra Brown.

"There are a lot of

people suffering from cancer and I just

want to give back to them," said Wilcox. "Little things like this help pick people

up, and I'll do anything I can to help."

Wilcox's mother, Debra Brown, is a programs supervisor at Columbus. She has always encouraged Wilcox to help others. "Give back to the community," she says. "That's most important."

Wilcox joined about 17 Columbus staff members as they ran from the facility to Legion Stadium in Whiteville, a

distance of approximately 7.3 miles. At

A win-win prison program

BURGAW--Spring means it's growing season at Pender Correctional Institution and not just in the flowerbeds. Dozens of inmates assigned to the prison's Day Training Program (DTP) will be reaping what they sow—learning interpersonal communication and vocational skills while learning about horticulture, sewing or carpentry.

"The inmates are benefiting from "the lost lessons of the garden" lessons about life and living," said Russell Smith, psychological services coordinator. "I'm positive the horticulture program along with the landscape construction and design, sewing and compensatory education classes are helping the inmates. We want to help make sure they stay out of trouble when they're released."

Developmentally delayed adult



Inmates at Pender learn life skills, while growing flowers like these.

offenders from all over the state are assigned to the DTP, designed to teach basic work ethics, standards of conduct, Legion Stadium, staff members presented \$400 to Carol Brock, chairperson of the 2002 Columbus County Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a national fundraiser for the American Cancer Society that raises money and awareness about cancer.

This marks the fourth year that Columbus has participated in Relay for Life. "This is such a good cause," said J.R. Hunt Jr., superintendent at Columbus. "I'm sure it touches everybody here, either personally or through a friend or family member. The whole facility--their hearts go out to victims in the community."

(See related picture on p. 2)

interpersonal skills and practical skills that are necessary for productive employment and independent living. Smith and Nicolle

Nicolle, a horticulture therapist for the program, have conducted a number of workshops and welcomed countless visitors wanting to learn how horticulture therapy helps offenders.

The East yard at the prison has a separate gate DTP inmates must pass through to go to work. Everywhere you look in the yard there is evidence of their work. Gravel paths wind across the grounds leading to a simulated dry creek bed, footbridges, greenhouses, a gazebo and rows of flowers, plants and vegetables. Inmates build the gardens, paths and structures using

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donated or recycled materials.

The inmates are given a chance to choose where they want to work and are

assisted by inmate teacher aides. If an aide and some inmates feel that one inmate is not doing his fair share of the work, the group is likely to volunteer that inmate to another work group.

The inmates who work on the toughest and often least desirable jobs, such as compost, call themselves the "Marine Corps," while one of the most prized work assignments is in the greenhouse. "If you're not

crops such as collards.

disciplined and you don't do your work, I'll fire you," said the inmate teacher aide.

"They don't tolerate troublemakers," says Nicolle. "They will vote an inmate off the work crew and the inmate will have to explain why he was voted off and why another crew should consider him. The inmates learn how to work with



Inmates grow a variety of

others, problem solving and delayed gratification."

In addition to the horticulture program,

inmates learn the basic lessons about life and living in the sewing class and landscape construction design class. Although the instructors teach specific job skills, the primary focus for all work assignments is the development of general social skills that are essential in any job or social situation. The instructors work together to teach skills, change behavior and build values. To the extent possible, the DTP creates work projects that

benefit other people.

By all accounts, the program seems to be working. "We have so few problems with the DTP inmates," said Supt. Michael Bell. "The pride and the sense of belonging is evident every time I walk through the East unit. It's uplifting."



Columbus Correctional Institution had a winning team to help fight cancer. Shown, top row, left to right: Chris Wilcox, Bobby Rouse, Dean Stump, Clifford Richards, Serena Kemp, Titus George, Jason Smith, Travis Paul, Supt. J.R.Hunt and Mitch Lowry. Bottom row, left to right: Chris Canady, David Leakes, Delane Godwin, Gary Spivey and Randy Rising.



Educational Assistance Program discontinued

In light of the financial conditions of the state and DOC, the reimbursement portion of the Educational Assistance Program will be discontinued until further notice.

Unfortunately, all employees that requested reimbursements for this fiscal year will **not** receive repayment for course(s) taken. Please note that reimbursement requests made this fiscal year **cannot** be forwarded to the next fiscal year or at a later time. The fiscal year ends on June 30, 2002 and our accounting books will close.

Although funding is not available, Educational Leave is still an option for employees wishing to take courses at various colleges, universities or community colleges. The criteria for receiving approval for Educational Leave are:

(1) The course must enhance the current functions of the employee's current position. (2) The employee must receive his/her supervisor's approval. (3) The course is only offered during the employee's on-duty hours.

All employees that have received approval for their degree programs may continue with their studies, with the understanding that funding is not available and that Educational Leave must be approved by the employee's supervisor.

If you have additional questions, contact the Office of Staff Development and Training at (919) 367-7100.

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Youth offenders program expanded LUMBERTON/SPRUCE PINE--The Workplace and Community Transition

Training for Incarcerated Youth Offenders Program has expanded to two additional facilities: Lumberton Correctional Institution and Avery-Mitchell Correctional Institution. That brings the list of participating facilities to eight. The federally funded program provides college courses, intensive employability skills and transition training. For more information, contact Sandra Haskins at (919) 838-3647.

Kiwanis Club honors McBryde

FAYETTEVILLE--On Feb. 15, the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville awarded the 2001 E.J. Wells Cup to Milo McBryde, an intensive case officer in District 12. The E.J. Wells Cup, the group's highest civic honor, is given to the club member who contributed the most to the community.

A city councilman from 1979-2000, McBryde served as Fayetteville's mayor pro tem from 1997-2000 and mayor from August 2000 through December 2001. During that time, McBryde was a driving force behind Fayetteville's All-America City award.

Excellence in human resources

ASHEVILLE--The North Carolina Chapter of the International Personnel Management Association awarded two Excellence in Human Resources Awards to the Department of Correction at the annual conference on March 24. Both awards recognized the success of the Undue Familiarity Training Program and video, developed jointly by the Division of Prisons and the Office of Staff Development and Training.

Based on innovation and creativity, the



Tillery Correctional Center has bragging rights in Halifax County until next year's Battle of the Badges. *Standing, left to right*: retired Supt. John Williams, Mario Webb, John Cannady, Tommy King, Walter Harry, Ed Nelson, Cardell Ramsey, Stacey Phipps, Louis Babb and Jacob Phipps. *Second row, left to right*: Ruben Alston and John Morgan. *Kneeling, left to right*: James Watson, Shaun Bynum, James Odom and Carson Rawls. *Not pictured*: Shelton Marshall.

program won one award in the category of Training/Career Development. NCIPMA also honored the program as the overall winner in all categories of human resources and recognized the Undue Familiarity Training Program for Professional Excellence.

Craven raises dental awareness

VANCEBORO--In honor of Dental Awareness Month in February, the dental staff at Craven Correctional Institution went to Vanceboro Elementary School to teach dental health to the first-graders. Staff members explained their jobs, discussed the effects of nutrition on teeth and demonstrated proper brushing and flossing techniques. They also answered questions and prepared healthy snack bags for the children.

Tillery wins Battle of the Badges

ROANOKE RAPIDS--Tillery Correctional Center defeated Halifax County Probation and Parole to win the first Battle of the Badges, a basketball tournament that raises funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Randy Wrenn, a correctional officer at Tillery, helped organize the event. The teams consisted of local law enforcement officers from the Halifax County area. In addition to Tillery, the teams included the Halifax County Sheriff's Department, probation and parole officers from District 6A and the Roanoke Rapids City Police.

The inaugural event raised over \$800 for Special Olympics. "I was really pleased with the turnout," said Wrenn, who promises that next year's Battle of the Badges will be even better.

New numbers for Black Mountain

BLACK MOUNTAIN--Black Mountain Correctional Center has new telephone and fax numbers. Please note the following changes:

 Mainphone
 (828) 664-2002

 Programs
 (828) 664-2004

 Control Fax
 (828) 664-2005

Admin Fax (828) 664-2007

All other information remains the same.

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Spotlight on Blue Ridge Correctional Center

Nestled in the mountains of Avery County, Blue Ridge Correctional Center houses minimum-security, nonviolent young adult males between the ages of 18 and 36. BRCC inmates receive on-the-job training in construction and forestry through the BRIDGE Program.

BRIDGE inmates are trained to assist the N.C. Forest Service in conservation projects and in fighting wildfires in western North Carolina. During fire season, inmate crews routinely provide Helitak services, flying by helicopter to respond to wildfires. Inmates also participate in work projects for public or nonprofit organizations, including painting, delivering emergency supplies, snow removal and damage cleanup. During 2001, the BRIDGE program at BRCC provided over 50,000 hours of labor to the citizens of North Carolina.

After a routine day of work, inmates return to BRCC for programs offered through Mayland Community College, including adult education classes, preparation for the GED, pre-employment training and substance abuse classes. "We try to take a personal interest in the inmates and try to provide some training and opportunity for them," says Supt. Dan Johnson. "That way they have some skills to rely on for a productive lifestyle when they get out."



To say that Supt. **Dan Johnson** (right) is at home at Blue Ridge is an understatement. Both BRCC and the now closed Avery Correctional Center sit on what used to be his grandparents' farm. A Department employee since 1976, Johnson has been in charge at BRCC for three years. When he is not at work, Johnson grows Fraser Firs and enjoys fly-fishing. His best catches? A 28" brown trout in Montana and a 37" Arctic char in Alaska.

Supt. Johnson introduces **Barbara Clark** (center) as "the person who runs things around here," but Clark describes herself as a "jack of all trades." She answers the phone and helps out with budget, accounting and personnel. A nine-year veteran of the Department, she and the superintendent have worked together for nine years,

sharing time at the old Avery, Avery-Mitchell and finally Blue Ridge. She is an avid reader in her spare time.

Although **Gary Buchanan** (left) has been with the Department since 1989, he has only been with BRCC since he came on board as assistant superintendent on Jan. 1. He previously worked at Avery, Marion and Mountain View. An avid sports fan, he coaches Little League baseball and basketball in his spare time.



As programs supervisor, **Jean Taylor** tries to arm each inmate with productive skills they can use when they leave the facility. She makes educational and vocational assessments, maintains a file on every inmate and assigns each to a job within three days of arrival. A 12-year Department veteran, Taylor

depends on volunteers to get the job done. In her spare time, she plays with her four dogs, dotes on her granddaughter, combs yard sales and collects antiques, especially McCoy and Hull pottery.



Julia Carpenter has been with the Department for almost four years. As a contractual clerk, she handles volunteers, community resources, canteen and helps with programs, visitor lists and merit time. An animal lover, Carpenter has two horses— Cherokee and Fancy—and one dog—Sarah Jane.



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Jack Boone (left), a BRIDGE officer for 13 years, teaches class and handles chainsaw safety training. He covers all of western North Carolina and once spent 29 hours at a fire. "BRIDGE provides inmates self-esteem and а feeling of accomplishments," says Boone. When he is not fighting fires, he golfs and rides his 1951 Harley-

Davidson Panhead. Boone is shown here with **Keith Suttles**, an assistant camp director with the North Carolina Forestry Service since 1988, teaching a BRIDGE class.

Sandra Pitman, R.N., works two days at IMPACT West and three days at BRCC. A five-year veteran of the Department, she worked in acute care for 16 years before coming to BRCC. In her spare time, she cheers for her two children in their sports activities.





Robert Trice has been with BRCC since it opened. A 13-year Department veteran, Trice is in charge of the clothes house. In his spare time, he likes to hunt and fish. His prize catch is a 25" rainbow trout.



Correctional Officer **Brian King** was a mechanic before he joined the Department in 1989. His father, Bruce King, retired as assistant superintendent at Avery Correctional Center (now closed) in 1999. When he's

not at work, he likes to fish and enjoy his new camper.



Randy Ledford (right), BRCC's food service manager, helped build the kitchen at Blue Ridge. A 12-year Department veteran, he worked at Avery Correctional Center for one year before Blue Ridge opened. He and his wife Cristy, a correctional officer at Avery-Mitchell, have two kids. He spends his spare time hunting with a bow and arrow and

bagged a nine-pointer last year. He also grows Fraser Firs and supplied the Christmas tree that the Division of Prisons decorated in the Randall Building in 2001.

Rodney Austin (left) usually works second shift as a dorm officer, but helps out in the kitchen when necessary. He loves his job and likes working with the inmates. In his spare time, he plays basketball and other sports.



Jeff Gragg has been with BRCC since it opened. He thinks Blue Ridge is a good place to work and enjoys the people. An Avery County native, Gragg likes to hunt and fish in spare time.

BRIDGE Officer **"Ike" Dwight Taylor** (left) has been with the Department for 13 years. The Avery

County native likes to hunt, tend wildflowers and collect Indian artifacts in his spare time.

For Sgt. Chris Daniels (right), working for the Department is a



family affair. His father Sam is a correctional officer at Avery-Mitchell, while his wife Jada is a classification coordinator there. Daniels, who joined the Department in 1989, has been with BRCC since it opened.

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MANAGEMENT IN MOTION

Keith Hester pursues his passions

RALEIGH--After almost 30 years working for the Department, Keith Hester retired effective March 31. "I just plan to enjoy life and work for myself a little bit and those sorts of things," said Hester.

Hester began his career with the Department in 1973 as a programs assistant at McCain Correctional Center (now Hoke Correctional Institution). He became a diagnostic center case analyst



and then moved to Morrison Youth Center in 1977 as program director. In 1979, he worked for the Parole Commission, then returned to programming from 1981-87. From

Keith Hester

1987-90, he served as superintendent at Fountain Correctional Center for Women, then served as assistant command manager for the Western Command and later youth command manager from 1990-95. From 1995-2002, he served as chief of program services for the Division of Prisons.

"Keith Hester is the most creative person I have ever worked with," said Lynn Phillips, assistant secretary. "The work that he produced is still part of current governing practices. It has stood the test of time."

Hester is credited with many innovations, including requiring inmates to wear the orange safety vests identifying them as inmates. Colleagues praised Hester for his support of staff and for being a strong advocate for programs, noting his humor, compassion, creativity and experience. "We will never replace

(Hester, cont. on p. 9)

Bobby Burleson ready to take it easy

POLKTON--After 30 years with the Department of Correction, Bobby Burleson is moving on. He retired as



superintendent at Anson Correctional Center on Feb. 28. "Mr. Burleson is a

true professional who takes his work very seriously," said Bob Lewis, assistant director for the

Bobby Burleson director

Division of Prisons, who presented Burleson with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. "One of his trademarks was his tremendous concern for staff morale and searching for ways to boost it."

Burleson began his career with the Department in 1972 as a correctional officer at Stanley Correctional Center. He moved to Cabarrus Correctional Center as a sergeant in 1977, helped open up Piedmont Correctional Center as a lieutenant in 1980 and helped open Southern Correctional Center as a captain in 1982. In 1992, he transferred to North Carolina Correctional Center for Women where he worked during the prison's transformation from 650 inmates to 1200 inmates. He was named superintendent at Anson in 1997.

Burleson hasn't decided how to spend his days, but misses the friends he made at the Department. "I've developed some good relationships with the people I've worked with over the years," says Burleson. "But right now, I'm really just enjoying retirement, so I'm taking it one day at a time."

Burleson and his wife Jeanette, who live in Albemarle, have two children. In his spare time, he works out at the YMCA and goes bowling.

Gregg Stahl new senior deputy director of AOC

RALEIGH--Director John Kennedy of the Administrative Office

of the Courts named Gregg C. Stahl senior deputy director of AOC, effective April 1. Stahl was assistant secretary of the Department of Correction for 11 years.

"Gregg Stahl's experience in legislative issues has benefited the Department of Correction tremendously over the years," said Secretary Theodis Beck. "We will miss his contributions."

Stahl was born in New Haven, Conn., but grew up in Charlotte where his father was the sheriff of Mecklenburg County. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1973 with a degree in criminal justice. Following graduation, he began working on the Law and



Gregg Stahl

Order Committee, later named the Governor's Crime Commission, where he became the executive director in 1987. In 1990, Stahl became assistant secretary for policy and planning at the Department of Correction, serving as the liaison to the state legislature. He retired in September 2000

and began working part-time with the Department of Correction and the Sentencing Commission.

Stahl and his wife, Beverly, have two children. In his spare time, Stahl coaches four and five-year-olds in soccer.

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Williams plans to move from prisons to schools

TILLERY--John Williams, superintendent at Tillery Correctional Center since 1991, retired Feb. 28 after



30 years with the Department of Correction.

"He is an example of how we want people to work in this organization," said Jennie Lancaster, a regional director for the Department of

John Williams

Correction. Lancaster presented Williams with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Williams began his career at the Department as a correctional officer at Odom Correctional Institution. At 5 feet 7 inches and 150 pounds, Williams almost did not get hired because he failed to meet the minimum height requirement of 5 feet 8 inches. Odom officials, however, successfully petitioned the Department for a waiver of the requirement.

As the smallest officer at the prison, Williams found the going a little rough in the beginning. It didn't take long, however, before the inmates realized that Williams was not up for any games. Rumors began to circulate that he had earned a black belt in karate and served in Special Forces, although he had done neither.

"Inmates would ask me if I had a black belt or served in Special Forces," said Williams. "I would never say yes, but I never said anything one way or the other because it worked to my advantage."

In 1974, he moved to Halifax Correctional Center as a sergeant. After

transferring to Caledonia in 1979, he served as a lieutenant, captain and assistant superintendent. He was named superintendent at Tillery in 1991.

Williams says he will miss his friends and colleagues at the Department. "After 30 years," he said, "it's hard to get out of your system. They are really good people, and for the last 30 years, I've spent more time with them than just about anywhere else."

Williams and his wife Regina raised three sons that were educated in the Halifax County Schools. An active volunteer when his sons were in school, Williams plans to continue working in the school system now that he is retired. He is certified to teach driver's education and plans to do work as a substitute teacher. In his spare time, he likes to fish and play sports.

John Young unites communities and offenders

RALEIGH--John Young has a passion for helping others that has taken him all over the world. On Nov. 1, 2001, that passion brought him to the Department of Correction as the first director of Transition Aftercare Network (TAN), a program that trains faith-based organizations to provide aftercare transition assistance to ex-inmates.

"I always saw the need for helping the inmate upon release and all of the transition issues that they are faced with," says Young. "Through prayer, I always had in my mind that if I could make a contribution in that area, I certainly would like to."

Young hopes to build a statewide network of organizations committed to helping offenders make the transition from prison back into the community. His goal is to have two trained teams in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. TAN already has trained teams in 11 counties, with a database of over 400 individuals or ministries that have attended at least one TAN meeting or completed a TAN application.

Originally from Hampton, Va., Young holds a bachelor's degree from Southeastern College in Lakeland, Fla. and a master's degree from Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Mo. Prior to joining TAN, he was involved in prison ministries at Pasquotank Correctional Institution and prisons in Arkansas. For 14 years, he and his wife Judy served as missionaries in West African countries such as Nigeria, Cameroon, Liberia and Gambia.

Married 38 years, Young and his wife

have two grown children and two grandchildren. In his spare time, Young likes to fish in the mountains, paint with oils and build projects with wood.

Meanwhile, Judy volunteers with TAN and serves as the TAN coordinator for Wake County.

Senior Chaplain James Prince believes that Young is the right person



John Young

to help TAN facilitate the inmate's seamless transition from the correctional facility back to the community. "That's where his heart is," says Prince. "He has the background and expertise to do the job."

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Wilkes DCC staff takes the plunge for Special Olympics

By Bill Neal

KERR SCOTT RESERVOIR--Wilkes County probation/parole officers are well on the way to reaching their goal of raising \$68,000 for Special Olympics this

Wilkes County and many members of the business community. DCC plungers included Chief PPO Zach Henderson, along with probation and parole officers

Almost vear. every employee in the Division of Community Correction in Wilkes County helped plan, organize and work at the third annual Polar Bear Plunge Kerr Scott at Reservoir on Feb. 23.



The Polar Plunge drew a big crowd and raised big money for Special Olympics.

An estimated 1,500 people watched an exhibition by the Carolina Show Ski Team before approximately 200 of Wilkes County's heartiest citizens and guests plunged into the cold waters of the lake. Plungers included WXII Channel 12's Michelle Kennedy, District Attorney Tom Horner, representatives of almost every school and law enforcement agency in Thurman Ramsey, Larry Eller and Bill Lyons. Local radio personality Steve Handy of WKBC emceed the event and took the last plunge of the day despite a purported doctor's excuse that mentioned he regularly throughout the day.

Lyons, event organizer and district coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run, exceeded his goal of raising \$40,000 from the Polar Plunge. "Everyone got involved and had a good time and we did it all for Special Olympics," said Lyons. "It's very nice to be able to reach our goals, especially in these hard economic times."

Henderson DCC bowls for kids's sake

HENDERSON COUNTY--Every year the local chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters sponsors a fund raiser called "Bowl For Kids' Sake." Local businesses and private groups form five member teams and raise money for the local chapter that covers Henderson and Buncombe counties. This year, officers

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from the Division of Community Correction in Henderson County formed their own team and joined the DA's Office. Team members included Dan Settle, Michael Brown, Tracy Howell, Jessica Wagner and Pamela McMurray. The team had a wonderful time and raised \$217 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

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Antonio Lewis	District 1
Nancy Monroe	District 16A
Susan VanHoy	District 21

Llaguno takes 34th at Boston Marathon

BOSTON--Sarah Llaguno, a case analyst at North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women, finished the 2002 Boston Marathon in 2 hours, 59 minutes and 53 seconds on April 15. She was the 34th woman to run across the finish line and was the 1.139th runner overall.

(*Hester*, cont. from p. 6)

the abilities that Keith Hester takes with him in retirement," said Bob Lewis, assistant director for the Division of Prisons.

In retirement, Hester will continue to use his many talents, especially his creativity. He plans to paint with oil and acrylic, draw and create neon sculptures. In addition, he will be tending two horses, one dog and a cat. If he gets bored with that, he plans to organize his sock drawer and straighten up his tie rack.

One thing's for sure though—he won't be coming back. At his farewell lunch on March 31, he gave away all of his ties to remove any temptation of wearing them again. Nevertheless, he will miss the people of the Department. "Any success that I have achieved was because of the people I worked with and what they meant to me," he said.

From the Archives

The picture in the February/March edition of Correction News showed the Officers of the Year for 1986-87, along with then Governor Jim Martin (second from left), former director of Division of Adult Pro-

bation and Parole John Patseavouras (far left) and Aaron Johnson (far right), former secretary of the Department of Correction. If you have a picture from the past that you want to see published in Correction News, e-mail us at smr22@doc.state.nc.us or call (919) 716-3724.



From the Archives: The Past in Pictures



Does anybody recognize this group? E-mail us at smr22@doc.state.nc.us if you have information regarding this photograph or if you have a photo that you would like to see published in *Correction News*. For information about the photo in the February/March issue, see page 9.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21-27--National Crime Victims' Week seeks to raise awareness of victims' issues. For more information, contact Victim Services at (919) 716-3681.

May 22--Columbus Correctional Institution and Bladen Correctional Center will participate in a relay run in order to raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. For more information, contact Mitch Lowry at (910) 642-3285.

May 23-24--Forsyth Correctional Center has scheduled its 24th Annual Golf Tournament for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for May 23-24. The tournament, which will be held at the Oak Valley Golf Club in Advance, will benefit Special Olympics. A \$190 entry fee includes two days of golf, refreshments and lunch. For more information, contact Ronald Evans or Phillip Atkins at (336) 896-7041.

NOTE: The Public Information Office posts upcoming events on the Web site and in *Correction News*. If you have an event you would like posted on the Web or published in the newsletter, please e-mail us at smr22@doc.state.nc.us. Include a brief description of the event, date, time, location and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

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