

# Correctional Officers N • E • W • S

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## Department honors 2003 Correctional Officers of the Year

**APEX**—Secretary Theodis Beck recognized 10 employees as the 2003 Correctional Officers of the Year during a ceremony May 6.

The 10 officers were selected from more than 10,000 officers who work for the Department's 74 prisons. They were recognized for various accomplishments, ranging from acts of heroism to initiating projects that improve the efficiency of prison operations.

"Each officer plays a critical role in preserving public safety, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude," Secretary Beck said during the ceremony. "To the officers being honored today, and to all those who work across the state every day, I say

thank you for a job well done."

The officers honored were: Stanley Boyd, Umstead Correctional Center; Ella Dawkins, Morrison Correctional Institution; Barbara Drew, Tyrrell Prison Work Farm; Titus George, Columbus Correctional Institution; David Meeks, Durham Correctional Center; Alvin Newsome, Wake Correctional Center; Randy Polechio, Mountain View Correctional Institution; Tim Webb, Western Youth Institution; Kent Ryan, Albemarle Correctional Institution; and Tawanda Stanley, Neuse Correctional Center.

*For more information about the officers, see the biographies on pages four and five.*



L-R: Department employees Jeffrey Hill, Charles Walston and Charles Hassell work in corrections in Kuwait.

## DOC employees serve country in "Purgatory"

By Charles Walston

**KUWAIT**—Three Department of Correction employees continue to work in corrections, even though they have been activated by the military and deployed to the Middle East. As members of the Army Reserve's 535th Military Police Battalion based in Raleigh, 1st Lt. Jeffrey Hill, a correctional sergeant at Piedmont Correctional Institution, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Walston, a correctional training instructor for OSDT, and Staff Sgt. Charles Hassell, a correctional sergeant at Pasquotank Correctional Institution, are working in the Arifjan Confinement Facility--aka "Purgatory"--a confinement facility for American military prisoners in the Middle East.

After being called to active duty in March, the soldiers spent six weeks at Fort Bragg where they completed additional training before boarding a plane to Kuwait. They arrived in Kuwait on Easter Sunday, ahead of their equipment, and spent their first few weeks working for the provost marshal, performing law and order duties at a heavily populated troop staging area.

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## The 2003 Correctional Officers of the Year

Back row, left to right: David Meeks; Alvin Newsome; Tim Webb; Stanley Boyd; and Titus George. Front row, left to right: Tawanda Stanley; Barbara Drew; Ella Dawkins; Kent Ryan and Randy Polechio.

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In early May, their equipment arrived and they quickly transitioned from the law and order mission to the confinement of American prisoners. The confinement facility operated by the 535<sup>th</sup> provides pre-trial and post-trial confinement for U.S. prisoners in the Middle-East theater of operations. "One may think that there would be no need for a U.S. confinement facility in a theater like this, but with 135,000 or so service members in an area like the Middle East, who are not only subject to the rules of the U.S. military, but the laws of the host nation as well, it is inevitable that some personnel are going to mess up," said Sgt. Walston.

While some service members who spend time in Purgatory will be discharged from the military, most will be returning to their units following completion of their sentences. "Our mission," said Lt. Hill, "is to provide a safe, secure environment for U.S. prisoners and ensure that they follow the facility's rules and regulations while they are in our custody."

Since becoming operational, Purgatory has provided confinement for more than twenty prisoners. "We treat them fairly and humanely, but we understand that they are prisoners and we have to maintain custody of them," said Sgt. Hassell. Several of these prisoners eventually were transferred to Mannheim, Germany due to the lengths of their sentences.

The soldiers anticipate that additional courts-martial scheduled for July will increase the number of prisoners at the facility. "We are all looking forward to the day we can return home to our families and our civilian jobs," said Sgt. Walston, a veteran of the first Gulf War. "Until that time comes, we will continue to perform our mission with pride and professionalism."

*Sgt. Charles Walston submitted this story from Kuwait via e-mail.*

## Sandhills Youth Center closes

**McCain**—A chapter in North Carolina corrections history came to a close as 211 inmates boarded buses and left Sandhills Youth Center June 16. Because necessary renovations to the facility's main building would be too costly, Sandhills has ended its run as a correctional facility for youth.

J.P. Smith, an assistant superintendent who spent his entire professional career at the facility, was one of the last employees to pack up. "I have very mixed emotions about the closing," he says, "but it helps me bring closure to a very beautiful career."

Smith began working at the facility in 1964, when it was the Samuel Leonard Training School, a reformatory for delinquent boys. The Department of Correction took over the facility in 1974, opening Sandhills Youth Center. For the past 29 years, the prison has focused on education and rehabilitation for young men.

"It was all about people trying to help people reorder their lives," said Smith, who retired July 1. "I thank God for the opportunity to have had a hand in the shaping of lives."

Sandhills inmates are continuing their sentences at the former IMPACT East boot camp, which has been converted to a minimum-custody unit for youth at Morrison Correctional Institution. Most of the Sandhills staff have accepted new assignments within the Division of Prisons. Some moved with the inmates to the new Morrison minimum unit; others will be working at the new Scotland Correctional Institution, where former Sandhills superintendent Don Wood serves as correctional administrator; and others,

like Smith, will retire.

Meanwhile, although Sandhills will no longer house young offenders, the campus begins a new life as the administrative complex for the South Central Region. Pat Chavis, region director for the South Central Region, and her staff have moved from Fayetteville to the offices formerly occupied by the Sandhills superintendent. Other campus buildings will house the Southern Coastal Plains Regional



Officers load the last inmates to be transferred to the new minimum unit at Morrison.

Employment Office, the regional staff from DOC Management Information Systems and local classroom and gymnasium space for the Office of Staff Development

and Training.

The Federal Works Agency originally constructed the Sandhills campus in the late 1930s as the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for Negroes. At the time, state health officials believed the clean air and quiet, wooded, gently rolling Sandhills region was a good environment for treating patients afflicted by the tuberculosis epidemic. Several years earlier, the state had constructed another sanatorium for whites less than a mile away; today that facility houses McCain Correctional Hospital.

By the late 1950s the TB epidemic had subsided and in 1959, the sanatorium for blacks became the Samuel Leonard Training School. The facility added a gym in 1960 and nine classrooms, two shop areas and administrative offices in 1970. In 1974, the buildings were transferred to the Department of Correction and became Sandhills Youth Center.

# News BRIEFS

## Inmates help clean up North Carolina's roadways

**STATEWIDE**—Inmates in prison facilities across the state helped clean up North Carolina roadways as part of the 2003 Spring Litter Sweep. During the Litter Sweep, North Carolina inmates cleaned up over 5,700 miles of roads and picked up almost 74,000 bags of litter.

Each year, the Department of Transportation organizes Litter Sweep roadside cleanups during the fall and spring. Adopt-a-Highway volunteers, local governments, schools, churches, businesses, concerned citizens and inmates conduct community cleanups in all 100 counties across the state. Governor Michael F. Easley declared April 21-May 5, 2003 as 2003 Spring Litter Sweep in an effort to encourage all citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner and more beautiful.

## Cross wins national award

**CHARLESTON, SC**—Linda Cross, a manager at the DOC pharmacy in Apex

and a certified public manager, was awarded an Askew Award from the American Academy of Certified Public Managers (AACPM) in April. The Askew Awards are presented annually by AACPM to recognize the best management practices among the nation's certified public managers.

Cross was recognized for her examination of ways to decrease expenditures for pharmaceuticals in the Department of Correction while continuing to provide care consistent with community standards. Her recommendations saved the department \$1,869,347 in less than 12 months.

## Yates starts chapter of Blue Star Mothers

**RALEIGH**—Laura Yates, a social work program director at the Division of Prisons, has started North Carolina's first chapter of Blue Star Mothers, a non-profit service organization for mothers with children serving in the Armed Forces. The group's members work to support each other, to support their children and to promote patriotism.

Blue Star Mothers derives its name from the once-popular American tradition of flying service flags to honor a family

member serving in the military. The flag is white with a red border and one or more blue stars in the center—one for each family member serving during times of war or hostility. If a service member dies, the blue star is covered by a gold star. The flags were common during World War II, but largely faded from view during the 1960s and 70s. Many families began displaying the flags recently to honor family members deployed in the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq. For more information, visit [www.bluestarmothers.org](http://www.bluestarmothers.org) or e-mail Yates at [bluestarmom@yahoo.com](mailto:bluestarmom@yahoo.com).

## Optimism pays off for DCC officer

**ASHEVILLE**—The Optimist Club of Asheville (OCA) honored Lori Anderson May 9 for her loyal service and dedication to the Division of Community Corrections and the citizens of North Carolina. The chief probation and parole officer was recognized as part of the group's annual Respect for Law Enforcement Week.

OCA is a member of Optimist International, an organization that provides services for youth in communities all over the world. Founded 75 years ago, OCA is the oldest Optimist Club in North Carolina.



## Angela's Ride raises \$7,500 to fight cancer

**ASHEBORO**—The Second Annual Relay for Life Ride, also known as Angela's Ride, raised \$7,500 to help fight cancer. The Relay for Life event consisted of a 100-mile bike ride through the Uwharrie National Forest, a poker run and a silent auction. Major sponsors of the event included Randolph County Community

Corrections, Randolph County CBA, Gold's Gym, American Classic Motorcycle Co., Heritage Diner and Asheboro Hog Club. Angela's Ride helped Randolph County's Relay for Life raise a total of approximately \$557,000 this year, the fourth consecutive year the county topped the half million mark. Congratulations on a job well done!



## 2003 Correctional Officers of the Year

### Stanley Boyd

Stanley Boyd is a correctional officer at Umstead Correctional Center, where he



supervises a group of 10 inmates that perform work assignments for county and municipal governments and school systems.

“Officer Boyd has developed quality relationships with the local governments and agencies the Community Work Program serves,” said Umstead Superintendent John Bryant. “He has been an instrumental person in the development of this program.”

Boyd’s inmate crew was involved in the cleanup efforts after Hurricanes Bertha, Fran and Floyd and the winter storm of January 2000. The work projects completed by his crew save countless dollars for public school systems in Vance and Granville counties.

A 1966 graduate of Henderson Institute, Boyd lives in Henderson. He teaches Sunday School and serves as chairman of trustees and deacon at Spring Street Baptist Church in Henderson.

### Ella Dawkins

Ella Dawkins is assigned to Morrison Correctional Institution. Her contributions



and suggestions over seven years have helped improve efficiency of operations at Morrison. She also mentors new employees and helps cover staff shortages

by handling additional duties.

“Officer Dawkins has shown personal initiative by taking time to audit security plans, emergency staff forms and inmate records, in addition to her regular duties with no loss of security of readiness,” said Capt. Harry Davis, her supervisor.

An eight-year veteran of the department, Dawkins is a resident of Hamlet and a graduate of Richmond Senior High School. In her community, she works with her

church youth group, volunteers for the recreation department and speaks to students about careers in corrections.

### Barbara Drew

As the food service manager at Tyrrell Prison Work Farm in Columbia, Barbara



Drew is responsible for feeding 500 inmates three times a day. She is recognized for her outstanding contributions and significant impact on the operation of the prison unit.

“She continues to provide exceptional accomplishments in a very crucial and difficult area of the workplace while maintaining integrity, respect, professionalism and friendship,” said Superintendent Anthony Hathaway.

Drew is active in several professional organizations, serves as a leader in her church, is a member of the Edenton-Chowan Civic League and acts as a block coordinator for the Town of Edenton.

A 12-year veteran of the Department of Correction, she is a graduate of D.F. Walker High School and continued her education at College of the Albemarle.

### Titus George

Titus George is assigned to Columbus Correctional Institution in Brunswick,



where he is recognized for his exceptional work as an operations officer. He routinely manages and records work hours for approximately 200 inmates involved in 28 different activities and

makes sure inmate transfers run smoothly. He also serves as a mentor for new correctional officers, fills in as an acting sergeant when needed and leads the Prison Emergency Response Team at Columbus.

In his community, George volunteers for a summer recreation program for children and has been a school bus driver for nine years. He also serves in leadership

positions in his church.

A 12-year veteran of the department, George is a native of Chadbourne and a graduate of West Columbus High School. He continued his education at Southeastern Community College and Elizabeth City State University.

### David Meeks

David Meeks is assigned to Durham Correctional Center, where he rotates between various custody posts and conducts inmate disciplinary investigations. He also responds to emergency situations



as a member of the Prison Emergency Response Team.

Meeks is recognized for an outstanding act on July 27, 2002. As he was driving along Highway 55 in Durham, he witnessed a vehicle accident between a large truck and a sedan. He stopped his car and went to aid the accident victims, including one with a serious head injury. He remained with the victims until help arrived and then helped rescue workers stabilize the vehicle, which was leaking gasoline, so the victims could be safely removed.

“David Meeks performs exceptionally on a daily basis at this facility, but in this incident, he did the same outside of it,” said William Tillman, assistant superintendent at Durham. “His actions involved risking his own personal safety to help strangers.”

A seven-year veteran of the department, Meeks lives in Durham and is a graduate of Jordan High School.

### Alvin Newsome



Correctional Food Service Manager Alvin Newsome manages the food service operations at Wake Correctional Center in Raleigh, supervising a staff of four food service

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officers and a crew of inmates assigned to work in the kitchen. He was recognized for his positive leadership and the high standards he sets for his employees and inmate workers.

"Alvin Newsome represents the type of employee that is often unrecognized and under appreciated, but is a vital and integral part of the overall operation of the facility," said Superintendent Eileen Cochrane. "Mr. Newsome is an essential member of my management team and he demonstrates the qualities that a true professional should exemplify."

Newsome is a 13-year veteran of the Department of Correction. The Hertford County native is a graduate of Calvin S. Brown High School in Winton and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

### Randy Polechio

Randy Polechio is assigned to Mountain View Correctional Institution in Spruce Pine where he serves as a mentor to new officers. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Parkway Fire Department.



Polechio is recognized for his actions on May 3, 2002, when he responded to a fire at the Mitchell County Jail. Officer Polechio and another firefighter entered the jail and crawled up a stairwell through heavy black smoke only to find inmates locked behind doors they could not open. When the doors were opened, Polechio assisted other firefighters in carrying four inmates out of the building. Two of those inmates survived.

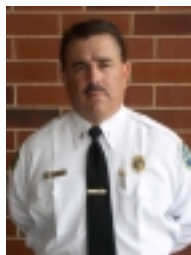
"His acts of heroism during this tragedy display high character as a public servant for the state of North Carolina," said Mountain View Superintendent David Mitchell.

Polechio is a graduate of Mitchell High School and lives in Bakersville. He has served the department for three years and also worked for Corrections Corporation

of America, when it operated Mountain View Correctional Institution.

### Lt. E. Kent Ryan

Lt. E. Kent Ryan is assigned to Albemarle Correctional Institution as special operations lieutenant in charge of transportation. He supervises 14 officers who handle the prison's daily transportation needs, such as inmate hospital visits and special transfers.



Lt. Ryan is recognized for two outstanding acts. On February 25, 2002, while on his way to work, Ryan spotted a very young girl walking along busy U.S. Highway 52. He picked the girl up and drove to a nearby store and called sheriff's deputies. The deputies determined the girl had walked away from a nearby day-care center and she was soon reunited with her mother.

On April 25, 2000, Ryan and another officer saw a car veer off the road and plunge into water. Ryan notified 911 and went to aid the driver, who was submerged in the upside-down car. He helped rescue the driver and stayed until help arrived.

"Lt. Ryan represents the Department of Correction and Albemarle Correctional Institution in a positive manner by his dedication, leadership, willingness to go the extra mile and his proven actions to help others," said Capt. R.E. Strickland.

Ryan is a graduate of North Rowan High School and continued his education at Pfeiffer College. He is a 24-year veteran of the Department of Correction and lives in Spencer with his two children.



### Tawanda Stanley

Sgt. Tawanda Stanley is assigned to Neuse Correctional Institution and serves as the housing sergeant for the permanent population and as

assistant manager of housing. She is a certified instructor, a member of the prison's drug interdiction team and an orientation leader for new officers.

"Sgt. Stanley is unwavering in her dedication to her job, the institution and her fellow staff members," said Assistant Superintendent Milton Nowell. "She has demonstrated through her actions and demeanor the ability to handle difficult issues and readily accepts any new assignment or duty without question or concern."

Stanley is a graduate of Eastern Wayne High School and continued her education at Wayne Community College. She is a nine-year veteran of the Department of Correction.

### Sgt. Tim Webb

Sgt. Tim Webb is the administrative sergeant in charge of the clotheshouse at Western Youth Institution. His implementation of a new clothing and linen



exchange system has helped the prison reduce yearly inmate clothing costs by more than \$59,000 and bedding and linen costs by more than \$19,000. The new system makes inmates responsible for exchanging soiled items for clean on a one-for-one basis and eliminates the need for officers to collect laundry each week. It has improved inmate accountability, reduced clothing loss and reduced the number of inmate grievances generated over clothing.

"In this time of budget shortfall, Sgt. Webb's effort managing the facility clothing operation is an excellent example of how one employee can impact the cost of operating a prison facility," said Western Youth Institution Superintendent Reggie Weisner.

A 10-year veteran of the department, Webb also serves as a platoon logistics officer on the Prison Emergency Response Team. He is a graduate of Freedom High School in Morganton.

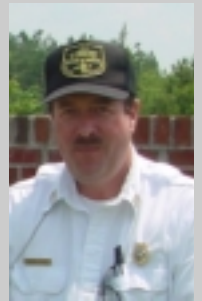
# Spotlight on Franklin Correctional Center

Franklin Correctional Center opened in 1939 as one of 61 prisons renovated or built when the State Highway Department assumed management of state prisons and put inmates to work building highways. The prison now serves as a medium-security prison housing approximately 480 adult male inmates. Located on Highway 39 in Bunn, the prison is also home to the Correction Enterprises sign plant, where most of the state's highway signs are manufactured for the Department of Transportation. The prison's motto is "An old prison with a new attitude."

## The Superintendent's Crew



With a combined experience of more than 116 years, the front office staff keeps things humming at Franklin. They oversee all operations and the activities of more than 320 employees. Photo at left, from left: Rudolph Brittian, assistant superintendent for custody and operations; Selma Townes, superintendent; John Maness, assistant superintendent for programs; Capt. James Monroe, first shift captain; Elsie Jones, personnel assistant; and Angie Tharrington, office assistant. Photo at right: Capt. Larry Winstead, second shift captain.



## Correction Enterprises Sign Plant

Correction Enterprises opened a sign plant in 1987 to make highway and interstate signs for the Department of Transportation and local governments. It is the largest facility of its kind in the United States, making most of the highway signs on North Carolina's roadways. Thirty-nine Correction Enterprises employees ensure quality control and supervise the 215 inmates who work in the plant. Just a few of the plant's supervisors are shown here in the photo at left: (left-right) Lee Blackman, Kevin Murphy, Clifton Livingston, Edward Dickerson and James Kyles.

Correctional officers from Franklin provide security in the sign plant and serve as liaisons between Correction Enterprises and custody staff at the prison. The Sign Plant officers are usually among the unit's most seasoned officers. The officers shown in the photo at right are Oliver Baker (left), Glenno Williams and Graham Arnold.



## The Programs Staff

Despite decreasing resources, Franklin's program staff has found creative ways to offer quality educational and vocational opportunities to inmates. The facility offers a number of programs, including adult basic education, GED classes, character education, cognitive behavioral intervention and community based religious programs. Shown, left to right: Don Mobley, program supervisor; Gloria O'Neal, program assistant; Timothy McKoy, program director; Leann Hayes, program assistant; Herb Parrish, program supervisor; Jodie Batton, program assistant; and Raeford Wiggins, program supervisor. Parrish and Hayes teach CBI classes while O'Neal and Batton teach character education. Wiggins is a former chaplain who now coordinates religious programs.



**The Road Squad**

Franklin's four medium-custody road squads operate in Wake, Nash and Franklin counties. Eight officers make sure the inmates do their part to keep North Carolina beautiful. From left:

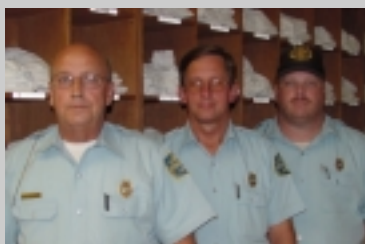
lead officers Johnny Crudup and Elton Rogers; correctional officer Robert Harton; Shelton Rogers, lead officer; correctional officers Mark Southerland and Paul Jones; and Linzy Clifton, lead officer. Not pictured: David Edwards, correctional officer. Did you spot the twins?



**Tower One**

Tower One is situated at the prison's front gate and is one of the facility's most important custody posts. The Tower One officer controls all access for people entering and leaving the prison. Officer Edward Lamm

(left) works this post on first shift and Officer George Stallings (right) handles it on second shift. Each officer has 23 years experience. Superintendent Townes says it's important for the officer on this post to be able to recognize all the staff as they enter and leave.



**Clotheshouse and Mail Room**

Officer Steve Rhodes (left) supervises the clotheshouse. Correctional officers William Harris and Jack Baucom help with these duties on Yard 1. CO James Allen (not pictured) supervises the mail room.

**Food Service**

Feeding almost 500 inmates three meals a day is a full time job, but Franklin's team is up to the challenge. Manager Doug Jones (seated) surrounds himself with a first-rate staff that includes, left to right: Ted Allen, Jeff Zaccari and Ricky Crump. Not pictured: Paul Holliday and Jennifer Williams.



**Dental Clinic**

Franklin's dental clinic not only serves inmates from Franklin, but also treats patients from Johnston Correctional Institution. Dr. Pamela Rouse (right) is the dentist in charge, assisted by dental assistants Patsy Eakes (left) and James Batts (not pictured). Dr. Rouse and her team make sure that everything runs smoothly at the clinic.

**The Medical Team**

Franklin's team of nurses handles the medical needs of almost 500 inmates. Clockwise from front right:



Jeannie Craig, RN; Myra Boone, RN; Debbie Williams, RN; Suzanne Boisvert, LPN and Officer Shelly Brown. Brown retired as a lieutenant after 28 years, and came back to work on the REUP program. He provides daily security for the medical offices. Not pictured: second shift nurses Gale Cooper, RN and Paulette Bailey, LPN; Kandi Ball, medical records clerk.



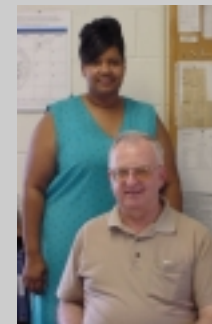
**Maintenance Crew**

When it comes to keeping things in working order, maintenance mechanics Glenn Leonard, left, and Curtis Vick are the go-to guys.

Such a large facility keeps the two extremely busy.

**Accounting**

Keeping the bills paid and managing inmate funds is the job of the accounting staff, accounting clerks Natleah Dean (standing) and Donnie Oakley. Dean was a correctional officer at Franklin for five years before she moved into accounting. Oakley came to DOC from the private sector.



**Officers**

The operations sergeants' office is always busy as officers oversee the daily operation of the facility. From left: Sgt. James Leonard, Sgt. Thurman Moore, Lt. Lewis Southall, Sgt. Charles Reavis, CO Jerry Crawford and CO Rita Joyner.



## MANAGEMENT IN MOTION



### J.C. Wilson retires from Eastern CI

**JACKSON**—Supt. J.C. Wilson has retired from Odom Correctional Institution, effective June 1.

Wilson served in the U.S. Army for three years before beginning his career as a correctional officer at Odom in 1972. He transferred to Caledonia Correctional Institution, working his way up from sergeant to lieutenant, captain and later assistant superintendent for custody and operations. He was named superintendent at Odom in 2000.



Wilson

After 31 years with the department, Wilson knows it will be an adjustment to have all of his time for himself. "I will miss the hustle and bustle," he said. "I have enjoyed my career and I want to thank everyone that contributed to my career."

Wilson plans to spend his retirement traveling, fishing, golfing and playing computer games. He also plans to do a little remodeling and may get back in the job market down the road.

A native of Jackson, Wilson holds associate's degrees in police science and correctional science from Halifax Community College and completed the department's Professional Manager's Program in 1995. He lives in Jackson with his wife, Yvonne, where they attend Allen Chapel AME Church. The couple has one daughter.

*Think of the poorest person you have ever seen and ask yourself whether your next act will be of any help to that person.*

~ Mahatma Gandhi

### New Chaplaincy Services director hits the ground running

**RALEIGH**—Chaplain Betty Brown has hit the ground running as the new director of Chaplaincy Services for the Division of Prisons.

"In times like these, we need some different images that will embody our ministry. I hope to weave the visions of all the chaplains across the state, turning an independent dance into a graceful, synchronized movement," said Chaplain Brown. "There are times when a chaplain has to move people to places and accomplishments they dare not go or do on their own."

In 1996, Brown joined the department as a chaplain at North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women. Prior to that, she was the Minister of Christian

Education in Bridgeport, Conn. at East End Baptist Church that focused in Inner City Ministry. She has also been involved with American Baptist Women in Ministry.

A Durham native, Brown received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from North Carolina Central University. She also holds a master's in religious education from Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Conn. and a master's in divinity from Duke Divinity School.

In her spare time, Brown enjoys being with family. She is a member of First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham, where she was the first woman to be licensed and ordained as a minister. She also likes to do yard work, read, paint and redecorate.



Brown

### Rose True named new director of Educational Services

**RALEIGH**—Rose True is the new director of educational services for the Division of Prisons, effective July 1. She has served as the division's exceptional student program director for the past three years.

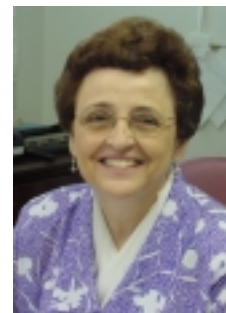
As director, True oversees all correctional education programs for inmates. Approximately 8,200 inmates are enrolled in academic, vocational or life skills courses at any given time. Last year, over 5,000 inmates earned some type of certificate, diploma or degree, including nearly 1,300 general equivalency degrees (GEDs). Inmates in North Carolina facilities earn fifteen percent of all GEDs awarded in the state.

"We want to continue to provide the

tools and skills necessary for our students to reintegrate and become productive members of our society," says True, who hopes to build on the foundation left by Anne Tew, who retired June 1.

Prior to joining the department, True taught in public schools for 22 years and worked in school administration for five years. She holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in education from East Carolina University.

A native of Roanoke Rapids, True is married to Wayne True, administrative services manager for the Division of Prisons. The couple has two sons who are both in college. In her spare time, True likes to collect pottery and antiques.



True





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### Beck names Kenworthy to head Lumberton Correctional

**LUMBERTON**—Correction Secretary Theodis Beck named George Kenworthy as superintendent at Lumberton Correctional Institution. The appointment is effective June 1.

Kenworthy has served as assistant superintendent for custody and operations at Lumberton CI since February 2002.

“George Kenworthy is a career corrections professional and a good public servant,” said Beck. “I know that he will be an effective administrator and will work closely with the Robeson County community.”

Kenworthy joined the Department of Correction in 1982 as a correctional of-



Kenworthy

icer at Scotland Correctional Center. He was promoted to sergeant at McCain Correctional Hospital and to lieutenant at Hoke Correctional Institution. He started work at Lumberton CI as a lieutenant in 1994 and was later promoted to captain.

He is a Robeson County native and graduate of Prospect High School and Pembroke State University, with a degree in criminal justice. He lives in Pembroke with his wife and two daughters.

Lumberton Correctional Institution is a medium-security prison in Lumberton housing approximately 700 adult male inmates.

### James Ellis retires from District 14

**DURHAM**—James Ellis has ended his career the same place it started—in Judicial District 14. Ellis retired from his position as the judicial district manager for the Division of Community Corrections June 1.

Ellis began his career as a parole officer in 1973. He moved up the ranks, becoming an intensive officer in 1986 and a unit supervisor in 1990. In 1982, he was named judicial district manager.

“I will really miss the people,” said Ellis. “This is the only job I’ve known all my life and it’s been a learning experience.”

Ellis hopes to work part time after spending a few months traveling and spending time with family. In the meantime, he plans to keep busy by participating with the Durham Striders, a renowned track club, traveling and serving as an active member of his church.

“It’s OK to be committed to your job,” he says, “but you also have to be involved in things outside of work.”

A graduate of North Carolina Central University, Ellis lives in Durham with his wife Jackie. The couple has one son in high school and a daughter that attends North Carolina State University.

### Anne Tew takes a recess

**RALEIGH**—After 31 years of service, educational services director Anne Tew retired from the the Division of Prisons June 1.

Tew began her career with the division as a psychologist in 1972. She be-

came a correctional psychologist service coordinator, before moving to Educational Services as the coordinator of Educational Psychologists and Community College Programs. She had served as director of Educational Services since 2000.

### Nora Hunt named to lead Columbus

**BRUNSWICK**—Secretary Theodis Beck has named Nora Hunt superintendent of Columbus Correctional Institution effective June 1. Hunt has been assistant superintendent of programs at the facility since September 1999.

“Nora Hunt’s diverse background and her knowledge of the Columbus facility will serve her well in this new role,” said Secretary Theodis Beck. “I am confident she is the right person to lead the professional staff at the prison and she will be able to continue building on its efficient operations.”

Hunt started her career in corrections as a clerk and stenographer in



Hunt

January 1972 at McCain Correctional Center (now Hoke Correctional Institution). She moved through the ranks serving as director of the Treatment Center for Women, program supervisor at Morrison Correctional Institution and Sandhills Youth Center and program director at Robeson Correctional Center.

“I am excited and I hope to keep up the good morale and keep the inmates busy with either work or education,” said Hunt.

A Robeson County native, Hunt graduated from Fairgrove High School in Fairmont and attended Womick-Selena Business School. Her husband is a lieutenant at Lumberton Correctional Institution and they have two daughters.

Columbus Correctional Institution, near Brunswick, is a medium security prison for nearly 700 adult males. Hunt replaces Joel Hunt who retired in March.

*Movin' on Up*

NAME	NEW TITLE	LOCATION
Immaculata Akwitti	Nurse (RN) Lead	CP
Aimee Alsop	Prob/Par Int Case Off	DCC-Dist 22
Steve Barrett	Corr Sergeant	Guilford CC
Alfred Basden	Corr Trng Spec II	Pamlico CI
Evelyn Belin	Pers Tech I	Lanesboro CI
Vashita Bell	Corr Health Asst II	NCCIW
Deborah Benfield	Admin Asst II	Foothills CI
Kevin Benfield	Corr Unit Mgr	Mt. View CI
Dianne Bennett	Admin Sec II	DCC-Div 3
Dwayne Bisette	Corr Lieutenant	Nash CI
Norman Bivens	Corr Sergeant	Davidson CC
Jerry Blake	Corr Lieutenant	McCain CH
Donanne Blankenship	Nurse (RN) Lead	NCCIW
Sharon Blount	Corr Prog Asst II	Tyrrell PWF
Brenda Boone	Corr Sergeant	Tillery CC
Jacqueline Boone	Corr Prog Dir I	Nash CI
Betsy Branch	Corr Prog Dir I	Polk YI
Isaac Brown	Corr Sergeant	CP
Van Buchanan II	Lead Corr Officer	Caswell CC
Stacey Burleyson	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 19C
Jonathan Byers	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 26
Kevin Caldwell Sr.	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 21
Mary Carter	Admin Asst II	Western YI
Darcell Carter	Corr Sergeant	CP
Randall Cole	Bldg Const Supt	DOP-Piedmont
Maxine Cooper	Corr Sergeant	Polk YI
Harry Davis Jr.	Asst Supt, Cust/Opr I	McCain CH
Willie Davis	Asst Supt	Gates CC
Joanne Duda	Corr Sergeant	CP
Sheila Eason	Corr Sergeant	NCCIW
Ericka Estes	Corr Sergeant	NCCIW
Sandra Fanny	Admin Sec II	DOP-Admin
Miquel Felio	Lead Corr Officer	Pender CI
Cheryl Flores	Prob/Par Off I	DCC-Dist 11
Jean Fox	Corr Prog Dir I	Caldwell CC
Christopher Garner	Corr Sergeant	Pamlico CI
Pamela George	Food Serv Mgr I	Pamlico CI
Joe Graham	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 26
Chenoa Grant	Office Asst V	DCC-Admin
Rebecca Gresham	Pers Analyst I	Personnel
Deborah Griffin	Corr Prog Supvr	Warren CI
James Gurganus	Corr Captain	Craven CI
Lisa Gwyn	Prob/Par Off I	DCC-Dist 19A
Willie H. Crosby	Corr Sergeant	CP
Christopher Hall	Corr Sergeant	Wayne CC
Lisa Harden	Corr Sergeant	Southern CI
Jack Harrell II	Prob/Par Unit Supv III	DCC-Dist 7
Joseph Harris	Corr Sergeant	Lumberton CI
Steven Heh	Corr Sergeant	Charlotte CC
Kimberly Hodges	Admin Asst II	Pamlico CI
Henry Hough	Sub Abuse Coun II	DART-Duplin
Carol Huneycutt	Corr Sergeant	CP
Harry Ivey	Corr Sergeant	CP

NAME	NEW TITLE	LOCATION
Lucinda Jacobs	Comm Serv Dist Coord	CSWP
Kenneth Jones Jr.	Corr Lieutenant	Sampson CI
Curtis Jones	Food Serv Mgr III	Scotland CI
Yvonne King	Corr Prog Dir III	DOP-Piedmont
Wallace Koonce Jr.	Corr Sergeant	Eastern CI
Bruce Landon	Corr Sergeant	CP
Gail Lee	Acctg Clerk V	Warehouse
James Leonard	Corr Sergeant	Franklin CC
James Lewis	Lead Corr Officer	Lumberton CI
Ingrume Lockey Jr.	Corr Lieutenant	Craven CI
Sara Locklear	Corr Asst Unit Mgr	Scotland CI
Yvonne Locklear	Lead Nurse	Robeson CC
Phillip Maness	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 19B
Kay Manning	Proc Asst V	Greene CC
Patricia McEntire	Corr Lieutenant	Marion CI
Scott McManus	Corr Lieutenant	Foothills CI
Thomasina Melvin	Admin Sec II	Lanesboro CI
James Monroe	Corr Captain	Franklin CC
Carl Moses	Prob/Par Off I	DCC-Dist 11
Reba Parker	Prob/Par Off I	DCC-Dist 22
James Parnell	Facility Maint Supv IV	Lumberton CI
Davie Paul	Lead Corr Officer	Lumberton CI
Debbie Pauley	Proc Asst IV	Comb Rec
Robbie Paynter	Corr Lieutenant	Warren CI
William Pepper	Corr Lieutenant	Tillery CC
James Pittman	Corr Sergeant	Wayne CC
Linda Pitts	Asst Supt	Davidson CC
Larry Price	Corr Unit Mgr	Warren CI
Roland Pruitt	Corr Case Analyst	Polk YI
Carlton Pullen	HVAC Supvr I	CP
James Raiford	Corr Case Analyst	Craven CI
Cheryl Ross	Lead Nurse	Warren CI
Joseph Schramm	Sub Abuse Coun II	DART-Pender
Candy Sfetsos	Prob/Par Officer II	DCC-Dist 3B
Monica Shabo	Corr Captain	NCCIW
Victor Shaw	Elec Tech III	DOP-Eastern
Jane Sheirs	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 26
Emily Simmons	Corr Sergeant	CP
Elaine Smith	Nurse (RN) Supvr I	CP
Ivey Sneed	Corr Asst Unit Mgr	Southern CI
Phyllis Stewart	Corr Sergeant	NCCIW
James Stround	Corr Trng Spec II	Eastern CI
Priscilla Sutton	Corr Sergeant	Greene CC
Joan Taylor	Acct III	Fiscal
Tiesha Torrence	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 26
Trevino Uzzell	Corr Sergeant	Wayne CC
William Walker	Corr Case Analyst	Western YI
Phippie Wall	Admin Sec II	DACDP
Wayne Waller	Corr Lieutenant	Warren CI
Pamela Waller	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 9B
Benjamin Washington III	Corr Sergeant	CP
Gloria Williams	Corr Sergeant	Hyde CI
James Williams	Corr Sergeant	Charlotte CC



## PERSONNEL CORNER

### Legislature passes 2003 budget

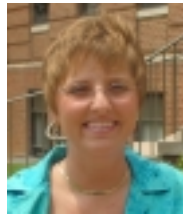
**RALEIGH**—After a marathon weekend session, the General Assembly passed the 2003 Budget Act June 30. Although the final budget did not appropriate funds for the department’s employee incentives, the department will continue to use lapse salaries to pay for longevity, overtime, holiday shift pay, weekend shift pay, worker’s compensation and unemployment compensation. There will be no interruption in the payment of these benefits to department employees.

In addition, the 2003 budget gives employees a one-time \$550 bonus to be paid at the end of October and 80 hours of bonus vacation leave. Unfortunately, the budget also provides for a 17 percent increase in premiums for members of the State Health Plan, although it makes no changes to plan benefits such as the deductible, out-of-pocket maximum or additional co-pays for prescription drugs. The new rates become effective October 1, 2003.

### New faces in Raleigh spaces

**RALEIGH**—The department welcomes three new faces to positions in Raleigh: Terry Penny, Cheryl Moody and Martha Sullivan.

Terry Penny has been named office manager for the Raleigh Regional Employment Office, effective June 1. As manager, Penny will oversee all operations



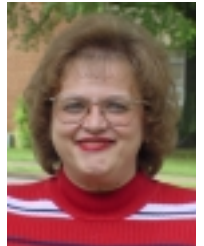
Penny

for the office. Penny began her career with the department in the early 1970s. She worked in engineering, classification and programs before moving to the State Bureau of Investigation and serving a stint in private industry. She returned to the department in 1990, serving in mental health, testing and research, personnel and Correction Enterprises before her current appointment.

At the Division of Prisons, Cheryl Moody is the new director of the Office of Citizen Participation; she replaces Mae McLendon, who retired. As director, Moody manages all aspects of the Community Volunteer Program, Think Smart, Napoleon Hill and various other

enrichment programs.

Moody began her career as a correctional officer at NCCIW in 1984. After being promoted to sergeant at NCCIW, she moved over to Harnett CI where she served as a program supervisor and became one of the original disciplinary hearing officers in 1994. In 1996, she was named program director at Harnett CI.



Moody

Finally, the Division of Community Corrections has named Martha Sullivan administrator of the Substance Abuse Screening and Intervention Program. As administrator, Sullivan is responsible for program development and oversight of operations. A graduate of East Carolina University, she began her career with the department as a probation officer in Durham County in 1990, later moving to Wake County where she became a chief probation/parole officer in 1998.



Sullivan

### Retirements (30 Years or More)

- Jerry A. Harris
- Janet M. Harris
- James P. Morgan
- Clarence B. Parks

### Honor Graduates

- Stacey Burleyson
- Tim Gasperson
- Theron Moore
- Kelly L Niman
- Kevin Watson

### Movin' on Up, cont.

NAME	NEW TITLE	LOCATION
Tara Williams	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 25B
Ralph Williford Jr.	Prob/Par Off I	DCC-Dist 8A
Brent Witter	Prob/Par Off II	DCC-Dist 27B
Karen Wolf	Office Asst IV	DCC-Dist 4A
David Worsley	Comm Serv Dist Coord	CSWP

### From the Archives



Cindy Davis was the first person to recognize the faces in this photo; that’s only right since she’s in it! From left to right are: Tommy Tucker, Carol Jean Kahn, Aaron Johnson, Cindy

Falkner-Davis and Harry Ballard. Cindy guesses the year was 1985, when the department’s Chapter I Program for Neglected and Delinquent Students was selected as one of the most successful programs in the nation.

## *From the Archives: The Past in Pictures*



Does anybody recognize this group? E-mail us at [smr22@doc.state.nc.us](mailto: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 March /April issue, see page 7.

*This month's photo is from the Public Information Archives.*

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**July 16**—Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Officers of the Year Ceremony. Enterprises Conference Room, Raleigh. 2:00 p.m.

**August 29**—Deadline for nominations for H.G. "Gus Moeller Award and Outstanding Journalist Award given by the the NCCA. Contact Steve Goodrum at (910) 369-2013.

**October 15-17**—NCPA Division III, 2003 Training Institute, Southern Pines. Training sessions, workshops, firearms competition, golf, etc. For more information contact Randy Hussey at (910) 947-2237.

### **New location for Transportation/ Communication Shop**

**RALEIGH**—Effective July 1, the Transportation/Communication Shop has relocated to a new, but temporary address: 309 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. The telephone numbers are:

Transportation (919) 662-4700  
Communications (919) 662-4701  
Fax (919) 662-4179

Because the new address is across town from MotorFleet, employees exchanging DOA vehicles with communications or security equipment should go to the Transportation/Communication shop before going to MotorFleet.

If you have any questions, call the numbers listed above.

### ***Correction News***

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