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Inmates from a

(right) clean up storm debris. Many

(above)

Carteret work crew

coastal and mountain

homes were flooded.

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Coping with nature's wrath DOC gives help, hope during busy storm season

Chimney Rock and Calabash. Newland and Nevassa. Morganton and Maysville. Correction employees and work crews helped these communities when tropical

storms and tornadoes plowed through North Carolina in August and September.

Mother Nature punished much of the state with water and wind, but she dealt her most severe blows in the east and west. DOC employees were equal to her challenges.

The memory of

storms Ivan, Charley, Bonnie, Frances, Alex, Gaston and Jeanne will linger in the minds of those who endured them. So, too, will the kindness of correction workers who rescued neighbors, donated money, repaired

roads, limited flooding and removed debris from hundreds of sites. Chief Mike Estep Jr. of the Newland

Police Department appreciates their

efforts from a unique perspective. Estep was DOC crew leader before joining the Newland force in the mountains of Avery County.

The chief heaped praise on the staff and inmates at Foothills Correctional Institution in Morganton. Foothills crews cleared debris from several spots in Newland after Frances and Ivan.

Estep said Foothills Minimum Security Unit Sgt. Charles Robinson, officers Ronnie Bollinger, Gabriel Ellsbury and

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Rising above the flood Probation teams assist local law agencies

The tropical weather systems that roared through western North Carolina this summer caused massive flooding and

landslides, knocked out power and took lives.

Tropical Storm Frances visited Sept. 8. The remnants of Hurricane Ivan struck on Sept. 16. Jeanne, a tropical depression, followed

less than two weeks later.

Damage from the three storms that struck the mountains has been estimated at \$60.5 million, according to the National Weather Service.



Officers Mark Brown, Mike Oney and Thomas Grant staff a water give-away station in Ahoskie.

Nature's worst brought out the best in many Division of Community Corrections employees.

> Lisa L. Crowe is one of those who benefited from their generosity. Crowe is a probation and parole officer in Waynesville who lives in the mountain community of Clyde. On Sept. 7, water

from the Pigeon River forced her to evacuate her home and turned the first floor of her apartment into a 52-inch deep pool.

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Randolph Thomas (left) and Michael Sprinkle are the Department of Correction recipients of the 2004 State Employees Award for Excellence.

Two from DOC earn state employee excellence award

APEX – Secretary Theodis Beck presented the State Employees Award of Excellence to two prison employees and recognized 41 other nominees for the award at a ceremony Oct. 20.

Food service supervisor Randolph Thomas from Morrison Correctional Institution was honored for the work he and his wife have done raising foster children and Correctional Officer Michael Sprinkle from Marion Correctional Institution was honored for his actions helping stop an inmate's attack on a fellow employee.

The experiences of the award nominees varied greatly. Some work at prisons or probation offices. One runs the prison responsible for carrying out all the executions in the state. Others quietly save the state thousands of dollars through innovative ideas, or risk their lives to help inmates. Some are serving their country overseas. Despite their differing duties, they are all bound by a commitment to excellence.

In all, 31 employees who work in community corrections, in administrative capacities or in state prisons earned recognition for job performance or service to their communities. Ten current or former Division of Community Correction employees were honored for serving in Iraq. **EXCELLENCE** (cont. on page 3)

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Lead officer leads rescue from floodwaters

ASHEVILLE - Mark Higgins is familiar with the hazards of prison work. The dangers he faced on Sept. 8 came from a more mysterious and powerful force – Mother Nature.

Higgins, a lead correctional officer at Craggy Correctional Center, saved a stranded woman from raging flood waters. He and Bobby Randal, a friend, rescued Fanny Marcus that day. Flood waters had swept her away near the town of Biltmore as she drove to work.

Officials there had given her up for dead, said Wade Hatley, Craggy assistant superintendent.

Higgins and others were in boats assessing damage when they saw Ms. Marcus crouched on the cab of a pickup truck. Forceful currents made the rescue risky for everyone.

"It was real strong," Higgins said. "The rescue people had been looking for her all day."

Higgins was helping friend Shelle Rogers, who was worried about her business. Higgins, who spent 22 years in the N.C. National Guard, called Randal, a fellow Guard retiree, and asked him to bring his boat. They met at a local golf course. Rogers and her friend Jeff Cox went ahead in another boat. They returned around lunch, terrified. Flood waters had



Mark Higgins receives a hug from Fanny Marcus. Higgins saved Marcus from floods in September. (Photo courtesy of Ewart Ball, Asheville Citizen-Times photographer)

slammed their boat into the side of a building and nearly swamped it. They spotted Marcus during their trip, but were afraid to return.

Higgins and Randal headed for the spot and found Marcus. Four to 10 feet of fastmoving water prevented them from reaching her at first. "The water was so swift, it swept us on past her," Higgins said.

The engine on the small boat barely had enough power to get to Marcus, but the men managed to find a calmer and shallower spot. Higgins jumped out of the boat and plucked Marcus from the truck bed. Her ordeal lasted about nine hours. Flood waters flipped her car that morning, but the 68-year-old Marcus managed to escape. She swam and tumbled her way to a tractor trailer, where she held on at least six hours until she was able to climb onto the roof of a pickup, then down to its bed as the water receded.

"She told me she thought about letting go several times," Higgins said. She prayed that a boat would come through." Higgins said Marcus' stamina was amazing. "She should have been dead. The water was so swift."

Higgins downplayed his role in the rescue. "I don't feel like I was a hero. Any normal person would have done that. I would hope that somebody would have come back and picked me up."

Mark Higgins has been a correctional officer for 15 years, beginning in 1989 at Craggy in Buncombe County. He earned his sergeant chevrons and later transferred to Yancey Correctional Center in Burnsville, where he remained until the prison closed about five years ago. Officer Higgins then returned to Craggy, where he serves on the Prison Emergency Response Team in addition to his lead officer duties.

Hatley said he is not surprised that Higgins put himself in harm's way to help someone. Higgins takes the same attitude in his PERT duties, he said. "When you call him, he'll be there."

Community work crews tackle hurricane cleanup in mountains, at coast



Staff and crews from the following prisons worked on storm cleanup in these locations:

- Sgt. Dale Tucker supervised crews from Duplin CC in Leland, Shallotte, Carolina Beach, and Fort Fisher.
- Lt. Randy Rivenbark and Sgt. Robert Barnhill led crews from New Hanover CC on cleanup efforts at Southport, Oak Island, Caswell Beach and Holden Beach.
- Sgt. Darryl Liverman and crews from Tyrrell Work Farm removed debris from Kitty Hawk.
- Sgt. Kenny Emanuel and crews from Robeson CC worked sites at Sunset Beach, Ocean Isle, Calabash and Carolina Shores.
- Sgt. Ted Howell and his crews from Carteret CC assisted in Jones and Onslow counties.
- Sgt. James Locklear supervised inmate crews from Bladen Correctional Center.
- Sgt. James Sutton and Sgt. Kevin Martin led crews from Greene Correctional Center.
- Rutherford Correctional Center crews removed debris from Lake Lure and Chimney Rock.
- Crews from Haywood CC helped with Jackson Co. highway repairs and filled sandbags in Haywood Co.
- Marion CI crews removed debris in Mitchell and McDowell counties.
- Buncombe CC crews filled sandbags in Madison County, removed debris and distributed food and water
- A crew from Black Mountain CCW helped a local food bank uncrate and sort food.
- Two Caldwell Correctional Center crews filled sandbags in Newland.



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Secretary Beck praised all DOC employees in his opening remarks.

"We don't say thanks enough, but today we will try. I thank you for the long, sometimes dangerous hours. I thank you for your professionalism and patience. What you do matters to the residents of North Carolina, to offenders, to their families, and to the victims of crime."

A gospel choir from Raleigh Correctional Center for Women performed several selections to kick off the ceremony. Randolph Thomas, a food service supervisor at Morrison Correctional Institution, earned the public service award. Thomas and his wife, Linda, have adopted four siblings and have been foster parents to at least 14 children. Thomas has managed this while working long hours directing the two food service programs at Morrison.

Secretary Beck called Thomas "a man of principle and commitment ... whose heart is as big as his smile."

Michael P. Sprinkle won the heroism and safety award. Sprinkle is a correctional officer at Marion Correctional Institution. He rescued Enterprise Supervisor Shelby Canipe from an inmate who attacked her with a pair of scissors. "His bravery the evening of March 30 saved a colleague from serious harm or worse," Secretary Beck said. "Officer Sprinkle is not physically imposing, but the size of his character, and dedication to his fellow man is larger than life. Without his swift, decisive and brave actions, a rapist might have become a murderer."

The remaining 29 nominees were honored for public service, heroism and

safety, human relations and outstanding government service.

Their selection was part of a rigorous process, one that begins when Secretary Beck solicits nominations from DOC employees across the state. Nominations are sent to a three-person nominating committee consisting of one person each from the secretary's staff, personnel office and division of prisons. The committee selects seven nominees and sends their names to the Office of State Personnel. An OSP committee reviews the nominees from all participating state agencies and chooses 12 award winners.

Each honoree received a framed certificate. Correction Enterprises created the frames and certificates and food service staff at Sanford Correctional Center provided refreshments at a reception following the ceremony.

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When the water receded, Crowe and her neighbors faced a daunting clean-up, but they had help.

Waynesville's Chief Probation Officer, Stan Shumolis, and officers Steve Stiles and Charles Allison spent hours performing "some of the hardest, dirtiest work one can imagine," Crowe wrote to community corrections director Robert Guy.

Crowe said the officers worked "without complaint or expectation of payment," hauling ruined items to the dump and taking salvaged goods to a storage area in their own vehicles. "And they didn't only help me," she said. "They helped some of my neighbors... Officer Allison even went with me to assist my neighbor with the rescue of her cats. I found out later that these men even helped other victims unload trash at the dump."

Co-workers Karen Herron and Regina Ray checked on Crowe and others daily. Officer Ray and Dee Parton, who also work with Crowe, watched over her apartment during curfew hours to prevent looting.

"I have received an incredible amount of financial help," Crowe said. Probation officers from across the state sent her gifts and cash donations. "Since I didn't have flood insurance, this will be an important part of my being able to start over," she said. "I have always known that probation officers are a special bunch, but I never realized how much of a family the Division of Community Corrections really is. I am truly humbled and blessed to be part of such a fine department."

DCC extends help

The kindness didn't end with Crowe. Officers and other DCC employees assisted at least two communities.

After Frances, 20 officers from division four went to Canton, where they helped patrol and protect the town. After Ivan, 51 officers enforced curfews and controlled traffic in Canton and Clyde. Division Chief Roselyn Powell helped coordinate those efforts.

Director Guy says the officers who helped Crowe and others are among those who "selflessly offer a light of hope, a gentle hand to hold and a soft shoulder to cry on," in the midst of tragedy.

"Those are the people we live and work with every day," Guy said. "They are our family; they are DCC."

Southern converts to female population

TROY - Change is the word at Southern Correctional Institution. In February, Southern was chosen to convert from adult male felons to female offenders. Gary Miller, the correctional administrator at Southern, said the facility's location, experienced staff and the overall makeup made it a suitable candidate for conversion. Crowding at prisons housing women necessitated the move.

Others on Southern's management team are: John Wrape, assistant superintendent for custody and operations; Tim Kimble, assistant superintendent for programs; Ralph Coble, administrative officer; and Carol Poole, facility maintenance supervisor.

A few female offenders were sent to Southern on Oct. 4. This allowed job assignments to be set up and other logistical details to be in place before the prison reaches its capacity of more than 500 adult female offenders at its medium/ close women's facility.

Southern's minimum facility will continue to house about 216 adult males. The unit will house work release inmates, three Community Work Program crews and a DOT work squad.

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Foothills officers rescue motorist, capture alleged burglars

MORGANTON – Officers from Foothills Correctional Institution rescued a motorist and captured men accused of taking items from a woman's home in separate incidents.

On Sept. 21, Officer Robert Stamey came upon an overturned vehicle as he traveled along N.C. 18 in Caldwell County, said co-worker Jeanne Fowler. Inside the car, the driver was unconscious and not breathing. Stamey crawled inside the smoking car; the driver began breathing when the officer pulled him out. Stamey checked the car for passengers and remained with the injured person until emergency workers arrived.

On Aug. 29, Foothills Lt. John Walker helped Burke County Sheriff's deputies thwart a larceny.

Sheriff John McDevitt said a Burke

County woman reported that a man broke into her home and tried to assault her. The man left when she yelled at him, but the woman said she later noticed that electronic equipment was missing.

Lt. Walker saw three men carrying stereo equipment in his driveway as he returned home from work. The men tossed the equipment into some woods next to the driveway when Walker got out of his car and asked them to stop. He detained the men and called the sheriff's office. Charges against the suspects include firstdegree burglary, felonious larceny, and sexual battery.

Officer Stamey has worked at Foothills for seven years. Lt. Walker has been with the Department of Correction since 1987. He joined the Foothills staff in 1995.

Food service conference dishes out 'ham' with fun and learning

SOUTHERN PINES - When it was time for the skits, prison food service staffers displayed talents far beyond the culinary arts at the Food and Nutrition Management Conference Oct. 20 and 21. The conference also included workshops on apprenticeships, leadership, public affairs and bridging the gap between food service and custody staff.

Fredrick Dixon of Johnston CI, (above) plays the part of a woman in skit while David Smith of Lanesboro looks on.

Judson Pitman, Gaston CC food service manager, (right) plays the part of Elvis while Marcel Benjamin of Craven CI dances to the tunes.

Caledonia's Wiley Phillips (right) acts as a judge in a skit about Hazard Critical Control Points.



Charles Martin, (left) New Hanover CC food service manager, wears his chef's hat well.



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and Richard Sumlin and their work crews "far exceeded any crew that I have witnessed since leaving," the DOC.

"The cleanup was without a doubt thorough and superb ... I would like to personally commend each of the officers." Foothills Unit manager Tony Smith and assistant unit manager Eddie Mask were instrumental in organizing the crews.

Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 8, Foothills crews and those from six other facilities cleaned, repaired or assisted in relief efforts at scores of sites.

Along the coast, the story was much the same. Hurricane Charley cut a swath through eastern North Carolina on August 14. Although Charley was considerably weaker than the day before, when he slammed into Florida's gulf coast as a Category IV hurricane, he left quite a mess.

Charley's path extended from Brunswick County, bordering South Carolina, northward to Dare County. Staff and inmates on 207 community work crews from seven prisons worked 1,553 hours over 13 days helping communities clean up.

On Aug. 18, Gov. Mike Easley authorized inmate work crews to work hurricane clean up projects on private property, in coordination with Emergency Management and the Department of Transportation.

Inmates stood up tobacco plants in hundreds of acres of fields in Pender and Craven counties. Other crews removed downed trees, limbs and debris in numerous coastal towns from Sunset Beach to Kitty Hawk. Much of the heaviest work was in Brunswick County, where Charley came ashore with his strongest winds. The last coastal work assignments were completed on Aug. 27.

David Osborne, the Division of Prisons Assistant Director of Management Services, said the staff and their crews. "performed in an exceptional manner." While no one hopes for a repeat of the 2004 storm season, correctional officers and their crews at these facilities should be proud of their accomplishments.

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Sgt. (now Lt..) Robert Bilberry, a special operations response team officer at Sampson Correctional Institution in Clinton, won third place in the toughest cop competition at the North Carolina Police and Fire Olympics.

Mountain View Correctional Institution held a golf tournament Oct. 5 that raised \$4,700 for "Kids Play," a community playground project.

Dan Durham, a probation and parole officer in Halifax County, has received the Law Officer of the Year from the Roanoke Rapids Optimist Club. "Dan is very well respected among the community," said, Doug Hardy, CPPO for Halifax County. "I believe this award speaks volume of his dedication to his profession as well as the community. I'm glad to have Dan in my unit."

Dykota Spiess, the son of **Jason Spiess**, a Western Youth Institution Officer, was the starting third baseman and pitcher on the Morganton team that advanced to the quarterfinals of this year's Little League World Series.

Otis Bridgers, a Robeson CC officer, provided some long-distance support for Special Olympian Michael Dudney recently.



Bridgers drove Dudney to Atlanta, where he earned three gold medals and a silver in the Southeastern Regional Powerlifting competition. Dudney won his medals in the bench press, dead lift, squat and competition total during the event, which took

Otis Bridgers and Michael Dudney

place from Sept. 30 through October 4. Bridgers is a transportation officer at Robeson CC in Lumberton.

Karen Sue Chosewood has been named the Beaufort County EMS member of the year. Chosewood, who is a lead officer at Hyde Correctional Institution, serves as president of the board governing the Pinetown Rescue and EMS. She became an active member of the organization in 1984, a year after its inception. "The members of the squad and people in the community respect Sue and look to her for advice, said rescue squad Capt. Butch Oliver. Despite her leadership



Supt. Derrick Wadsworth duties, Officer Chosewood was one of the top three responders for the Pinetown squad. She also teaches EMS continuing education classes in several counties and is a member of the PERT at Hyde.

Randy W. Rising, the correctional program supervisor at Columbus Correctional Institution in Brunswick, received the Advanced Certificate from the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission in August. The certificate is the highest awarded in North Carolina to law enforcement and criminal justice officers. To qualify for an advanced certificate, officers must complete a combination of professional training and education and meet minimum service requirements. Rising has worked at Columbus Correctional for 10 years and lives in Nakina with Trina, his wife, and daughters Courtney and Olivia. He is a rising junior at UNC Pembroke, where he majors in pre-law.

Groundskeeper **James Barber** has been hard at work beautifying Scotland Correctional Institution. Mr. Barber has relocated sod, shrubs, flowers and other landscaping from the campus of the former Sandhills Youth Center to the new Scotland prison, saving the state more than \$7,000 so far.

Department of Correction employees raised nearly \$142,100 during the 2004 Torch Run for Special Olympics. **Mountain View Correctional Institution** in Spruce Pine raised \$11,809.35, more than any other Division of Prisons facility. **Community Corrections District 23** raised \$31,224.85, tops among DCC field offices. Overall the DOP raised \$59,631.32 and the DCC raised \$58,307.95. **Correction Enterprises** raised about \$22,000. Additional donations totaled \$2,153.

McCain Correctional Hospital in Hoke County was chosen as the Facility of the Year by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. The organization presented McCain representatives with the award on Nov. 15 at its national conference in New Orleans. According to the commission, McCain was chosen for its "excellent professionalism in providing for the health needs of a diverse and challenging population drawn from the entire N.C. prison system. The North Carolina Correctional Association held its 25th anniversary celebration Nov. 17-19 in Durham at the Millenium Hotel. Correctional professionals from across the state attended seminars, sampled goods and services from correctional vendors, bid in a silent auction and played in a golf tournament. Attendees also took part in a discussion on emerging issues with Dan Stieneke, the DOC's chief deputy secretary, and Gene Johnson, Virginia secretary of correction.

Lynne Bommele won the H.G. "Gus" Moeller award for outstanding service to the organization. She is an administrative secretary II at Scotland Correctional Institution in Laurinburg.

Lt. Valarie Wilcher-Ellis won the Women Working in Corrections Award. She works at Pasquotank Correctional Institution in Elizabeth City. The following earned regional members of the year honors:

- Cathy Judge, North Central Region
- Jacqueline Harvey, NE Region
- Wilma Daniels, North Pied. Region
- Steve Goodrum and Terry Stewart, South Central Region
- Audrey Fields, Southeastern Region
- Dwight Klutzz, South Pied. Region
- Agnes Bailey and Keith Osteen, Western Region

Employee Appreciation Day at Southern CI, was held Sept. 23, during prison renovations. Southern inmates were sent to other prisons during the renovations, which allowed many employees to attend the ceremony. The following employees were honored: Five Year Awards: Trevor Brown, Jeremy Eudy, Ruth Hair, Lisa Harden, Chris Haywood, April Janutolo, David Overby, Samuel Poole, Gary Sheffield, Robert Smith, Darshune Williams, Avery Wright.

Ten Year Awards: Lane Bowles, Michael Burnette, Linda Harrell, Owen Jones, Frank Nicoletti, Roger Ritter.

Fifteen Year Awards: Wayne Adams, Doug Callicutt, Darlene Hamilton, Carl Hamilton, Elizabeth Harris, John Inman, Bonnie Leach, Marvin Marshall, Todd Moore, John Priest, Jeffery Purvis, Cosmo Spruell.

Twenty Year Awards: **Stephen Blankenship**, **Nancy Gainey, Ricky Maness, Roy Roberts**, **Jr., Mickey Stamper**.

Thirty Year Awards: Alfred Pemberton Special Award: Travis L. Johnson

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Health Services recognizes outstanding employees

RALEIGH - Outstanding employees of the Division of Prisons Health Services section



were honored during a statewide medical staff meeting on Aug. 19. Lynda Padgett, a nurse supervisor at Pender Correctional Institution, was recognized as the eastern region nurse of the year. Ella

Padgett

Dixie. a nurse supervisor at Brown Creek Correctional Institution, was named nurse of the year for the

western region. Doralene

Knight of Harnett



Ella Dixie

Correctional Institution took nurse of the year honors for the central



region. The staff of McCain Correctional Hospital received national recognition as the Facility of the Year from the National Commission on

Doralene Knight

Correctional Healthcare. McCain was presented with an award at the NCCHC conference in New Orleans in November. Wayne True, administrative services manager for the Division of Prisons, was recognized with an outstanding service award for his support of Health Services.

Employees and dogs draw crowds at Mountain State Fair

MARION - Marion Correctional Institution employees worked a recruitment and informational booth (below) at the Mountain Glory Festival on Oct. 9. Dogs from the New Leash on Life dog training program drew large crowds to the booth.



Prison art show marks 27th year

WINSTON-SALEM – The Division of Prisons held its 27th Annual Prison Art Show on Oct. 26-28 at Market Place Mall. The event was cohosted by the Piedmont Region Office and Forsyth Correctional Center and displayed more than 90 inmate art works. Yvonne King led more than a month of planning and preparation to organize the event. Cheryl Peterschick, Elizabeth Barefoot, Kellie O'Neill and Cynthia Wilson assisted her.

Artwork was entered in three categories: Painting, drawing and mixed media. Judges from the community chose the top 5 works in each category. "Sudan Misery" by Tim Durling, an inmate at Harnett Correctional Institution, was chosen as Best In Show. Visitors voted the People's Choice award to "Xpressions," by inmate Eric Lynch of Scotland Correctional Center.

Umstead service club helps rescue mission recover

DURHAM - Fire ravaged the kitchen at the Durham Rescue Mission on Sept. 24, destroying the commercial stove the mission uses to cook meals for the homeless. The Inmate Service Club at Umstead Correctional Center contributed \$500 to help with the stove's estimated \$4,000 replacement cost. The Durham rescue Mission has provided services to inmates at Umstead and other nearby prisons for more than 20 years.

CJPP honors Lisa Hughes

ASHEBORO - Lisa Hughes was given a Certificate of Appreciation for a decade of dedication and professionalism in service to the Criminal Justice Partnership Program in Moore County. She was honored Oct. 13 at Division 3 CJPP program directors meeting. Hughes was on the original CJPP Local Advisory Board in Moore County.



Division 3 probation/parole Chief Roselyn Powell (left) joins Sam Boyd, state CJPP administrator, Randy Hussey, (far right) CJPP Board Chairman in Moore County in giving Lisa Hughes a Certificate of Appreciation.



Sen. Scott Thomas and Rep. Jean Preston join Robert Lee Guy, Division of Community Corrections director, in answering audience questions at the North Carolina Probation and Parole Association 2004 Training Institute in Atlantic Beach on Oct. 28.

NCPPA meets in Atlantic Beach

ATLANTIC BEACH - Approximately 300 attended the North Carolina Probation Parole Training Institute 2004 Oct. 27-29. This year's theme was "Riding the Waves Through a Decade of Changing Tides."

Community Corrections professionals from all across the state attended and took part in a variety of workshops that included office safety; facilitating offender change; search, seizure and surveillance techniques, new drug testing technologies and much more.

At the conference, the association gave out several awards. Robert Lee Guy, Division of Community Corrections director, presented the Chester Wiggins Award to Cornell McGill, assistant Division I chief.

"This year's recipient has been a public servant in Eastern North Carolina for over 21 years," said Guy. "His ability to get along with people and work as a team player to get the job done is one of his strongest assets. He has worked to lead his division's strategy team, and has served on the Department's Employees Relations Committee. He was one of the first graduates of the Department's Correctional Leadership Development Program and has been appointed to the North Carolina Council for Interstate Compact."

The award named for Chester Wiggins, the NCPPA president from 1997-1998 who died in 1999 from cancer, was created to honor an individual's outstanding efforts in the areas of leadership, community involvement and anyone who has dedicated themselves to helping others as Wiggins did.

Deputy Secretary Dan Stieneke presented Guy an award for special recognition from the division's leadership team. Sherry Pilkington, assistant director, said the team felt since it was the 10-year anniversary of structured sentencing it would be most appropriate to honor Guy for moving the division forward during this time.

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Terry Harvel Sandra Hayes Tammy Henson Tony Herring Dwight Hicks Muriel Higginbotham Jo Hight Kirby Hightower Tony Hildreth Bruce Hill Paul Hill Sherry Hinson-Downey Larry Hobbs Regina Hoilman Michael Holcomb Charles Holland James Hollingsworth Sharon Holloway Lisa Horton-Cox Tammy Hubbell Eric Hunter Carolyn Hurdle Carolyn Icard Julie Ingle Michelle Ingram Robert James Caletha Jenkins Michael Jenkins Charles Johnson Cvnthia Johnson Satara Johnson Tonya Johnson Raeford Johnson Claudia Jones Junika Jones Kenneth Jones Lakeshia Jones Ulessia Jones Billy Joyner Carlton Joyner Daniel Karhnak Larry Kanniard Lon Kelly Monica Keller Beverly Kelly Bruce Kelly Zachary Kendall James Kennedy Wilhemina Kersev D'Lvnn Kies Bernice King David King Marsha Knight Marvin Kondrosky Marvin Kyle Ronald Lamb Donald Lambert Gerald Langford Kelly Langston Diana Lassiter Gordon Lavin Michael Lawing Carol Lawrence Sonya Lawrence James Lee Nytisha Lee Vernon Lee Willie Liles Edward Little Laura Long-King James Longendyke Donna Lord William Lowe James Majette John Maness Julia Maness-Little Michael Marsalis Susan Martin Alvin Marriott

NEW TITLE

Superintendent II Sergeant Lead Nurse Intensive Case Officer PPO Trainee Sergeant Admin Officer II **PPO** Trainee Asst Unit Manager Clinical Chaplain III Maint Mech IV Lieutenant Training Spec II PPO II Sergeant Lieutenant Sergeant Sub Abuse Counslr I PPO II Accting Tech II Sergeant Sergeant Sergeant PPO Trainee Sergeant PPO II Inst Class Coord CE Manager IV Surv Officer Office Asst IV PPO Trainee Proc Asst IV PPO II Diagnostic Center Dir Corr Officer PPO I Tr Corr Pgms Supv **PPO** Trainee Maint Mech V Corr Pgm Dir III PPO Trainee PPO Trainee PPO II Corr Pgm Dir III Food Service Mgr III Correctional Officer Lieutenant Chief PPO Sergeant PPO II Processing Asst V Chief PPO PPO II Food Service Mgr III Food Svc Mgr II Surveillance Officer Purch Agent II Sergeant Psych Serv Coord Nurse Supervisor Physician Dir II PPO II Pers Tech II Sergeant Chief PPO **PPO** Trainee Corr Train Inst II Sergeant Captain Corr Health Asst II Food Serv Mgr II Corr Unit Manager Sergeant PPO II Hosp Serv Admin II PPO Trainee Intensive Case Officer Pers Asst IV Hospital Serv Admin

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Lenora Williams
Richard Williams
Mary Wilson
Otis Woodcock
William Woolard
Haley Wooten
Claude Wrenn
Donald Wray
Cheryl Yawger
Kimberly Yokeley
William Young
William Zieger
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NEW TITLE Sergeant Surveillance Officer Proc Asst IV Lead CO Sergeant Sergeant PPO II PPO II Corr Ent Supv II PPO II Sergeant Office Asst IV Sergeant Psych Pgm Manager

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Retirements

Lattie Baker Ronald Chapman Sandra Clark Ronald Crumpton Wilma English Donald Houts Derwin Johnson Teresa Fleming Jennie Lancaster

Robbie Manning Dianne Searcy Rosie Stephens William Tilley Gennell Peaks Ralph Snipes Michael Wike Dennis Deese Robert Harrell

Thomas Harris Kim Johnson Phillip Poole Elisha Whitaker Joyce Blackmon Bobbie Hannah Douglas Higgins George McGhee Barbara Woods

Deaths			
Rosie Ford	9/14/2004	Robin Jahnke	10/17/2004
George Fullwood	9/13/2004	Dwight Klutzz	8/15/2004
Alvin Hall	11/03/2004	Derwin Little	10/31/2004
Ted Helms	11/22/2004	Joy Perry	9/08/2004
Carl Herring	10/19/2004	Mattie Stevens	8/10/2004

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NABCJ meets in Durham

DURHAM - George Currie and Carol Lawrence, (far right in photo at left) show off some hardware while standing with Faye Lassiter, the president of

the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. The organization held its meeting on Sept. 28 at the Millenium Hotel in Durham. Currie, the administrator at Polk Youth Institution, and Lawrence, NABCJ chapter secretary and DOC testing and records section manager, won outstanding service awards.

Marion takes a day to make a difference

MARION - Marion's Minimum Security Unit participated in the National Make A Difference Day on Oct. 24. A crew of inmate volunteers, employees and community volunteers braved a cool and drizzly morning



to assist the town of Old Fort with renovations of a town park. Tasks included the painting of the gazebo and park benches, cleaning and painting street light lamp posts, trimming trees and shrubs, and weeding, mulching and planting flowerbeds.



Correction News

Harvel named superintendent at Randolph Correctional Center

ASHEBORO – Secretary Theodis Beck has named Terry Harvel superintendent of Randolph Correctional Center.

Harvel, who has been assistant superintendent at Randolph since January 1996, replaces Clinton Holt.

Harvel's promotion was effective October 1.

"Terry Harvel brings a wealth of experience and professionalism to the job," said Secretary Beck. "I am confident that Randolph Correctional Center is in good hands."



Harvel says his new position is the realization of a dream he has nurtured for nearly 30 years.

Terry Harvel

"This is a goal I set when I first started. I'm responsible for a lot of people and their lives based on the decisions I make," he says. "The operation is so smooth right now. It's running so well. I can't see making any changes at this time."

Harvel earned an associate's degree in criminal justice at Montgomery Community College. He joined the department in 1976 as a correctional officer at Moore Correctional Center in Carthage. In 1978, he was promoted to sergeant at Montgomery Correctional Center in Troy. He was a unit manager at Southern Correctional Institution from 1982 to 1996.

Harvel was born in Tampa, Florida but has spent most of his life in North Carolina. He and Betty, his wife of 34 years, were childhood sweethearts. They live on the shores of Lake Tillery in Montgomery County.

The Harvels have a daughter, Tanna, who is 32; a son, Joshua, who is 18, and two grandchildren.

Superintendent Harvel enjoys hunting, fishing, riding four-wheelers and playing paintball with his son. He also collects and restores antique clocks.

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A Veterans Day message to those in military service

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Michael F. Easley

November 1, 2004

Theodis Beck Secretary

Dear Department of Correction Employee:

In honor of Veterans Day, I want to acknowledge and honor all of the men and women who so proudly serve in our nation's armed services and who also serve as employees of the North Carolina Department of Correction.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day, making it a national holiday. Previously known as Armistice Day, November 11 now represents a time to honor all veterans and recognize their sacrifice and service in the name of peace and freedom throughout the world.

On this, the 50th anniversary of the first official Veterans Day, I want to do just that—to acknowledge and honor all of you who are both military men and women and criminal justice professionals during these difficult times. To those who have completed deployments as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, I thank you for your service and remind you of how grateful the Department is to have you back. To those currently deployed, I want to share with you how much the Department appreciates your sacrifice and looks forward to your safe return. To those who serve or have served in other ways, we offer our heartfelt gratitude and respect.

As Secretary of the Department of Correction, I am extremely proud to have among our ranks men and women willing to answer the call of freedom. Freedom isn't free, and I thank you for paying the price for each and every one of us.

The more than 19,000 men and women who work for the Department of Correction keep you in their thoughts, their hearts and their prayers. May you continue to be richly blessed.

With kind regards, I am

Thirdis Buck

Holiday food drive nets almost 5,000 pounds for Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 4,278 pounds of food and \$135 in cash collected in this year's Holiday Food Drive. The proceeds were delivered to the



Food Bank of North Carolina in Raleigh on Dec. 8. This



year's top giving locations were Central Prison and the Controller's Office. With your donations, the Food Bank will be able to provide holiday meals for 4,171 people!

Deputy Secretary Fred Aikens (left) helps unload barrels of donations at the Food Bank.

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Aikens takes his citizen-soldiering seriously

by Robert Boyer

Fred Aikens' part-time job has taken him to some of the most exotic and troubled spots in the world.

On that job, he has shouldered war-time responsibilities while building an enviable public service career.

But before becoming an Army colonel and a deputy secretary of correction, Aikens was an 18 year-old with dreams when he graduated from Williston High School in 1968. He said the military was



the best option available.

"I was a poor boy coming out of Wilmington, one of seven kids."

He enlisted in the Air Force, where he served from 1968 to 1973. The service was his passport to

far-off lands and a university education.

Aikens joined the Army National Guard after his Air Force stint and worked his way up the ranks until he became the commander of the 139th Rear Operation Center, known as the 139 ROC. The unit is based in Morrisville.

He sandwiched some of his military service around two university degrees – an undergraduate degree in Sociology from UNC Wilmington and a Master's in Regional Planning from UNC Chapel Hill. He went on to become the chief deputy secretary at the Department of Transportation before joining the DOC in 1997.

The world has also been his teacher. As a soldier, he learned to appreciate fine wine in Italy, marvel at the frenetic pace of Taipei, Taiwan and appreciate the efficiency and order of Austrian society. Yet, nothing compares to home.

"I would have never been exposed to those cultures had it not been for being in the military," he says. "It just makes me very grateful for being an American."

Military milestones

Gen. Douglas McArthur once said, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." Aikens' greatest achievements in uniform have come toward the twilight of his Army career. In November 2001, Aikens and the 139 ROC were called to active duty in support of XVIII Airborne Corps headquarters at Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville. He served there as deputy director of operations and later director until November 2002. Three days after being activated, 139th was put in charge of the XVIII Airborne Corps' operations center, a first. Aikens said it was an honor, given the enormous responsibility and the reputation of the XVIII Corps, which he calls "America's finest, the Army's best."

The move was a success thanks to the skill and expertise of those under his command, he said. About a third of Aikens' unit deployed with the XVIII Corps to Afghanistan. When planning for the Afghanistan mission, the XVIII Corps made it known that they needed the 139th ROC. The Corps' request speaks volumes about the quality and character of his unit, Aikens said.

"The 139 ROC did not miss a beat. For the Army National Guard, the ROC set a standard. That standard will be hard to beat."

The unit demobilized in November 2002, but was recalled to active duty the following February and deployed to Kuwait in April. Aikens was the deputy commander of all northern Kuwait base camps. The ROC, under the control of U.S. Army Central Command-Kuwait, was in charge of command and control of all northern Kuwait base camps. These camps gave lodging as well as logistical and administrative support for soldiers preparing to deploy from Kuwait into Iraq and those soldiers and units redeploying from Iraq. Members of Aikens' unit conducted missions as far north as Baghdad and the Sunni Triangle.

Aikens also set a historical precedent. He is the only commanding colonel to lead a North Carolina National Guard unit during two successive year-long activations and deployments.

Adjustments at home

Aikens appreciates the support he received during his deployment from his DOC colleagues. Secretary Theodis Beck, Janice King, Aikens' administrative assistant,



Aikens travels across the desert in a humvee during his deployment to Kuwait.

and others in the office kept in touch via email and "care" packages.

"I could physically feel that support," he said. "It means a lot because you've got the support of the guy (Secretary Beck) down at the end of the hall."

Aikens said it took him four to six months to get back in the swing of things after he returned from the Middle East.

Managers at DOC facilities should keep this in mind as correctional officers and other employees return from their deployments, he said.

Aikens is proud to have served in Iraq but honest about the status of the ongoing mission to establish democracy there, calling it a mixed success.

There are not enough troops in the region, he said. Some troops are unhappy with the Army's "stop loss" policy that keeps them serving overseas after they are scheduled to return home.

Nevertheless, he lauds the commitment and service of DOC workers serving their country in the military.

And he is still proud to continue to serve as he enjoys his nation's freedoms and opportunities. "There's no place like the good old USA."

Veterans Day 2004

Hundreds of DOC employees are currently serving on active duty in the military -in stateside and overseas assignments. Many others were deployed and have returned home in the past three years. We thank them all for their service.

From the Archives: The Past in Pictures



Can anyone help identify this photograph? If you think you know the people, the location, the year or anything about it, please e-mail us at **aka05@doc.state.nc.us** and share your memories!

From the archives...

Did you recognize anyone in this photo from our last newsletter? This class photo features the August 1977 graduates from Adult Probation and Parole basic training. Thanks to Jeff Joines for this blast-from-the-past photo. Here's how Jeff identified his classmates:

Front row (left to right): Brenda Dean, Wilson Billy Bryant, Carthage, retired Rosie Powell, Kernersville, 3rd division chief Tracey Coney, Charlotte Frazier Fulton, Charlotte Peggy Biggers, Raleigh

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Back row (left to right):

Calvin Haggins, Lumberton; Paul Gross, Raleigh, DOC Controller; Jeff Joines, Asheville, 4th division asst. chief; Millie Phillips, Wilmington; Ralph Thomas Jr., Beaufort, Carteret County sheriff; Elizabeth Drury, Durham; Johnny Deyton, Marshall, District 24 JDM; Lynne Isenhour, Lenoir, CPPO in Caldwell County; Pat Whitener, Asheville; Ronald Couch, Morganton; LeRoy Swepson, High Point; Grace Snyder, High Point, retired