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Marvin Polk named 'Warden of Year'

Marvin Polk - who leads, directs and manages Central Prison - has been named the Division of Prisons' 2005-06 Warden of the Year.

In addition to the statewide honor, Polk was nominated for Warden of the Year by the National American Association of Wardens and Superintendents. Polk said he was grateful for the recognition.

"What this award says about me, it is saying about our staff at Central," he said. "It speaks of the dedication to correctional professionalism that we all have here.

"It is with pride and pleasure that I am Warden of the Year, and, on behalf of

my staff, it is with gratitude that I accept the award."

Nominating Polk for the award, Regional Director **George Currie** indicated that the complexity of Central Prison requires exceptional management skills.

"Central Prison serves as the support institution for the Division of Prisons, which means that it provides services that augment the operation of a prison system comprised on 76 units and institutions," Currie's nomination states.

The correctional facility contains two hospitals - a 144-bed mental health unit and an 86-bed medical hospital - a mobile operating room, laboratory and

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Marvin Polk, right, receives his "Warden of the Year" certificate from **Boyd Bennett**, director of the Division of Prisons. The presentation was made during a DOP regional directors meeting.



Student-inmates in line for their certificates at a recent graduation at NC Correctional Institution for Women.

Educators in the state's prisons

They teach '3 Rs' and freedom

Often, their classrooms are full of students the likes of which would otherwise be expelled from school -- thieves, drug dealers, armed robbers, attempted murderers, and sometimes worse. That's just part of what makes the teachers in North Carolina's prisons stand out among educators in the state.

With a special commitment to education, they aspire not so much to produce college-bound students as to enable their students to escape the binds of crime.

"We seek to make inmates become responsible and productive persons who can effectively manage their incarceration and make contributions to their community upon release," said **Rose True**, Educational Services director. "Education is essential to the correctional process."

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'New Leash' program extends to Rutherford CI

RUTHERFORDTON - Rutherford Correctional Center kicked off its New Leash on Life Program on Feb. 28, the culmination of several months of joint effort by the NC Department of Correction and community partners, including the Rutherford County Humane Society and Rutherford County Animal Protection Alliance (RCHS/RCAPA).

Generous donations of materials, time and money helped get the program started.

Local dignitaries and officials from the Division of Prisons (DOP) and RCHS/RCAPA attended

Among guest speakers were **Steve Bailey**, DOP Western Region director; **Tonia Rogers**, DOP programs director; **Tim Green** of RCHS/RCAPA; **James Greene**, Rutherford County Animal Protection officer.

Officer **Janice Walker** provided special music, and Officer **Dorothy Hensley** gave a special reading.

Four dogs were introduced to four pairs of inmate handlers, who will spend the next eight weeks along with professional trainers teaching the dogs basic obedience skills. Upon completion of the training, the dogs will then be placed



Officer **Glenn Reid** and Sadie.

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Spotlight

Judicial District 29

The staff of the Division of Community Services District 29 seeks to provide effective control and treatment of offenders in various specialized functions.

Boyce Fortner is the manager of District 29, which has a total of 65 staff - 59 officers who are responsible for supervising more than 2,700 offenders - and six office assistants. The chief probation/parole officers are **David Guice**, Transylvania and Henderson counties; **Ragan Hare**, Henderson County; **Linda Kaulf**, Rutherford County; **Jennifer Lemieux**, McDowell County; and **Cheryl Modlin**, Polk and Rutherford counties.

The intermediate officers supervise a blended caseload of intermediate and intensive offenders and sex offenders through the Sex Offender Control Program. They also work closely with such programs as Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities and Criminal Justice Partnership (CJPP), and with local mental health facilities that offer services to high risk/high needs sex and drug offender clientele.

All counties in Dist. 29 have a CJPP program in place, and many



Boyce Fortner, 29th Judicial District manager; **Margaret Cagle**, office assistant IV.

staff members are active community advisory boards. Rutherford County co-established a Satellite Substance Abuse Program in January.

Community officers work court, carry highly demanding caseloads, and provide the first contact with offenders placed on probation. The District 29 Community Service Work Program staff, in working closely with local agencies, provides a valuable resource that saves community agencies many thousands of dollars.

Many District 29 staff members represent Community Corrections on county narcotics task forces. These groups - composed of local, state and federal agencies - seek to interrupt the illegal sale of narcotics. Several counties have been specifically targeting methamphetamine production and sales, a problem that is rapidly growing in the western part of the state.

Each staff member contributes to effective operations in the district through participation on the Safety Committee, Strategy Team committees and the State Employees' Combined Campaign. The teamwork extends throughout the units in the district's

day-to-day operations.

District 29 is on the cutting edge of correctional programs, with McDowell and Henderson counties selected to participate in the Going Home Initiative Program. Also in Henderson County, **Jessica Wagner**, intensive case officer, has active role in cognitive behavioral intervention as the train-the-trainer leader.

Community Service

Community service is integral to District 29 staff members. They serve on boards and in elected offices, including the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners, Planning Board, local domestic violence agency (SAFE), Gorges State Park, Jail and Law Enforcement Center Commission, State Employees' Credit Union boards, and recreation advisory boards. Staff members also seek close relationships with local school systems, participating in the Communities in Schools program and other charitable organizations. Also, each county unit participates in a local Christmas project, helping to collect and distribute food and presents to the poor.

"Our district is honored to have an outstanding staff that is dedicated to its field," said Boyce Fortner. "This year being no exception, **Carolina Vence** was presented the 4th Division's Probation Officer of the Year Award for her many contributions and work above and beyond the call of duty. Other nominees this year were **Walt Brand**, **Jessica Wagner**, and **Tracy Howell**. We are proud of each and everyone."



In the Henderson County office are **Wendy Williams**, office assistant III; **Ragan Hare**, chief probation/parole officer; and **Anne Ware**, community service coordinator.



Carolina Vence

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From the Henderson County unit of District 29: Left photo, from left, **Donna Cannon**, probation/parole officer I; **Monica Jernigan**, probation/parole officer I; **Tracy Howell**, probation/parole officer I; and **Vickie Greene**, probation/parole officer I. Below, in front, **Jessica Wagner**, intensive case officer. 2nd row, **Andy Godleski**, intensive case officer; **Ray Simpson**, probation/parole officer II; and **Jeff Tankersley**, surveillance officer. Back, **David Oates**, intensive case officer.



In Transylvania County are: Above, seated, **David Guice**, chief probation/parole officer. Standing, **Trisha McLeod**, office assistant III; **Krista Kuykendall**, treatment alternatives for safer communities; and **Debbie Meaney**, community service coordinator. Below, **Michael Johnson**, surveillance officer; **Rick Lasater**, probation/parole officer I; **Andrew Hogan**, probation/parole officer II; **Karey Treadway**, intensive case officer; and **Dusty Fleming**, probation/parole officer I.



Henderson County unit members, **Michael Brown**, probation/parole officer II; **Jeff Collis**, surveillance officer; **Tim Marshall**, intensive case officer; and **Dan Settle**, probation/parole officer II.



In the McDowell County unit are: Left, Chief Probation/Parole Officer **Jennifer LeMieux**. Right, **Chris Hall**, probation/parole officer II; **Michael Cox**, probation/parole officer II; and **Lee Robinson**, proba-



tion/parole officer II. Lower left, **Patti Turner**, community service work program coordinator. Lower right, **Scott McIntosh**, surveillance officer; **Linda Burleson**, office assistant III; **Brad Pittman**, intensive case officer; **John Bailey**, surveillance officer; and **Mary Maret**, intensive case officer.



In Polk County are, seated, **Tammy Luckadoo**, office assistant III; standing, **Michael Yockey**, surveillance officer; **Ben Lynch**, probation/parole officer II; and **Cheryl Modlin**, chief probation/parole officer. Also from this office is **Walter Brand**, probation/parole officer I.

Administration
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 Governor
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 Acting Public Affairs Director

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To the left, in the Rutherford County office of District 29, are **Jennifer James**, office assistant III; **Lamonda Davis**, intensive case officer; **Joe Lattimore**, surveillance officer; and **Linda Kaulf**, chief probation/parole officer.



To the right are **Dewey Webb**, community service coordinator; **Phillip Cole**, probation/parole officer I; and **Ashley Deviney**, probation/parole officer I.



To the left are **Jeff Appling**, intensive case officer; **Maurice Watson**, intensive case officer; and **Stewart Kaulf**, surveillance officer.



To the right, **Karen Long**, intensive case officer; **John Toney**, surveillance officer; **Darlene Mitchiner**, probation/parole officer I; and **Chad Huffstickler**, probation/parole officer II.

Prisons' Piedmont Region gets new operation manager



Charles Stevens

Charles Stevens is the new operations manager for the Division of Prisons' Piedmont Region, headquartered in Kernersville.

He will have oversight responsibility for the daily operations of 19 correctional facilities in the 22 counties of the region. In addition to supervising the superintendents of six of the prisons, Stevens is a resource for personnel matters and is responsible for inspections, safety and security audits.

Stevens' 35-year career with the Department of Correction began as program assistant at Randolph Correctional Center in 1971. From there, he rose through the ranks, serving in jobs of increasing responsibility in prisons and prison administration. He had been population manager with the prisons division since 2000.

A graduate of NC Central University, Stevens has a bachelor's degree in sociology. He is an avid runner, who is training for a marathon next fall, and is active in his church, New Light Baptist in Greensboro, where he resides.

"I always strive as a corrections professional to give my best in hopes that I can make someone else's life better," Stevens said, explaining his philosophy about his new position.

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medical analysis and treatment equipment. Nearly 1,000 long-term male inmates - some on death row and some under maximum control - are housed there, some 850 staff members are needed to run the prison.

"Central Prison has been called 'a city within a city,'" Currie said.

In addition to the leadership and management skills required to be Central Prison's warden is the responsibility of death row. North Carolina law requires the warden to conduct all executions, male or female. It also requires the warden to effectively interact with a wide variety of people, from the governor, to district attorneys, to law enforcement officers, to concerned citizens, to the condemned inmates.

"Warden Polk is able to treat all of these individuals in a professional and respectful manner, while still ensuring that policies, procedures and security considerations are followed," Currie said.

Polk began his career as a correctional officer at Central Prison in 1977, rising to the rank of lieutenant in 1985 and then being promoted to assistant superintendent at Orange Correctional Center in 1988. He transferred as assistant superintendent in 1990 to Franklin Correctional Center, where he was promoted to superintendent in 1992. Seven years later he took over as warden at Central Prison.

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back into the community for adoption.

The ceremony continued at the "New Beginnings Kennel," which Rogers described as the "Cadillac of kennels." Supt. **Johnny Poteat** and Greene led the ribbon cutting, which was followed by lunch for all participants.

Director Bailey declared the program a "win/win/win venture -- win for the dogs that will be adopted, win for the inmates who are involved, and win for the community with a decrease in the number of dogs that are not adoptable."

Retirements -- February 2006

William C. Barbour.....	facility eng. spec.....	Engineering	29.9 years
Donna J. Blankenship....	chief prob./parole off.....	Dist. 12, Cumberland County ..	30.4 years
James R. McLaurin.....	lieutenant.....	Eastern Cl.....	30.4 years
Charles E. Wilkie.....	correctional off.....	Harnett Cl.....	15.5 years



Members of the Educational Services team: Upper left -- **Rose True**, director of Educational Services; **Ken Phillips**, Youth Offender Program manager; and **Emma Brooks**, librarian consultant. Upper right -- **Cynthia Brand**, compliance specialist; **Kim Lindsay**, Title I Transition teacher; and **Shelia Scott**, ESP Transition teacher. Above -- **Teresa Byrd**, processing assistant; **Ruby Beddingfield**, administrative secretary. Middle right -- Principals **John McKoy**, Polk Correctional Institution; **Steve Moody**, Western Youth Institution; **Valerie Villines**, NC Correctional Institution for Women; **Marty Wase**, Morrison Correctional Institution; and **Steve Williams**, Foothills Correctional Institution. Lower right, Education coordinators **Bobbie Richardson**, ESP director; **Johan de Brigard**, Title I/ESL & principal mentor; and **Gloria Upperman**, curriculum, licensure and outreach.

Educators, from page 1

Two-thirds of North Carolina prison inmates do not have a high school diploma or GED. They lack basic reading, writing and computation skills that they need to manage life legally and successfully.

"Our teachers provide opportunities for inmates to obtain those skills, along with vocational training and social development," said **Cynthia Brand**, compliance specialist. "It can be like offering someone a new life."

The Division of Prisons' 59 teachers are assigned to one of five facilities serving youths, where they focus on preparing inmate students for the GED test series. The facilities are Foothills, Morrison and Polk correctional institutions, Western Youth Institution and NC Correctional Institution for Women.

Teachers are required to obtain certification from the NC Department of Public Instruction for the various subjects they teach, which include reading, language arts, writing, math, social studies and science.

Still other teachers tackle special learning needs, such as behavior disorders, learning disabilities, and speech impairments. With a significant Spanish speaking population in prison, teachers are also called on to provide English-as-a-second-language instruction.

The teachers also provide character education and thinking skills development.

Instructional delivery is fluid. "Educators must systematically plan and evaluate the services, and adapt to changes in technology, workplace demands and characteristics of the inmate population," said **Johan de Brigard**, education coordinator.

On a different level, education services staff work with post-secondary institutions that offer college level degree programs to inmates. Some of the instruction is on-site, and some is through independent study courses linked to UNC and East Carolina University via the North Carolina Information Highway. The staff helps bring on-site community college vocation programs, and they work with Shaw University in Raleigh and several of the UNC System schools to provide prison classroom instruction.

News Briefs

Fire fatality prevented

Two Umstead Correctional Center officers have been credited with saving a man's life and home from fire.

At about 3 a.m. on Feb. 25, Correctional Officer **Michael Wyche**, officer in charge at the time, saw through a window that a private residence across the street from the facility appeared to be on fire. Wyche sent Correctional Officer **Nathaniel Duncan** to the house to confirm the fire.

Duncan found the front part of the residence engulfed in flames, and advised Wyche to contact Butner Public Safety.

While waiting for the fire trucks to arrive, Duncan began beating on the exterior doors and window in case someone was inside. A man was awakened and he escaped the burning house.

Duncan stayed at the scene until Butner Public Safety arrived.

"Officers Wyche and Duncan each showed acts of heroism and their quick actions saved a life and prevented a home from being burned down," said Umstead CC Superintendent **John Bryant**. "Both officers are to be commended for a job done beyond the call of duty. Officer Wyche and Officer Duncan reacted quickly to a most dangerous situation with the highest degree of professionalism."

Duncan is a 32-year veteran of the Department of Correction. Wyche is an 8-year veteran, who recently returned to work after being deployed with the US Army to Iraq for a year.

Officer's CPR training works

Officer **Shelia Bryan** of Duplin Correctional Center used her training to help save a man's life recently.

On Feb. 17, Bryan was shopping when a salesman fell unconscious and breathless to the floor. Bryan used her CPR training to revive the victim until EMS arrived. EMS personnel stated that Officer Bryan's actions helped save the victim's life.

Bryan said her in-service training enabled her to perform CPR and assist the man. She has received several phone calls, cards, and personal thanks from friends and business associates of the victim.

"We are certainly proud of Officer Bryan, and these actions were an extension of her work ethics," said **Travis Outlaw**, Duplin CC superintendent. "Officer Bryan is also an excellent employee at Duplin Correctional Center and an asset to the Department of Correction."

Movin' On Up

Promotions in February 2006

Name	New Title	Location
Timothy E. Adams	asst. unit manager	Nash CI
Sheila A. Allen	systems acct. I	Fiscal
Gina M. Badger	med. records asst. IV	NCCIW
Franklin B. Barnes	captain	Caledonia CI
Alfred D. Basden	training instr. II	Lanesboro CI
Jarvis L. Bizzell	sergeant	Neuse CI
Michael E. Bolch	probation/parole off. I trne.	Dist. 27A, Gaston County
Larrie A. Bombos	programs director I	Craven CI
Zollie L. Boone	unit manager	Nash CI
Billy A. Bowden Jr.	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 3B, Pamlico County
Sarah M. Brake	internal auditor II	Internal Audit
Michael L. Brooks	sergeant	Lanesboro CI
Angela R. Brown	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 10, Wake County
John C. Burnett	Corr. Ent. manager II	Marion Sewing Plant
Helen L. Cain	sergeant	McCain Prison Hospital
Barry J. Church	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 22, Iredell County
Ruth T. Clayton	prsnl. tech. I	Warren CI
Jamie F. Coats	probation /parole off. II	Dist. 10, Wake County
Belinda G. Cockman	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 15B, Chatham County
Jackie L. Coley	lieutenant	Maury CI
Adarryl D. Cradle	lead corr. officer	Hyde CC
Sylvia E. Creech	acctg. spec. II	Prisons Admin.
Anita R. Culbreth	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 3B, Pamlico County
Calvin E. Daniels	case manager	Bertie CI
Faye E. Daniels	asst. supt./cust. & ops. II	Craven CI
Rico O. Dawson	corr. officer	Maury CI
Bobby E. Deloatch	unit manager	Eastern CI
Leasa A. Delozier	med. records asst. IV	Alexander CI
Joey Dixon	surveillance off.	Dist. 8A, Lenoir County
Marilyn T. Dixon	admin. asst. II	Greene CI
Patrick L. Dixon	chief probation/parole off.	Dist. 8A, Lenoir County
Deillah P. Dove	personnel asst. IV	Personnel
Christopher L. Edwards	unit manager	Nash CI
Danielle C. Edwards	probation/parole off. I	Dist. 10, Wake County
Minnie B. Edwards	social worker II	Maury CI
Tammy W. Edwards	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 3B, Pamlico County
Lisa C. English	case manager	Morrison YI
Sharon C. Falls	sergeant	Eastern CI
Alexander C. Fraser	maint. mech. IV	Polk CI
Karla G. Frederick	admin. officer II	Neuse CI
Shawn D. Freeman	sergeant	NCCIW
Joel T. French	maint. mech. IV	Craven CI
Chenise M. Frith	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 10, Wake County
Melvin Gass Jr.	chief probation/parole off.	Dist. 18, Guilford County
Norma J. Goins	asst. unit manager	Southern CI
Roger A. Goodwin	sergeant	Columbus CC
Sharon L. Goodwin	programs supv.	Bertie CI
Stephen O. Greene	clinical chaplain II	Maury CI
Cheryl L. Grimes	asst. unit manager	Bertie CI
Kenneth L. Hall Sr.	sergeant	Maury CI
Brenda B. Hamilton	sergeant	Maury CI
Fernando S. Harris	corr. officer trainee	Maury CI
Marcus L. Harris	surveillance off.	Dist. 10, Wake County
Scott L. Hart	sergeant	Piedmont CI
Judy T. Helms	adm. sec. II	Albemarle CI
Bruce A. Hodges	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 10, Wake County

Name	New Title	Location
Roberta D. Horton	med. records asst. IV	McCain Prison Hospital
Antonia B. Howard	case manager	Dist. 8B, Wayne County
Clarence V. Howard	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 27A, Gaston County
Jeffrey C. Hudgins	unit manager	Mountain View CI
Anthony W. Humphrey	sergeant	New Hanover CC
Deborah J. Hunter	processing asst. V	DCC Administration
Tass W. Jansen	Corr. Ent. manager V	Woodworking Plant
Susan K. Johnson	staff dvlpm. spec. I	Training
Keisha L. Jones	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 10, Wake County
Phyllis E. Jones	sergeant	Polk CI
Allison M Jourdan	chief/spec. ops.	DCC Administration
Rosemarie Kelley	registered nurse	Polk CI
Charles F. Lovick Jr.	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 16A, Hoke County
Dan T. McDaniel	sergeant	Craven CI
Michael P. McIntyre	Corr. Ent. manager II	Pasquotank Sewing Plant
Kent L. McMillian	subst. abuse prog. supv.	SARGE, Sandhills
James. H. McNeill	maint. mech. IV	Piedmont Region Maint. Yard
Fortae L. McWilliams	sergeant	Nash CI
Jeffrey M. Moore	building const. supt.	Easter Region Maint. Yard
Embery L. Morton Jr.	lieutenant	Craven CI
Rodney E. Nunn	building const. supt.	Engineering
John J. O'Neal	sergeant	Craven CI
Kavan B. Pagan	probation/parole off. I trainee	Dist. 18, Guilford County
Julie L. Parrish	admin. asst. I	Training
Marcus W. Patterson	maint. mech. IV	Polk CI
Leon H. Pelletier	Corr. Ent. supv. II	Printing Plant
Stephanie A. Peppers	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 26, Mecklenburg County
Robert C. Radford	plumber II	Johnston CI
Dan M. Rawls Jr.	asst. supt.	Gates CC
Sherry S. Reeves	sergeant	Lanesboro CI
Abrigail J. Robinson	comnty. svc. dist. coord.	Comnty. Svc., Wake County
David S. Scruggs	intensive case off.	Dist. 27B, Cleveland County
Samantha E. Smith	process. asst. IV	NCCIW
Terry L. Smith	captain	Pamlico CI
Delmonte J. Spence	asst. unit manager	Bertie CI
David A. Stamey	sergeant	Western YI
Roberta J. Symuleski	processing asst. IV	Pasquotank Sewing Plant
Lamar H. Tart	maint. mech. V	Central Prison
Starr Taybron	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 10, Wake County
Celestine S. Thaggard	lieutenant	Maury CI
Kamyelia A. Thornton	admin. sec. II	DCC Administration
Sandra D. Trest	sergeant	Pamlico CI
James H. Triplett	sergeant	Western YI
Amanda B. Van Gyzen	programs supv.	Bertie CI
James W. Vaughan	asst. supt./programs I	Tyrrell PWF
William A. Vile Jr.	lieutenant	McCain Prison Hospital
Chad D. Waddell	sergeant	Wilkes CC
Jeffery E. Wall	unit manager	Albemarle CI
Elisabeth M. Waters	subst. abuse counselor I	DART-Piedmont
Edwin J. Watson	sergeant	Craven CI
Amie w. White	probation/parole off. II	Dist. 17B, Surry County
Earl V. Wiggins	serveillance off.	Dist. 30, Cherokee County
Jeffrey Williams	facil. main. supv. IV	Caledonia CI
Tara A. Williams-Brown	acctg. spec. II	Fiscal
John Williams Jr.	surveillance off.	Dist. 16A, Hoke County
Betty R. Wilson	admin. svcs. asst. V	Raleigh CCW
Clayton Wright	Corr. Ent. manager V	Metal Prod. Plant