



Escapes down 23% in 2007

Inmate escapes fell 23% in 2007. A total of 37 were reported, compared to 48 in 2006.

"I think it is a result of good security and of good programs, such as case management and classification," said Division of Prisons Director **Boyd Bennett**.

Of the 37 escapees, 36 are back in custody. Eighteen were captured on the same day as the escape, and 13 on the following day. Five of the escapees were loose for more than three days.

All of the 2007 escapees were in minimum custody; 35 were felons and two were misdemeanants.

The 37 escapees were at 21 different prisons. Most of them (22) slipped away from off-site jobs or visitation, while 15 escaped from a prison.

"I want to thank everyone for your efforts in reducing our number of escapes," Bennett said. "I especially commend our custody staff for how quickly the inmates were captured."



Free hot dogs and chips for lunch were on tap recently in appreciation of employee support for the Combined Campaign at the Shore Building in Raleigh. Serving up and cheering on are, from left, **Tracy S. Perry**, administrative secretary III; **Jane Savatteri**, executive assistant; and **Marjorie Shahravar**, administrative assistant II. Helping themselves to lunch are, **Linda Clark**, personnel assistant IV; **Tonya Marlin**, administrative assistant IV; **Aundra Alston**, correctional officer; and **Dee Pollard**, personnel technician III.

Giving surges at DOC

The North Carolina Department of Correction outperformed all other state agencies in the 2007 State Employees Combined Campaign, raising an unprecedented \$626,466 in total contributions to the campaign.

The purpose of the State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) is to allow state employees the opportunity to contribute to charitable organizations through the only authorized charitable fundraising campaign permitted to solicit in the state employee workplace. The United Way of North Carolina serves as the statewide campaign organization.

The 2007 total exceeded the DOC goal of \$553,508 by more than 12%. A total of \$221,364 of the amount raised was for Special Olympic events.

"Not only do we serve and protect in our professional lives, we also provide support on a personal level from monetary contributions and through the giving of time by volunteering in events such as the Special Olympics," said **Eileen Cochrane**, Division of Prisons executive officer who served as DOC's representative to the SECC advisory committee. "DOC employees giving so that others may benefit is indicative of what and who we are as an agency. The fact we continue to increase contribution levels each year shows the commitment we have to giving back to our community."

Janice King, who

Employee loses all to fire

Fellow employee **Renay Lucas** is hurting. Two days after Christmas, fire destroyed her home and all that she had in it; all, except her father, mother and a nephew, all of whom depend on Renay's caretaking.

On the evening of Dec. 27, Renay, a processing assistant IV in Central Prison's maintenance shop, was visiting her hospitalized mother. Meanwhile, a passerby, who saw smoke pouring from Renay's home in Spring Hope, roused her father and 5-year-old nephew from the burning house.

The house was gone when Renay returned.

Warden **Gerald Branker** and Deputy Warden **Michael Munns** are coordinating employee donations to help Renay and her family. In addition to cash, they are accepting clothing: For Renay, dresses size 12/14 and shirts size L; her mother, 4XL dresses only; her father, XL shirts and pants 40 waist, 32 length; and the young boy wears toddler size 4/5.

Contact Munns at 919-733-0858 or e-mail mma09@doc.state.nc.us.

New state law: Take your smokes outside

Effective Jan. 1, 2008, in accordance with G.S. 130A-493

Until recently, you could find a few DOC buildings where inside someone would smoke occasionally. You shouldn't find that anymore.

That's because a new state law, effective Jan. 1, forbids indoor smoking in all state buildings and offices. It applies to state-owned buildings and leased office space.

The law was a response in part to scientific evidence of health risks due

to second-hand smoke.

Going outside for a smoke in early January's frigid temperatures may make some smokers give quitting a second thought. If so, they may want to contact the N.C. Tobacco Use Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669).

Keep in mind that outside cigarette smoke can make its way inside. Find a place to light up that's not near doors, windows and ventilation returns.





Spotlight

Community Corrections District 7

The Division of Community Corrections' 7th District is in Division 1 and encompasses Wilson, Nash and Edgecombe counties. It has 70 employees, including Judicial District Manager **Phyllis Leary**, Assistant Judicial District Manager **Ricky Jenkins** and, currently, five chief probation/parole officers: **Curtis Jacobs**, **Kevin Pittman**, **Jay Harrell**, **Nancy Best** and **Joe White**. A sixth chief probation/parole officer position in Wilson is vacant.

The district also has 51 probation/parole and surveillance officer positions, four community service coordinators and seven office assistant positions.

Throughout the three counties are six probation/parole units and seven offices: one in Tarboro, three in Rocky Mount, one in Nashville, and two in Wilson, which includes the district office.

Electronic House Arrest

The 7th District is a division leader in using the electronic house arrest



Phyllis Leary, judicial district manager, and **Diane Sturges**, office assistant IV.

(EHA) sanction imposed by the courts. On average, 65 to 75 offenders are being monitored daily in the district. All intermediate and surveillance officers serve on-call rotation duty to respond to EHA violations.

Specialized Offenders

The growing number of crimes in the sex offense, community threat group (gangs) and domestic violence categories prompted the establishment of

positions with specific responsibilities for those types of offenders. GPS monitoring is used on six offenders. A specialized community threat group officer position for Wilson County is being sought.

Community Service Program

Annually, the 7th District office monitors approximately 1,300 offenders performing community service hours. In any given month, an average of approximately 260 offenders are on supervised probation,

with the number of unsupervised offenders averaging approximately 220. The total value of the labor performed for July 2006-June 2007 was \$255,880. Occasionally, community service offenders find jobs at their work assignments.

Programs / Services

Various services and programs are offered in the district to address substance abuse, homelessness, domestic violence, anger management, sex offender treatment, unemployment and high school drop outs. Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) / Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) are active in all three counties, addressing these issues for offenders.

Additionally, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention is available, with the district having six trained facilitators.

Employees Community Involvement

Among community service projects benefiting from 7th District employee involvement are community policing, Booze It and Lose It, Click It or Ticket, gang task forces, helping law enforcement serve outstanding warrants, N.C. Probation/Parole Association, State Employees Combined Campaign, Meals on Wheels, Scouts, youth associations, high school and family support programs, volunteer fire departments, civic clubs, charitable fundraisers, 4-H leadership, Local Law Enforcement Associations and CJPP boards.

Additionally, four 7th District employees are certified correctional training instructors.

Future Plans

Judicial District Manager Leary listed three goals:

"Future initiatives for the Seventh Judicial District include, but definitely are not limited to, specialized officers for the sex offender, community threat group and the electronic house arrest programs. Secondly, challenging the present

Unit 507XC, Nashville

Below, **Brenda Cruse**, office assistant III, and **Kevin Pittman**, chief probation/parole officer.



Above left, **Roxanne Hill**, probation/parole officer II; **Robert Bisette**, probation/parole officer III; and **Joy Cameron** and **Larry Respass**, each a probation/parole officer II. Above right, **Kelly Doscher**, probation/parole officer I, and **Susan Williamson**, community service coordinator. Right, **Van Anthony** and **Robert Jones**, surveillance officers.



*Unit 507XA,
Tarboro,
Edgecombe
County*



Above left, **Curtis Jacobs**, chief probation/parole officer. Above right, front row, **Tammy Shortt**, community service coordinator, and **Raymond Moore**, surveillance officer. Back, **John Bradley**, probation/parole officer III, **John Kendrick**, probation/parole officer II, and **Ricky Hale**, surveillance officer.

*Unit
507XD,
Rocky
Mount,
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County*



Above, **Jay Harrell**, chief probation/parole officer, and **Mildred Jones**, office assistant III. Right, **Joe Langston** and **Marvin Vick**, each a surveillance officer.

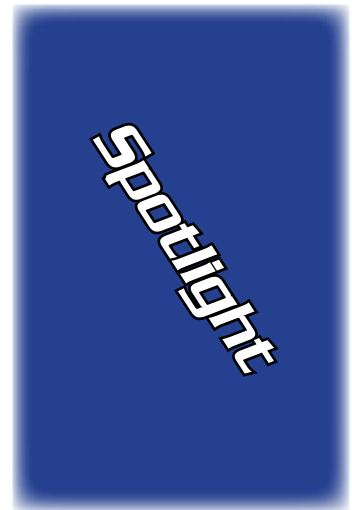


Above left, **Dionna Smith**, **Davie Wade** and **Mary Beth Holt**, each a probation/parole officer I. Above right, **Jimmy Horton** probation/parole officer II, and **Ray Brown**, surveillance officer. Back, **Mike Dew**, probation/parole officer II, and **Andy Holt**, probation/parole officer III.

*Unit 507XF, Rocky Mount,
Nash County*



Left, **Joe White**, chief probation/parole officer, and **Christine Brooks**, office assistant III. Right, **Portia Williams**, community service coordinator. Lower left, **Jacqueline Boone** and **Brandice Bissette**, each a probation/parole officer I. Below, **Jeff Jackson**, probation/parole officer II; **David Worsley**, probation/parole officer III; and **Charlie Odom**, probation/parole officer II.



Unit 507XE, Wilson, Wilson County

Upper left, **Nancy Best**, chief probation/parole officer, and **Angie Pittman**, office assistant III. Second photo from upper left, **Brian Moore** and **Chad Owens**, each a probation/parole officer III. Third photo from upper left, **Curtis Wilbert** and **Norman Rush**, surveillance officers. Upper right, **Jennifer Jones** and **Stacey Evans**, each a probation/parole officer II. Left, **Christie Noble**, **Tammy Becker** and **Aftan Medlin**, each a probation/parole officer I. Right, **Joyce Brickhouse**, community service coordinator, and **B.J. Bynum**, TASC coordinator in Wilson.



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Unit 507XB, Wilson, Wilson County

Right, **Tamala Fuller**, **Allen Stallings** and **Julie Sarver**, each a probation/parole officer II. Below left, **Tonya Davis** and **Sharon McConney**, each a probation/parole officer I. Below right, **Spencer Hayes** and **Upton Eley**, surveillance officers.



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court process in place and improving the process to better utilize the 13 probation/parole officer I positions. And third, increasing community awareness of Community Corrections and the role it plays in keeping our communities safe."

District 29B has new manager

HENDERSONVILLE -- **Cheryl Modlin** has been named to manage the Division of Community Corrections' (DCC) operations in District 29B, which includes Polk, Henderson and Transylvania counties. She succeeds *Boyce Fortner*, who was promoted to assistant administrator for DCC Division IV.

District 29B has a staff of 32, which includes three chief probation officers and 18 probation/parole officer positions. Approximately 1,500 offenders have been assigned by the courts to the district.

A 1987 UNC-Wilmington graduate, with degrees in sociology and creative arts, Modlin began working corrections in 1988 as a pre-parole investigator in Raleigh. The next year, she began advancing -- to parole officer in Raleigh, to probation officer and then intensive officer in Polk County in 1992, and then to chief probation/parole officer in Polk and Rutherford counties in 2000. The district split in 2007, and Modlin began supervising both Polk and Henderson counties.

Modlin was a 2003 Probation/Parole Officer of the Year, a 1987 DOC Volunteer of the Year and Region C Probation Officer of the Year for 2000. She also received the Victim's Recognition Program Certificate of Appreciation for Division IV in 2007.

Married to Steve Modlin, an SBI special agent, she and her husband have three children. They reside on a farm and raise Katahdin hair sheep and make Old Mule BBQ sauce.

Modlin established Criminal Justice Partnership Programs in Polk and Rutherford counties and continues to operate the program for Polk County. She is a member of Polk County Recreation Advisory Board and the local advisory board of the State Employee's Credit Union. She also serves on several committees for DCC.



Cheryl Modlin

Brian Gates leading District 17B

MOUNT AIRY | **Brian Gates** has been named manager of the Division of Community Corrections' District 17B, which covers Surry and Stokes counties. He succeeds the retired David Willard.

District 17B has 44 total staff members, 35 of whom are sworn officers, including three chief probation/parole officers. Also on staff are three Community Service Coordinators, and five office assistants. The district's caseload includes approximately 2,000 supervised offenders and unsupervised community service cases.

Gates began working in corrections in 1993 as a parole officer in Mecklenburg County. He transferred to Surry County in 1995 as a probation/parole officer, was promoted to probation/parole officer II in 1999 and rose to chief probation/parole officer in Forsyth County in 2003.

A 1991 graduate of UNC-Charlotte with a bachelor of arts degree, Gates majored in history and minored in political science and criminal justice. Also, he earned a master's degree in public administration from UNC-Pembroke in 2004. Gates' training includes basic law enforcement.

He was the district's 2003 Probation/Parole Officer of the Year, was awarded the Advanced State Corrections Certificate by the Criminal Justice Education and Standards Commission, and is a member of Pi Alpha Alpha, a national honor society for public administrators.

First elected in 2002, Gates is vice chair of the Surry County Schools Board of Education and is active in his church, the Lions Club and Little League Baseball. Additionally, he is an avid sports fan and sports booster, and he enjoys reading and going to movies.

Gates and his wife, Sherry, have two sons, Jackson Bennett, age 9, Cannon James, 3.



Brian Gates



Retiree's family carries out wish for ashes

A memorial service on Dec. 28 paid homage to Earl Hackney, a former DOC employee whose joy in his job prompted him to request that his ashes be spread on a fire-arms training range. Hackney began working in November 1991 in the Granville County probation/parole office. In May 2005, he was promoted from intensive surveillance officer to training instructor II with the Office of Staff Development and Training, assigned to OSDT's complex in Apex. He also taught DOC staff at the Justice Academy. Long-term disability resulted in his separation in July 2007. From left are: **James R. Fullwood**, Division II administrator; Brenna Hackney's daughter; Mary Fish, Hackney's mother; Gina Hackney's wife; and Barbara Moore, Hackney's sister.



Late officer's family honored

The widow and children of the late Lt. James R. Rollins were recently awarded a plaque to honor the memory of the officer, who died while employed at Johnston Correctional Institution. The award was presented on Dec. 18 to Angela W. Rollins, center, and her children Braidy and Samantha.

4,000 copies of this document were printed at a cost of \$1,432.58, or 35.8 cents per copy.

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Direct deposit flexibility grows



When the new BEACON HR/Payroll system goes live in April, you will have the option to deposit your pay into as many as four different financial institution accounts.

For example, you can decide to deposit \$150 per month into one of your secondary bank accounts, while the remainder of the balance will automatically be deposited into your primary account.

Initially you will be able to set up this service by filling out and submitting the appropriate paperwork to your agency human resources department or directly to a BEST (BEACON Enterprise Support Team) Shared Services agent. You may obtain the necessary forms from your human resources department or from the BEST website at www.ncosc.net/best.

Once Employee Self Service (ESS) is rolled out, you will be able to self-register online for the service. The Department of Correction will pilot ESS at selected locations from April through June 2008. After that, ESS will be rolled out department-wide.

To make this ESS feature as user friendly as possible, you will only need to know your account

Online registration to be available, too

number when setting up additional accounts. The system provides a list of financial institutions that you will choose from to automatically identify that institution's routing number. However, if you do know your routing number, you will be able to enter it as well. Once you have opened an account, you will have the ability through ESS to designate a set amount or percentage of your pay to be distributed to that account. It is important to note that you must have established accounts with a financial institution prior to attempting to divert funds.

For more information about the BEACON HR/Payroll Project, please visit www.beacon.nc.gov or email the BEACON Project Team at BEACON@ncosc.net.

BEACON guide available

A handbook and reference guide explaining many aspects of the new BEACON system is now available to all state employees.

You can download a copy online at: <http://www.doc.state.nc.us/BEACONGuide.pdf>

Campaign, from front page

serves as DOC department executive for the campaign, said the record-breaking campaign can be credited to the work of local agency coordinators who oversee the campaign from their respective local work locations.

"To me it is about helping those in need," King said. "We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to donate to charities of our choice and more specifically we can even donate to the charities in the county in which we reside. I've had the opportunity to experience

first-hand how charities that I've contributed to have helped those in need in my county.

"Working with the campaign and the other department executives has given me an opportunity to help others get involved in working with the organization. I've had the privilege to work with coordinators all across our great state. I've helped educate them into becoming strong coordinators and to become knowledgeable of the campaign, and I've seen them become strong leaders. To have a successful campaign my motto, from the very beginning, is that you have to make your campaign personal and that you have to understand that 'it is all about others' and not you."

Final campaign results are being audited and a statewide end-of-campaign celebration and awards ceremony will be held at a later date.

Honor students

Recently named honor students in basic correctional officer training were **George Holley**, Bertie Correctional Institution, and **Kristopher Kiker**, Lanesboro Correctional Institution.

Broadway brings gift for prison warden



Bree Branker

RALEIGH | Akin to the retired general in the holiday classic movie "White Christmas," Central Prison Warden **Gerald Branker** had somewhat of a homecoming surprise himself recently.

In the movie, the surviving soldiers under the general's command in World War II show up, much to his delight, at his inn for a Christmas musical production. For Branker, his talented, world-traveling, dancing daughter, Bree, showed up in the touring Broadway musical "White Christmas" when it stopped in Raleigh in late December.

A part of the chorus, Bree Branker, 20, also has the role of the seamstress in the stage adaptation of Irving Berlin's 1954 film starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kay. The producer needed a singing tap dancer, skills Bree polished while a student in Wake County schools, the N.C. School of the Arts, Raleigh's N.C. Dance Institute, the N.C. Theatre, Raleigh Little Theatre and Theatre in the Park.

Even before finishing high school, Bree successfully auditioned in New York for a role in the tour of "The Will Rogers Follies." She has also toured in Asia and Europe.

"Knowing how much she travels, you can imagine how happy her mother and I were to learn that she would be home for the holidays and we could see her perform, too," Gerald Branker said.



Spotlight

Repeated due to error in the November edition.

Lumberton Correctional Institution

LUMBERTON | Lumberton Correctional Institution employees 268 staff including correctional officers, food service, medical, dental, maintenance, programs and administrative staff.

The superintendent is **Sandra F. Thomas**. The assistant superintendents are **Don Hunt** for custody and operations and **Paul Taylor** for programs. **Denise Troublefield** is the administrative officer.

The prison opened in November 1994 with 312 beds and three additional dormitories under construction that opened shortly afterward in 1995.

The \$10.48 million construction project was funded in July 1992 as part of a \$103 million prison construction program. Lawmakers provided for a dormitory addition in the \$87.5 million prison construction program authorized in July 1993. Another dormitory was added as part of the \$62.1 million prison construction program authorized in 1994.

The prison houses medium custody adult male inmates. Inmates may be assigned to the prison as they are promoted from higher security prisons, demoted from lower security prisons or assigned after processing.

Lumberton Correctional has a campus style layout, including eight buildings. There are six dormitories, 20 cell segregation units, an administrative building, a greenhouse and a gatehouse. With the recent expansion, the facility received an additional 88 regular population beds which increased the capacity to 788.

Inmates work on eight Department of Transportation Road Squads and perform maintenance, kitchen duty and janitorial services. Construction of a prison industry plant that will provide additional work.

In partnership with Robeson Community College the college provides classes for ABE, GED, English as a



From left, **Paul Taylor**, assistant superintendent for programs; **Sandra F. Thomas**, superintendent IV; **Denise Troublefield**, administrative officer II; and **Don Hunt**, assistant superintendent for custody/operations.



Frances Hunt, processing assistant IV; **George Baysden**, programs director I; and **Pam Callahan**, processing assistant III.



Richard Phillips, food service manager; **Jimmy Evans**, administrative captain; and **James Hill**, first shift lieutenant.



Above, **Janella Hargett**, programs supervisor; and **Jacqueline Smith**, **Lachelle Bullard** and **Randy Hunt**, case managers. Left, case managers **Charlie Locklear**, **Theodore Banks** and **Tywana Locklear**; and **Sharon Frazer**, programs supervisor.



Second Language (ESL) Human Resource Development (HRD), horticulture and vocational classes in electrical wiring, heating and air conditioning, carpentry, computer language and structured cabling.

Programs are offered in life enrichment, such as Cognitive Behavior Intervention (CBI), Napoleon Hill and Character Education. Additionally, through Fayetteville State University, the Youth Offender Program (YOP) is offered to inmates under age 25.

Construction of a prison industry plant that will provide additional work.

Robeson County Community College works with correction staff to provide classes for basic education skills, preparation for the GED test and vocational classes in electrical wiring, carpentry and heating and air conditioning repair.

A dental clinic serves inmates at Lumberton and nearby prisons.

A security fence with a built-in electronic monitoring system alerts correction officers at the prison gatehouse and in roving patrols to escape attempts.



Back row, **Anthony Wilcox**, HVAC mechanic; **Dale Miller**; maintenance mechanic IV; and **Jerome Chavis**, electrician II; Front row, **Rayford Atkinson**, plumber II; and **Randy Parnell**, maintenance supervisor.



Left, **Virginia Butler**, lead nurse. Above left, **Mary Smalls**, registered nurse; **Yvonne Locklear**, lead nurse; **Kathy Locklear**, nurse supervisor; and **Laura West**, lead nurse. Above right, **Kim Oxendine**, licensed practical nurse; **Christine Johnson**, medical technician; and **Cornelius Jones**, licensed practical nurse. Right, **Krystal Epps** and **Linda Spaulding**, medical records assistants.



Above left, **Steve Enloe**, chaplain. Above right, **James Carter**, **Alfred Baker** and **Richard Ryhe**, Substance Abuse Program counselors. Left, **Lisa Young**, processing assistant III; **Karen Price**, staff psychologist; and **Mary Smith**, social worker.



Left, **Elizabeth McGhee**, dental assistant; **Ellen Locklear**, dental hygienist; and **Angela Mickey**, dentist.



Above left, Sgt. **Alphonsia Cogdell** (road squad) and Lt. **Rose Locklear**. Above right, Lead correctional officers **William Roberts**, **Robert Boykins**, **Dwayne Jones** and **Frank Monte**.



Above, **Shalonda McKoy**, accounting technician I; **Darlene Locklear**, accounting technician II; **Connie Jones**, office assistant III; and **Dianne Youngs**, administrative assistant. Right, **Nina Seals**, processing assistant, and **Kenneth Hailey**, mailroom officer.



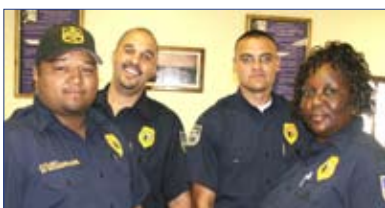
Left, **Jonathan Humphrey**, Strategic Threat Group (STG) officer. Right, **Latisha Jones**, correctional officer (master control).



Above left, **Jerry Thomas**, medical correctional officer. Above right, **David Maynor**, vocational correctional officer.



Above, **Davie Paul** and **Hubert Scott**, lead correctional officers. Right, **Lucious Jones** and **Ronald Hammonds**, transportation officers.



Left, Correctional officers **Ronnie Williamson**, **Wendel Locklear**, **Gregory Moad** and **Keysher McBryde**. Right, Correctional officers **Giles Hunt**, **Anthony Sweat** and **Joseph Stuart** (army).



James Dixon, visitation officer.

Spotlight



Above left, **Michael Godwin**, grounds supervisor. Center, **Felecia Kesler**, food service officer; **Freddie Maynor**, food service supervisor; and **Dennis Barnes**, food service officer. Above right, correctional officers **Linda Davis** (clotheshouse) and **Sheila Oxendine** (canteen).



Left, **David Pittman** and **Frances Baxley**, correctional officers. Below left, **Larry Johnson**, correctional officer. Below center, **Jill Coleman**, correctional officer. And below right, **Mary Aguirre**, correctional officer.



Above left, **Michael Heath**, **Joe Collins**, **Walter Dudek** and **Bowman Hunt**, correctional officers. Above right, **Laron Locklear** and **Junie Jacobs**, sergeants; and **Layton Oxendine**, correctional officer. Right, **Louten Rising**, **Carlton Oxendine** and **Marlon Rising**, correctional officers. Lower right, correctional officers **Ricky Cromartie**, **James Coney** and **Regina Hester**. Lower left, **Amy Bullard** and **Rodney Sinclair**, correctional officers.



Above, **Melissa Turbok**, **Kelvin Strickland**, **Gralin Locklear** and **Gregory Culbreth**, correctional officers. Right, correctional officers **Dustin Clark** and **Faith Chavis**.



Ronald McDonald House goes 'Greene'

The Greene Correctional Institution Day A rotation staff recently volunteered to help out at the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville. Among their tasks were working in the kitchen, repairing gutters, cleaning the facility's van and groundskeeping. From left, across the bottom, are **Tony Darden**, **Russell Campbell** and **James Eason**, correctional officers, and Sgt. **Mark Wells**; across the top, **Ronald Shingleton**, **Vickie Shelley**, **Danny Johnson**, **Danny Daughtry**, **Camille Thomas**, **Clara Artis**, **Jeff Ellsworth** and **Thomas Patton**, all correctional officers. Also on hand were **Clayton Boney** and **Teddy Bowles**, both correctional officers.

December DOC style

Polk Correctional Institution

Holiday season activities at included: an Inmate Christmas Program on Dec. 12; free lunches and/or breakfasts for all staff during the week of Dec. 10-13; for the administrative staff, a Goodies Day on Dec. 13 and a covered dish lunch on Dec. 17; and the Administrator **Dennis Rowland** treated the management team to lunch at a local restaurant on Dec. 18. Other sections of the facility conducted section-specific activities. Every employee received a small box of candy.

DCC Unit 515BC (Carrboro)

The staff, through the local Social Services office, provided Christmas gifts for two girls, ages 8 and 11. A total of \$100 was spent on each child so they would receive an equal amount of toys and clothes and have a Merry Christmas this year.



Caldwell Correctional Center

The staff adopted Carolina Oaks Enchanted Care Center in Lenoir for 2007 and supplied Christmas gifts for 55 residents.



Caldwell Correctional staff also helped the prison's Mens Service Club raise and donate funds for the project. Correctional Officer **George Featherbay** played Santa.

Community Corrections District 15A



Members of the Alamance County probation/parole office (District 15A) sponsored the Albright family -- a grandmother and her two granddaughters -- for Christmas. The girls are elementary school students and the grandmother is unemployed and has numerous health problems. The Alamance probation/parole staff collected clothes, toys and food, which were delivered to the Albright family on Dec. 21. Delivering the donations were **Allyson Rogers**, left, and **Bethel Richmond**, right, each a probation/parole officer II. Also helping to deliver were **Belinda Lloyd**, **Lydia Smallwood** and **Kristopher Ward**, each a probation/parole officer I.



Alexander Correctional Institution

Employees turned a service recognition luncheon into a benefit for the needy. At the facility's Employee Service Awards/Facility Annual Christmas Meal, 21 employees were honored for their years of service, which totaled 240 years.

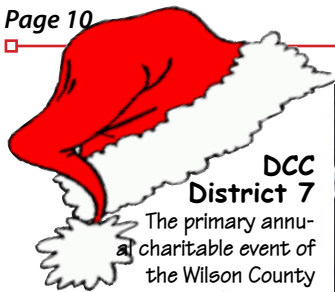


Also, employees during the luncheon helped support the less fortunate during holiday season by donating at least one non-perishable, canned or boxed item for Alexander Correctional's Holiday Food Drive. The food was given to a local family before Christmas.



Pender Correctional Institution

The staff held a fund-raising "Festival of Trees" -- a Christmas tree decorating contest, with the tree entries sold in a silent auction among the facility's shifts. The auction was held after Pender Correctional's Christmas dinner on Dec. 20, and all entries were sold. The contest winner was awarded a pizza party. The funds raised will help pay the Pender Correctional's 2008 Annual State Employees' Appreciation Dinner. The "Festival of Trees" was a staff morale booster, and planning is already under way for Christmas 2008.



DCC District 7

The primary annual charitable event of the Wilson County Law Enforcement Association is Shop With A Cop, held in 2007 on Dec. 8 a large discount store. Approximately 65 kids, each one paired with a law enforcement officer, were given \$125 to spend on themselves for Christmas. Names of prospective children to benefit were provided by local elementary schools. Above are **Chris Boykin**, president of the Wilson County Law Enforcement Association, and Wilson County Community Corrections officers **Curtis Wilbert** (surveillance) and **Christie Noble** (probation/parole I), who has been secretary of the organization since 2001. Noble helped coordinate getting the children to the shopping and Wilbert coordinated assistance from high school Reserve Office Training Candidate programs. Also participating in the 2007 program were **Phyllis Leary**, judicial district manager; **Nancy Best**, chief probation/parole officer; and **Angie Pittman**, office assistant. In addition to probation/parole, the Law Enforcement Association includes officers from the Wilson County Sheriff's Office and the N.C. Highway Patrol.



DCC District 24

Probation/parole officers **Carrie Wallace**, left, and **Brandi Renfro**, right, of DCC District 24 raised enough

money through a local Angel Tree project in 2007 to sponsor six children – two each in Madison, Yancey and Mitchell counties. They are already working on their 2008 goal to nine children. The officers' success signifies their concern for the community they work in and the children whose lives are affected by offenders.



Pender County Probation/Parole

Staff members put their hearts together and took part in the Department of Social Services' "Adopt a Child for Christmas" program. They collected toys and clothing for a 4-year-old girl. From left are: **Shanan Harts**, probation/parole officer II; **Darlene Hurley**, office assistant III; and **Cynthia Smith**, **Sonya King**, **Ashley Morgan**, **Thurman Ramsey** and **Daniel Mattlin** (kneeling), each a probation/parole officer II. Also present was **Thurman Turner**, chief probation/parole officer, who took the picture.



Pasquotank Correctional Institution

In the spirit of the holiday season, the facility held its first toy and food drive Dec. 10-21 to benefit children under the care of the Pasquotank County Department of Social Services. The effort helped eight less-fortunate families provide gifts for their children from infants to teenagers. The toy and food drive was also supported by donations from numerous staff members, among them **Susan Ray** and **Stephanie Dock**, registered nurses, who donated a bike and some dolls; **Kenneth Lassiter**, assistant superintendent-custody/operations, who also donated a bike; and **Janet Wallen**, office assistant III, who donated clothes and various toys. Pasquotank Administrator **Ricky Anderson** said, "The staff at Pasquotank has met many challenges in 2007, but have displayed enormous generosity and compassion for those less fortunate in Pasquotank County and surrounding areas."



Morrison Correctional Institution

Again in 2007, the staff partnered with the Richmond County Department of Social Services (DSS) to help needy families. Morrison employees, along with the Inmate Social Interaction Development (SIDs) Club, donated a total of \$900, which sponsored three needy families. The families received many gifts, including clothing and toys. The Morrison Needy Families Sponsorship Committee bought, wrapped and delivered the gifts to DSS. The committee consisted of **Melissa Wall**, administrative secretary; **Capt. Donna Work**; **Nancy Cloninger**, processing assistant; **Kay Boyd**, accounting clerk; and **Lynn Summers**, and assistant superintendent for custody and operations.



Wake Correctional Center

Wake Correctional Center staff supervised the donation of more than 1,100 pounds of food the week before Christmas to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. The WCC Service Club purchased \$1,000 in merchandise from Sam's Club with money raised throughout the year through can collections, fundraisers and other events. The entire staff at Wake Correctional supports the work of the Service Club. From left are **Kevin Chayer**, case manager and service club advisor; **Angela Smith**, assistant superintendent for programs; **James Langston**, superintendent; **Elaine Mazingo**, administrative officer; **Whitney Dyer**, programs supervisor; and **Darrell Whitney**, case manager.



Big heart for big horses

Keith Taylor, a correctional officer at Johnston Correctional Institution, loves horses, and he isn't just "big on" horses; he's big on big horses. During the Christmas season, Taylor, who is president of the North Carolina Clydesdale Association, is often asked to ride with other Clydesdale owners in Christmas parades. On his

horse, Lady Luck, Keith practices waving as he prepares for the Raleigh parade. He and others also rode in the Morrisville event. Taylor got interested in Clydesdales after attending a national sale a few years ago. "They are magical in the way they move and are truly a 'Gentle Giant,'" he said. Standing with Keith is family friend Reaghan Sanford.



Durham Correctional Center

Correctional Officer **Gale Burns** is known as the "official Christmas decorator" at Durham Correctional Center. To help make the holiday a bit more cheerful for inmates and their visitors, he puts in place some of his personal decorations, including this and other inflatables. Burns said the visiting kids love them, especially enjoying it when the inflation pump raises the flat figures from the ground.

Separations

November 2007 retirees

- Irma T. Alston**, case analyst, Polk CI, 27.3 years
- Horace P. Boyd**, correctional officer, Caledonia CI, 30 years
- William K. Brown**, programs director I, Charlotte CC, 19.6 years
- Thomas Carroll**, superintendent IV, Johnston CI, 38 years
- Richard B. Davis**, assistant superintendent/programs I, New Hanover CC, 30.1 years
- William R. Dial**, lieutenant, McCain CH, 27.5 years
- Vera L. Garris**, food service officer, Odom CI, 14.9 years
- Gerald Henline**, correctional officer, Mountain View CI, 7.15 years
- Paula Holowiti**, food service manager I, Carteret CC, 16.3 years
- William Hurley**, electrician supervisor II, Fiscal, 20.8 years
- Ronald D. Monroe**, correctional officer, McCain CH, 35.5 years
- Troy Mazingo Jr.**, sergeant, Odom CI, 27.1 years
- Lynwood Rains Jr.**, judicial district manager I, DCC District 11, 30.5 years
- Raymond Signal**, captain, Central Prison, 30.1 years
- Barry D. Stovall**, correctional officer, Central Prison, 29.1 years
- Freddie L. West**, sergeant, Brown Creek CI, 25 years
- Albert Workman**, shipping/receiving supervisor I, Central Warehouse, 5 years

December Retirees

(on record as of 01/03/08)

- Woodrow Adkins**, administrative officer III, Morrison CI, 24.15 years
- Paul Bailey Jr.**, long distance truck driver, Correction Enterprises, 16.1 years
- Ralph Barber**, correctional officer, Charlotte CC, 37.8 years
- Loris R. Debase**, correctional officer, Wake CC, 16.15 years
- Brenda Dillard**, community service district coordinator, Jackson County, 23.3 years
- Willie Edley**, assistant superintendent/programs II, 30.6 years
- Gerald Hodnett**, personnel supervisor II, Personnel, 34 years
- Albert Johnson**, correctional officer, 14.6 years
- Fredrick Jones**, sergeant, Raleigh CCW, 26.1 years
- Linda S. Kaulf**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 29A, 23.9 years
- Kenny G. Owens**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 7, 29.1 years
- Frank F. Patella**, manager IV, Correction Enterprises Sampson Laundry, 8 years
- Joseph Wheeler**, administrative officer II, Prisons Administration, 34 years
- George Whitley**, correctional officer, 11.4 years
- Carl E. Wood Jr.**, sergeant, 28.1 years

December deaths

- Bruce Wilson**, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 7.15 year
- Lonnie V. Monroe**, correctional officer, Hoke CI, 8.6 years

November correction

The late **Richard Gilmore** was employed at Wayne CC at the time of his death.

Administration

Michael Easley
Governor

Theodis Beck
Secretary of Correction

Keith Acree
Director of Public Affairs

Movin' on up

November (additions to last report)

Rosette M. Noyan, personnel assistant V, Personnel, Wake
Michael E. Thompson, assistant superintendent for programs I, Pender CI

December (recorded as of 12/31/07)

Gregory H. Adams, facility maintenance supervisor IV, DOP East Region Maintenance Yard

Charlette Artis, food service officer, Neuse CI

Issac Baldwin Jr., unit manager, Scotland CI

Michael D. Baughn, electronics technician IV, DOP East Region Maintenance Yard

Frances D. Baxley, sergeant, Tabor CI

Stethen G. Beach, sergeant, Marion CI

Cynthia L. Biles, licensed practical nurse, McCain CH

Terence O. Booth, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 6, Halifax

Keith B. Bowers, food service manager I, Orange CC

Erin M. Boyd, probation/parole officer I trainee, DCC District 3A, Pitt

Tory D. Brame, office assistant IV, Polk CI

Archie W. Braswell, transfer coordinator III, Prison Administration, Raleigh

Phillip A. Buckbee, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 27B, Lincold

Tjuan K. Burt, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 10, Wake

Pazavar D. Caldwell, lieutenant, Columbus CI

Angelena S. Copple, sergeant, Albemarle CI

Rhonda C. Delcour, senior case analyst, Neuse CI

James D. Diggs, lieutenant, Johnston CI

Frederick S. Duncan, lieutenant, Tabor CI

Tanya A. Elkins, lieutenant, Tabor CI

Vic F. Escobar-Cooley, intensive case officer, DCC District 10, Wake

Michael J. Filighera, sergeant, Tabor CI

Clarissa P. Fincher, lead nurse, Foothills CI

Cynthia S. Ford, nurse supervisor II, Brown Creek CI

Elvy K. Forrest Jr., probation/parole officer II, DCC District 3A, Pitt

Jason E. Fowler, sergeant, Tabor CI

Angela F. Gaddy, sergeant, Tabor CI

Ella L. Gaither, captain, Tabor CI

Daryl E. Glenn, school educator I, Polk CI

Glenn E. Harris, sergeant, Tabor CI

Jimmy L. Hilbourn II, lieutenant, Columbus CI

Vinson J. Hines, sergeant, Neuse CI

Cathy R. Hinton, nursing service director I, McCain CH

Janice M. Hobbs, captain, Eastern CI

Betty D. Holland, food service manager I, Raleigh CCW

Dalen F. Holmes, classification coordinator, Pasquotank CI

Steven W. Hopkins, lieutenant, Hyde CI

Barry L. Housend, sergeant, Tabor CI

Tracy M. Howell, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 29B, Polk

Regina A. Huffin, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 4A, Duplin

Michele L. Hughes, sergeant, Tabor CI

Junie C. Jacobs, lieutenant, Lumberton CI

Jamel C. James, sergeant, Wake CC

Douglas K. Johnson, case analyst, Polk CI

Carl A. Jones, programs director I, Scotland CI

Gregory G. Jones, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Eastern CI

Daniel W. Jones Jr., captain, Tabor CI

Patricia C. Locklear, administrative secretary I, Scotland CI

Rose M. Locklear, captain, Lumberton CI

Gary D. Love, sergeant, Hoke CI

Chicquita A. Lucas, sergeant, Nash CI

Patricia S. Martin, sergeant, Morrison CI

Daniel J. Mattlin, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 5, Pender

Gina S. McCants, judicial unit supervisor, DCC District 27A, Gaston

Stephen A. McCoy, assistant unit manager, Morrison CI

Craig S. McGee, probation/parole officer I trainee, DCC District 13, Brunswick

Danford McLamb, sergeant, Harnett CI

Lisa W. McManus, office assistant IV, DCC District 21, Winston-Salem

James W. McPherson, lieutenant, Tabor CI

Charles R. Mercer, sergeant, Tabor CI

Douglas E. Olson, probation/parole officer I trainee, DCC District 28, Buncombe

Joshua C. Panter, lieutenant, Central Prison

Linda N. Paquin, assistant unit manager, Marion CI

Elaine S. Parker, training spec II, Lumberton CI

Thad L. Pearson II, lieutenant, McCain CH

Connetta L. Perry, correctional officer trainee, Warren CI

Terrance G. Pinkett, probation/parole officer I trainee, DCC District 10, Wake

Julian A. Priest, captain, Tabor CI

Catrina L. Quick, sergeant, Morrison CI

Michael K. Rasch, maintenance mechanic IV, Pasquotank CI

William J. Richardson, food service officer, Nash CI

Charles G. Robertson, food service officer, Mountain View CI

Gloria E. Robinson-Marsh, community service district coordinator, DCC District 26, Mecklenburg

Susan M. Rogers, administrative secretary III, Correction Enterprises, Raleigh

Melissa J. Seals, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 23, Wilkes

Terry D. Shepherd, lieutenant, Tabor CI

Bruce L. Short, correctional officer trainee, Scotland CI

Wanda K. Sides, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 20A, Stanly

Berry L. Simmons, sergeant, Tabor CI

Sean D. Simpson, food service officer, Fountain CCW

Danny K. Singletary, sergeant, Tabor CI

Neil E. Smith, construction estimator I, Central Engineering, Raleigh

Stephanie C. Smith, administrative assistant II, Tabor CI

Gary D. Spivey, sergeant, Tabor CI

Ouida C. Squire, nurse clinician, McCain CH

Seth S. Stevens III, sergeant, Marion CI

Larry T. Thompson, captain, Tabor CI

Latina W. Tomlinson, accounting technician III,

Alcohol & Chemical Dependency Programs, Raleigh

Kenneth Tornes, lieutenant, Tabor CI

Tracy P. Twisdale, probation/parole officer I trainee, DCC District 9, Vance

Donald G. Unangst, lead nurse, Maury CI

Robert E. Upton, lieutenant, Central Prison

Gary R. Vaughan, assistant superintendent for programs I, Franklin CC

Phyllis B. Vaughn, probation/parole officer I trainee, DCC District 10, Wake

Vickie M. Wallace, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 8B, Wayne

Tarquintus Walser, assistant superintendent custody/operations III, Polk CI

Susan C. Watkins, processing assistant IV, Southern CI

Blane D. Watson, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Western YI

Tony C. Watts, sergeant, Tabor CI

Tim W. Webb, captain, Western YI

Regina L. Whitted, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 12, Cumberland

Dedra R. Williams, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 18, Guilford

Ralph L. Williford Jr., case analyst, Neuse CI

Joseph E. Wilson, sergeant, Tabor CI

Lori A. Wishart, programs director I, Pender CI

Yolanda M. Woodhouse, assistant chief/special operations, DCC Administration

Todd F. Wyke, food service officer, Catawba CC

Lance H. Yamakawa, lead nurse, Maury CI

Thomas H. Yoe III, senior case analyst, Piedmont CI

SecuritySense

This is from a news subscription devoted to information security to help employees defend themselves against threats from hackers and information thieves.

Lax password habits expose PC users to theft

People who use the same password for online accounts are more at risk from online fraud or identity theft, a new survey says.

▶ Almost half (43%) said they never change their password.

▶ Almost a quarter (24%) use the same password to access all online accounts.

▶ A staggering 59% said they "always" or "mostly" use the same password for everything.

▶ Only 16% don't change their passwords — but it's still a dangerously high figure.

Experts suggest:

▶ Use longer, more complex passwords.

▶ Change your password at least three times a year.

▶ Avoid the most popular choices -- a pet's name, a hobby and a mother's maiden name.

▶ If you don't have one, set a PIN for your mobile phone, and change it regularly, too.