

# **3 from DOC awarded for 'Excellence'**

RALEIGH | Three Department of Correction employees were among 14 winners of the 2008 State Employees' Awards for Excellence presented in a ceremony Oct. 20 at the Museum of History.

The awards program was created in 1982 to honor state employees for outstanding achievements. The award is the highest honor a state employee may receive for dedicated service to the state and the residents of North Carolina.

Kenneth Locklear, plant maintenance supervisor at Scotland Correctional Institution, was recognized in the safety and heroism category for donating a kidney to a friend in his home church. He learned that his friend of more than 10 years faced kidney failure related to diabetes and, after considerable testing procedures, found that his blood type matched that of Artie Stewart, the kidney recipient. Both Locklear and Stewart have made remarkable recoveries following the transplant surgery in 2007.

**Eddie Poole**, a sergeant in prison security, was recognized in the outstanding state government service category. As the supervisor of 23 handlers and 52 narcotics dogs, Poole was recognized for his untiring dedication to the canine and SORT operations which not only serve the Division of Prisons, but also coordinate operations with other law enforcement organizations



Sharon Jones, center, receives her Southeastern Correctional Industries Association (SECIA) Staff Award from Don Guillory, left, president and chair of the National Correctional Industries Association, and Anne Murray, SECIA president.



Secretary *Thedodis Beck*, 2nd from right, presents three DOC employees who won state awards for outstanding achievements. From left are **Kenneth Locklear** and **Eddie Poole**, both from the Division of Prisons, and **Bhupendra Tailor** from Correction Enterprises.

when needed to search for missing persons and illegal narcotics.

**Bhupendra Tailor**, an industry director with Correction Enterprises in charge of the janitorial products plant, was honored in the innovation category. He offered innovative solutions in altering formulation of janitorial products used by the Division of Prisons to meet American Correctional Association requirements for certification. Twenty-two of 33 janitorial products had to be reformulated and two new products developed to replace the use of chlorine bleach in the kitchen and health care areas. Secretary Theodis Beck present-

ed the awards to the DOC winners.

# Sharon Jones in the running for national award

WILMINGTON | Correction Enterprises (CE) employee **Sharon Jones** may become nationally honored for "superior performance and supervisory excellence."

Jones, upon the recommendation of CE Director *Karen Brown*, was chosen from among seven candidates as the Staff Award winner for the Southeastern Correctional Industries Association (SECIA). The group presented the award to Jones at a banquet in Wilmington on Oct. 21, recognizing her as one "who has made a significant and sustained contribution to a correctional industries program."

The Staff Award is presented to employees who are in director or administrator positions.

As assistant manager of CE's Scotland Sewing Plant, Jones manages five supervisor 11's and develops work schedules for inmates and employees to meet production demand. She ensures that adequate training and supervision are provided See Sharon Jones, page 8

#### Family fighting child's expensive, rare condition

Employees are reaching out to the family of **Julie Thomas**, a probation/parole officer in Asheville.

Last summer, Walter, one of her two children, was diagnosed with opsoclonus myoclonus syndrome (OMS) after the young boy suddenly lost his ability to talk, walk or feed himself. OMS an extremely rare neurological disorder that affects as few as 1 in 10 million people per year.

The cost of his care and treatment is estimated \$35,000 a year. He sees doctors in Illinois and at the Bowman Gray Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Additionally, because his treatment involves suppression of his immune system,



Institution

Management

From left, **Nancy** 

Smith, administrative officer III; Faye

Daniels, assistant

superintendent for

custody/operations

II; Larry Dail, super-

intendent IV; Laura

Switzer, administra-

tive secretary II; and

sistant superintendent

Errol Reddick, as-

for programs II.

# Spotlight

# Craven Correctional Institution

VANCEBORO | Craven Correctional Institution is the state's largest medium custody prison processing center with 712 beds and is near Vanceboro.

Convicted felons from North Carolina jails enter the system by first going through one of the state's processing centers. During the three- to four-week period, they are held at Craven Correctional Institution, and new admissions are tested, evaluated and interviewed to determine assignments to prisons, jobs and programs.

Larry Dail is the superintendent. His management team consists of Faye Daniels, assistant superintendent for custody/operations 11; Errol Reddick, assistant superintendent for programs 11; Nancy Smith, administrative officer 111; and Laura Switzer, administrative secretary 11.

Each month, more than 500 inmates are processed through Craven Cl.

The \$24.3 million prison, dedicated in 1996, employs approxi-



mately 350 people.

Craven Cl is very active in Cognitive Behavior Intervention (CBI) training for inmates and has numerous signs throughout the prison to remind staff and inmates that they are responsible for their own conduct.

Inmates at Craven CI have educational opportunities offered by Craven Community College. Classes include horticulture, GED and vet-

erinary assistant. Craven CI also has an active "New Leash on Life" program. Two inmates have earned Master Trainer certificates, three have Department of Labor certificates, and two have Professional Trainer certificates because of their involvement in the "Leash" program.



Administrative Services Above, from left, Lori Davis, dental assistant; Jim Franklin, personnel assistant IV; Lori Jones, accounting technician I; and Sandra Taylor, accounting clerk IV. Below, Paul Watson and Tina

Ratliff, correctional officers (Mailroom); and Charlene Townsend, training specialist II.





Maintenance Staff Above, James Roach, correctional officer; Ricky Baker, HVAC Mechanic; and Alan Murray, maintenance mechanic V. Below, Ricky Lail, facility maintenance supervisor; Thad Jones, plumber II; and Joel French, maintenance mechanic IV.



Rose Rooks, correctional officer (Visitation).

More Spotlight pictures on pages 3-5.

Administration Michael Easley Governor

> Theodis Beck Secretary of Correction

Keith Acree Director of Public Affairs

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Diagnostic Center Left photo, **Dennis Kitchin**, case analyst; Lois Savon, senior case analyst; James Raiford and David McCarthy, case ana-lysts; and Vanessa Murrell, senior case analyst.



Below, Michelle James, Melissa Wilson, Ruby Prayer and Gary Neely, admissions technicians.



Above, Karen Myron, Lorrie Vause, Iantha Chaplin, Barbara Molk and Keishawna Green, case analysts. Left, Brenda Spear, office assistant IV; **Shaunda Smith**, process-ing assistant III; **Stephen Jacobs**, Diagnostic Center director; and Rosemarie Roper, processing assistant III. Below, Desiree Green, Sharon Whitford, Linda Hollowell and Charmin Anderson, admissions technicians.







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Above, from left, Bonnie Bright, behavoral specialist I; Carrie Tucker, psychological services coordinator; David Walters, behavioral specialist I; and Misty Hardison, processing assistant III.



# Programs

Above, from left, Tadeusz Spiewak, Carol Waters, Sherry Smith and Tonya Dawson, case managers. Right middle, Audrey Fields, processing assistant IV; Larrie Dombos, programs

director I; and Michelle Rich, processing assistant III. Right, Betty Whitford, transfer coordinator; John Pierce, volunteer chaplain; and Jacqueline Robinson, office assistant IV.



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# Right photo, from left, Marie Wiggins, administrative assistant I.

office assistant III; Phyllis Dombos, personnel technician I; Nancy Smith, administrative officer III; Sonny Williams, technology support technician; and Shelia Banks,

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Support Services





Upper left photo, James Batts, dental assistant; Simbarashe Jaravaza, dentist II; and Natalie Benjamin, dental hygienist I. Lower left, Cynthia Davis, health care assistant II; Toni Bolden, registered nurse; Louise Glasgow, lead nurse (RN) and Coreen Singleton, health care assistant II. Upper right photo, Terri Jamieson, licensed nurse; Richard Walters, physician extender; Sharon Johnson, health care assistant II; James Engleman, physician III; and Mary Neuman, travel nurse (RN). Lower right, left photo, Diane Watley, medical records assistant III; right photo, Frances Lewis and Billy Sawyer, correctional officers.





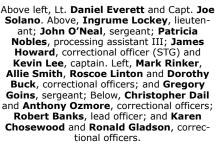


Nancylee Gorham, medical records assistant III.











Food Service Back row, Conell Chapman, food service manager I; and Demetrius Hines, food service officer. Front, Sandra Gaddy, food service officer.



William Jefferson, correctional officer (Yards and Grounds).

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Instruction Carolyn Schoch, horticulture instructor, and Haywood Humphrey, GED instructor, both from Craven Community College.





# Operations 1B

Above right, **Brandon Anderson, Michael Hawkins** and **Donald Wade**, correctional officers. Above left, **Charles Rinaldo**, correctional officer. Left, **Cecil Clayborne** and **Laquelia Maye**, correctional officers. Below, **Thomas Forcier** and **Sylvia Sutton**, correctional officers.



Warehouse Staff

From left, **Chiquita Gil**, correctional officer (canteen supervisor); **Michael Moye**, correctional officer; **Kevin Haag**, sergeant; and **Sean Stewart**, correctional officer.



Spotlight



Correctional Officers From left, Eric Carter (Operations 1B), Carleen Smith (Support Services), Ethel Godley (Support Services), Keith Williams, (Armorer) and Harry Dobson (Operations 1B).

Above, David Morgan, Janice Gibbs, James Warren, Bonnie Rardin and Ernest Simmons, all correctional officers. Right, Kathy Duncan and Jimmy Richardson, sergeants. Below, Charles Garris, Michael Knower, Florence Fonville, Edward Dupree and Harvey Dunn, all correctional officers.



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Housing 1B



Segregation 1B

Above, from left, **Glenda Brown**, correctional officer; **Hal Pilgreen**, captain; and **Kyle White**, correctional officer. Right, back, **Joseph Payne**, correctional officer. Middle row, **Thomas Mullinix**, sergeant; and **Peter LaBarbera**, correctional officer. Front row, **David Beamon** and **Connie Godwin**, correctional officers.



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#### DCC District 4B has new manager

JACKSONVILLE | **Thurman Turner** will be managing in Community Corrections of Onslow County, which is Judicial District 4B.



Succeeding the retired Mike Morton, Turner manages the activities of 38 probation/parole officers, who supervise approximately 1,700 offenders.

Previously chief probation/parole officer in Pender County, the new judicial district manager began his career with the Department of Correction in the Division of Prisons in 1990. After moving to Community Corrections in 1995 in Northampton County, Turner rose through the ranks to chief probation/parole officer, in 2003 in Duplin County and in 2006 in Pender County.

Turner has a political science degree from Elizabeth City State University, and has earned the N.C. Criminal Justice Standard Award.

His wife, Tonya, is an attorney, and they have two sons, Isaac, age 3, and Desmond, 19.

A Burgaw resident, Turner is active in his church and fraternity and serves on several local boards and committees. His other interests outside his work are family time, weightlifting and running.



#### OSDT graduates correctional instructors

The Office of Staff Development and Training conducted its second General Instructor Course graduation ceremony on October 3 at the OSDT Central Region Training Complex. The two-week course provides criminal justice professionals a fundamental background in instruction. Each instructor candidate is required to research, develop, and deliver an 80-minute lesson plan as part of meeting course requirements. Candidates must successfully pass the stateadministered written exam as well as demonstrate competency in all skill areas in order to be eligible for certification as a criminal justice instructor. The Department of Correction has more than 775 active instructors. Stephanie Freeman, OSDT curriculum manager, is the school director responsible for instructor training. Graduates shown are, from left, front row, **Tina Kamer, Helen Reynolds, Deborah Christon and Eva McCrary**. Back row, **Shaun Nordan, Jason Nicholson, Harold Quick, Johnny Walters, Harold Belk, Tony Smith, Billy Robbins, Ronald Tarlton** and **Robert Walker**.

# Obituaries

#### July

Charles Lyons, correctional officer, Morrison Cl, 14 years/4 months

#### August

Jesse Moore, food service manager I, Pender CI, 10 years/10 months

#### September

Sandra Barnes, correctional officer, Pasquotank Cl, 12 year/8 months Kathy Herrick, correctional officer, Pasquotank Cl, 2 years/1 month Edward Hilliard, correctional officer, Duplin Cl, 5 years/5 months David Loftis, correctional officer, Polk Cl, 1 month Marven Marshall, correctional officer, Anson CC, 19 years/3 months Dwight Watson, correctional officer, Orange CC,

20 years/6 months

## October

Eddie Dalton, correctional officer, Rutherford CC, 10 years/2 months James Moody, sergeant, Warren CI, 12 years/10 months Carl Propst, correctional officer,

Anson CC, 20 years/6 months



### Another 'Apple' for Morrison Cl

For the third consecutive year, the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching has named Morrison Correctional Institution in Hoffman as a "Golden Apple School" for its support of the 2007-2008 annual fund. The recognition means that every teacher on the school's faculty who has ever attended an NCCAT seminar or a teacher-scholar residency made a contribution to the center's annual fund-raising campaign. "Golden Apple" schools receive a certificate of appreciation and a congratulatory visit by an NCCAT official. Thirty-eight schools in North Carolina achieved the "Golden Apple Status" in 2007-2008. The NCCAT Director Mary McDuffie, said "This is a worthy achievement and we thank you for affirming so strongly, through your gifts, the value of your NCCAT experiences." Morrison CI staff cited for their support by NCCAT were, from left and holding framed certificates, **Nancy Boling**, school counselor; **Martin Wase**, education director; and **Stanley Ingram**, training specialist. Flanking them are **J.C. Huggins**, left, administrator; and **Greg Parsons**, assistant superintendent for programs.

## Davidson CI officer helps crash victims

As he does daily in his job at Davidson Correctional Center, Officer **Paul Grant** demonstrated his commitment to serving citizens when he helped care for victims of a car crash on Oct. 13 in China Grove.

Grant was among the first to arrive at the scene where a pickup truck had slammed to the side of small car. Realizing the truck driver was OK, Grant found that in the small car was an infant strapped into a safety seat that had been thrown onto the floor.

The infant had a minor cut on its forehead, and the car driver, a female, was disoriented but appeared not badly injured. However, the car's driver was later flown to a Charlotte hospital for treatment of internal injuries.

Grant tended the infant until emergency medical technicians arrived, and he loaned them his own child safety seat to transport the infant to a nearby hospital for an examination. The infant's mother later returned the seat to Grant.

"Mr. Grant took the time to render assistance to the people involved in this accident while others hesitated to do so," said Davidson CC Assistant Supintendent James W. Lewis Jr.

# Professional certification

Dr. **Rawinder J. Singh** of N.C. Correctional Institution for Women has earned professional certification in correctional health care. To earn the distinction, Dr. Singh demonstrated mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders working in correctional health care. The certification is highly regarded as a symbol of accomplishment and self-improvement.



# Movin' On Up

#### April

Karon Waters, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 2, Unit A Rosanna White, probation/parole officer II,

DCC District 7, Unit A

#### August

Michael Dean, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 7, Unit B

## September

James Adams, assistant unit manager, Eastern CI Patricia Alston, sergeant, Umstead CC Salena Bartee, food service officer, N.C. CIW David Baychuk, food service officer, Lanesboro CI Kenneth Beacham, sergeant, Gates CC Erin Boyd, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 3A, Unit C Daniel Brame, sergeant, Warren CI Marion Chenetz, medical records manager I, Central Prison

**Ginger Chinnis**, administrative services manager, DCC Central Administration

Marion Dance, sergeant, Bertie CI

- Darius Deese, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 26, Unit E
- Terrence Eason, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 14, Unit F
- Juanita Ellis, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 27A, Unit A
- Sandra Foster, lieutenant, Central Prison
- Sandra Franklin, nurse (rn) lead, Duplin Cl
- Michael Gibbs, sergeant, Pamlico Cl
- Norma Goins, unit manager, Southern Cl
- Michael Graham, sergeant, Morrison Cl Sharon Graham, chief probation/parole officer,
- DCC District 10, Unit J
- Andrienne Grice, probation/parole surveillance officer, DCC District 21, Unit B
- Robyn Griffin, personnel assistant V, Personnel, Raleigh

Harry Ivey, lieutenant, Central Prison

- Brandolyn Jones, sergeant, Polk Cl
- Celeste Kelly, assistant judicial district manager II, DCC District 14

Erika Konrad, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 14, Unit E

- Julie Lee, processing assistant IV, Office of Staff Development & Training, Lenoir.
- Kelly Lewis, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 19B, Unit F
- Cathelean Little, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 20A, Unit F
- Charlie Locklear, correctional programs supervisor, Lumberton Cl
- Jessica Lunsford, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 7, Unit A
- Felecia Maddox, assistant unit manager, Foothills Cl
- Dennis Marshall, assistant unit manager, Lanesboro Cl
- Janet Martin, administrative secretary I, Bertie CI Donna Marie Mewhorter, nurse (rn) supervisor I, Johnston CI
- Thomas Mullinix, sergeant, Craven Cl
- Jacqueline Murphy, assistant judicial district manager II, DCC District 10
- Shawn Owens, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 18, Unit J

Frankie Parker, processing assistant IV, Central Prison

- Vivian Parker, lieutenant, Pender Cl Henry Parks, substance abuse program
- supervisor I certified, Wayne CC Randall Polechio, sergeant, Mountain View CI
- James Purgason, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 17A, Unit A
- Christopher Rich, probation/parole officer I, DCC District 28, Unit B
- Vickie Roane, nurse (rn) lead, Alexander Cl Beverly Sanders, Correction Enterprise
- supervisor IV, Duplicating, Raleigh
- Charles Sanders, captain, Polk Cl
- Jerome Shaw, food service officer,
- Avery-Mitchell Cl Brady Soop, probation/parole officer I,
- DCC District 22, Unit D Richard Spradlin, maintenance mechanic V,
- Odom Cl Jessie Starr, lead correctional officer,
  - Caswell CC
- John Stogner, HVAC mechanic, Morrison Cl
- Kristie Stone, unit manager, Southern Cl Robert Trask, assistant superintendent /
  - programs I, McCain CH
- William Turvaville, assistant unit manager, Alexander Cl
- Paul Watts, surveillance officer, DCC District 13, Unit B
- Schonda Wiggins, correctional officer, Wake CC James Williams, sergeant, Warren Cl

#### October

- Crystal Bailey, programs supervisor, Forsyth CC William Barnette, probation/parole officer II,
- DCC District 30, Unit B Debra Breeden, processing assistant IV, DCC District 14, Unit G
- Eric Dye, captain, Alexander Cl
- Bianca Harris, deputy prison warden I, N.C. CIW Herbert Harris, food service officer, Fountain CCW
- Grantina Hayes, probation/parole officer I, DCC District 12, Unit A
- Tracy Hefferan, lead correctional officer, Brown Creek Cl
- Joseph Holmes II, probation/parole officer I, DART, Goldsboro
- Brian Jones, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 10, Unit J
- Juliette Kennedy, office assistant IV, Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency Programs Administration, Raleigh
- Charles Lane, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 2, Unit B
- Brian Lawrence, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 1, Unit A
- Marla Liguori, personnel assistant IV, Carteret CC
- Rasheda Nicholson, sergeant, Lanesboro Cl Sherry Raynor, probation/parole officer II,
  - DCC District 14. Unit A
- Stefanie Smart, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 22, Unit H
- Elizabeth Upchurch, medical records manager I, DOP Health Services, Raleigh
- Phyllis Vaughn, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 10, Unit G
- Earl Wiggins, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 30, Unit C

# Retirements

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# July

Greer Futrell, sergeant, Gates CC, 19 years/1 month Relmon Storms, correctional officer, Lumberton CI, 7 years/5 months

#### August

Ray Bobbitt, deputy prison warden I, N.C. CIW, 28 years/7 months

#### September

John Abernethy, correctional officer, Alexander CI, 5 years

- Plummer Baskerville, correctional officer, N.C. CIW, 32 years/4 months
- Mattie Canady, licensed practical nurse, Central Prison, 20 years/1 month
- **Reginald Clark,** lead correctional officer, Albemarle CI, 29 years
- Kathleen Derrickson, nurse (rn) supervisor III, Central Prison, 24 years/1 month
- Glenda Disher, administrative secretary III, DOP Piedmont Region Office, 24 years
- Glenn Edwards, maintenance mechanic V, Correction Enterprises, Sampson Laundry, 27 years/5 months
- Clayton Gould, school educator I, N.C. CIW, 5 years/2 months
- Carol Graham, intensive case officer,
- DCC District 10, 21 years/11 months
- William Hatley, correctional officer, Cabarrus Cl, 22 years/9 months
- Tommy Richardson, Correction Enterprises manager II, Sign Reclamation Plant. 18 years/7 months
- Patrick Smith, training specialist II, Odom CI, 27 years/4 months
- Lawrence Solomon, administrator I, Caledonia CI, 31 years

#### October

Marcia Brainard, food service officer,

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Sampson CI, 5 years/11 months Margaret Campbell, office assistant V,

McCoy Harrelson, food service officer,

Distrct 26, 29 years/7 months

Sherrill Jordan, captain, Albemarle CI,

Ellis Langdon, captain, Harnett Cl,

Caswell CC, 29 years

29 years/11 months

30 years/2months

28 years/7 months

27 years/5 months

7 years/8 months

11 years/1 month

20 years/3 months

5 years/1 month

18 years

DOC Administration, 20 years/3 months Mary Catoe, correctional officer, Piedmont CI,

Kaye Hinton, health assistant, Central Prison,

Linda Hodge, probation/parole officer II, DCC

Kathryn Horne, administrative officer I, Craggy CI,

Debbie Lee, licensed practical nurse, Neuse CI,

Donald Looney, correctional officer, Southern Cl,

James Midyette, correctional officer, Craven Cl,

James Morton, judicial district manager I,

DCC District 4B, 30 years/2 months

Robert Odom, correctional officer, Nash Cl,

Arthur Whetstine, correctional officer, Foothills CI,

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McCain Correctional Hospital marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the North Carolina Sanatorium and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of McCain Correctional Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The ceremony featured remarks by Department of Correction officials and Betty Ray McCain, daughter-in-law of former superintendent Dr. Paul McCain. A display of historical photographs and artifacts and a video presentation showed the history. The facility opened in 1908 as the state's first tuberculosis sanatorium in a Hoke County area known as McCain, which was part of Cumberland County at the time. The name changed to McCain Hospital in 1973 and was placed under the Department of Health and Human Services. The property was deeded over to the Division of Prisons in October 1983 and became McCain Correctional Hospital. At the ceremony, from left, are Secretary **Theodis Beck**; **David Osborne**, DOP assistant director; Betty McCain, a former secretary of Cultural Resources; **Pat Chavis**, DOP South Central Region director; and **Sorrell Saunders**, McCain CH superintendent.

#### Walter, from page 1\_

Walter will have to live in a sterile, protective bubble for at least a year.

Julie's co-workers in the Division of Community Corrections District 28 have already held fundraisers, including a cake walk, a profitsharing by a local restaurant and a raffle throughout Division 4. Other employees who want to help can send donations to **Joan McCurry** or **Debbie Cantrell** at 31 College Place, Suite 10-A, Asheville, N.C. 28801. A State Employees Credit Union account has also been established to accept donations to help the family.



A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the dedication of the School of Barbering at Harnett Correctional Institution on Oct. 14. The building in which the school will operate was rebuilt by the Harnett CI maintenance staff. The program is a cooperative effort of the Division of Prisons and Central Carolina Community College (CCCC). Graduates of the three-phase program, which includes 1,528 hours of training, will be licensed by the North Carolina Board of Barber Examiners. From left are **Pat Chavis**, DOP South Cengtral Region director; Bill Tyson, CCCC Harnett County provost; Dr. Bud Marchant, CCCC president; **Joseph Hal**I, Harnett CI administrator; Patsy McCoy, immediate past chair of the Board of Barber Examiners; **Bonnie Boyette**, DOP chief of programs; Luther Gore, chairman of the Barber Board; **Keith Acree**, DOC Public Affairs director; and **Arthur Clark**, DOP education specialist, who was instrumental in coordinating establishment of the school.

# N. Piedmont CCW invites local leaders to 'Day in Prison'

North Piedmont Correctional Center for Women reached out to the Lexington community in September, inviting local leaders to "A Day In Prison."

The aim of the event was to highlight the need for community involvement with providing jobs for inmates, meeting the educational needs of inmates to prepare them for life outside the facility, and providing skills training to break crime patterns.

Prison staff demonstrated and explained programs and daily activities at the facility.

North Piedmont CCW Superintendent **Benita Witherspoon** worked with Judy Butler of the Community Resorce Council in planning the event.

An estimated 30 people attended. Among those attending were Lexington Mayor Joe Bennett, City Manager John Gray, David County Sheriff David Grice and Lee Jessup of the United Way of Davidson County.

Also attending were **Phyllis Comer**, office assistant IV at Davidson Correctional Center, and Sarah Cobb, programs director, Division of Prisons Piedmont Region Offices.

#### Sharon Jones, from page 1

to inmates, prioritizes work and plans for the effective use of equipment, personnel and space.

As the regional winner, Jones will represent SECIA in the finals against nominees from the four other regions, for the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) Staff Award. The award will be presented at the NCIA conference in April 2009 in Dallas, Texas.

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