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Outstanding employees applauded

RALEIGH | Twenty-two Department of Correction employees were honored on March 25 for having demonstrated outstanding job performance, heroism or exceptional community service.

The workers were cited as employees of the year at a ceremony in the Martin Building on the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

Among the 22 employees were 10 correctional officers, eight probation/ parole officers and six who were nominated by the department for the Governor's Award for Excellence.

Correctional Officers of the Year, shown in the upper photograph, were, front, Sgt. **Gary Wright**, Caledonia Correctional Institution; middle row, Sgt. **Teresa Price**, Fountain Correctional Center for Women; Officer **Pedro Jimenez**, Western Youth Institution; Sgt. **Elizabeth Harrington**, Orange Correctional Center; and Officer **Pamela Jezik**, Mountain View CI. Back row, Lead Officer **Dwayne Jones**, Lumberton CI; Officer **Donald Hunt**, Lumberton CI; Lt. **William Warner**, Eastern CI; Lt. **Jeffrey Pope**, Wayne CC; Sgt. **Terry Wayne Peacock**, Piedmont CI; and Officer **John Moore** (retired), Nash CI.

Probation/Parole Officers of the Year, shown in the photo to the right, were, front row, **Joseph Hackett**, probation/parole officer II (PPOII), Wayne County (also a Governor's Award for Excellence nominee); **Beverly Turner**, (PPOII), Bertie County; and **Mitzi Quinn**, (PPOII), Cabarrus County. Back row, **James Hadden**, chief probation/parole officer, Richmond County (also a Governor's Award for Excellence nominee); **Donald Harris**, surveillance officer, Orange County; **Charles McDaniel**, (PPOII), Fayetteville; and **Eddie Berry**, (PPOII), Catawba County.

Governors Awards of Excellence Nominees were Mary Beth Carroll, Division of Prisons Administration, Raleigh; James Langston (retired), superintendent, Wake Correctional Center; Glenn R. Weeks, chief probation/parole officer, Swain and Jackson counties; Robert Whalley, PPO II, Randolph County.





Changing focus of justice: Invest more in prevention

RALEIGH | Gov. Bev Perdue, along with judiciary and legislative leaders, have mounted a bipartisan effort to develop a data-driven approach to public safety that will reduce spending on corrections and reinvest the savings in ways that prevent recidivism and hold offenders accountable for their actions.

The state is partnering with the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the Pew Center on the States and the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, to analyze North Carolina's criminal justice system using a "justice reinvestment" approach. Working in concert, state leaders secured the public-private assistance and financial support.

"By using a data-driven approach, we will get the information we need to ensure that every taxpayer dollar spent on corrections and other public safety measures has the greatest impact on crime," Gov. Perdue said. "It will also allow us to reinvest savings to reduce recidivism, in turn, reducing the additional prisons that may be needed over the next ten years."

Secretary Alvin Keller was among those joining the announcement, made in the Capitol. He spoke about the importance of the effort.

"Justice Reinvestment is not just a project for us -- it is an investment that will take all of us to achieve results," Secretary Keller said. "Justice Reinvestment is about smart and sound criminal justice policy. It is about spending less building prisons and doing more to help offenders in the community lead successful lives."

Between 2000 and 2008, the state's prison population increased by 25 percent from



Gov. Bev Perdue, left, and Secretary Alvin Keller, listen as N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird speaks about legislative leadership support for the justice reinvestment effort announced by the governor.

31,581 to 39,326 inmates. During that same eight years, the Department of Correction budget increased from \$918 million to more than \$1.31 billion. The North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission projects that if existing policies remain unchanged, the prison population will increase by another 25 percent between 2009 and 2019 and the state will need an additional 8,500 prison beds.

To guide the work of the project, the state has established a Justice Reinvestment Work Group composed of state agency heads, legislative leaders from both political parties and top

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Legislature-ordered prison closings completed

RALEIGH | The April 1 closure of McCain Correctional Hospital in Hoke County marks the end of eight months of work to close seven prisons and convert several others as ordered by the legislature in the 2009-10 budget.

The seven prison closings and changes at nine others eliminated 516 positions for a \$22.3 million annual savings. The department was able to place 417 employees into

other vacant positions within the agency and 73 employees left the agency after receiving severance. Approximately 2,000 inmates transferred to other prisons as part of the process.

"This could not have been completed as smoothly and efficiently without the coordinated and dedicated work of hundreds of people at the affected prisons, in human resources and in prison admin-

istration," said Secretary Alvin Keller. "We are grateful for everyone's efforts and professionalism during a complicated and sometimes difficult process."

The prisons that closed and their closing dates are:

- Wilmington Residential Facility for Women, Sept. 1, 2009.
- Guilford Correctional Center, Oct. 1, 2009.

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2010 Correctional Officers of the Year

Elizabeth Harrington

Sergeant, Orange CC



tackle any assignment or responsibility given to her, Officer Harrington clearly demonstrated her phenomenal

and dedication when she was called to take on additional responsibility during the absence of a co-worker.

Promoted to sergeant in 2007, Officer Harrington was given administrative duties, night shift relief and assisting the trust fund/canteen officer. When the fiscal officer fell victim to a fatal illness, Sgt. Harrington assumed full responsibility for the trust fund and canteen for an extended time, in addition to her other duties.

At the same time, Harrington also managed the establishment of a debit card system for the inmates using the canteen.

Lieutenant, Waune CC



Pope of Wayne Correctional put his own life on the line to free a wreck victim from her car. He saw two cars collide as he was driving his daughter

home from school. He saw one driver remove

himself from his vehicle, but the second driver was still in the other car – which was starting to burn.

The driver's door would not open, so Pope began extracting the woman through a twisted window. The flames grew. Another bystander helped Lt. Pope get the woman away from the car. It was fully burning before they could reach the other side of the road.

Superintendent Robert Hines said Lt. Pope "acted in a very heroic and unselfish

Correctional Officer, Lumberton Cl

In hospitals, "code" calls -- such as the familiar "code blue" -- usually demand an immediate response. "Code gray" is a similar call, dealing with a threat to hospital security.

Such was the case when Officer Hunt and Sgt. Wilson Jacobs were escorting an inmate at Southeastern Regional Medical

A Lumberton police officer was having trouble with her subject that resulted in the "code gray" call. Sgt. Jacobs directed Officer Hunt to respond. Officer Gray seized the subject when he lunged at the police officer, and wrestled the subject to floor.

His action allowed other police officers, who responded quickly, to secure the man and restore security at the hospital. Officer Hunt then returned to his duty with the inmate.

Dwayne Jones

Lead Officer, Lumberton Cl



Officer Jones, driving on Highway 41 while returning to Lumberton Correctional on a June day, noticed an elderly man lying on his back in his front yard. It was hot that day, and Officer Jones suspected the man was in physical distress.

He stopped to check on the elderly man, and determined that he had collapsed from getting too hot. The elderly man was unable to get up, so Officer Jones picked him up and took into his home. Officer Jones then told the man's wife what was happening, and offered any other assistance she might need.

Sgt. Pam Odom nominated Officer Jones for the award, saying, "Officer Jones' display of compassion and concern played a critical role in the survival of the elderly Lumberton resident."

Correctional Officer, Nash Cl



Officer Moore wears an immaculate uniform and demeanor. Just as impeccable is his reputation as a respected team player at Nash Correctional Institution. Most noteworthy are his helpfulness, versatility and effectiveness. He has defused

volatile situations with his communication skills. Officer Moore has worked in the gatehouse, tower, master control and food operations, receiving accolades from all.

Due in part to his dedication to Nash Correctional, Officer Moore postponed some needed medical treatment, resulting later in an extended absence. His importance to Nash's operations and personnel was felt strongly while he was gone. Superintendent Butch Jackson said "it was obvious that Officer Moore made a positive impact on the facility's success."

Pamela Jezik

Correctional Officer, Mountain View Cl

Officer Jezik often assumes extra work assignments as part of her dedication and her name is usually first in consideration for taking on special projects.

As Mountain View Correctional Institution's safety officer, she maintains strict standards and was instrumental in bringing the facility up to standards for ACA safety accreditation. She also serves on the prison Emergency Response Team.

She also has started a wellness committee to help staff maintain a healthier lifestyle and she participates in fundraisers for Special Olympics including the Polar Plunge and runs in the Avery, Mitchell and Yancey leg of the Torch Run. Officer Jezik serves as a coach for runners who want to participate in triathlons and other high endurance

Terry Peacock Sergeant, Piedmont Cl



On September 14, 2008, Sgt. Peacock responded to a medical emergency and discovered an inmate with a sheet tied around

his neck, hanging from a sprinkler head in his cell. Sgt. Peacock immediately called for assistance and

removed the sheet. He began CPR until other staff and EMT technicians arrived to assist.

As a result of Sgt. Peacock's swift actions, the inmate was unsuccessful at his suicide attempt and was transported to a Salisbury hospital for treatment. Although the inmate later died of complications, his family was grateful that they were able to visit with the inmate prior to his death, due in large part to the efforts of Sgt. Peacock.

Sgt. Peacock displayed true professionalism while performing his duties at Piedmont Correctional Institution.

Teresa Price Sergeant, Fountain CCW



Christmas packages and chemicals inventories. Sgt. Price is an exemplary leader in these areas, in addition to carrying the normal duties of a sergeant. She also found a way to more efficiently maintain an adequate store of cleaning chemicals and supplies.

Sgt. Price's quick response is believed to have prevented a dangerous fire in the laundry. Her discovery of the cause of the near-incineration of cleaning rags in a dryer has become part of DOC safety training.

Superintendent Lynn Sanders said Sgt. Price is a dedicated, caring employee, "who strives to do what is best."

Pedro Jimenez

Correctional Officer, Western YI

Officer limenez had stopped at a Hickory gasoline station in September 2008 when he saw an obviously intoxicated suspect advance toward a Hickory police officer.



Without hesitation, Jimenez intercepted the suspect, placing him in a bear hug and preventing him from assaulting the officer. Jimenez pinned the suspect to the ground while the office handcuffed him. After another brief scuffle, the suspect was secured inside the police cruiser.

Jimenez's courageous and quick response prevented the incident from developing into a more dangerous situation for the police officer and others present at the scene. In July 2009, Officer Jimenez left his CO position and took on a new job admitting inmates in the diagnostic center at Western.

More than 10 years ago, Sgt. Wright, retired after 30 years as a federal employee in Washington, DC, having worked in the White House. He came to North Carolina and went to work as a correctional officer at Caledonia. With

his professionalism and dedication, Sgt. Wright sets an exemplary standard for other officers.

He shares his skills, experience and training with volunteer agencies throughout the Halifax County region. Sgt. Wright is captain of a volunteer fire department dive team, conducting underwater searches and teaching others how to do the same.

Caledonia Unit Manager John Saldi nominated the sergeant for Officer of the Year. He said Wright's "many contributions to the local fire and rescue squads speak volumes about his character."

William Warner Lieutenant, Eastern Cl

If there is a better way for him to do his job or to help make Eastern a better correctional facility, Lt. Warner will find it and do it. That's why Capt. Donald Kiewert said that Lt. Warner is "the epitome of the ideal correctional officer."

He improved shift command procedures, post orders and emergency plans. He ensures all procedures and post orders are cross-referenced and updated.

Lt. Warner is outstanding outside, too. Twice on his way to work in predawn hours, Lt. Warner stopped to help people: One, a man whose car, with a friend inside, was wrecked in a

ditch; and another, three Marines whose car had run out of gas on their way back to base. "I can't imagine anyone more deserving,"

Community Corrections Officers of the Year

Eddie Berry

Probation/Parole Officer II Catawba County

Officer Berry has a "stay-untilthe-iob-gets-done" work ethic when it comes to offender supervision. He often works beyond normal hours on cases that require judgment

and ability to spot "red flags" in case work.

He willingly serves as needed on special projects, such as the risk-needs assessment/case plan pilot project in Raleigh, and he is willing to learn new tasks and utilize new supervision tools.

Berry routinely performs thorough Community Threat Group investigations as part of his role as the District 25B CTG officer.

Chief Probation/Parole Office Kent Spears nominated Berry, stating, "He's the type of officer who is a DCC ambassador in the community and continually exhibits good judgment and character on and off duty.



Probation/Parole Officer II Wayne County

Tanya Cannady kept walking as she turned her back to the highway to wave to someone behind her. She did not see the car approaching at high speed.

A probationer did, and he screamed "No!" as he spoke on the phone with Officer Hackett.

Hackett told the probationer to call 911, and rushed to the scene, which was near his home. A nurse had also shown up, and she and Hackett checked Ms. Cannady. She had only a faint pulse. Hackett began CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived. He also checked the driver and his probationer.

Ms. Cannady's injuries were serious, and it's believed the CPR was critical to her survival. Hackett was also nominated for a Governor's Award for Excellence.

Donald Harris, Surveillance Officer, Orange County

night of routine curfew checks in Hillsborough became anything but routine, perhaps even heroic, for Probation Officer Donald Harris. Discovering a fire at an apartment complex, he called 911. He was told

that the fire had already been reported, but he was asked to determine whether all residents had been evacuated. Officer Harris found an elderly lady still inside her apartment, but her door was jammed. He and a police officer found a window unlocked and were able to pull the lady through the window to safety.

Afterward, Officer Harris helped with crowd and traffic control. He also assisted police and fire officials investigating the fire by helping them round up residents to interview about the fire's possible cause.

James Hadden

Chief Probation/Parole Officer Richmond County

Chief lames Hadden is an exceptional and extraordinary leader. He has appeared on the "Carolina's Most Wanted" TV show regard-

ing absconders, helped students learn about court processes and is a member of DOC's Employee Relations Committee.

Hadden has five commendations from Community Corrections. He has supervised such special caseloads as gangs, electronic monitoring, sex offenders and domestic violence.

Hadden accepted an assignment to supervise in a location that required a 2-hour drive for him each day. It also required supervising twice as many officers as before. He improved operations and kept pace, even though an ankle injury required

Hadden was also nominated for a Governor's Award for Excellence.



with six community colleges for instructors and training; streamlining the Inmate Holiday Package Program; and writing the division's inmate visitation policy.

She was instrumental in the Division's success in obtaining American Correctional Association accreditation for 10 closecustody prisons within a year. The accreditation helps ensure safe, secure and humane facilities.

Reaching consortium agreements

Maru Beth Carroll

Division of Prisons Administration

Working in the Divi-

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director's office,

Ms. Carroll has

distinguished

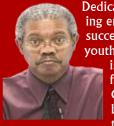
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herself in

Additionally, Ms. Carroll's achievments came while she earned a college degree, graduating in the top of her class.

James Langston

Superintendent (retired). Wake CC



Dedicated to helping ensure the success of local youths, Langston is a driving force in Wake

County and beyond for the Teen

Court program.

Langston, working with courts, district attorneys and law enforcement, helps divert non-violent first-time teenage lawbreakers from a criminal record.

For the past seven years, Langston has given 2,000 hours volunteering in the program, meeting with hundreds of teens and their families, and explaining participation and expectations.

Additionally, Langston created Choices, which introduces the teens to active inmates, who provide a first-hand perspective on a life of crime and imprisonment. At last year's national Teen Court summit, teenagers overwhelmingly named Choices the most significant presentation.



Glenn R. Weeks Chief Probation/Parole Officer Swain and Jackson counties

Chief Weeks and his staff in Swain and Jackson counties have built a solid foundation of trust and a professional fellowship with Cherokee Indian tribal officials. The result has been an unprecedented level of cooperation, assistance and two-way communications between state probation officers and Cherokee tribal police.

The relationship helps provide safety to both North Carolina and the tribal communities by making it harder for offenders to evade supervision. Probation officers call upon tribal police for leads on fugitives on tribal lands and to share data on outstanding warrants, new convictions and other areas of mutual cooperation.

Chief Weeks has led the formation of these vital bonds both on the job and in the community.

Charles McDaniel Probation/Parole Officer II **Fayetteville**

Taking lunch to a friend one day led to Officer McDaniel saving his friend's life.

Noting the friend's behavior and knowing that

his friend was depressed, Officer McDaniel was uneasy about leaving him alone after lunch. The friend insisted that he was OK, and Officer McDaniel dropped him off at home.

But he checked on the friend again after work, and found him passed out and unresponsive. Officer McDaniel called 911 and tried to revive his friend, who had taken more than 100 sleeping pills, a bottle of pain medicine and had drunk two bottles of wine.

McDaniel accompanied his friend to the hospital, because no family was nearby, and he contacted the friend's mother. Doctors said the friend would have died if he had not been found that night. The friend has recovered and is doing well.

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Probation/Parole Officer II Cabarrus County

Consistently outstanding performance ensures that Officer Quinn's work excels beyond standard expectations.

Dependable and

responsible, she supervises offenders in the Criminal Justice Partnership Program and is a Cognitive Behavior Intervention instructor.

Quinn ensured a smooth transition when a new treatment provided had to be abruptly replaced. Working with Victim's Advocate Office, she helped protect an offender under her supervision from invasions of her privacy by her estranged husband.

Quinn's supervisor, Chief Officer Danny Payne, said her work ethic, professionalism, positive attitude and dedication make her a model for her peers. "Mitzi Quinn is an asset to the Department of Correction and very deserving of Probation/Parole Officer of the Year.'

Beverly Turner Probation/Parole Officer II **Bertie County**

Compassion and dedication drive Officer Turner to serve above and beyond the call of duty.

Assigned to the Bertie Day Reporting Center, she has initiated and coordinated twice-weekly Narcotics Anonymous

She also co-facilitates cognitive behavioral training. To make those happen, Officer Turner works two split shifts weekly.

Officer Turner has also paid special attention to three teenage probationers, who have had caretaker issues that hampered their compliance with probation. She has supervised them closely and has worked diligently to find alternatives that are conducive to their success. She serves in the National Guard, too.

Robert Whalley

Probation/Parole Officer II, Randolph County

Officer Robert Whalley demonstrated his dedication and commitment to Community Corrections early in his career when he completed a four-year college degree while already working full-time as an intensive surveillance officer. The degree

His exemplary performance made him the officer-of-choice to supervise the Sex Offender Control Program in Randolph County. The extra responsibility required a large amount of special training, and Officer Whalley accepted

the duties, even though no salary increase came with the additional expectation.

In his compassion, he provided, at personal expense, needed clothing for a probationer. Being a corrections instructor is also time-consuming, yet his supervision of those on his caseload remains strong.



District 8 is comprised of Greene, Lenoir and Wayne counties. All three counties are largely rural, with Wayne being the most urban.

Jennifer Heath is the district manager. Cynthia Sutton is the chief probation/parole officer in Greene County. There are two units in Lenoir County, and the chief probation/parole officers are Pat Dixon and Danny Hill. Wayne County has four units, the chief probation/parole officers are Anthony Flow, Jansen Lee, Velvet Smith and Heather Bevell.

The district has a total of 78 employees and supervises approximately 3,400 offenders.

The District is in the process of transition to probation/parole officer II's and judicial services coordinators. The PPO II's will have a totally blended caseload of offenders when the transition is fully implemented.

Each unit is zoned to meet the challenges of offender supervision. This allows officers to work a zone and more effectively supervise offenders.

Lenoir and Wayne counties have very successful Day Reporting Centers that are structured to meet offender needs at one location. They provide substance abuse treatment, GED, CBI, anger management and life skills training.

District 8 employees participate in the NC Special Olympics Torch Run, and Wayne County Community Corrections is recognized on the back of the Torch Run t-Shirt for monies raised for Special Olympics.

Staff also participate in the **Criminal Justice Partnership** Boards, Wayne County Jail Study Commission, Wayne County Office of Emergency Services Safety Committee, State Employees Combined Campaign and local absconder roundups.

District 8 also received the Patriot Award for its support of local military in Operation Enduring Freedom.

District 8 staff works hard to meet the needs of offenders and provide quality supervision to make our citizens safe.



Jennifer Heath, judicial district manager. and Teresa Crisp, office assistant IV.



Above: Front row, **Bryan Casad**, probation/ parole officer III, and Charles Carter. surveillance officer. Back row. Evvonne Taylor, probation/parole officer III, and Jose Fernandez, surveillance officer. Left, Kendra McClees, Heidi Weeks, Julie Harper, and Kela Haynes, all probation/parole officer II's.



Becky Hines, office assistant III: Danny Hill. chief probation/parole officer; and Patricia **Battle**, judicial services coordinator.



Left, Pat Dixon, chief probation/parole officer,

assistant III

and **Dorothy Wilkes**, office

Right, Jesse Thompson,

probation/parole officer II;

J.P. Foster, surveillance

officer; **Bobby Lambert**,





Above: Rohn Daughtry and Merrian Sanders, judicial services coordinators; Yolanda Dunn, probation/parole officer II; and Joey Dixon, surveillance officer.



Above, Vickie Wallace and Jeannette Horn, probation/ III; and Greg Batts, probation/parole officer II.

parole officer II's; Mike Chase, probation/parole officer Left, Antonia Howard, Steve Taylor and Melissa Wright, all

probation/parole officer II's; and **Ronnie Bryant**, surveillance officer.



Cynthia Sutton, chief probation/parole officer; Laura Barwick, judicial services coordinator: and Gail Dail, office assistant III.



Anthony Flow, chief probation/parole officer, and Rachel Bass, office assistant III.



Front row, **Latashia Williams**, probation/parole officer II, and Tracy Mitchell, judicial services coordinator. Middle row, Velvet Smith, chief probation/parole officer, and Pat Stanley, judicial services coordinator. Back row, Charles Raiford, probation/parole officer II Ray Grass, surveillance officer; and Ray Price. probation/parole officer II.



Lisa Horton-Cox, probation/parole officer II: **Needham Wiley**, probation/parole officer III: and Traci Sutton, probation/parole officer II.



Travis Lewis, probation/parole officer II; Lisa Vail, judicial services coordinator; and Joseph Hackett, probation/parole officer II



Left. **Greq** Kearney, probation/parole officer III: Mike Miller. probation/parole officer II: John Murray, probation/parole officer III: and Dennis Stocks. probation/parole officer II.







Upper left, Vickie Oman and Minnie Sutherland. probation/parole officer II's. Upper right, **Betty** Lee, office assistant III and Jansen Lee, chief probation/parole officer. Left, Janice Wooten, office assistant III; and Charles Williams and Shannah Howell, and Charles Raiford, all probation/parole officer II's. Below, Angela Gurley, Lee Davis and Pam Grady, judicial services coordinators.



Catherine Pittman, office assistant IV. and **Heather Bevell**, chief probation/ parole officer.





Kevin Wallace

ously manager of District 4. Division 2 covers eight districts in 21 central southeastern North Carolina counites, with its headquarters in Smithfield. As assistant administrator, Wallace is responsible for the probation, parole and post-release supervision operations of more than 31,000 offenders and 680 staff members in the region.

-- Kevin Wallace,

Wallace succeeds Diane Isaacs, who was promoted to deputy director of Community Corrections.

He began his career as a probation officer, rising through the ranks as an intensive officer, trainer, training coordinator, executive officer and chief of field services before being named District 4 manager. The district covers Sampson, Duplin and Jones counties.

Wallace is a certified instructor, and has an advanced instructor certificate. He is also in the current class of the department's Correctional Leadership Development Program.

A graduate of UNC-Wilmington, Wallace has a bachelor's degree in sociology/criminal justice.

He and his wife, Deb, have a daughter, Devin. Wallace enjoys watching his daughter play softball, playing golf and hunting white tail deer.

Wallace is active in his church and is a member of the Criminal **Justice Education and Training** Standards Commission.



Felicia McLean

New assistant director at DCC RALEIGH | Felicia McLean has been named Community

Correction's new assistant director for Special Operations. She is responsible for Victim Services, Criminal Justice Program Planning, substance abuse programs, security and support services, training, GPS monitoring, sex offender management, criminal information management and the 24-hour technology center.

McLean was previously chief of DCC security services. She began her career in October 1989 as a probation/parole officer in Wake County, rising through ranks to become Field Services manager before named chief of security services.

A graduate of the department's Correctional Leadership Development Program, McLean also completed the state's Certified Public Manager Program. She is president-elect and program chair for the N.C. Society of Certified Public Managers.

McLean earn a bachelor of science degree in psychology from UNC-Pembroke. She enjoys family time, travelling, scrapbooking and watching television.

Rose Cox rises in DCC Division 3

KERNERSVILLE | Rose Cox is the new assistant administrator for Community Corrections' Division 3, headquartered in Kernersville.

She succeeds the retired Betty Bauer. As Division 3 assistant administrator, Cox is responsible for the probation, parole and post-release supervision operations of more than 32,500 offenders and 655 staff members in a 22-county region.

Cox has advanced through the Department of Correction, beginning as an office assistant III at **Piedmont Correctional Institution** in 1983. She moved in Community Corrections as probation/parole officer in 1989. She was a DCC district manager prior to a consolidation in November 2009, when she was named an assistant district manager.

Cox is a 1983 graduate of Catawba College, with a bachelor of science degree in social work.



The Ramseur native is active in her church and enjoys golf, hiking the Colorado Rocky Mountains and watching college basketball.

DCC District 12 has new manager

Nancy Gilchrist

FAYETTEVILLE | Sharon Phillips is the new manager for Community Corrections operations in Cumberland County.

Comprised of Cumberland County, District 12 has approximately 3,575 probation, parole and community service offenders

under its supervision. Its staff of 70 employees includes approximately 50 probation and parole officers.

Formerly a chief probation/parole officer in the district, Phillips succeeds the retired Wayne Marshburn.



The Fayetteville native has been in Community Corrections since 1986, beginning as a court intake officer. She has a bachelor of arts degree from UNC-Wilmington.

Phillips recently married Keith Phillips, and she has a son, Hunter Stuts, age 17. She loves to travel and to spend time with her family, friends and dogs.

DCC names new manager for District 23

JEFFERSON | Nancy Gilchrist is the new manager of Community Corrections' District 23.

Comprised of Ashe, Alleghany, Yadkin and Wilkes counties, the district includes a staff of 45 and 2,121 of-

Succeding the retired Bill Neal, Gilchrist had been a chief probation/parole officer since 1996. She began her corrections career in 1979 as a parole officer, and rose to intensive officer in 1994.

Gilchrist is a 1979 graduate of UNC-Charlotte, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.



Michael Tart

Tart, a native of Johnston County, has served as a purchasing agent for the past two years. He previously served for 20 years in materials management for Nortel Networks in Research Triangle Park.

He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial management from North Carolina Weslevan College in Rocky Mount and a master's in organizational management from Pfeiffer University in Charlotte.

He also serves as senior pastor at Smithfield Advent Christian Church. He and his wife, Teresa, have twin 16-year-old sons. In his spare time, he enjoys attending his sons' soccer games at Clayton High School, fishing and hunting.



Lassiter leading Charlotte CC

CHARLOTTE -- Kenneth Lassiter, a 21year veteran in the Division of Prisons, has been named the Charlotte Correctional Center superintendent.

The prison is a minimum custody facility that houses approximately 250 adult male inmates, and employs 65 correctional officers and administrative staff members.

Lassiter succeeds Richard Neely, who was named administrator at Lanesboro Correctional Institution.

Prior to his new position, Lassiter was assistant superintendent/custody and operations at Pasquotank Correctional Institution in Elizabeth City. He began his career as a correctional officer in 1989 at Odom Correctional Institution in Northampton County.

Catawba CC has new leader

NEWTON | Tim Kerley is the new superintendent at Catawba Correctional

The prison houses 230 minimum custody inmates and employs approximately 55 officers and administrative staff members.

Kerley was previously Catawba Correctional's assistant superintendent. He had advanced through the ranks in the

Division of Prisons, beginning as a correctional officer in 1985 at Iredell Correctional Center.

Tim Kerley

The new superintendent was a 2002 Correctional Officer of the Year. He served 12 years on the South Piedmont Area Prison Emergency Response Team.

Kerley and his family reside in Statesville.

Interim director earns position in Internal Audit

RALEIGH | Timothy Harrell is the department's new internal audit director. He had been acting director since the retirement of Vickie Haddock.

The internal audit director is responsible for the overall planning, management, direction and coordination of audits for DOC. Harrell oversees the

supervision of compliance, investigative, performance, financial and information system audits. Internal Audit has three administrative employees and six audit teams (17 auditors) in four regions. The section also assists DOC senior management promote accountability and ensure compliance with established standards, policies, procedures and best practices.

Harrell began working for DOC in 1993 as a Division of Prisons Administration accounting clerk IV. He was promoted into Internal Audit in 2004, where he was named a special assistant in 2007, prior to being named acting audit director in 2008.

The Elizabeth City State University graduate has a bachelor's degree in accounting. He also completed the Correctional Leadership Development Program.

Harrell and his wife, Kimberly, have a daughter, Taylor. The Robeson County native enjoys family time, sports, exercizing, reading and coaching boys basketball.

Hardee in charge at Hyde CI

SWAN QUARTER | Michael A. Hardee is the new superintendent at Hyde Correctional Institution, succeeding Robert Jones, who transferred to Pasquotank CI.

Hardee manages a prison that houses approximately 735 inmates in both medium and minimum custody facilities. Hyde CI has approximately 235 staff members in security and administrative positions.

Hardee had been superintendent of Carteret Correctional Center since September 2008. Beginning his career in 1988 as a correctional officer at the now-closed Martin Correctional Center, Hardee rose through the ranks, to assistant superintendent at Duplin CI 2002-2003 and at Pamlico CI 2003-2008.

A 1988 graduate of East Carolina University, Hardee has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He is also a graduate of the department's Correctional Leadership Development Program, and has an Advanced Corrections Certificate.

Married with two children, Hardee enjoys family and outdoors activities, especially East Carolina University football and basketball.



Tim Harrell

Michael Hardee



Joe Prater

Joe Prater officially takes DOP fiscal reins Joe Prater, a veteran administrative manager, has been named to head the

Division of Prisons' budget, fiscal and personnel operations. With the appointment, Prater is

DOP's assistant director in charge of the Administrative Services Section. He had been acting assistant director since

December 2008.

Prater began his career in the Department of Correction as a correctional planner in 1997. He was chief of administrative services in the Division of Community Corrections and DOP systems accountant before being named acting assistant director in DOP Administrative Services.

Prior to working in corrections, Prater had 14 years in local government management and two years as a chief financial officer for a private, non-profit organization.

He has a bachelor of arts degree and a masters degree in public administration from N.C. State University (NCSU). Prater and wife, Cheryle, have two children: Brittany, a 2009 NCSU graduate; and Joey, a second year NCSU student.

Prater, who resides in Garner, is active in his church, and enjoys sports, running and relaxing at the coast.

Hubbard at helm at Robeson CC

LUMBERTON | Roberson Correctional Center has a new superintendent --Frederick B. Hubbard -- succeding the retired Gentry Jacobs.

Robeson Correctional is a minimum custody prison, housing approximately 275 inmates. It employs a staff of 85 Frederick Hubbard security and administrative personnel.

Previously assistant superintendent / custody and operations at the now-closed McCain Correctional Hospital, Hubbard has worked in the Division of Prisons for 27 years. He began as a correctional officer at Southern CI in 1983 and advance through the ranks, being assigned to McCain CH in 2009.

Hubbard has an applied science degree from Mount Olive College, where he is earning a bachelor of science in criminal justice/criminology. He earned certificates in Wardens Training and Senior Supervisory Training.

Hubbard and his wife, Nona -- who works in Community Corrections -- have two adult children, Jonathan and Angel -- and two granddaughters, Nylaa and Jyill. He is active in his church and enjoys working out at the local fitness center and spending time with his family and rooting for N.C. State University athletic teams.

January 2010 promotions

Malvert Walker, Correction Enterprises manager II, Pender Sewing Plant

February 2010 promotions

Tammie Adcock, nurse director, DOP Health Services

Charles Anderson, maintenance mechanic IV.

Warren CI Herbert Bell, food service officer, Tabor CI

Edith Bowe, nurse supervisor, Caswell CC Kenneth Brayboy, food service manager I, Scotland CI

James Brewer, sergeant, Wilkes CC

Louis Buck, food service officer, Tabor CI **Curtis Fisher,** sergeant, Piedmont CI

Donald Buterbaugh, programs supervisor, Western YI Christopher Caughill, office assistant IV, DOP Program Services

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Ronald Coleman, maintenance mechanic V, Sampson Laundry Pamela Freeman Caviness, nurse supervisor, NC CIW

Levi Dillahunt, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 26A Robin Dunbar, accounting clerk V, Tyrrell CI

Mary Dunn, sergeant, Franklin CC Odessa Gatewood, assistant DCC district manager II,

DCC District 10 Bobby Herring, food service manager I, ACDP DWI Food Services

Cecil Herring, inmate disciplinary hearing officer, **DOP Administration**

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New manager for S. Central Region

RAEFORD | Sorrell Saunders has been named operations manager for the Division of Prisons' South Central Region.

As operations manager, Saunders directly supervises Bladen, New Hanover and Robeson correctional centers, and helps the regional director manage and supervise 12 prisons in 10 counties. Saunders also supervises the region's canine handlers, conducts internal investigations and coordinates Sorrell Saunders drug interdictions in South Central Region prisons.



Prior to being named operations manager, Saunders had been superintendent of the now-closed McCain Correctional Hospital since 2008. Saunders spent the first 16 years in corrections at Southern Correctional Institution in Troy, where he began as a program assistant and advanced through the ranks to captain in 1998. In 2000, he was named assistant superintendent at Sanford Correctional Center.

A graduate of N.C. Central University, Saunders has a bachelor's degree in public administration. He has also completed the state's Certified Public Manager program and the National Institute of Corrections' leadership development program.

Saunders and his wife, Selina, have a son, Sorrell II. He is active in his church.

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February 2010 promotions, continued

Erin Hickey, diagnostic services specialist, **DOP Diagnostic Services**

Donald Hite, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Warren CI

Tyra Jackson, food service officer, Caledonia CI **Donald Jones,** DCC assistant district manager II, DCC District 10

Kelly Jones, personnel technician I, Personnel Mary Jones, programs director I, Scotland CI

Joyce Kerns, rehabilitation therapy coordinator, DOP Psychological Services

James Kittrell, food service officer, Dan River PWF Alvin Laws, institution classifications coordinator, Eastern CI Michael Leonard, probation/parole surveillance officer, DCC District 22

Judith Leyrer, pharmacy director, DOP Pharmacy David Livengood, Correction Enterprises manager IV, Reupholstery Plant

Hampton Martin, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Morrison CI Alex McClellon, sergeant, Tabor CI

Kenneth Mendoza, sergeant, Cabarrus CC

Bobby Moore, HVAC mechanic, Piedmont Region Maintenance Nagako Mori, clinical chaplain II, NC CIW

David Myers, maintenance mechanic V, Correction Enterprises Farms

Deanna Nelson, pharmacist, DOP Pharmacy

Curtis Overcash, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Piedmont CI Michael Owens, substance abuse councelor advanced,

Hartley Oxendine, chief probation and parole officer, DCC District 16

Lawrence Parsons, assistant superintendent custody & operations III, Lanesboro CI

Ricky Peele, sergeant, Western YI

Jerome Reeves, accounting clerk IV, Raleigh CCW

Larry Shields, sergeant, Western YI

Therman Simmons, substance abuse councelor advanced, DART Cherry

Robert Stockwell, purchasing officer III, Purchasing Gloria Sutton, programs supervisor, Duplin CI Carissa Smith, professional nurse, Caledonia CI Lucy Smith, sergeant, Tillery CI Velvet Smith, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 7B

Keith Stanley, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 13 Theresa Starling, administrative secretary III, DCC Administration

Tawana Tilghman, sergeant, Pamlico CI Christopher Tucker, food service officer, Albemarle CI

James Watts, food service manager I, Western YI Matthew Wells, facility maintenance supervisor II, Engineering Leslie Wilson, food service manager I, Durham CC Johnny Woodring, programs supervisor, Avery-Mitchell CI

Joyce Wrenn, processing assistant IV, Correction Enterprises Cannery

March 2010 promotions

Teresa Adkins, Correction Enterprises supervisor II, Marion Sewing Plant

Robert Arney, food service officer, Alexander CI Nancy Ausley, shipping/receiving supervisor I, Apex Warehouse

Patti Avery, administrative officer II, DCC Administration ChristopherBeasley, lieutenant, Nash CI

John Beasley, sergeant, Maury CI

Ricky Bell, assistant unit manager, Central Prison Heather Bevell, chief probation and parole officer, DCC District 8

Rosemary Biancardi, case manager, Tabor CI Joseph Billings, sergeant, Alexander CI George Blackmon, captain, Harnett CI **John Brewer**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 29 Daniel Brown, sergeant, Alexander CI Tyrone Brown, training coordinator II, OSDT

Jamie Bullard, assistant unit manager, Tabor CI Robert Bullis, sergeant, Mountain View CI

Michael Burnette, training coordinator I, OSDT

Anna Cable, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 29 Michael Cahoon, sergeant, Tyrrell PWF

Lawrence Callair, sergeant, Durham CC

Christopher Castelloe, training specialist II, Piedmont CI Terry Cheek, electronics technician III,

DOP Western Region Maintenance Norman Cherry, training instructor II, OSDT

Russel Chester, lieutenant, Alexander CI

Christopher Cockerham, sergeant, Alexander CI Lashiaka Coleman, programs supervisor, Dan River PWF

Cory Collins, sergeant, Tabor CI John Covington, sergeant, Polk CI

Ronald Covington, captain, Lanesboro CI

Brandon Cribb, sergeant, Tabor CI

Dawn Crocker, administrative assistant II, DCC Division 2 Jada Daniels, assistant superintendent - programs II,

Jeffery Daniels, captain, Avery-Mitchell CI Michael Daniels, substance abuse councelor advanced, **DART Cherry**

Joseph Dematty, lieutenant, Craven CI James Dixon, lieutenant, Warren CI Rhonda Drumgo, sergeant, Warren CI

Earl Dunston, extension education & training specialist III, **DOP Education Services**

Brian Eason, sergeant, Pasquotank CI James Ellison, sergeant, Polk CI Michael Filighera, unit manager, Tabor CI **Dalva Fleming,** programs supervisor, Eastern CI Teresa Freeman, processing assistant IV, DCC District 18

Rebecca Fulcher, probation/parole officer II,

Odessa Gatewood, assistant DCC district manager II, DCC District 10

Paula Grady, case analyst, Craven CI Michael Grasty, lieutenant, Craggy CI Wendy Gardy, lieutenant, Nash CI Larry Gobbs, training instructor II, OSDT Carolyn Golmes, nurse supervisor, Eastern CI **Denise Gooker,** personnel assistant V, Human Resources Regina Van Gorder, office assistant IV, DCC District 4 Anthony Gumphrey, lieutenant, New Hanover CC Cecil Herring, inmate disciplinary hearing officer,

Prison Management Neil Jarrett, judicial unit supervisor, DCC District 28 Michael Jenkins, lead officer, Caldwell CC Melton Johnson, captain, Caledonia CI

Stephen Johnson, maintenance mechanic V, Caledonia CI Donald Jones, DCC assistant district manager II, DCC District 10

Samuel Jones, sergeant, Maury CI Fonda Jones-Ellison, food service officer, Scotland CI Alonzo Joyner, food service officer, Warren CI

Elaine Jovner, food service manager I, Raleigh CCW Patricia Kelley, sergeant, Maury CI Brian Kirby, sergeant, Eastern CI Sylvester Kitchen, sergeant, NC CIW Carla Knox, sergeant, NC CIW

Jonathan Lanehart, sergeant, Tabor CI Tammy Lee, training specialist II, Pasquotank CI Timothy Lemarier, HVAC mechanic, Central Prison Gregory Lewis, lead worker IV, Combined Records Sarah Lindquist, professional nurse, Foothills CI

James Lomax, staff development specialist II, DOP Piedment Region Office

Cindy Lowery, processing assistant IV, NC CIW Tammy McGee, food service officer, Fountain CCW

Latasha McLean, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 11 Michael Meadows, food service officer, Pasquotank CI Joseph Miller, sergeant, Alexander CI

Anthony Mincey, sergeant, Nash CI Daryl Mitchell, sergeant, Caledonia CI Valerie Mitchell, processing assistant IV, Purchasing Wesley Morris, food service officer, Nash CI

Diane Murray, diagnostic center director, NC CIW Willie Murray, sergeant, Duplin CI

Glenn Oakes, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 23

January 2010 retirements

Colvin Debrew, correctional officer, Caledonia CI, 30y1m Gloria Lockhart, case analyst, NC CIW, 23y2m Judy Sills, internal systems consultant II, Combined Records, 37v1m

February 2010 retirements

Patricia Adcock, personnel technician I, Human Resources, 30y

Betty Bauer, division assistant administrator, DCC Division 3, 30y3m

Vollie Bieler, correctional officer, Craggy CI, 6y9m Joseph Braxton, sergeant, Eastern CI, 27y1m Carraway Raye, probation/parole Officer I, DCC District 2, 26y **Joseph Carswell,** sergeant, Foothills CI, 13y5m Albert Clark, correctional officer, Caledonia CI, 20y1m **Eugene Clary,** correctional officer, Warrenton CI, 28y3m Linda Clontz, judicial services coordinator, DCC District 28,

Joseph Copple, correctional officer, Albemarle CI, 5y10m Barbara Davis, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 10,

Jimmy Evans, captain, Tabor CI, 28y5m William Fredell, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 5y Reid Garrison, HVAC mechanic, Scotland CI, 19y6m Blass Gatling, correctional officer, Odom CI, 30y5m

Phillip Padgett, sergeant, Foothills CI Cheryl Perkins, information processing technician, DCC Security

Michael Piercy, sergeant, Foothills CI Deshaunn Pollock, chief probation and parole officer, DCC District 18

Johnny Presnell, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Marion CI

Christopher Prichett, sergeant, Catawba CC David Queen, sergeant, Mountain View CI Gwendolyn Ramsey, food service officer, Polk CI Chandra Ransom, unit manager, Scotland CI Elton Rogers, lieutenant, Franklin CC Isaac Rogers, programs supervisor, Caswell CC Donald Rose, lieutenant, Western YI Ronald Roush, captain, Lumberton CI Richard Ruiz, parole case analyst, Parole Commission Marlin Salazar, Correction Enterprise supervisor III, Apex Warehouse

Nathan Shoemake, sergeant, Alexander CI **Connie Smith,** office assistant v, ACDP Black Mountain **Dennis Smith**, HVAC mechanic, Marion CI **Hugh Smith**, food service officer, Polk CI Kristie Stanback, assistant superintendent -

custody / operations III, Scotland CI

Ella Stanley, substance abuse counselor, ACDP DART Cherry **Lindsay Stover,** administrative secretary III, Central Prison **Jesse Swartz,** training instructor II, OSDT Tobias Turley, sergeant, Pasquotank CI Joseph Valliere, captain, Piedmont CI Donna Walker, accounting technician, Caswell CI James Watson, programs director I, Durham CI Carolyn White, sergeant, Craven CI Mary White, programs supervisor, Dan River PWF Kelli Whitley, psychological services coordator, Maury CI Derek Williams, correctional programs director I, Rowan CI Kimberly Williams, DCC assistant district manager I, DCC District 7

Lavar Williams, food service officer, Nash CI Kelvin Windley, sergeant, Craven CI Jonathan Zimmerman, HVAC mechanic, Western Region Mary Hamilton, correctional officer, Alexander CI, 6y Teresa Harris, housekeeper, DOP Health Services, 30y1m **Della Jones Murphy,** licensed practical nurse, Scotland CI, 6y1m Harry Lindley, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 14, 25y Gary Maney, judicial services coordinator, DCC District 28,

Keith McRoberts, electrician II, Albemarle CI, 5y Danna Metz, nurse director, Central Prison, 18y7m Kenneth Phillips, extension education & training specialist III, DOP Educational Services, 5y3m

Ashley Price, correctional officer, Johnston CI, 19y5m **Timothy Raynor,** correctional officer, Johnston CI, 27y1m Willie Rhodes, correctional officer, Duplin CI, 12y8m **Fred Smith,** technology support technician, Foothills CI, 8y11m Charlie Taylor, correctional officer, Cararrus CC, 28v Ricky Wall, correctional officer, Central Prison, 25y6m **Jerry Wester,** probation/parole intensive case officer, DCC Distdrict 9, 22y

Noah Wiseman, correctional officer, Charlotte CC, 28y1m **George White,** correctional officer, Neuse CI, 8y6m **Stanley Yuan,** physician - A-III, DOP Health Services, 10y2m

March 2010 retirements

Larry Allen, lieutenant, Avery-Mitchell CI, 19y6m James Ball, maintenance mechanic IV, Avery-Mitchell CI, 28y2m Jackie Bass, maintenance mechanic IV, Harnett CI, 12y11m Robert Baxter, correctional officer, Scotland CI, 6y11m Stanley Beam, facility maintenance supervisor II, DOP Western Region Maintenance, 5y1m

Harvey Bone, correctional officer, Carteret CC, 7y Howard Boudreau, food service officer, DOP Food Services, 22y7m

Rebecca Broadway, correctional officer, Piedmont CI, 11y11m Howard Clark, case manager, Fountain CCW, 12y Delbert Cline, facility maintenance supervisor IV, DOP Western Region Maintenance 4, 5y

Jerry Cosby, correctional officer, Marion CI, 11y1m Jackson Cox, programs director I, Caldwell CC, 25y6m William Ellis, programs director, Rowan CC, 28y Brenda Farley, nurse consultant, Central Prison, 12y6m Reginald Goffington, correctional officer, Odom CI, 30y Linda Haynes, Correction Enterprise supervisor II, Marion Sewing Plant, 9y5m

Lynn Henry, assistant superintendent - custody / operations III, Warren CI, 30y

Mary Hoskins, sergeant, Albemarle CI, 23y4m Earnest Howard, correctional officer, Odom CI, 15y10m Katie Johnson, correctional officer, Albemarle CI, 8y10m Billy Joyner, maintenance mechanic V, ACDP Maintenance, 29y9m

Johnny King, food service manager III, Neuse CI, 21y5m **Kyu Lee,** physician-A III, Hoke CI, 26y Larry Peavy, lieutenant, Hoke CI, 21y7m James Pierce, administrator II, DOP Piedmont Region, 34y **Dennis Robinson,** surveillance officer, DCC District 19A, 23y5m **Clyde Scott,** food service officer, Greene CI, 16v5m Blaine Shelton, correctional officer, Haywood CC, 10y5m Horace Shirley, correctional officer, Greene CI, 16y6m Hilda Spivey, training coordinator II, OSDT, 22y9m Raymond Sutton, sergeant, Haywood CC, 21y6m **Jerry Sweatt,** correctional officer, Piedmont CI, 21y6m **Delores Swing,** processing assistant IV, DCC District 18A, 34y Marilyn Taylor, correctional officer, New Hanover CC, 18y1m Glen Wall, maintenance mechanic IV,

Warren Janitorial Products Plant, 20y6m **Everett Williams,** correctional officer, Western YI, 19y1m Malcom Williams, lieutenant, Warren CI, 31y1m Joanna Worley, nurse supervisor, Craggy CI, 21y

Justice, from first page

court officials. Perspectives and recommendations from groups directly and indirectly involved in the criminal justice system -- including judges, district attorneys, public defenders, law enforcement officials, advocates for crime victims and survivors and community treatment providers --will also be solicited.

In 10 other states, the Council of State Governments Justice Center has partnered with Pew and Bureau of Justice Assistance to help policymakers analyze data and develop legislative packages that have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in savings that have then been reinvested in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidi-

Adam Gelb, director of Pew's Public Safety Performance Project spoke highly of North Carolina pioneer leadership in correc-

"Fifteen years ago, North Carolina put in place a model system that increased prison terms for violent and career criminals and established a partnership with counties to supervise low-risk offenders in the community," he said. "Now there is a strong commitment from top state officials to build on that national leadership."

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Sorrell Saunders, 2nd from left, superintendent at the time, helps Lt. Charles Patterson supervise the loading of the last inmates to be transferred from the now-closed McCain Correctional Hospital. Staff such as Lead Officer Ray Taylor, right, of Hoke Correctional Institution had to ensure inmate records were complete and properly handled in the transfer.

Prisons closed. from first page

- ▶ Gates Correctional Center, Oct. 1, 2009.
- ▶ Union Correctional Center, Oct. 1, 2009.
- Umstead Correctional Center, Nov. 1, 2009.
- ▶ Cleveland Correctional Center, Dec. 1, 2009. ▶ McCain Correctional Hospital, April 1, 2010.

Two other prisons merged into larger neighboring prisons effective Dec. 1, 2009. Anson Correctional Center became a minimum-security unit of Brown Creek Correctional Institution and Rowan Correctional Center simi-

larly became a part of Piedmont Correctional Institution.

Hoke, Odom and Lincoln correctional institutions converted from medium to minimum-custody, resulting in staff reductions. Additional inmates were housed at Warren, Nash, Pamlico and Craven correctional institutions, resulting in additional staff at those facilities.

Division presents volunteer award posthumously to Winston-Salem man

RALEIGH | The Division of Prisons has honored the late Gary Sprinkle of Winston-Salem as its top volunteer in the state for his 13 years of service to inmates at Forsyth Correctional Center.

The honor was presented in April during a ceremony, where the division cited Sprinkle and 19 other volunteers from across the state for their contributions.

Sprinkle, who died in February, led a Bible study for inmates and coordinated their graduation ceremonies. He also coordinated the inmates' choir.

He sponsored the Community Volunteer program, chaired the Community Resource Council and ensured the provision of the equipment needed for employee events and picnics and for the inaugural ceremony of the



Accepting the award on behalf of Sprinkle's family is Sarah Cobb (2nd from right), Forsyth Correctional Center program coordinator. Secretary Alvin Keller made the presentation. Also on hand were, from left, **Dan Lilly**, assistant Division of Prisons director for program services; Division of Prisons Director Bob Lewis; David Boswell, Forsyth CC assistant superintendent; and acting Piedmont Region Director Charles Stevens.

New Leash on Life dog training program. Sprinkle continued his volunteer service through an illness until just before his death.

Officer foils tragedy at church function

LOUISBURG | A Nash Correctional Institution officer and his brother were haled as heroes after they stopped a threatening, armed man from entering a church near Louisburg.

Michael White and his brother Steven were at the church, helping feed needy resident, when their cousin, James White, was asked to leave the after he began acting inappropriately. An estimated 30 people were in the church when James White returned with a rifle a short time later.

James White uttered a threat, and Michael saw him start to raise the rifle into firing position. Michael grabbed the rifle barrell and started to wrestle with lames.

"I didn't think. (There was) not much time to think," he told the Franklin Times of Louisburg. "I knew that, once he got the gun into a full crest, he would be in total control."

Steven White joined the fray. The weapon fired once, but no one was hit. Law enforcement officers said the rifle had 12 rounds of ammuni-

Brothers Michael and Steven were able to wrest the rifle from James' hands.

Church members said Michael and Steven were heroic.

James White was charged and taken to Central Prison as a safekeeper. Michael White said he hopes his cousin will get the help he needs.



Division of Prisons canine officers gathered in March to attend a training session near Raleigh. New dogs have been purchased by DOP to begin replacing aging dogs first purchased in 2001. The replacement process will be a gradual transition to retire most of the division's 16 narcotic detection dogs. Shown left to right are: Tommy Callahan and Silvie, Pat Baggett and Jedi, Jason Holliday and Molly, Gene Tunstall and Ice, Waddell Dockery and Cobra, Steve Biggerstaff and Tosca, Dale Robertson and Leika, Michael

Jones and Dolf, and Kirk Penley and Draco. Not pictured are Ricky Allen and Max and Randy Garrett and Lady. The division developed the Canine Drug Interdiction Program to help address the problem of drugs in prisons. The canine teams have been used to conduct staff and visitor interdictions as well as facility searches. These interdictions can take place at anytime and are designed to deter and prevent illegal drugs and contraband from entering into our prisons.



Chilly dipping

The challenge of jumping into a frigid lake in February would have a chilling effect of most people. But it wasn't enough to deter more than 2 dozen people from plunging into Lake Raleigh in the N.C. State Polar Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics North Carolina. Left, with participants encouraged to wear a costume, two plungers from the Division of Prisons congratulate each other. From the Security Office, they are Scott 'Santa' Peele, chief, and Wayne Talbert, assistant chief. (The photo was taken by Chuck Liddy of The News & Observer. which granted permission for its use in Correction News.)

Officers help vehicle wreck victims

NASH COUNTY | Four officers from the Tillery and Caledonia correctional facilities have been commended for their actions upon witnessing a one-car accident.

In early April, William Sayers of Tillery and Tarry Rudd, Reginald Clements and Hidlegarde Bobbitt of Caledonia were returning to their prisons when they witnessed the accident on highway US 64 East in Nash County.

They drove to the scene to assess whether anyone needed assistance, and found two injured passengers in the car. Immediately, Sayers made a

911 call, Rudd began to direct traffic, and Bobbit obtained the first aid kit from the officers' car.

Sayers and Clement assisted the passengers, while Rudd and Bobbitt tended traffic.

They remained at the scene until emergency medical technicians and law enforcement arrived. They also provided law enforcement officers an account of what they had seen when the accident occurred.

A Nash County sheriff's lieutenant called the facilities' superintendents and commended the officers for the actions.

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Recent 'Peak' graduating classes

Above, from left, back row, James Whitaker, food service manager, Warren Correctional Institution; Tonshea Tillery, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 14: Cheryl Coldsmith, nursing supervisor II, Warren CI: Areti Dimoulas, chief probation/parole officer, District 14: Nicola Blue, chief probation/ parole officer, DCC District 10; Katy Poole, assistant superintendent - operations, Morrison CI; Dawn **Dve.** chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 10: **Jackie Beal**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 11; and India Winborne, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 5. Middle row, Starr **Taybron**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 10; **Mike Rakouskas**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 10; Chad Owens, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 7; Glenda Grady, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 4: **Sharon Graham**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 10. Front row, Sean Dillard, unit manager, Pasquotank CI; Daniel Everett, captain, Pamlico CI; Percy Moore, chief probation/parole officer, District 16; and **Robert Trask**, assistant superintendent programs, Morrison Cl.

Below, from left, Karey Treadway, chief probation/parole officer, District 29; Mark Matthews, chief probation/parole officer, District 23: **Pam Perry**, chief probation/parole officer, District 26: **Preston** Townsend, unit manager, Alexander Cl; Joey Tillley, chief probation/parole officer, District 17; Steve Stiles, chief probation/parole officer, District 30; Rhonda Walton, chief probation/parole officer, District 26: **Darius Deese**, chief probation/parole officer, District 26: and **Brian Battle**, chief probation/parole officer, District 26. Front row, **Danny Payne**, chief probation/parole officer, District 19A: **Sylvia Warren** chief probation/parole officer. District 19A: **Leona Owen**, assistant superintendent - programs. Caswell CC: Bridgette Johnson, chief probation/parole officer, District 26; Ernest Brown, unit manager, Alexander CI: James Barker, chief probation/parole officer, District 28: Wheeler Buckingham, chief probation/ parole officer, District 20: **Titus Johnson**, chief probation/parole officer, District 24: and **Paige Nance**, chief probation/parole officer, District 25.



APEX | OSDT, in keeping with its motto of "Developing Tomorrow's Leaders Today," recently graduate 36 employees from a new supervisory training program called "A New Generation of Supervisors: Enhancing Skills for Peak Performance."

"Peak Performance" has been designed to enhance communication skills, improve problem-solving proficiency and provide supervisors with a solid foundation for achieving peak performance in dealing with people.

It is an adult-learning course that requires workgroup dynamics, participant interaction and individualized reading/writing assignments. Classroom involvement is committed to open discussion and forums focusing on instructor and participant knowledge, experience and expertise.

All of the graduates were excited to be given the tools needed to assist them with supervising employees. Many stated that they learned as much about themselves as they did supervision skills.

OSDT has two classes scheduled this summer, and participants must meet these criteria:

- ▶ DOC supervisors in pay grades 67-75.
- Up to two years in current position.

More than two years in current status will require a special request by manager and OSDT approval.

OSDT also continues to offer a first line supervision program, "Correctional Supervisory Training" (CST). This program is also interactive, requires participant interaction and includes open discussion forums. A CST class is scheduled in May. The criteria for participation in CST are:

- ▶ DOC supervisors in pay grades up to 66.
- Up to two years in current position.

More than two years in current status will require a request by manager and OSDT approval.

For more information, employees should contact their work location training coordinators or Monica Shabo, OSDT Career Development Section, smw02@doc.state.nc.us.



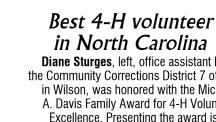
Canadians look southward for answers

A Canadian group met with N.C. Department of Correction leaders recently in a search for ideas of how to make an Ontario prison safer and more effective. The Citizen Advisory Committee for Kingston Penitentiary gathered in March with leaders from both Lumberton and Scotland correctional institutions. Meeting at Lumberton CI, they sought ways to improve the quality of the Canadian federal correctional process. Visitors Sharon and Grant Mitchell, 5th and 6th from left, met with Scotland Cl official, from left, Beverly McEachin, programs supervisor; Gladys Casses, case manager; and Daniel Barnes, programs supervisor; and Lumberton Cl's Tywana Locklear, 4th from left, case manager, and Capt. Lecosus McRae, far right



Inspirational leaders

Upper photo left, Former Washington Redskins coach and NASCAR team owner Joe Gibbs, left, visited Wake Correctional Center in March, taking his his inspirational "Game Plan for Life" message to inmates. Gibbs' motivational and spiritual talk to inmates was based on his book titled "Game Plan for Life." Greeting him at the prison was Superintendent James Langston, right, now retired. Lower photo, Langston listens at a retirement reception, where he was presented the state's "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" by DOP Region Director George Currie. right, in honor of Lancaster's



Diane Sturges. left. office assistant IV in the Community Corrections District 7 office in Wilson, was honored with the Michael A. Davis Family Award for 4-H Volunteer Excellence. Presenting the award is Dr. Marshall Stewart, state 4-H leader. As the recipient of the award, Sturges is North Carolina's nominee for the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award. A long-time Halifax



County volunteer, has been active on the county, district, state, regional and national levels. Over the years, she has dedicated countless hours to helping 4-H'ers "make the best better" and recruiting and training volunteers. She was previously inducted into the Achievement Hall in 4-H Leadership and is an Emerald Master Volunteer ACE.



Prison leaders's long service honored

Harold E. Webster, right, assistant superintendent for programs II, Johnston Correctional Institution. was presented the Richard Caswell Award in April. The award is for state employees

with 45 or more years of service. Webster has more than 48. He received an engraved jug and a certificate signed by Gov. Bev Perdue. With Webster is Kelton Hinton, associational missionary of the Johnston Baptist Association, representing the Southern Baptist Churches in Johnston County. The presentation was made at the 14th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation

Employee deaths

January 2010

Edward Pounds, correctional officer, Neuse CI, 3y Malikka Smith, correctional officer, Pasquotank CI, 5y6m February 2010

Roger Byrd, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 15, 18y4m March 2010

Tammy Owens, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 12,

Kathy Zimmer, professional nurse, Craven CI, 3y5m

Observance honors crime victims, their families

The week of April 18–24 was dedicated as Crime Victims Rights Week across the nation. Each year, the third week in April is dedicated to this important cause to honor victims of crime and their families.

Carmen Mathieu is Victim Notification Program manager in the Division of Community Corrections. The Department of Correction's Office of Victim Services and the Victim Notification Program in DCC are members of the Inter-Agency Council that organizes the Crime Victims Right Week Ceremony in Raleigh. Mathieu chairs the Inter-Agency Council and was responsible for planning this year's event.

"In 1999, government victim service agencies and non-profit victim services programs were joined together by the NC Attorney General's Office to form the Victim Services Inter-Agency Council of North Carolina," Mathieu said. "We began to organize our efforts with one

goal, to best serve and educate the citizens of North Carolina on issues involving crime victims.'

This year's theme is "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect."

"While great strides have been made in victim rights, we must continue to make progress," Mathieu said.

At Raleigh's CVRW ceremony this year, keynote speakers were Debbie Smith, a rape survivor, and her husband Rob Smith. Ms. Smith's advocacy for herself and other sexual assault victims has led to improved investigations and services for victims of sexual assault. The Debbie Smith Act was made part of the Justice for All Act of 2004 and was passed into law in 2004. Ms. Smith remains dedicated to her work and tirelessly travels across the country to improve victim services.

Victims of crime were recognized by a video presentation followed by a flower ceremony. A reception honored those attending.