

# Correction News

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Front row, Sgt. Ray Price and COs Charlie Stegall, Ronald Monroe, James Mock, Fulton Parham and James Coney. Back row, COs Cynthia Thomas and David Johnston; Lt. Larry Dunston; and COs Kelly Howell, Timothy Ingle and Charles Underwood.

## Drama in correctional officers' stories

Gun shots, house fires, automobile wrecks. They, along with inspiration and bravery, were all in the dramatic mix of stories behind the naming of the 2007 Correctional Officers of the Year.

The events were revealed during a May 9 ceremony, where 12 people were applauded and rewarded for their efforts. The event was presented at the Office of Staff Development and Training in Apex.

Those honored and their assigned correctional facility were: Correctional Officer (CO) **James Coney**, Lumberton; Lt. **Larry Dunston**, Franklin; CO **Kelly Howell**, Pasquotank; CO **David Johnston**, Central; CO **James Mock**, Davidson; CO **Ronald Monroe**, McCain; CO **Fulton Parham**, Lanesboro; Sgt.

**Ray Price**, Maury; CO **Charlie Stegall**, Piedmont; CO **Cynthia Thomas**, Mountain View; and **Timothy Ingle** and **Charles Underwood**, both correctional officers at Craggy.

Speaking at the ceremony, Secretary **Theodis Beck** noted that the week of May 6-12 was both State Employees Appreciation Week in North Carolina and the American Correctional Association's annual Correctional Officers Week nationwide.

"I think it's especially fitting that those two observances coincide this year," he said.

Beck also expressed appreciation to the families for their support of the officers work.

"The officers we are honoring today serve as role models for

other officers, ambassadors for their facilities and the Department of Correction and outstanding public servants to our state," he said. "Each officer plays a critical role in preserving public safety, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude."

In addition to the public recognition given in front of family, co-workers and Department of Correction leadership at the ceremony, the honored officers also received a personal certificate and a live plant provided by the Johnston Correctional Institution horticultural program.

Others who spoke at the ceremony were deputy secretaries **Bill Stovall** and **Tracy Little** and Director of Prisons **Boyd Bennett**.

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A litter crew supervisor, 4th from left, keeps watch while the roadside gets cleaned during the 2007 "sweep."

## DOC gives '1,000s' to 'Sweep'

The Department of Correction's contribution to Spring Litter Sweep 2007 can be measured by the thousands: thousands of staff hours along thousands of miles of highway and thousands of bags of litter.

According to **Boyd Bennett**, Division of Prisons director, 20,535 hours of staff time were committed to this year's effort. The result was inmates collecting nearly 88,000 bags of litter from more than 6,300

miles of highway statewide during the two-week sweep.

"The results of Spring Litter Sweep 2007 are yet another example of the excellent cooperation and dedication we continually see exhibited by our employees when faced with important challenges," Bennett said. "The comments that have been received both by this agency and by Department of Transportation clear-

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# Spotlight

## McCain Correctional Hospital

McCain Correctional Hospital is centered between Raeford and Aberdeen in Hoke County. It is the only minimum custody prison hospital for adult males.

The facility houses 411 inmates, and employs 282 staff, 165 of which are medical. McCain's medical staff has a physician director, three full-time physicians, two physician assistants, a director of nursing, a pharmacy services manager and a large array of support staff.

McCain was originally opened as North Carolina's tuberculosis (TB) sanatorium in 1908. The current structure was developed between 1920 and 1950. McCain was deeded over to the Department of Correction in 1983 and renamed McCain Correctional Hospital. Staff are preparing to commemorate McCain's 100th year of service to the state in 2008.

**J.C. Huggins** is the superintendent. His management team is **Harry Davis**, assistant superintendent-custody and operations; **Jeanette Chavis**, assistant superintendent-programs; **Melanie Wood**, administrative officer; and **William Grant**, hospital services administrator.

The facility consists of inpatient/outpatient care facilities; hospice and acute care; chronically ill, disabled and geriatric patient care; and regular population inmate workers. The hospital is accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

McCain is unique in its operation because it contains the only clinical laboratory in DOC. The lab is accredited by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation. Its blood bank is accredited by the Food and Drug Administration.

McCain's pharmacy is one of only two in the Division of Prisons, and is the only pharmacy located inside the confines of a prison facility. The pharmacy provides



Left, Superintendent **J.C. Huggins**, and **Teresa Tew**, office assistant. Below, the Institutional Management Team (IMT): **Melanie Wood**, administrative officer II; **Harry Davis**, assistant superintendent custody/operations; **William Grant**, health treatment administrator; and **Patsy Chavis**, assistant superintendent programs.



direct services to McCain, Hoke Correctional Institution and Evergreen Substance Abuse Facility.

As needed, services are provided for Lumberton, Scotland and Morrison correctional institutions. The average monthly medication allocation is as much as \$280,000.

The hospital's medical staff provides hubbing services to the inmate population at Hoke CI. Inmates are transported to McCain from 28 other prisons to attend clinics or receive X-ray, respiratory or emergency triage services. In addition, inmates receive services from an on-site dialysis unit.

### PAWS

McCain also operates a Puppies Assisting With Sight Program (PAWS), where inmates train puppies in basic commands, obedience and socialization skills to be used to assist sight-impaired individuals. Sandhills Community College is developing a dog obedience program for the inmates who work with PAWS.

Rehabilitation and treatment programs at McCain include horticulture, crafts, ceramics, Thinking for a Change, Napoleon Hill, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Character Education and DART Aftercare. Education endeavors in conjunction with Sandhills Community College include General Education Degree (GED) and Adult Basic Education (ABE).

McCain has one Community Work Program crew and one Department of Transportation road squad.



Right, medical staff: from left, **Dr. Iqbal Khan**, medical director; **Carmen Smith**, physician assistant; **Dr. Lisa Gholston-Cox**; and **Dr. Kyu Lee**. Below, in mental health, **James Rockwell**, clinical social worker; **Michael Trangaris**, psychologist; and **Deborah Keith**, clinical social worker.



# Spotlight



In the pharmacy, above, **Susan Stroder**, pharmacy services manager; **Larry Snider**, contractual pharmacist; and **William Perry**, pharmacist.

Below, front, **Cora Pettine**, technician; 2<sup>nd</sup> row, technicians **Lori Willis** and **Mary Williams**; 3<sup>rd</sup> row, technician **Kathy Kurasz**; 4<sup>th</sup> row, **James Wilson**, technician supervisor.



From nursing, above left, **Carol Robertson**, supervisor; clinicians **Linda Griffin** and **Cynthia Frederick**; and **Rose Clair**, director. Above right, **Jessica Clewis**, staff nurse, specialty clinic; and **Jan McLaurin**, lead nurse, emergency triage.



**Delta Adams**, dental assistant.



Above, **Emma Pope**, lead nurse; **Eric Shamberg**, travel nurse (contractual); and **Nimpha Watts**, contractual medical records assistant. Right, licensed practical nurses **Sharon Clark**, **Cheryl Hunter** and **Patricia Whisenan**.



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In the lab, technicians **Regina Clark**, **Gwen Booker**, **Angela Jarvis** (contractual) and **Teresa Williams** (contractual).



Above left, in X-ray, **Sharon Moore**, technician III, and **Pam Phillips**, technician II. Above right, in respiratory services, **Tammy Bell**, therapist I, and **Andrea Smith**, therapist II. Right, **Wanda Evans**, office assistant, medical; **Carol Goins**, correctional health assistant, Central Supply; and **Algene Johnson**, office assistant, nursing.



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Front row, Capt. **Jeanette Robinson** and first shift sergeants **Eva McCray** and **Helen Cain**. Back row, **Danny Cook**, lieutenant, first shift; and **Ronald Brigman**, sergeant, special operations.

## Spotlight



Above, front row, **William Packett**, case manager; **Linda George**, office assistant, programs; and **Mary Jones**, programs. Back, **Charles Bryant**, programs supervisor, and **Thomas Lewin**, case manager. At left, in health information management, **Marsha Broadway**, processing assistant, and **Roberta Horton**, medical records assistant.

Below, in administration, Sgt. **Wanda Dew**; **Jerry McCaskill**, training co-ordinator; and **Towanda Jackson**, personnel assistant.



In food service, **Velton Bennett**, manager III; **Brenda McGilvary**, manager I; and **Kenneth Brayboy**, officer I.



Above left, correctional officers **Beulah McMannus**, **John Jackson**, **Julio Benitez** (paint crew supervisor) and **Michelle Jones** (special operations). Above right, correctional officers **Pamela Ludwig** and **William Blue**, both in administration.



At right, in accounting, front, **Gladye Dockery**, processing assistant. Back, accounting clerks **Mae Matthews**, **Rebecca English** and **Kimberly Henderson**.



Above left, **Teresa Harris**, housekeeper, and **William Ross**, housekeeping supervisor. Above right, in rehabilitation services, **Laticiana Everette**, therapy assistant; **Roxy Parham**, therapy coordinator; **Debra Gonzaga**, therapy assistant; and **Jenny Freeman**, contractual horticulture instructor.



At right, **Ann Oxendine**, processing assistant, personnel; and **Warnetta McLeod**, processing assistant, administration.





## Moore County probation manager named

CARTHAM | Twenty-eight-year corrections veteran **Randy Hussey** has been named to manage probation and parole operations in the newly created Judicial District 19D, which covers Moore County.

In his new position, Hussey is responsible for a staff of 25 probation/parole officers and support personnel who collectively supervise approximately 1,300 criminal offenders on probation and parole.

Hussey began his corrections career in 1979 as a correctional officer at Cameron Morrison Youth Center. A year later, he moved to his first probation job in Moore County and has worked there ever since. In 1986, he became an intensive probation officer and was promoted to chief probation/parole officer in 1991.

Hussey is a native of Robbins and a graduate of North Moore High School. He attended Appalachian State University, where he earned a degree in criminal justice. He has also completed the state's Certified Public Manager program and is currently a member of the Department of Correction leadership development program.

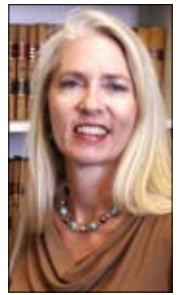
Moore County was previously part of Judicial District 19B, which also included Randolph and Montgomery counties. The Division of Community Corrections realigned its district structure to follow changes made in the judicial districts established by the state's court system.



Randy Hussey

## Barbara Orr new manager in District 20A

ROCKINGHAM | **Barbara Orr** is the new manager for the Division of Community Corrections District 20A, which covers Anson, Richmond and Stanly counties. She succeeds the retired Craig Ratliff.



Barbara Orr

Orr oversees 42 probation/parole officers and staff members, who coordinate and manage the probationary supervision of approximately 2,200 offenders. She was previously the chief probation/parole officer in Richmond County.

The UNC-Pembroke graduate, who earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and concentrated in criminal justice, worked for two years as a youth counselor in a community action program before beginning her career with the N.C. Department of Correction.

In 1979, she began working in PRAC (Pre-Release/After-Care) in Anson, Montgomery, More and Richmond counties. Orr was named a probation/parole officer II in Richmond County in 1998, and two years later became the chief probation/parole officer.



Superintendent **J.C. Huggins** presents the volunteer recognition award to William Clemons, left, of Pinehurst for his work with the Puppies Assisting With Sight (P.A.W.S.) program.

## McCain staff thanks community volunteers

"...[W]inter, spring, summer, fall – no matter what the season, volunteers are committed people to a cause and a reason." These words from Patsy L. Chavis, assistant superintendent for programs, summarized the genuine atmosphere celebrated during the 23rd annual volunteer banquet at McCain Correctional Hospital.

The theme "Volunteers Have the Magic Touch" was emphasized with words of hope and promise from retired Correctional Administrator Jay Clark. His words concluded with a celebrative song of faith that resonated a refreshed motivation to move forward and share the positive realities of reconciliation within our communities.

A barbecue dinner was served, door prizes were given and music was provided by inmates.

The highlight of the banquet was recognition of the unique P.A.W.S. (Puppies Assisting With Sight) program sponsored by Southeastern Guide Dog Inc. Florida during the previous five years.

William Clemons of Pinehurst was recognized for his tireless efforts and consistent leadership as a volunteer for the P.A.W.S. program. He has advocated this program across North Carolina resulting in stabilizing the work of P.A.W.S. into the future. His efforts have developed a cooperative "dog obedience" program with Sandhills Community College and provided additional volunteers to enhance this inclusive opportunity promoting "transitional" vision through reconciliation in this community.

It was noted that volunteers at McCain Correctional Hospital are truly appreciated by the staff and inmates, and that their services are priceless and well deserving of an annual volunteer recognition dinner.



## Southern Pines appreciates CWP

The Town of Southern Pines Recreation and Parks Department recently cited Morrison Correctional Institution for the contributions of its Community Work Program (CWP) to the town and to Moore County. Weekly, the Morrison CWP dispatches four crews -- an officer and at least eight minimum custody inmates -- to do work for government agencies. In recognition of the work, Gregg Davis, left, Southern Pines buildings and grounds superintendent, presents a plaque to **Allen Wooster**, Morrison special operations sergeant.



## Outstanding Executive Manager

**Victoria Justice**, superintendent at Black Mountain Correctional Center for Women, was recently honored for her work in public service. At a May 15 awards ceremony, Justice was named an Outstanding Executive Manager by the Asheville-Buncombe Excellence in Public Service program. The award honors senior level executives and other upper level managers who have exhibited significant leadership qualities in their organizations.

# Why they are Officers of the Year



**James Coney**  
correctional officer  
**Lumberton**

Driving to work at Lumberton Correctional Institution in the pre-dawn hour in November, Coney became the first person to spot and help a motorist in dangerous trouble.

After seeing the vehicle partially submerged in a rain-swollen ditch along Starlite Drive at 5:15 a.m., Coney immediately hopped to action, literally jumping across the water-filled ravine to reach the part-sunken SUV. He soon realized the driver was fellow employee *Christine Johnson*, a medical technician, who had sustained minor injuries and was grateful to Coney for "his act of kindness and heroic effort."

*Ron Surles*, Lumberton Correctional assistant superintendent, nominated Coney for the Officer of the Year honor.

"Officer Coney's accomplishments and services as a correctional officer are as noteworthy as his act of heroism," Surles wrote. "His high level of productivity and exceptional work significantly impacts the overall operation of Lumberton Correctional Institution."

**Larry Dunston**  
lieutenant  
**Franklin**

Dunston's demeanor, dedication and attitude make Franklin Correctional Center a better place for both staff and inmates, according to Superintendent *Selma Townes*.

With a positive attitude, Dunston is a demonstrated leader who is adept at dealing with staff members, inmates and the public; skilled in personnel management with inexperienced officers and staff shortages; and models team behavior by filling in for co-workers who are absent for various reasons. In addition to his professional approach to his duties, Dunston is Franklin's internal affairs officer and gang activity investigator.

"He contributes to this facility's overall operation with his positive attitude, dedication and the promotion of professionalism among staff and a caring attitude for both staff and inmates," Townes said. "Because of his efforts, Franklin Correctional is a better environment in which to work and a safer environment for all parties concerned."



**Kelly Howell** correctional officer **Pasquotank**

Howell demonstrated her compassion for a co-worker, helping *Brenda Hill* endure the immediate aftermath of a potentially fatal head-on car collision.

Howell was following Sgt. Hill on the way to work in the pre-dawn hour of March 18, when an oncoming vehicle veered into their lane on NC158. With swamps on both sides of the road, Hill had no safe way to avoid the collision that severely damaged her car, which was left perilously close to falling into the water.

In addition to calling 911, Howell

comforted Hill, who had sustained major hip and leg injuries, and assisted emergency technicians in removing Hill from the wreckage. Howell herself had earned Basic Emergency Technician certification through college studies.

"Thanks to the courageous, unselfish and quick thinking of Officer Howell, Sgt. Hill's safety was secured and her life possibly saved," said *Ernest Sutton*, administrator at Pasquotank Correctional Institution.

Sutton said he "highly recommended Officer Howell for the award for the heroism she displayed by coming to the aid of her fellow employee."

**Timothy Ingle and Charles Underwood**  
correctional officers **Craggy**

It was fortunate that Ingle and Underwood were waiting for the arrival of an inmate at an Asheville hospital on the night of May 15, 2006. They were able to help police return a fleeing suspect to custody.

The suspect had been taken to the hospital for a medical exam and became uncooperative, forcing the police officers to taser the suspect to remove him from the police car. They sat the 6-foot-6, 350-pound suspect on the ground next to the vehicle, but he jumped up and began to run.

Officer Ingle was in position to pursue



the suspect most quickly and took the lead in the chase. Meanwhile, Underwood secured the police car.

Ingle subdued the battling suspect, holding him until the police officers arrived and helped secure the man.

After giving police a report of the incident, Ingle and Underwood returned to Memorial Mission Hospital's helipad, where they continued to await the arrival of an inmate from Avery/Mitchell Correctional Institution.

**David Johnston** correctional officer **Central**

Scenes like the one starring Johnston last summer are expected on movie and TV screens, but the action, drama and heroism were all too real in the Northampton County courthouse. Johnston was able to interrupt a potentially disastrous outburst that left a fellow officer wounded but dozens of innocent bystanders unscathed.

Johnston and fellow transportation officer *Christopher Hicks* had taken Central Prison inmate Willie Forrest to a court appearance in Northampton County in July. Forrest became disruptive, and Judge Alma Hinton ordered him removed from the courtroom.

On the way out, Forrest assaulted Hicks and was somehow able to rip the holster

and service revolver from the officer's belt and begin firing the weapon. One bullet hit Hicks' left shoulder, but others were deflected upward, because Johnston charged Forrest and was able to redirect the gun's aim by pinning the inmate to a wall and pushing his arms upward.

At that point, a deputy sheriff fatally shot Forrest.

"I strongly feel that the actions displayed by Officer Johnston during this incident resulted in the prevention of death and further injuries to those present at that time," said Lt. *Stephen Waddell*, who nominated Johnston for the award.



## Administration

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**James Mock** *correctional officer Davidson*

Mock made valiant attempts to save the lives of two very young girls last August.

A grease fire led to the deaths of the two girls, ages 3 years and 7 months, whose Thomasville home is near Mock's. The girls were

momentarily alone while their father had sought help with the fire.

Mock, 57, was in his backyard, when he heard an explosion, saw the smoke and ran to the house. Mock was told that two kids were in the house.

A retired Navy firefighter who works at Davidson Correctional Center, Mock decided to go into the house to find the girls. He

went in twice and could hear the children, but the smoke and heat prevented him from being able to locate them.

Mock was ready to go in a third time, but firemen had arrived and stopped him. Mock suffered burns on his hands during the rescue attempts.

"I just wish I could have gotten them out," he said.

He has been a correctional officer since 2004.

"His actions demonstrate outstanding dedication to his fellow citizens in North Carolina overall and in particular to his neighborhood friends and families," said *James Lewis Jr.*, Davidson Correctional Center assistant superintendent.


**Fulton Parham** *food service officer Lanesboro*

When two Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers went down due to gunfire late on the night of March 31, Parham was among the first people to the sides of the mortally wounded policemen.

Parham also helped clear communications and provided comforting assurance to other police officers in the days that followed.

A resident of the apartment complex where the shootings took place, Parham heard the shots. As soon as he saw the two officers down, he ran into the midst of a potentially dangerous crime scene to offer whatever aid he could until medical personnel arrived.

Parham realized he could most quickly contact emergency services by using the

radio in the police officers' patrol car. Taking the keys, he ran to one of the officers' cruisers and provided information that helped police sort out confusion from a flood of 911 calls.

The officers later died from the gun shots to their heads fired in what police believe was an ambush.

Parham worked diligently with the investigators. He also made sure other Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers knew that their fallen comrades did not lay unattended after being shot.

"Officer Parham was quick to respond and assist without regard for his own personal safety," said *Rick Jackson*, Lanesboro Correctional administrator. "His caring nature did bring and continues to bring consolation to all the friends and associates of those members of our criminal justice family whom we tragically lost that evening."

**Ray Price** *sergeant Maury*

Certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was part of Price's correctional officer training. But his first use of it last summer helped save the life of a young boy.

Price was with his family on vacation at a Myrtle Beach, S.C., hotel. He was in the hotel pool when he was alerted that a young boy was face down, motionless in the water. Price pulled the boy from the pool and began attempts to revive him, while directing people to clear the area and to call 911.

A hotel security officer joined Price in administering CPR until emergency technicians took over. The technicians

credited the boy's recovery to the quick, knowledgeable actions taken by Price and the security officer.

Price is a correctional instructor, and has taken most of the courses available to him.

"Sometimes it's hard to rearrange schedules to take classes and to instruct classes, but it was all worth it when you see or go through something like this," he said. "I've been certified in CPR for years, but this is the first time I had to use it, and I knew it when I needed it."


**Charlie Stegall** *correctional officer Piedmont*

Stegall's morning wake-up call on March 17 resulted in a selfless act that saved the life of an elderly neighbor.

Shortly after Stegall awoke just before sunrise, his wife's screams alerted him to a house fire across

the street from their home. He quickly threw on some clothes and ran to the side of the 71-year-old woman's son, who was desperately spraying the mobile home with

a garden hose.

Stegall was able to determine that the woman was still in the house, and he ran to the back for entry. The smoke was too thick for his flashlight, but, taking a deep breath, Stegall crawled in and found the woman unconscious from smoke inhalation in a hallway.

After Stegall pulled her by her arms out of the house, firefighters and rescue personnel arrived and took the woman to a local hospital. She was later transferred to


**Ronald Monroe**

*correctional officer McCain*

An accumulation of dedicated service to the state and community has piled up over the past 35 years for Monroe.

Monroe's marks of

excellent service to the state are reflected in his dependability and leadership at McCain Correctional Hospital. Considered a model employee, he has never received a disciplinary action, is always prompt and properly attired, and is rarely absent due to illness.

"On his shift, it is obvious that he is the senior officer," said Sgt. *Helen Cain*, who nominated Monroe for the award. "Younger officers take their cue daily from observing him and consulting with him for advice on handling situations that develop. He is instrumental in maintaining balance on his shift.

In his community, Monroe is a pioneer organizer of Puppy Creek Volunteer Fire Department, a unit that began with only one engine but now supports the county's modern emergency management system. Over the past 20 years, Monroe and his fellow firefighters have responded to countless fire calls, saving "numerous people, pets, family dwellings and public structures," Cain said.

**Cynthia Thomas**

*correctional officer Mountain View*

A male inmate attempting an escape last fall during physical therapy found Thomas to be a fearless pursuer.

Thomas and fellow Officer *Robert Buchanan* had escorted the Mountain View Correctional Institution inmate to a physical therapy services agency, where they were asked to unshackle the inmate to allow for effective treatment. Unrestrained, the inmate bolted for the exit, but he was held back by Thomas, who grabbed and wrestled with the would-be escapee.

The struggle fell through the exit door, whereupon Buchanan joined the fray, taking the inmate to the ground. Thomas and Buchanan then completed securing the offender.

In addition to her act of bravery, prison Superintendent *David Mitchell* lauded Thomas's dedication to corrections education and training and her role modeling for other officers. Mitchell nominated Thomas for the award.

"Her acts of heroism during this escape attempt display high character as a public servant for the State of North Carolina," Mitchell said.



the UNC burn center in Chapel Hill.

Stegall later reported that the fire's heat had melted kitchen appliances.

"I am glad to know that there are still people who will put themselves in harm's way for the safety of others," said Capt. *Ken Beaver*, who nominated Stegall for the award. "It is the estimation of local firefighters that had Stegall not acted promptly, the lady would have probably expired due to smoke inhalation."



**Danny Cavanaugh**

## Duplin Correctional has new superintendent

KENANSVILLE | **Danny Cavanaugh** is the new superintendent at Duplin Correctional Center. He succeeds **Travis Outlaw**, who was promoted to superintendent at Eastern Correctional Institution in Maury.

Cavanaugh, who was superintendent at Carteret Correctional Center since 2006, is in charge of a minimum custody prison that houses approximately 325 male inmates and has a staff of 90.

A 27-year veteran of the N.C. Department of Correction (DOC), Cavanaugh began as a correctional officer at the Pender facility in 1980 before becoming a bloodhound handler for the Division of Prisons' Eastern Area in 1981. He

rose through the ranks beginning in 1983 at the New Hanover Correctional Center and at Duplin Correctional, where in 2003 he was named assistant superintendent and later acting superintendent. In March 2006, Cavanaugh was named acting superintendent at Carteret Correctional Center, where he was named superintendent in June that year.

The Pender County native enjoys NASCAR racing, hunting, fishing and N.C. State University football.

Cavanaugh's father, Jimmy, is a retired DOC bloodhound handler with 33 years of service, and his mother is retired from the Pender County Board of Education. His brother, Darrell, is a State Highway Patrol trooper, and his other brother, David, is a DOC captain. Cavanaugh's wife, Kitty, is self employed.

## Larry Dail at the helm of prison in Craven County

VANCEBORO | **Larry Dail**, a 24-year veteran of the N.C. Division of Prisons (DOP), has been named the new superintendent at Craven Correctional Institution. He succeeds the retired David Chester.

Dail is leading a staff of nearly 350 officers and administrators in a medium custody facility that houses approximately 710 male inmates. In addition to regular incarceration, Craven Correctional is one of the DOP's diagnostic centers, where new inmates are evaluated medically, physically and mentally to determine which prison is appropriate for their incarceration.

Previously assistant superintendent for custody and operations at Maury Correctional Institution, Dail began his DOP career in 1983 as a correctional officer at Eastern Correctional Institution. He rose through the ranks, being promoted to assistant superintendent for custody and operations I at Greene Correctional in 1996, to assistant superintendent for custody and operations II at Eastern Correctional in 1999, and to assistant superintendent for custody and operations III at Maury Correctional in 2005.

The N.C. Department of Correction has trained Dail in supervisory skills and has certified him as an instructor both generally and with firearms. Dail also graduated from

the Correctional Leadership Development Program. He is a graduate of Saratoga Central High School and Wilson Technical Institute, both in Wilson County.

Dail's wife, Gail, is a clerk in the Division of Community Corrections' District 8A office in Kingston. He enjoys NASCAR racing and horticulture.



**Larry Dail**

## Witherspoon takes over at N. Piedmont facility

LEXINGTON | **Benita J. Witherspoon** is the new superintendent at North Piedmont Correctional Institution for Women. She succeeds **Brenda Jarra**, who was named to a position in the N.C. Division of Prisons (DOP) administrative offices.

Witherspoon, who was previously operations manager for DOP's Piedmont Division, is in charge of a minimum custody prison for approximately 140 female inmates. It has 46 staff members.

She began her corrections career as an intern in the South Piedmont Area Office. In 1990, Witherspoon was named a program assistant II at Cabarrus Correctional Center and later transferred in the same position to Charlotte Correctional Center. In 1992, she was named a case analyst at the South Piedmont Diagnostic Center, where she was promoted to program director I in 1993. Beginning in 1997, Witherspoon became a unit manager at Albemarle Correctional Institution and



**Robert Cooper**

## Cooper leads Avery/Mitchell Correctional

SPRUCE PINE | **Robert Cooper**, a 33-year corrections veteran, has been named the new superintendent at the Avery/Mitchell prison facility. He succeeds the retired Willie Jobe.

Formerly assistant superintendent for custody and operations at Avery/Mitchell Correctional Institution, Cooper is in charge of a medium custody prison that houses approximately 850 inmates and has a staff of about 325.

Cooper began his career as a correctional officer at the old Craggy prison in Asheville in 1974. He was promoted to sergeant 1979 at the now-closed Yancey Correctional Center, where he was further promoted to lieutenant and assistant superintendent in 1981. Cooper was named acting superintendent at the Yancey facility in 1998 until it closed. He was named captain in 1999 at Avery Mitchell, where he rose to administrative officer III in 2002 and assistant superintendent in 2004.

The Yancey County native enjoys outdoors activities, especially hunting, fishing and NASCAR racing. Cooper and his wife, Doris, have three children and nine grandchildren.



**Benita Witherspoon**

a captain at Lanesboro Correctional Institution.

Witherspoon was promoted to assistant superintendent at Forsyth Correctional Center in 2005, and in 2006 was promoted to division operations manager.

In addition to having taken public administration courses, she has an associate's degree from Davidson Community College, a bachelor of arts in business administration from Catawba College, a bachelor of science in criminal justice from UNC-Charlotte and a masters degree in education from Western Carolina University.

Witherspoon enjoys reading fiction and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and Morning Star Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

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## New DOP executive officer

RALEIGH | **Eileen Cochrane** is the Division of Prisons' new executive officer.

The 28-year correctional veteran has worked with male, female, youth and adult offenders. She has worked in medium and minimum security and has experience in both programs and custody. For the last six years, Cochrane has been superintendent at Wake Correctional Center in Raleigh.

"Ms. Cochrane's extensive experience will be valuable to our division as she steps into her new role managing Executive Services," prisons Director **Boyd Bennett** said.

The Executive Services section of management Services is responsible for DOP policy, in-service training, visitation appeals, security staffing, governor's mansion, inmate holiday package program, special projects, verbal and written correspondence to the public and public officials, plus other duties as required. The position also functions as a liaison from the director's office to region directors in the field, section heads with the division, elected officials, other branches of government and various sections of the DOC.

Cochrane began her career in 1979 as a correctional officer at the Morrison Youth Center for females. In 1981 she was promoted to a program assistant at the Morrison Youth Center for males where she remained until 1985 when she became a program supervisor at Sandhills Youth Center. In 1988, Cochrane first worked in an adult male facility when she became a program director at Orange Correctional Center. In 1993, she was named assistant superintendent for custody at Raleigh Correctional Center for Women. She moved to Wake Correctional in March 1999 when she became assistant superintendent for programs.

Cochrane, who grew up in the Washington, D.C., area, attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson for two years and received her bachelor's degree in corrections in 1978 from East Carolina University. She is also a graduate of the Certified Public Manager Program and was a founding member of Women in Corrections. Cochrane resides in Cary and in her spare time enjoys tennis, hiking and working with her church.



**Eileen Cochrane**

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ly reflect the appreciation the citizens of North Carolina have for your perseverance during this effort."

Although no competition was in place, and the road and crew assignments vary across the state, the results by each prison contain interesting statistics.

Staff from Warren Correctional Institution put in the most hours of any individual unit, clocking 1,285. That was just ahead of the 1,280 hours recorded by Avery/Mitchell CI staff.

Crews from Carteret Correctional Center covered five counties and had the largest number of collected bags – 7,219 – for an individual facility. They covered 218 miles of roadway.

Meanwhile, Dan River Prison Work Farm crews covered the most roadway, at nearly 350 miles. They also had the most inmate hours contributed, at 5,520.

### Unusual litter

Dan River came up an unusual roadside find, too: 20 road tractor tires, weighing approximately a half-ton, all in one spot.

Other units also had some unusual finds:

- ▶ Tyrrell Prison Work Farm found two ton-and-a-half truck loads of debris such as trash, wood, rocks in one spot.
- ▶ Black Mountain Correctional Center for Women: two purses, one unidentifiable and one was returned to its owner.
- ▶ Craven CI: a 50-pound bag of cotton.
- ▶ Bladen CC: a loaded .22-caliber Derringer pistol; turned over to the Bladen County Sheriff's Office.
- ▶ Fountain CCW: a loaded .38-caliber pistol; turned over to the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office.
- ▶ Greene CC: 28 assorted knives, two machetes, one hatchet, one pair pruning shears, four pairs of scissors, three box cutters, 11 live rifle rounds and five live shotgun shells.
- ▶ Davidson CC: three high-powered rifles with scopes, one pump-action 12-gauge shotgun, and three handguns, along with ammunition for all weapons. It was all turned over to the Davie County Sheriffs Office, which determined the weapons were stolen and returned them to their rightful owner.

A crew from Western Youth Institution made a disturbing discovery. Along with a set of digital drug scales, drug pipes and paraphernalia, and prescription medications was a picture of a small child who appeared to be badly beaten in the face. A local Department of Social Services was notified, and the paraphernalia and medications were turned over to local law enforcement.

## Congressman uses officer's war letter in speech

Correctional Officer **John McClean** of Durham Correctional Center recently served 1½ years in Iraq, and wrote to his U.S. House representative, Brad Miller, reporting his experiences there.

On Memorial Day, Miller referenced McClean's experiences in a speech. Miller said McClean "told me they had lost 20 friends in combat and more than 100 friends had received battle wounds. ... But there are healing memories he mentioned too. Specialist McClean and his fellow soldiers gained each other as brothers, they took away a sense of being part of something bigger than most people can comprehend, and they learned that people who didn't even know them would come to think of them as heroes.

"But the Specialist said soldiers don't complain – they stick to their courage and values and they keep marching until their boots fall off."



## North Piedmont CCW takes note of nurses

On May 9, in observance of National Nurses Week, staff at North Piedmont Correctional Center for Women took time to show their appreciation for the numerous daily contributions by the facility's nurses. Assistant Superintendent **Greg Tillman** noted that giving recognition to the nursing profession could also encourage young officers to consider nursing as a career. Enjoying the event are, from left, **Sherri Alvarado**, registered nurse; **Carolyn Carter** and **Linda Harper**, licensed practical nurses; **Kerri Gray**, registered nurse; and **Carolyn Bush**, medical records assistant III.

## Movin' on up

## Promotions in May 2007

## Retirements

### May 2007

**Jeanette P. Aldridge**, administrative secretary I, Lanesboro CI  
**Crystal D. Allen**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI  
**Jerry Bennett Jr.**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 19A  
**James T. Black Jr.**, programs supervisor, Foothills CI  
**David M. Blank**, sergeant, Carteret CC  
**Timothy N. Branam**, electrician supervisor II, Engineering  
**Robin M. Braswell**, case manager, Combined Records  
**Monica S. Brooks**, programs supervisor, Anson CC  
**Isaac L. Brown**, sergeant, Central Prison  
**Larry E. Bryan**, training specialist II, Franklin CC  
**Nancy C. Buchanan**, sergeant, Piedmont CI  
**Van M. Buchanan II**, training instructor I, DCC District 9A  
**Mattley T. Byerly**, probation/parole officer I trainee, Piedmont CI  
**Kevin D. Capps**, lead officer, Wayne CC  
**David M. Carpenter**, inten case officer, DCC District 7  
**Jason E. Carrigan**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI  
**Sylane G. Chestnut**, administrative secretary II, Columbus CI  
**Deborah B. Christon**, sergeant, Brown Creek CI  
**Robert S. Cooper**, administrator I, Avery/Mitchell CI  
**Paul D. Copeland**, correctional officer trainee, Tyrrell Work Farm  
**Ishia M. Craven**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 18  
**Nancy B. Crites**, executive assistant I, DOP Administration  
**Wesley E. Crowe**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 10  
**Ronald R. Crumpton Jr.**, correctional officer, Caswell CC  
**Dorothy Delaine-McClary**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 26  
**Joshua R. Dobson**, programs supervisor, Marion CI  
**Kara M. Faulkner**, personnel assistant III, Central Prison  
**Jeremy G. Fields**, food service officer, Craven CI  
**Joseph D. Gallien**, sergeant, Hoke CI  
**Robin A. Garrett**, case analyst, Polk CI  
**Shatavia L. Giles**, licensed practical nurse, Central Prison  
**Jerry D. Gober**, plumber II, Pender CI  
**James J. Gragg**, surveillance officer, Avery/Mitchell CI  
**Janice A. Grimes**, programs director I, Harnett CI  
**Karen G. Hackney**, office assistant IV, DCC District 5  
**Milton R. Hardin**, lead officer, Columbus CI  
**Lisa A. Harmon**, lead officer, Warren CI  
**Christopher L. Harrill**, probation/parole officer I trainee, Cleveland CC  
**Travis S. Heath**, correctional officer, Eastern CI  
**S. Hemingway-Henderson**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 14  
**Richard B. Herring**, sergeant, Eastern CI

**Clifford D. Johnson**, superintendent III, Buncombe CC  
**Stephanie N. Joines**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 22  
**Lisa Dianne M. Jones**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 9B  
**Stacy C. Jones**, programs supervisor, Tyrrell Work Farm  
**Linda K. Joyner**, accounting technician III, Bunn Sign Plant  
**Paula L. King**, administrative assistant II, DOP Administration  
**William G. Knowles**, community service district coordinator, DCC District 12  
**Janieta R. Laboy**, sergeant, Craven CI  
**Lisa W. Lane**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 25A  
**Jeffrey D. Lewis**, sergeant, Polk CI  
**Jean M. Mallard**, judicial unit supervisor, DCC District 21  
**Lisa Martin**, captain, Lanesboro CI  
**Robin L. Martin**, training specialist II, Hoke CI  
**Joyce K. Maxwell**, programs supervisor, Central Prison  
**Elliot K. Miller**, sergeant, Wayne CC  
**Donald S. Mobley**, classification coordinator, Franklin CC  
**Philip M. Mogeni**, housekeeping supervisor II, Central Prison  
**Leslie R. Phelps**, sergeant, Piedmont CI  
**Jason W. Phillips**, sergeant, Greene CI  
**Ralph T. Pilkington Jr.**, facility maintenance manager I, Alexander CI  
**Michael A. Ranes**, lead officer, Polk CI  
**Anne M. Ratliff**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 26  
**John H. Reid**, lieutenant, Nash CI  
**Alan T. Rhodes**, electronics technician III, DOP Administration  
**Neil V. Shipman**, substance abuse counselor I-certified, DART - Cherry Program  
**John C. Shuler**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 30  
**Esther R. Smith**, registered nurse, Wake CC  
**Karen M. Sparks**, processing assistant IV, Alexander CI  
**Edmond H. Swofford**, training instructor II, Mountain View CI  
**Ray L. Taylor Jr.**, lead officer, Hoke CI  
**James L. Thompson II**, sergeant, Hoke CI  
**Michelle Trinkkeller**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 10  
**Larry E. Warren Jr.**, case analyst, Piedmont CI  
**Angelo Wiggins**, unit manager, Nash CI  
**Dametrika L. Williams**, probation/parole officer I trainee, Central Prison  
**Crystal K. Wooten**, processing assistant III, Maury CI  
**Jeffery J. Yount**, food service manager I, Wayne CC  
**Lorrie A. Zook**, food service manager I, Umstead CC

**Easley E. Abraham Jr.**, DCC District 21, probation/parole officer I  
**Richard A. Anthony**, Union CC, sergeant  
**Jesse L. Boyette**, Maury CI, processing assistant IV  
**Collin L. Bryant**, Tillery CC, correctional officer  
**James B. Carpenter**, Southern CI, correctional officer  
**Joy W. Carpenter**, DCC District 27B, community service coordinator  
**Wanda B. Duncan**, Harnett CI, personnel technician I  
**Jann K. Duval**, Alexander CI, registered nurse  
**Clifford Grindstaff**, Catawba CC, sergeant  
**James H. Hardy**, Nash CI, administrator I  
**Jimmy R. Haynes**, Cleveland CC, correctional officer  
**William L. Hyatt**, Haywood CC, lead officer  
**Helena Jenkins**, Warren CI, correctional officer  
**Mary C. Jenkins**, Nash CI, administrative officer III  
**Arthur J. Killmeyer**, Pamlico CI, correctional officer  
**Thorman R. Lee**, Neuse CI, licensed practical nurse  
**Max W. Loftin**, Foothills CI, correctional officer  
**Fred E. Losey**, Piedmont CI, sergeant  
**Robert W. McKay**, Parole Commission, parole case analyst  
**Clarence M. Owen Jr.**, Alexander CI, correctional officer  
**John H. Partin**, Central Prison, sergeant  
**Vernon N. Purcell**, Hoke CI, correctional officer  
**Philip S. Purnell**, Harnett CI, case manager  
**William O. Richards Jr.**, Catawba CC, programs supervisor  
**Dannie R. Richardson**, Nash CI, unit manager  
**Ronald G. Stewart**, Scotland CI, sergeant  
**Curtis S. Styles**, Western CI, clinical chaplain I  
**Gary M. Taylor**, Odom CI, correctional officer  
**David M. Williams**, Alexander CI, correctional officer  
**Hoyte K. Wilson**, Sanford CC, correctional officer  
**Darlene N. Worrell**, DCC District 5, office assistant IV  
**William A. Wrench**, Avery/Mitchell CI, food service officer

**Marshall Hudson** (December), Central Prison, captain, 45 years  
**David Chester** (March), Craven CI, superintendent, 33 years

## Deaths

### May 2007

**Wayne Battle**, food service officer, Tillery CC  
**Sherry W. Gurley**, office assistant III, DCC District 3A  
**James B. Hodges**, administrative officer II, Hyde CI  
**Larry McNeil**, correctional officer, Raleigh CCW  
**Walter A. Miller**, correctional officer, Central Prison  
**James R. Rollins**, lieutenant, Johnston CI  
**Carolyn Sheridan-McCoy**, office assistant IV, New Hanover CC

## Honor Roll

Recently making the Honor Roll in Basic Correctional Officer training was **Kirk Moore**, Caswell Correctional Center.

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## 35 Years of Service

Two Division of Prisons employees were recently recognized for 35 years of service. Secretary **Theodis Beck**, center, presented framed certificates to **Charles Stevens**, left, Piedmont Region Office operations manager, and **Boyd Bennett**, DOP director.