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Welcome to Inside Corrections



Greetings,

This past month we celebrated numerous accomplishments within our institutions. As Director I enjoy hearing about the positive things going on in our Department.

One of the changes I implemented when I was hired was the creation of regional training academies. The intent was to make it easier for the trainees to go home at night and be with their families. We wanted to lessen the wait time for training and fill the critical posts that were open in our institutions. These six week academies

are set up to provide structured learning centered on providing Oklahoma with the qualified and trained staff we need to run our prisons. After completing the academy these professionals are prepared to address the challenges that will face them as they supervise our offender population.

Based on the feedback from the field, this has been a positive change. Recently we graduated 29 cadets from the training class at the Oklahoma Correctional Career Development Center at Redlands Community College and 29 cadets from the Southeast Regional Academy at Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Graduates who will now go back to their home institutions and begin their career as a Correctional Officer. Due to the success of these regional academies we are looking at setting up additional academies across the state.

Our Department is not only tasked with supervising the offender population, but with making sure they spend their time preparing for release into the community. One step that our offenders can take to ensure successful re-entry is to work towards an education. By giving them the tools they need to obtain a job after release we are reducing the chance that they will return while saving the state money.

In July we celebrated the graduation of over 30 offenders who received their associates degree or certificate of achievement from Tulsa Community College (TCC) at the Dick Connor Correctional Center (DCCC). Additionally, 5 offenders from DCCC received their general education diploma. I am proud of our partnership with TCC and of the hard work by our education staff.

If we keep moving down this track I know we will continue to see positive results because of our hard work.

Regards,

Robert C. Patton
Director
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

In Other Words

Warden Martin,
Thank you for hosting a blood drive on Friday, May 23, 2014. Oklahoma Blood Institute appreciates partners like Dick Conner Correctional Center who understand the challenge of sustaining the blood supply needed by patients in our area.

We want to acknowledge how grateful we are to Jennifer Cline and Janet Cave for making your blood drive a success! Your group's hard work and dedication resulted in 17 people willing to give blood. Out of this number, 16 people were eligible to donate the day of the drive.

Many people rely on community partners like you to provide life-saving blood to their friends and families - young and old - in hospitals across our area. It is wonderful to know that we have such a compassionate community.

Thank you for helping save so many lives!

MARLA ROBERTS
Blood Program Consultant
Oklahoma Blood Institute

Reginald Hines,
I would like to thank you for your hospitality and consideration during our recent meeting held in Oklahoma City. The meeting attendees and NIC Correctional Program Specialist Lorie Brisbin were very appreciative of all of your efforts.

We would also like to recognize your staff members, Annette Marzett and Patricia Isbell, for their

thoughtfulness in assisting with on-site arrangements. Ms. Marzett and Ms. Isbell were attentive to the needs of the attendees and helped to make this meeting a success.

Sincerely,

ROBERT M. BROWN, JR.
Acting Director
National Institute of Corrections

District Supervisor King,
I wanted to take the time to commend two of your Probation and Parole Officers, Chris Clark and Julie Whitehead. On December 20, 2013, these officers conducted a home visit on a DOC parolee. After entering the residence they discovered a meth lab in plain view and notified our office.

Due to the astute observations and decisive actions, several suspects were arrested, a hazardous meth lab was shut down and most importantly an eight (8) year old child was removed from the residence.

I know your agency suffered a line of duty death last year and these types of visits are and can be dangerous. In our daily struggle against the evil in our society, it is refreshing that your agency has officers the quality of Officers Clark and Whitehead.

They should be commended for their actions.

Respectfully,

SHERIFF STANLEY GLANZ
TIM ALBIN, Undersheriff
Tulsa County Sheriff's Office

NOCC employees,
Thank you so much for thinking of the Backpack Program of the Salvation Army and donating so much food. We are currently feeding 88 school children, and when school is out for the summer, we will still make food available to these students. So we really appreciate your contribution!

Sincerely,

BETTY HAYNES
Food Pantry Coordinator
Salvation Army

Warden Chrisman,
On behalf of the McFeeters family, I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the Mack Alford Correctional Center staff. Your assistance undoubtedly helped ease some of the financial burden, following the death of my brother. Thank you for your support of our family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

RICK MCFEETERS
Correctional Security Officer III
Mack Alford Correctional Center

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Appointments



ASHLEE CLEMMONS
Chief Administrator
Business Services

Ashlee Clemmons began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in February, 2013 as the Associate Chief Financial Officer. During the period of December 2013 to June 2014, she served the department in Interim capacity as the Interim Chief of Business Operations and then Chief Administrator of Business Services. On July 14th Ms. Clemmons was appointed to serve in a permanent capacity as the Chief Administrator of Business Services.

Ms. Clemmons received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2012 and is working on obtaining her CPA license.



ANNETTE MARZETT
Coordinator
Parole Process

Annette Marzett began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1988 as a Correctional Officer I at Clara Waters Community Correction Center. She was promoted to Correctional Officer II at Clara Waters in 1990 and in 1994, Annette transferred to Mabel Basset as a Correctional Officer III. She returned to Clara Waters in 1995 as a Case Manager and served as Acting Chief of Security in 2005. Ms. Marzett was named Correctional Officer of the Year in 1991 and Correctional Supervisor Officer of the Year in 1992, 1993, and 1994.

In 2007, Ms. Marzett moved to Santa Maria, California where she served as a Crisis Intervention Consultant for the Pioneer Valley High School for 2,600 student. She returned to Oklahoma

and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 2009.

Upon her return to DOC as a Programs Officer, she worked closely with the Division Manager and Administrator of Community Corrections until her recent promotion to the Parole Process Coordinator.



DEBORAH ROMINE
Contract Monitor
Halfway Houses

Deborah Romine started with the Department of Corrections in 1991 as a Probation and Parole Officer in Oklahoma City. In 2000, she transferred to the Legal Division and worked in Administrative Review. In 2005, she was promoted to Field Services Coordinator for the Division of Community Corrections. Beginning in 2009,

Deborah worked as the Case Manager IV at Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center. In 2011, she returned to the Division of Community Corrections as the Parole Process Coordinator. In March 2014, she was promoted to Administrative Manager, where she will be providing oversight of halfway houses.

Dwayne Howell promoted to Assistant District Supervisor at Southeast District Community Corrections on June 9, 2014. Mr. Howell began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1994 as a Correctional Officer I at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center. In 1997, he promoted to a Correctional Case Manager. He transferred to Southeast District Community Corrections in 2001 as Probation and Parole Officer I and promoted to Senior Probation and Parole Officer in 2002. In 2005, Mr. Howell took a position of Case Manager Supervisor for SEDCC; in April 2007 he promoted to Jackie Brannon Correctional Center as a Unit Manager and worked until 2012 when he promoted to the position of Deputy Warden at Jess Dunn Correctional Center. In May 2013, Mr. Howell transferred back to Southeast District Community Corrections as Probation and Parole Officer III and later promoted to Team Supervisor this same year. Mr. Howell has a Bachelor's Degree

in Criminal Justice from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Maurice Warrior promoted to Deputy Warden at Oklahoma State Penitentiary effective July 1, 2014.

Mr. Warrior began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in January 1989 as a correctional officer cadet at the Jess Dunn Correctional Center. He later worked at Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center, where gained experience in the management of female offenders. On August 2001, he promoted to the position of Unit Manager at Jess Dunn Correctional Center. On August 1, 2012, Mr. Warrior promoted to the position of Deputy Warden at the Dick Conner Correctional Center.

Mr. Warrior received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Northeastern Oklahoma State University in 1987.

Chad Gilley was appointed as Chief of Security at Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center in June 2014.

Mr. Gilley began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1993 at Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester Oklahoma after honorably discharging from the military. In 1994 Mr. Gilley

joined the Correction Emergency Response Team at OSP. In 1995 Mr. Gilley was selected as part of Oklahoma State Penitentiary's CERT Competition Team traveling and competing in State and National CERT, SORT and SWAT competitions for the next few years. In 1997 Mr. Gilley graduated from the first ODOC CLEET Academy as a Certified/Commissioned Peace Officer. Mr. Gilley was selected as Correctional Officer of the Year for OSP in 1999. In 2003 Mr. Gilley was promoted to Correctional Security Manager II at OSP where his duties included the day to day operations of Oklahoma State Penitentiary. In 2005 Mr. Gilley assumed command of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary 36 member Correction Emergency Response Team. In 2008 Mr. Gilley was deployed to Iraq as part of the Oklahoma National Guard. In 2010 Mr. Gilley was selected as Supervisor of the Year for OSP. In 2011 Mr. Gilley accepted a position with the United States Department of State, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Division working as a Senior Advisor within their Correction System Support Program in Afghanistan. In June 2014 Mr. Gilley returned to work for the Department of Corrections as Chief of Security at Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center in Taft, Oklahoma.

FAREWELL TO SHARON NEUMANN



When a neighbor who worked for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections hired Sharon Neumann for a summer job in June 1969, the agency was about to celebrate its second birthday and was located at N.E. 4th and Walnut. All administrative staff for the agency and for the Division of Probation and Parole officed at that site. The number of staff was so small that everyone, including the summer help, could sit around a single conference table for holiday dinners. That summer, Sharon posted and filed institutional misconducts; recorded offender cards changes of address for probationers and parolees; and prepared offender files, since statehood for microfilm-

ing by tossing from a second floor window into a dumpster in the parking lot below, all documents in the file except the Judgment and Sentence. With duties like that, how could Sharon do anything other than fall in love with corrections? Oh, yes, she also got free tickets to the Prison Rodeo, and her photo was featured on the front page of the OSP newsletter!!

So...Sharon changed her major and continued working for DOC part-time during the school year and full-time in the summer until she graduated from OU with a double major in sociology and political science and a minor in psychology. She had her eye set on a Probation and Parole Officer position. However, she was disheartened to learn that the agency didn't need any more female officers because the 2 that were employed in Oklahoma City and the one woman in Tulsa were adequate to supervise the number of female probationers and parolees. Undeterred, Sharon went to work in the agency's research unit where one of her assignments was to

work on a grant submitted to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to fund the hiring of more than 200 Probation and Parole Officer positions. For the first time, officers would be required to possess an undergraduate degree. Simultaneously, about this time, a federal mandate determined that women had equal rights to employment. Sharon was hired as a Probation and Parole Officer with grant funds in December 1974. And so it began.

Sharon's career with the agency has been focused in community corrections. She moved through the probation and parole officer ranks and in 1980 became the district supervisor in the Oklahoma City area, a position she held until 1992. At that time, she moved into the Research and Evaluation unit (a recurring theme) and became involved with validating a new risk/needs assessment for Probation and Parole. She then served as the coordinator for a criminal justice reform project and worked closely with legislators associated with the 1997 omnibus

crime bill, most of which was later repealed. Sharon has been involved with the development and statewide implementation of Oklahoma's Community Sentencing Act since its statutory authorization in 1997. At the time of her retirement she served as the Deputy Director of Community Sentencing and Offender Information Services.

Sharon summarizes her career in corrections with a quotation from Katharine Graham, the late and long-time publisher of The Washington Post, "To love what you do and feel that it matters, what could be more fun?"



Sharon Neumann

FAREWELL TO NEVILLE MASSIE



Neville Massie began her career in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1975 as a Probation and

Parole Officer. She was promoted to Senior Probation and Parole Officer, Interstate Compact Officer, and also served in the position as the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Director of the Probation and Parole Division. In 1985, she transferred to the Division of Programs and Services, serving as the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Director until 1987, when she was then promoted to the position of the Executive Assistant to the

Director. Ms. Massie served in this capacity until August of 1989, at which time she accepted the position of Deputy Warden for the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. On February 19, 1992, she was assigned as the Acting Administrator for the department's Construction and Maintenance Unit. On May 1, 1992, she accepted the position of Warden for the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. On March 1, 2004, Ms. Massie was appointed

to the position of Assistant Deputy Director/Institutions of the West Central Region. On July 1, 2006, Ms. Massie accepted the position of Executive Assistant to the Director.

Ms. Massie has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Central Oklahoma.



Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Neville Massie for 39 years in corrections.



Cattle Grazing

AGRI-SERVICES

Submitted by Kim Sharp

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections operates programs that provide skill training and work opportunities for offenders. These programs contribute to reducing, both directly and indirectly, the cost of incarceration and recidivism.

The Agri-Services operations currently encompass approximately 23,240 acres, of which 18,403 are grassland and 1,607 acres are utilized for actual agricultural production. These units manage an annual average of 3,400 head of beef cattle, 475 head of dairy cattle and 80 head of horses and mules while employing an average of 375 offenders annually.

Since 1990, the agriculture production unit has worked to improve the beef herd in an effort to obtain top dollar for the cattle sold. To help offset the cost

of purchasing cattle for slaughter, boxed beef and pork are used to produce meat products for offender consumption. The farms also produce all the forage necessary for the beef and dairy herds.

Today there are nine (10) production agriculture units, one (1) meat processing unit and one (1) food processing unit, all co-located with institutions. These units produce/process approximately 682,000 pounds of beef, 65,820 pounds of pork, 1,708,000 pounds of processed meat, 116,000 pounds of corndogs and 531,000 gallons of milk on an annual basis for human consumption. In a normal year, the farms produce approximately 3,500 tons of hay and the feed mill manufactures 4,500 tons of balanced rations with varying amount of proteins, fat and fiber for all species of livestock involved

in the agricultural operation.

The beef cattle herd consists of approximately 3,400 head of commercial cross-bred cattle and is maintained on nine (9) different agriculture units. Calves produced are marketed in two (2) ways; through the Agri-Services meat plant and through local livestock auctions.

Cows are bred to Angus bulls to produce efficient calves that grow well and are in demand from cattle buyers. Agri Services maintains both spring and fall calving herds, with the majority being spring calving.

Approximately three (3) months after calving, the calves are gathered and immunizations are administered according to veterinary recommendations. The calves are left on their mother's side until

weaning, which is an average of 205 days of age. Spring calves are weaned in the fall and given another round of immunizations to prevent disease. Calves are held at their respective units for a preconditioning period of 30 to 45 days instead of being immediately shipped, because they are more susceptible to illness during this time frame. Cows are checked for pregnancy at weaning to ensure that open cows are removed from the herd due to lack of productivity. Calves are shipped to the Agri-Services farms at WSKCC, OSR, and JCCC after preconditioning to be grown on cool-season grass and wheat pasture. After the steers reach a marketable weight of approximately 800-850 lbs., they are sorted and sized into approximately 50,000 pound lots to maximize the marketability of the calves.

Agri-Services produces quality replacement females through many years of record keeping and culling for fertility and soundness. Approximately 40-50% of heifer calves are developed as replacement heifers, while the remaining heifer calves are developed as stocker calves. The replacement heifers are bred to low birth weight bulls, which increases the chance of a successful first birth. The highest quality heifers are kept as replacements for the Agri-Services herd, and the rest are sold on the open market to generate cash flow. The stocker heifers are managed the same as the steer calves and are sold when they reach the optimum marketing weight for a heifer, which is 700-750 lbs.

Agri-Services produces high quality al-

falfa, Bermuda, Sudan and grass hay to be used as winter feed for the beef cattle. In addition, approximately 4,500 tons of livestock feed is produced annually at the feed mill located at JBCC. The mill utilizes small grain and silage produced at three (3) Agri-Services units to produce mineral pre-mixes and beef, horse and dairy rations for all the Agri-Services units.

A 475-head dairy provides the milk to service the Department's needs. A state-of-the-art processing floor located within the dairy is where the milk is pasteurized, homogenized and packaged for delivery to over 30 facilities statewide. Total production exceeds 531,000 gallons annually. The dairy produces 2% low fat milk for offender consumption, and sells all excess whole milk on the open market to generate cash flow and offset the cost of production.

Approximately 200 cows are milked twice daily at the Agri-Services dairy facility located at JBCC. Heifer calves are retained to raise on the farm as replacement females and there are currently 220 heifer calves ranging from bottle fed babies to pregnant two-year olds waiting to freshen into the milking herd. Agri-Services dairy calves receive almost constant care with the youngest calves being housed in an indoor heated facility where they are hand fed twice daily. After approximately a three-month period, these calves are gradually weaned from two bottles per day to one bottle daily and then, once they reach a satisfactory level of dry feed intake, they are completely weaned off of the bottle. The heifers are then ready to

receive their calf-hood vaccination regiment as specified by the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Department. When the heifers have reached the appropriate size for breeding (approximately 13 to 14 months of age), they are artificially inseminated using top genetic bulls in accordance with mating evaluations performed by multiple dairy bull semen companies. The process of synchronization and artificial insemination is performed in-house by trained dairy personnel. When the heifers freshen, they are then placed in the animal health regiment with the adult cows, as in accordance to OSU Vet Medicine recommendations, where dairy staff administer the vaccination and de-worming pharmaceuticals.

Once freshened, the cows are fed a balanced diet in the form of a total mixed ration (TMR). The ration is formulated with the assistance of top ruminant nutritionists in a manner designated to maximize milk production and promote a healthy rumen environment that is vital for the overall health of the animals. This ration consists of a mixture of corn silage, alfalfa hay, Bermuda grass hay, whole cotton seed, a custom grain mix of primarily corn and soybean meal and a custom vitamin pellet. This mix is administered to the animals via a feed mix wagon equipped with scales so that feed intake can be monitored daily.

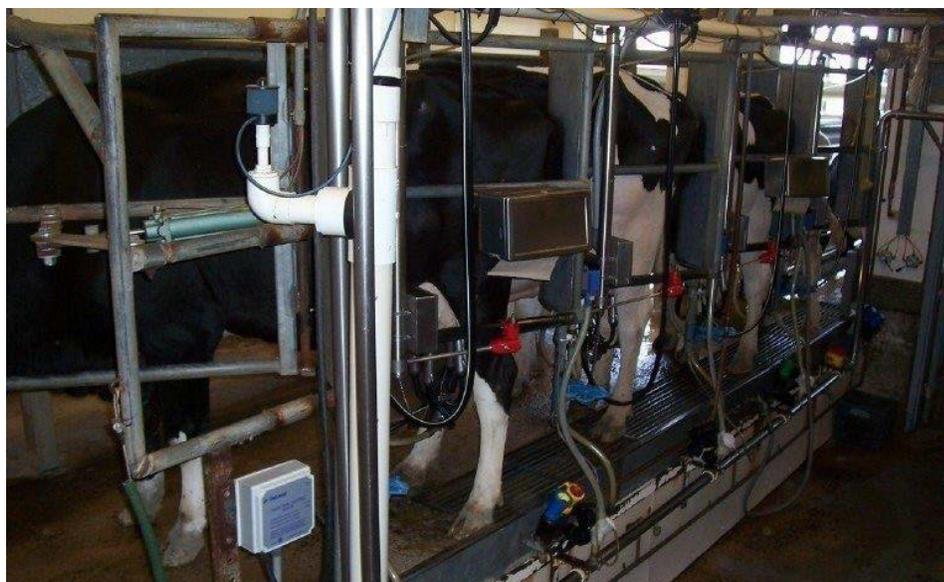
The cows are milked twice daily at 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The milk is then transferred into the milk processing plant where it is chilled to a temperature below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. At this point, the

raw milk, which tests approximately four (4) percent butterfat, is blended with nonfat dried milk in such a proportion as to achieve a final product that tests approximately two (2) percent butterfat. The milk is then pasteurized in a steam vat pasteurizer that handles 600 gallons per batch. Pasteurization is done as required by Pasteurized Milk Ordinance standards. The technique used is using steam to heat the milk to a core temperature of at least 145 degrees Fahrenheit where it must be held for a period of not less than 30 minutes. This process of temperatures and times is recorded for each individual batch by data chart recorders. After proper pasteurization, the milk is then pumped through a homogenizer. Homogenization pulverizes the solids content of the milk in order to prevent separation. The milk is then pumped through a heat exchanger which drops the temperature of the milk to approximately 38 degrees Fahrenheit. When the 600 gallon batch has satisfactorily completed the pasteurization and homogenization processes, it is pumped through a semi-automatic filler, packaged in five (5) gallon bladders and placed in walk-in coolers ready to be shipped to the various facilities. The entire dairy facility, from milking parlor to milk processing plant, is inspected by Oklahoma Department of Agriculture inspectors.

The dairy employs an average of 20 offenders and must operate two (2) shifts per day, seven days a week, as the cows have no concept of holiday, sick days, bad weather, or even furloughs. The offenders are involved in every aspect of



Dairy Cattle



Milking Parlor



Dairy Production

the day-to-day operation from the feeding of heifers, feeding of TMR to milking cows, waste management practices, milking of cows and processing milk. This is an experience that the vast majority of offenders have not previously been exposed to and most of the offenders employed at the dairy find it interesting and are cross-trained in multiple areas of dairy production so that they may utilize some of their newly found skills to facilitate a successful reentry into society.

A newly constructed, modernized meat processing facility opened in 1975 and was expanded and turned into a state-of-the-art production facility in 1996. With that expansion came the Meat Cutting Apprenticeship School. It was the first, and still the only, nationally institutionalized meat cutting apprenticeship school in the nation. It is governed by the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and administered by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education. The program is a three-year course that is taught by Agri-Services staff, and upon successful completion of the program, students are certified as journeyman meat cutters and have a viable trade, with certification, to take with them upon reentry into society. There have been 35 offenders graduate since the meat cutting program's inception in 1995.

The USDA inspected meat processing plant produces over 40 different products which include beef, pork, and processed meats. Annual production exceeds 2,455,000 pounds of product. The plant has the capability of utilizing

live cattle and hogs, as well as producing products from boxed beef, pork and chicken. This flexibility allows the plant manager to purchase input costs in the most economical manner on a weekly basis. Production schedules are derived from the master menu so that adequate inventories of all products are ensured.

The meat plant employs and provides extensive job training to an average of 50 offenders to assist them with obtaining the jobs necessary to support themselves and their dependents after incarceration. These offenders work five (5) days a week, eight (8) hours a day, which displays job ethics they may never have been exposed to otherwise.

In 2009, Agri-Services began producing vegetables on a large scale. Vegetable production was eliminated almost 20 years ago because there was not an efficient way to process and store the large volume of production. All vegetables that were grown in years past had to be consumed as fresh products, and most were lost due to spoilage before the offender population could utilize it.

Today, however, Agri-Services has a food processing plant, a freezer storage facility and an established fleet of delivery trucks that make the utilization of produced vegetables possible. Some of the vegetables currently being produced are shipped fresh to the institutions, but the vast majority are sent to the processing plant. Once at the processing plant, they are processed according to each crop's needs, then frozen and stored for use at a later date. The frozen vegetables are then distributed by use of the Agri-Services

delivery fleet.

The vegetables are being produced at the Agri-Services farms at JCCC, WSKCC, OSR and HMCC using a drip irrigation and plastic mulch system on raised beds. This system is commonly used by the commercial vegetable operations in the United States and is the most efficient way to utilize water and reduce chemical needs.

In 2013, Agri-Services harvested over 798,000 pounds of fresh vegetables for production and/or distribution to facilities. Varieties included beets, bell peppers, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, collard greens, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, jalapeno peppers, lettuce, mixed melons, okra, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, turnip greens and watermelons.

The goal of the vegetable production enterprise is to provide wholesome food to the offender population as economically as possible. Since the produce is all utilized within the Department of Corrections, Agri-Services must be able to grow, process and distribute it cheaper than the cost of the same product when compared to purchasing it from the Prime Vendor contract.

The passage of the Innovation, Efficiency, and Reform Act of 2013 (HB1464) authorized the Agri-Services Division to return to purchasing bulk food items utilizing the Opportunity Buy program, beginning November 1, 2013. HB1464 provides guidelines to purchase large quantities of food items without the competitive bid requirement. These

opportunities are special, one-time purchases that are time-sensitive in nature. The State Purchasing Director is responsible for reviewing and approving all purchases under this provision. A vacant building at JCCC was converted to a dry storage warehouse for this program. Additionally, the Agri-Services storage freezer, also located at JCCC, is utilized to store those opportunity buys that are frozen products. Most of the opportunity buys are purchased in truckload quantities, and then distributed to the facilities utilizing the Agri-Services delivery fleet.

The term “Opportunity Buy” refers to unsolicited offers that are time sensitive in nature and priced significantly below retail price. The concept of the Opportunity Buy Program originated within the Agri-Services Division of the Department of Corrections several years ago, but there was not an acceptable method in place to purchase these “time sensitive” opportunities. As a result, many, if not most, of the opportunities were lost due to the amount of time required to follow the state purchasing guidelines. Seeing a need to develop a set of guidelines to capture these lost opportunities, a meeting was scheduled to address this issue. In attendance were Scott Schlotthauer, State Purchasing Director; Tina Hicks, DOC Administrator of Contracts and Acquisitions; Brad Bailey, Administrator of Agri-Services, and additional representatives from each area. It was determined that the current purchasing regulations were hindering the success of this program, due to the length of time needed to complete the

purchasing process. All agreed on a basic concept of changes that needed to occur in the purchasing process to ensure the success of the program. Mr. Schlotthauer developed language that was included in HB1464 entitled the Innovation, Efficiency, and Reform Act of 2013. With the successful passage of HB1464, the process of obtaining opportunity buys was streamlined. Through the cooperative efforts of the State Purchasing Di-

rector’s office, the DOC Contracts and Acquisitions office, and the Agri-Services division, a set of guidelines, forms, and protocols were developed and put in place. When the law became effective on November 1, 2013, Agri-Services was able to immediately take advantage of opportunities as they were presented.

When a food processing company has a product that does not meet their end user
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Wheat Field



Corn Field

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SICK IN PRISON

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections serves a growing number of aging and ill offenders. Medical Services staff serves as caregivers to offender patients. The American Correctional Association and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care offer policy and procedure guidelines and best practices regarding Offender health care.

Medical care for incarcerated individuals is mandated by the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution; the “no cruel and unusual punishment” amendment requires that offenders receive health care. *Estelle vs. Gamble* is the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case which further defined offender health care, describing “deliberate indifference” as a violation of the Eighth Amendment.

Oklahoma Department of Corrections operates 17 distinct medical clinics. 5 are operated 24/7. There are 3 male infirmaries and 1 female infirmary. DOC partners with Lindsay Municipal Hospital for inpatient and for limited specialty care, and DOC partners with OU Medical Center for tertiary hospital and specialty care.

CHRONIC ILLNESS

T.W. is housed in a minimum security facility. He is not housed in an infirmary. T.W. has a colostomy (an opening in his abdomen which allows him to empty his colon) and a supra-pubic catheter (a tube into his abdomen which allows him to empty his bladder). T.W. is seen by nurses for colostomy and catheter care, and is seen periodically by a physician. He takes 5 medications and suffers from 5 chronic illnesses. T.W. has not been recently hospitalized. He should discharge from DOC in approximately 3 years.

Currently (March, 2013), DOC houses approximately 9,260 offenders who suffer from one or more chronic medical illnesses. A snapshot look at the population reveals remarkable

numbers: 140 patients with HIV, 1,600 with asthma, 1,300 Diabetics, 5,100 with high blood pressure, more than 2,200 with diagnosed liver disease, and more than 160 with diagnosed Cancer. Patients are scattered across all DOC facilities; but JHCC, LARC, OSR, DCCC, MBCC, JCCC and JLCC house relatively larger percentages of chronically ill offenders. Chronically ill offenders are seen in clinic at least once every 6 months, and they receive blood tests and other evaluations which are appropriate for their disease. Since Calendar Year 2011, the total number of Chronic Illnesses being followed by Medical Services has increased by 20%.

DOC Medical Services regularly conducts audits of DOC health care,

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monitoring for acceptable access to care and quality of care. Outcomes typically exceed established benchmarks. 99% of the approximately 8,000 monthly sick call requests are triaged within 24 hours. Within DOC, 47% of Diabetics have very well controlled blood sugars (as measured by a Hemoglobin A1C blood test), compared to 34% of patients found in the community (ODOC Performance Improvement Audit Outcomes with HEDIS Benchmark for Comparison).

AGING OFFENDERS

Mr. J. was convicted of murder at an advanced age and sentenced to LWOP. He lived in general population until the age of 95. He was assisted by offenders who lived on his unit, who treated him with great respect and kindness. He was seen regularly by medical staff, but he had no chronic illnesses, except for advanced age. Mr. J. was moved to an infirmary bed at the age of 95, where he lived until the age of 101.

5,058 DOC offenders are 50 years of age or older. 1,101 are over 60. 140 are over 70. Almost half of the offenders over 50 are housed in medium security facilities. 2,405 are serving sentences

which are 85%, Life, LWOP, or Death. The average predicted years left to serve is 19, which would be until age 69 or older. More than half have a Medical Acuity level which indicates moderate to severe disease. 284 have mental health levels (C1, C2, or D) which indicate significant disease (DOC Analysis Unit, 2014).

The cost of incarceration for offenders over 50 is estimated to be at least 3 times the cost of care for younger offenders (ACLU, 2011). The most recently reported information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid revealed the U. S. population average annual per capita cost of health care for ages 19-44 to be \$4,422; ages 45-64 is \$8,370; ages 65-84 is \$15,857; and ages greater than 85 is \$34,783 (CMS, 2010). This data reveals approximate doubling of costs by age 45, and doubling again by age 65, and again by age 85. During Calendar Year 2013, 78 offender patients were referred for Medical Parole, of whom 7 were released.

DOC currently houses about 239 offenders who are confined to a wheelchair; 312 use a walker, cane, or crutches; 90

use some form of medical prosthesis; and 137 are significantly hearing impaired.

COMPLEX ILLNESSES

A.H. has an uncommon blood disease. He is housed in an infirmary bed. He requires one specific treatment for his disease. The cost of treatment for this one patient, for this one disease, is \$65,000 per month.

Not all sick offenders are elderly, and not all have multiple illnesses. LARC, MBCC, and other facilities house multiple offenders who are undergoing cancer chemotherapy or radiation therapy, or both. HIV medications cost approximately \$1,500 per month. DOC houses about 140 offenders with a diagnosis of HIV. In addition to medication, HIV patients require close monitoring and periodic laboratory tests. All HIV patients who are appropriate for treatment are offered treatment by DOC. Approximately 20 to 30% of incarcerated individuals are thought to have Hepatitis C. To date, DOC has diagnosed approximately 2,000 cases of Hepatitis C among DOC offenders. Not all Hepatitis C patients are appropriate for treatment of their disease, but for those who are pri-

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oritized for treatment, the cost can be as high as \$150,000 per cure. DOC does offer treatment to very carefully selected Hepatitis C patients (ODOC Medical Services Resource Manual 140137-06, 2014).

COMMON ILLNESSES AND TREATMENTS

M.J. broke his leg, requiring surgery and weeks of follow-up. He will require several visits to Medical Services, and a few visits to see the orthopedist. C.C. has low back pain, and an MRI confirms that he has a bad back. He has seen the neurosurgeon, but no surgery is planned. He requires conservative chronic pain management. A.B. has spring time allergies, and he works outside. He requires a couple of months of antihistamine therapy every year.

Medical Services nurses, mid-level clinicians, and physicians evaluate and treat approximately 12,000 offender patients each month. 3,000 offenders are seen by the dentist each month. Approximately 50,000 prescriptions are filled monthly. Current Nurse staffing is at about 80% of approved FTE's. One year ago, staff-

ing was at approximately 90%. Nurse turnover at the busiest DOC facilities is much higher than community averages. Recruitment and retention of health care professionals is a tremendous challenge for DOC.

“The primary purpose of prisons and jails is not to provide health care” (Puisis, Clinical Practice of Correctional Medicine, 2006). Yet, Oklahoma DOC, just as other DOC's across the U.S., is providing health care to an ever growing and more complex patient population. Caregivers, even in a prison setting, must remember the basics of their profession. “I swear by Apollo the Physician...I will use those...regimens which will benefit my patients according to the greatest of my ability and judgment, and I will do no harm or injustice to them (Attributed to Hippocrates, 5th century, BC).

Mental health services, as defined by policy, include the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation and modification of human behavior by the application of psychological/psychiatric principles, methods and procedures for the purpose of preventing or eliminating symptomatic, maladaptive or undesired behavior and of enhancing personal effectiveness, behavioral health and mental health. Facility specific statistics reveal that approximately 21% of the offender population at HMCC is currently utilizing mental health services while another 16% having utilized services in the past year. Research further identifies another 25% have had some form of mental health treatment in their lifetime. Currently there are approximately 62% of the offender population at HMCC that have received or are receiving mental health services.

The mental health population at each facility is overseen and managed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional or QMHP. The responsibilities at each facility vary slightly and are somewhat dictated by the needs of the

Mental Health Services at Howard McLeod Correctional Center

**By Greg Garison
Psychological Clinician**



Howard McLeod Correctional Center

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offender population. I personally feel a responsibility to provide an accurate assessment of those mental health offenders in order to assist them as they adjust to the confines of prison life. New offenders arrive at the facility almost on a daily basis and some of those offenders have a difficult time adjusting to prison. All human life is precious and for that reason suicide prevention is the primary emphasis of the QMHP.

The challenges associated with working with the mental health population are many and often times overwhelming. Each offender is unique and carries with them different burdens and life experiences. Some of those experiences are very traumatic and offenders have been left to deal with them on their own while on the outside. Resources, in many cases, have been hidden or out of reach to these individuals prior to incarceration. For this reason, offenders often have access to mental health services for the first time upon entering the Department

of Corrections.

The landscape at HMCC consists of lush grasses and large trees while the facility grounds are spacious and serene. The staff are professional and genuinely interested in the well-being of the offenders. All of these facts help to provide an atmosphere of healing for those that require it.

Life has a way of throwing curve balls at us all. I believe all people, either directly or indirectly, will be affected by mental health issues at some point in their lives. Here at HMCC we try to provide an atmosphere of understanding and compassion.

Sick In Prison at Oklahoma State Penitentiary

by Pat Sorrels, CHSA

Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) currently has 309 offenders on psychotropic medication - over 40% of the facility population. 536 offenders receive or have received mental health

services. Regularly scheduled mental health services are provided to all offenders on psychotropic medications, as well as to all offenders in segregated housing. In addition to regularly scheduled mental health services, crisis intervention services are also provided.

OSP has a Mental Health Unit currently housing 37 offenders with severe and persistent mental illness and an Intermediate Care Housing Unit currently housing 40 offenders which provides an opportunity for those progressing in their recovery to step down prior to returning to general population. Intensive discharge planning occurs for those offenders with severe and persistent mental illness, linking them with appropriate community resources providing a range of services from medication, adult case management and specialized housing up to inpatient admissions. These services are provided for all offenders on the Mental Health Unit and Intermediate Care Housing
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John Bishop
Oklahoma Gang
Investigators Association



Scott Pruitt
Oklahoma Attorney General



Jennifer Dickson
State President of the Oklahoma
Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary



Officers standing by flower memorial.



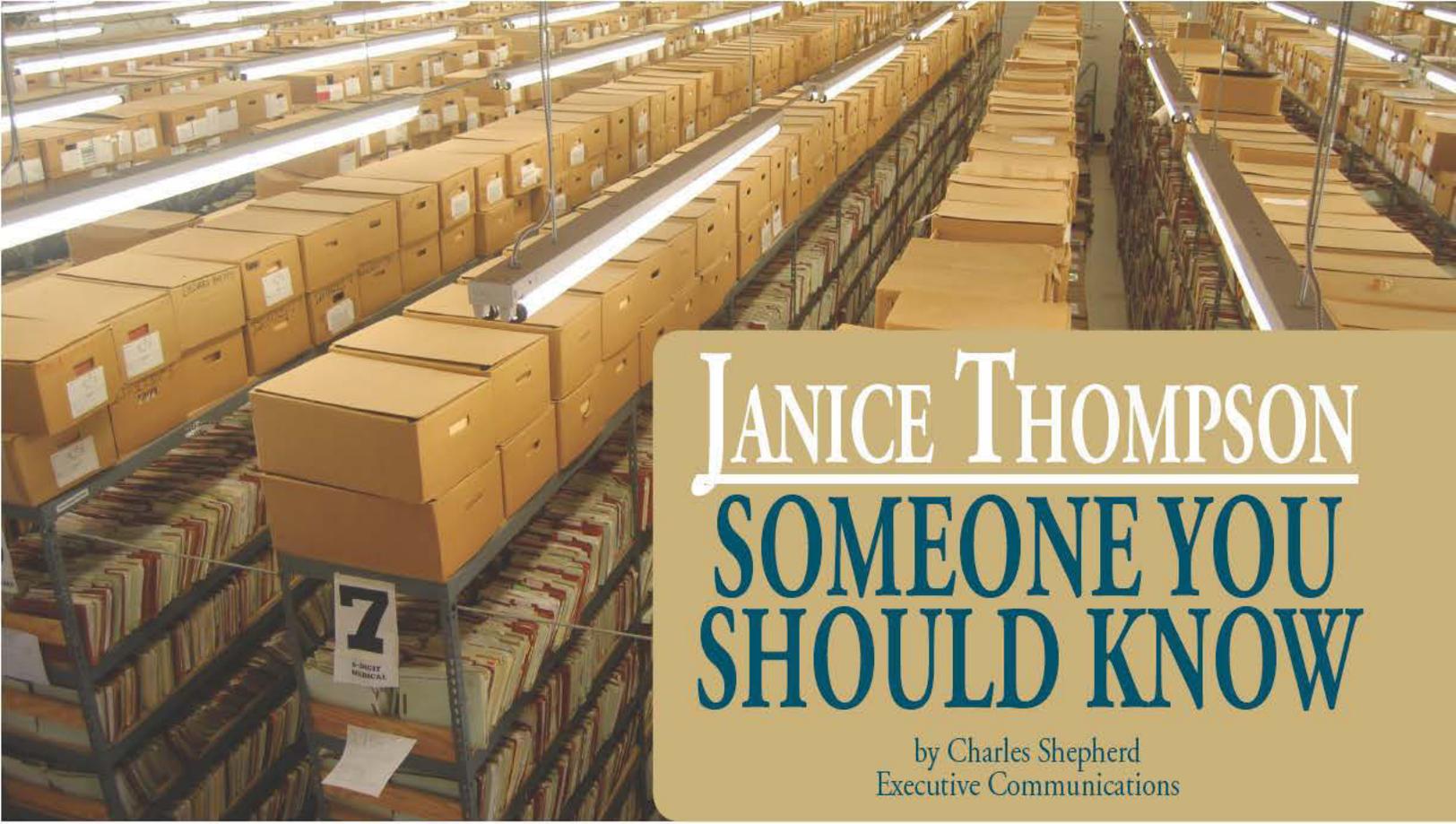
The Norman Police Quartet



Officer playing bagpipes leads officers during ceremony.



Probation and Parole Officer Robert Sershon escorts Jeffery McCoy's family during the placing of the rose on the memorial.



JANICE THOMPSON

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

by Charles Shepherd
Executive Communications

7am, Monday–Friday, the dank odor of old books and paper permeates the air as Janice Thompson, Closed Records Manager, a position that she loves, flips the switch to turn on the fluorescent lights of the closed records building. Janice, a mother of three daughters, has been flipping that switch since 2001, when she started at the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Janice has held several positions working for the state since 1982 and each one giving her the experience to tackle her current vocation. Her office is housed on the grounds of Kate Barnard Community Correction Center, in a building that was a gymnasium. What once catered to basketball games and exercise now holds over 400,000 records in an area designed to hold 250,000 records. Since statewide, any Oklahoma offender who has

been in the Department of Corrections will have a paper trail of their stay in one of the state funded gated communities in the closed records building. Janice's job is to research, organize, purge and code the records in order to account for history of every offender in the system, a task that is not easy. Janice is often requested to give a report of an incarcerated family member for genealogy of a family tree, film companies for movies and/or for legal purposes. That is why her organizational skills are so important.

Each morning 18-23 sets of eyes look to Janice for leadership. Those eyes belong to one full time employee, two temporary employees and 15-20 offenders who help Janice maintain the building. From 7:30 am-2:30 pm, the tables in the west end of the building are full with offenders working on files. As big



Janice Thompson
Closed Records Manager

fans blow the outside air in the non-air conditioned building, offenders are busy checking files in, checking files out, coding files, purging files and shredding discarded files, while others clean, do mail runs, move boxes and just general tidiness. Janice oversees it all.

Besides being in an old building, where
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“GONE TO THE DOGS RESCUE PROGRAM”

at Dick Conner Correctional Center

by Tammy Cartwright



On January 6, 2014 the Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC) in conjunction with Cimarron Valley Humane Society implemented a dog rescue program.

On June 3, 2014 DCCC's "Gone To The Dog's" Rescue Program held its first graduation. In the opening address Warden Terry Martin expressed his pleasure with the programs' success thus far, stating, *"I could see good things happening every day."*

Warden Martin praised the offenders involved in the program and the positive change it is bringing to the DCCC atmosphere. Warden Martin said, *"If you would have asked me three years ago about DCCC hosting a dog program, I would have seriously doubted it."*

The handler's and their canines were given an opportunity to demonstrate commands and/or tricks learned in the past 13 weeks of the program. Elysia Broughton, Case Manager and

OFFENDER TESTIMONIALS

“This program has given me and Macho both a new leash on life.”

“Sometimes you have to forget what’s gone, appreciate what still remains, and look forward to what’s coming next.”

“Dog training teaches responsibility and accountability; being responsible for the dogs’ welfare and being accountable for the dogs’ obedience training is good for the offenders and is saving dog’s lives.”

“An idea, a reality, an opportunity, a difference, a change in my life.”

“It provides a sense of worth.”

“Changing hearts minds and attitudes.”



sponsor of the program, and Mindy Friend, Trainer, introduced the handlers and co-handlers with their dog’s during the graduation.

Rebecca Stowers, Cimarron Valley Humane Society Representative presented the offenders with certificates and thanked all the participants and Warden Martin for accepting and welcoming the program to the Dick Conner Correctional Center. Ms. Friend expressed her appreciation and said “she

Pictured: (previous page) Offender Handler Jason Moore with canine Missie; (top right) canine Elroy, Offender Handler Davis Gobert, Rebecca Stowers, and Warden Terry Martin; (middle right) canine Macho, Offender Handler James Maxwell, and Rebecca Stowers; (bottom right) Offender Handler John Lewis and canine Clyde.

couldn't say it enough, how each offender put "heart and soul" in the dogs and it's put a new lease on life for these dogs".

The Offenders thanked Ms. Stowers for giving them an opportunity to be in the program. The offenders said it was affecting their life and other around them.

Unit Manager, Cindy Falder, thanked everyone and her staff for doing such a good job with the program and handed out some special recognition certificates to some unexpected offenders

who were directly involved in the program.

Warden Martin congratulated the offenders who are involved in the program while posing along with them and their dog for a photograph as they received their certificate of completion.

After graduation Ms. Stowers held an adoption ceremony for dogs Macho, Missy, Elroy, Renegade and Diamond. The dogs will be received in homes as far away as California. ■



Pictured: (top left) offender handler Ian Kampschaefter with canine Tiara; (top right) Mindy Friend presents a plaque to Warden Terry Martin; and (bottom right) Mindy Friend pictured with canines Missie and Renegade.

Quality Oklahoma Team Day 2014



OKLAHOMA STATE REFORMATORY (OSR) FAITH & CHARACTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (FCCP)

Team Members: *Tracy McCollum, Warden III, Ron Roskam, Offender Program Coordinator, Shery Sullivan, Program Provider (Case Manager), James Forbes, Program Provider (Case Manager)*

The FCCP of the OSR collaborated in partnerships with other organizations such as, schools, children's homes, Veteran Centers, Nursing Homes, Senior Citizen Centers, Hospitals, Cancer Care Centers, City Hall food and clothes drives, Battered Women's Centers to donate their heart, time, talents and labor to help them cut through the red tape to achieve their goals and build the self esteem in long term prisoners.

The offenders helped the communities in Oklahoma to a savings of \$12,265 in money value of material but over \$47,000.00 in man-hour labor. But the value of what it did inside the hearts of the prisoners to change from takers to givers is priceless. The value of making them feel they were of worth to society – absolutely priceless. The joy of giving to other's needs and being part of benevolent activities and the fact that the communities are now partnering with us in doing something good is beyond dollar value.

The team from the OSR won a "Blue Ribbon Award" for their efforts.

Quality Oklahoma Team Day 2014



DICK CONNER CORRECTIONAL CENTER (DCCC) FAITH & CHARACTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM (FCCP)

Team Members: Brandi Shafer, Offender Program Coordinator, Mary Bears, Program Provider (Case Manager), Tom Dyer, Program Provider (Case Manager)

The ultimate goal of the Faith and Character Community Program at Dick Conner Correctional Center is to help long term offenders achieve a new level of respect for themselves and their prison community. In turn we are able to cut down prison costs by providing a more peaceful community with less misconducts, medical and security issues. Furthermore we hope to cut down on recidivism rates by encouraging the participants to take the character traits they have learned into their own homes and communities to show their families a better way of life.

Quality Oklahoma Team Day 2014



JOSEPH HARP CORRECTIONAL CENTER (JHCC) FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (FARM)

FARM received a Governor's Accommodation for being in the top 10.

William Weldon, JHCC Food Service Manager and Robin Jones, IT (OCI) Manager put together 8 minutes that showed the finer points of this cost effective program. They used it as part of their booth set up during the May 8th, Quality Team Day exhibit.

Pictured above is: (L-R) David Parker, Division Manager, East Institutions, Johnny Lambert, OCI Data Coordinator, Robin Jones, OCI I.T. Manager, William Weldon, JHCC Food Service Manager, Mike Addison, JHCC Warden III, Michael Shelite, JHCC Deputy Warden, and Jay Hodges, JHCC Deputy Warden.



JACKIE BRANNON CORRECTIONAL CENTER (JBCC) Hosts 19th Annual 5K Ryan's Run "A Race For All Abused Children"

by Brittanie Hackler, Warden's Assistant



Runners line up for the beginning of the race (top) while JBCC Warden Emma Watts (top right) sounds the horn for the race to begin.

JBCC hosted the 19th Annual 5K Ryan's Run, "A Race For All Abused Children," on April 5, 2014. Two hundred twenty-four (224) runners took part in this year's run which raised over \$11,000. This event was born through the tragic death of abused 2 year old Ryan Luke (*photo at right*) in 1995. The run is set to bring awareness to the plight of abused children everywhere. In 1996 citizens representing many different factions in the community began planning a walk/run

that would raise money and bring awareness to the issue at hand. Former JBCC Warden Sonny Scott served as chairman for the then newly formed Ryan's Run committee. For the first several years everything regarding this event was coordinated through JBCC warden's office until 1998 when the Pittsburg County Child Advocacy Center opened. Since then, this event is now chaired by the Pittsburg County Child Advocacy Center with a wide variety of committee members



Ryan Luke
1992 - 1995



**McAlester Firefighter
Robby Rivers**



Firefighters gear up and head for the start line.



Runners who received an award.



**Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA)
show their support for the annual run.**

such as local law enforcement, city and state personnel including JBCC. The run benefits the Pittsburg County Child Advocacy Center and all money raised is used to provide services to child abuse victims, helps to fund training for the professionals who investigate child abuse and help with general operations of the center. Ryan's Run has become a highly anticipated event for the serious athlete

as well as the amateur. Everyone who is involved volunteers their own personal time to make sure this event is successful. Staff at JBCC are proud to be included in this beneficial event.

This year Robby Rivers, a McAlester Fire Fighter, challenged all local firefighters to join him and run in their full bunker gear to raise money for the Child Advocacy Center and to raise awareness for

child safety in the home by promoting smoke alarm awareness. Rivers set up a booth for people to sign up for smoke detectors who do not have the resources to buy them and for specialized detectors for the blind and deaf. There were several firefighters from around the county who participated and took the challenge before them. ■

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specifications, they contact a food broker to sell the product for them. The food brokers then contact prospective customers that can use the product. These products are wholesome, nutritional products, but do not meet the original customer's standards. An example could be as follows: A processor is slicing carrots that came from their contract growers. Weather conditions delayed harvest, resulting in carrots that have grown to a larger diameter than the original customer's specifications. Since the carrots do not meet specifications for the customer, they will discount the price paid to the grower, go ahead and process the carrots, and then offer them at a discounted

price to another end user (like DOC). The food brokers call Agri-Services with products they have for sale. If the product is used on the master menu, and can be purchased significantly cheaper than the prime vendor contract, Agri-Services purchases the product. Frozen, canned, and other shelf stable products are purchased. Sometimes, if the price is right, large totes of bulk frozen products are purchased in 900 pound totes, then re-packaged into food grade bags or boxes in quantities that can be utilized by the facility kitchens. The product is then distributed to all correctional facilities within the State utilizing the existing Agri-Services delivery fleet.



Raking Hay



Hauling Hay

The program has already proven to be a huge success. During the first seven months of operation, the Opportunity Buy Program has already saved the Department of Corrections and State of Oklahoma \$292,182.89 in gross food costs when compared to the prime vendor contract.

The Agri-Services division maintains a fleet of six (6) tractor-trailer rigs to distribute food, feed, livestock and equipment. Upon request, and when scheduling allows, the fleet is utilized as a service for other divisions of the Department.

The Agri-Services leather shop is located at the Eddie Warrior Correctional Center for females. The emphasis is to teach good work ethics and skills in leather tooling while producing a variety of products for all the farms, facilities and government employees to include notebooks, folders, saddles, harnesses, tack, special need items and the reconditioning of saddles.

The Agri-Services division believes that if they are allowed to continue to implement new methods for reducing institutional food costs, they can generate higher sales volumes, which in turn will further reduce costs. This will put Agri-Services well on its way "To produce 100% of the Department's needs for meat, milk, and other food items at an efficient economical level, by making the most efficient use of land, facilities, equipment and offender work force." ■

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Unit, but are also provided to those offenders in general population who are assessed with the need for services.

Mental Health Program at James Crabtree Correctional Center

by Suzie Salinas
Unit Manager

During the last several years, correctional systems have been challenged by a dramatic increase of mental health populations. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections has been impacted by this as well. James Crabtree Correctional Center has handled this shift in population in a unique manner which has been required due to our physical plant. Since we have an open yard and our housing units consist primarily of open dorms, new

arrivals often have difficulty adjusting to the facility. All new arrivals are screened for multiple criteria, particularly mental health status. Those who are mental health level B or C are closely monitored by unit staff, correctional officers and are seen by the facility psychologist soon after arrival.

Upon a determination that special housing may be appropriate, Dr. James Smash conferences with the new arrival unit team to dialog the potential placement in one of four “program rooms”. These rooms have 4 bunk beds a toilet and sink. Once placement is determined, a treatment plan is designed and reviewed with the offender. Treatment plans are updated and reviewed as needed, but normally quarterly. Each “program room” has an assigned ADA orderly who ensures that the “patient” goes to pill line daily,

eats regularly, maintains personal hygiene and interacts with other offenders. The ADA also works with staff to ensure that the “patient” is not exhibiting behaviors that are out of the norm.

There have been success stories as a result of the “program rooms.” One offender had been a consistent rule violator at another facility and continued to receive misconducts upon reception to JCCC. He even received a misconduct for assaulting staff. Once he went into the program room and a treatment plan was developed, his behavior began to become more appropriate. There are still occasional hiccups, however, his improvement is directly related to the special housing and the dedication of staff to create a suitable environment for those who face the challenges of mental health issues while incarcerated. ■



James Crabtree Correctional Center

Stay Healthy This Summer

What should be done when it is very hot and/or humid?

Certain steps can be taken to reduce discomfort. These include:

- using fans or air conditioning;
- wearing light, loose fitting clothing;
- taking more frequent rest breaks;
- drinking cold beverages (ones that do not have caffeine or alcohol);
- allowing flexibility to permit less physically demanding activities during peak temperature periods; and
- using screens or umbrellas to create shade.

Protect yourself and your loved ones from mosquito bites that cause West Nile virus infection.

Mosquito bites can be more than just itchy and annoying. They can cause you to get sick. The most effective way to avoid West Nile virus disease is to prevent mosquito bites. Be aware of the West Nile virus activity in your area and take action to protect yourself and your family.

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it is too cold, too hot, too wet, depending on the season, and not enough space, like trying to fit a size 10 foot into a size 7 shoe. Janice also faces staffing problems. She says in a perfect world, she would have double the space and double the workers, but she works in the real world, where she trains workers and in a couple of days they are not there anymore for whatever reason. The cycle then starts over with new people to train to file, organize, research, transfer data from old ledgers to computer and general clerical work. Her goal is to teach good work

ethics, like being to work on time, clerical skills and submitting to authority. She tells her workers that in order to be a good leader, they first must be a good follower. She knows that eventually the offender will be re-established into society and they will need skills besides fast food and cleaning to try to make a decent living. Janice is firm on her training because many employers will call and want a reference for one of her former workers. Her reward is when someone calls back and thanks her for their success. She lets them know up front, that

if you are good, she is going to tell somebody, if you are bad, she is going to tell somebody.

Janice says that people don't realize the volume of task she is handling and that she relies mostly on an offender work force. She is still hopeful. She takes her job seriously, she believes it should be done, it should be done right and she will do her very best to achieve that. So if you happen to go to the Closed Records Building, say hello to Janice, because she is someone you should know. ■

July Anniversaries

Lester Young Beverly Campbell	40 Years Comm Corr Contracts & Acquisitions	Starla Bradley	Medical/JHCC	William Savage Bradley Dunning	Medical/JBCC Ardmore CWC
Mike Addison	37 Years JHCC	Richard Kornele Gary Alexander Gerry Spicer	26 Years BJCC OCI Mfg/DCCC MBCC	Clarence McCloud Raymond Wyatt Karen Johnson Patricia Ormerod Shawn Chumley Lee Moody	21 Years DCCC EWCC MBCC Human Resources OSP JBCC
Sharon Owen	35 Years N.E. Dist CC	Vernon Sanders Sandra Gandy Muriel Irwin	25 Years JCCC EWCC Employee Development	Fred Burris Eric Gulbranson Jerry Williams Kelli Gaffney Ernest Washington Gary Rhodes Judith Blount	20 Years LARC LARC HMCC DCCC Hobart CWC OCI Mfg/OSP Finance/Actng
Janna Hill Linda Morgan	34 Years Field Operations OSP	Karen Hart Johnny Blevins Kenneth Kays Michael Rogers Ronnie Thomas Robert Copeland Scott Nunn Harry Janis Eydie Youngblood David Egbert Stephen Gardner	24 Years Field/Business Svcs Hub 4 Inspector General's Office Agri Svcs/NOCC JCCC OSR JHCC C Waters CCC S.W. Dist CC Sentence Admin Central Dist CC OSP	John Johnson Shawn Price Nancy Harrison Joe Romberg Tracy Jones Jason Bryant Ruth Littlejohn Monty Baker Lee Clayton Todd Benton Mark Smith William Taylor Robert Gaulden Brian Thompson Tresia Hamilton Janet Dowling	19 Years OSR JHCC Education/JLCC Field Support Facility Class BJCC Union City CCC EWCC Tulsa Co Dis CC N.W. Dist CC OSP OSP JDCC JHCC Analytics/Systems Quality JCCC
David Sirleaf	33 Years Central Dist CC	David Orman Stanley Rogers, Jr. Mark Silverthorn J.T. Kennedy, Jr. Matthew Speers Brenda Thompson Billy Johnson Pam Collins Larisa Howell Thomas Dyer, Jr.	23 Years OSP OSP OSP JBCC JEHCC MBCC Lawton CCC JLCC WKCC Program Services	Ronald Hudson	18 Years JEHCC
Debra Vaughan Malcolm Darrough	32 Years HMCC Agri Svcs/JLCC				
Elizabeth Houston James Colbert Carmen Jackson	30 Years LARC Private Prisons Okla City CCC				
Mohsen Pourett Reginald Bradley Rosalie Bliss Sandra Estes	29 Years Analytics/Systems Quality JDCC N.W. Dist CC OSP				
James Starr Eldon Arnold, Jr. David Parker	28 Years Ment Hlth/JHCC EWCC East Institutions				
Claudia McCormick	27 Years Madill CWC	Mary Stebens Robert Denton	22 Years Med Adm/WKCC JCCC		

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

(No Board of Corrections Meeting scheduled)

- 3-6 APPA 39th Annual Training Institute
New Orleans
- 18-22 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
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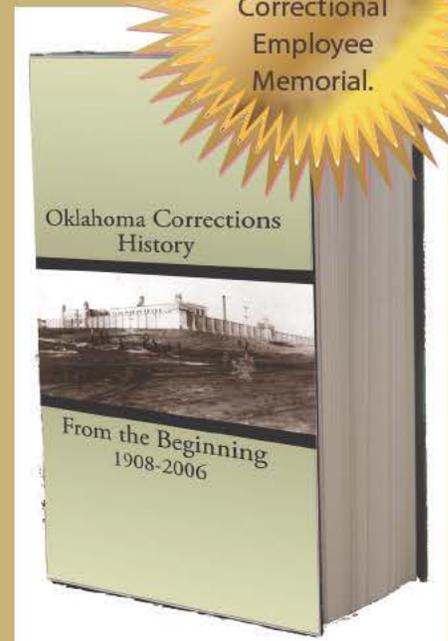
- 1 Labor Day
- 4-5 NABCJ Conference
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- 15-19 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
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OCTOBER

- 13 Columbus Day
- 16 Boss's Day
- 20-24 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting
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STATISTICS

Opened:	July 1985
Location:	McAlester
Security:	Minimum
Capacity:	737
Gender:	Male



Jackie Brannon

The facility is named in honor of Jackie Brannon, who began his correctional career in 1961 as a correctional officer at OSP. In 1981, he was promoted to Deputy Warden of the OSP Trusty Unit, in which capacity he served until his death in 1984. It is this same trusty unit, since expanded, that bears his name.

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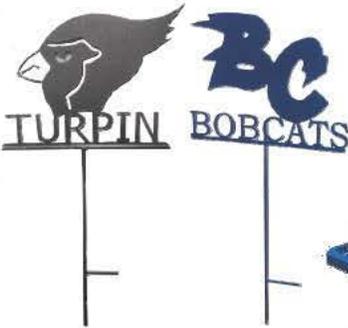


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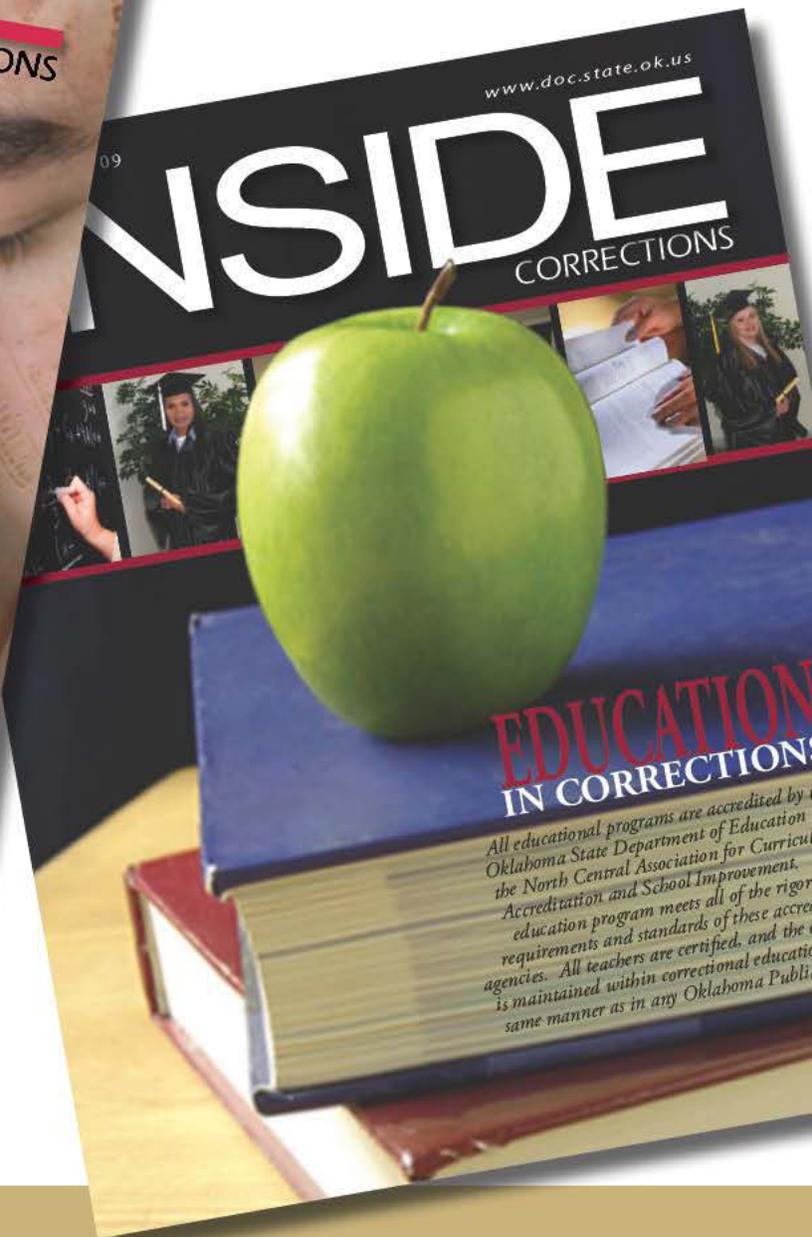


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