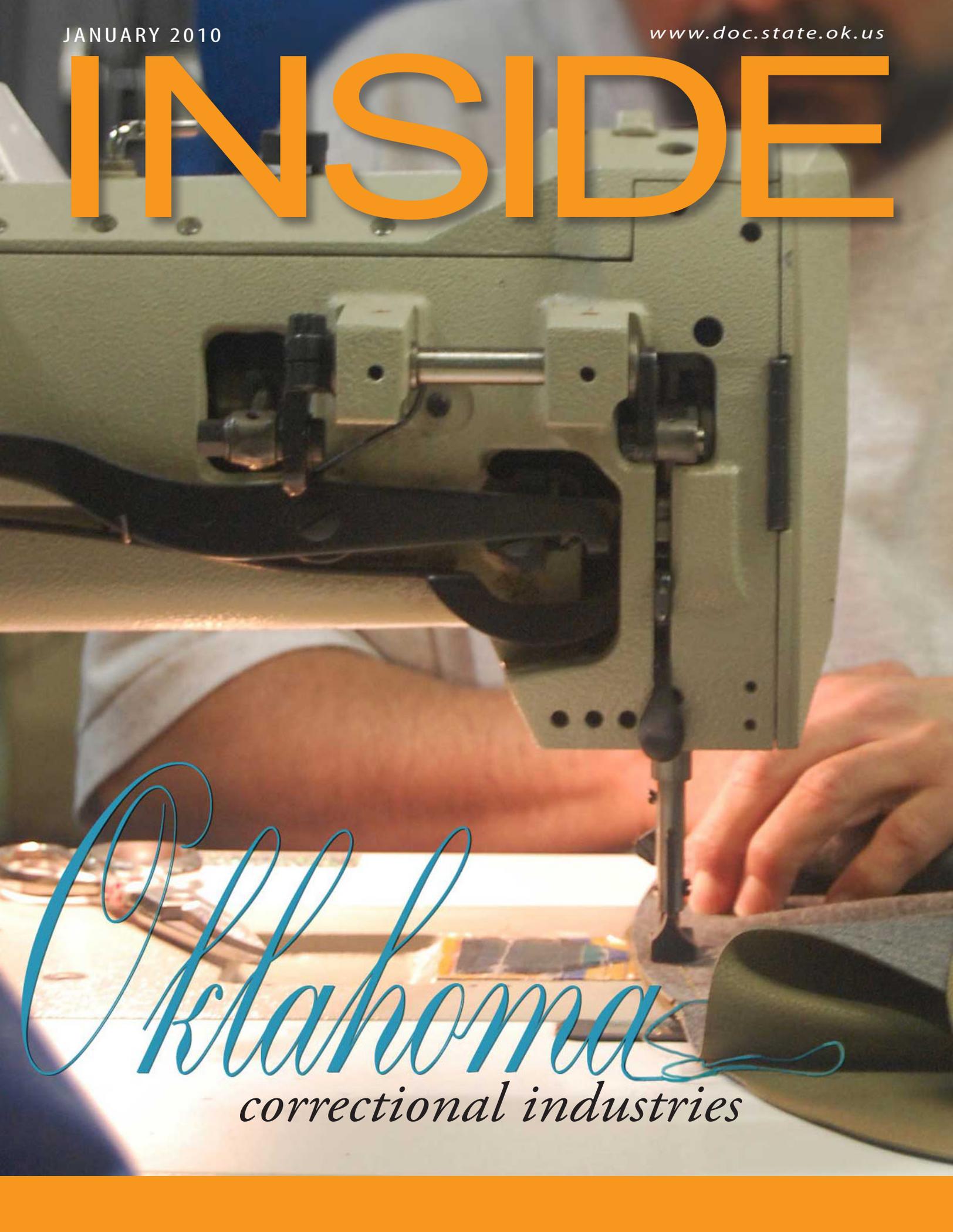


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Welcome to *Inside Corrections*



As with most aspects of corrections, the general public does not fully comprehend the mission and value of correctional industries. As Director, one of the most common areas of corrections that I get questions about is correctional industries. Questions run the gamut from why we are competing with private business, to complaints about the new automobile plate designs to how we can guarantee our furniture for life. If the general public has ideas about how to run corrections in general then they certainly have specific ideas for our Oklahoma Correctional Industries (OCI).

Third party reviews and analysis have validated that OCI is one of the best in the nation. Internal review and audits consistently reaffirm the efficiencies and effectiveness of OCI. Emerging markets, changing buying trends, work force turnover and a host of other variables constantly keep management in a state of change. Most recently, the recession and corresponding state agency budget reductions have drastically reduced sales of furniture and other products. However our OCI team was prepared and with an expanded list of products and changing with market trends, will produce net profit.

Providing offenders a viable work experience is why correctional industries were created. The fact it receives no appropriated funds and turns a net profit is an added and nowadays a necessary advantage. This edition of *Inside Corrections* will undoubtedly give additional insight into this unique aspect of corrections. The evolution of OCI will continue and it will affect many offender lives as it has those thousands that have worked in the factories, discharged their sentences and never returned, not to mention those that applied their acquired skills in the private sector.

Justin Jones

Justin Jones
Director
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

In Other Words

Dear Mr. Reynolds,

Unfortunately, it is not very often these days that “concerned citizens” are treated with respect and due diligence with instinctive efficiency in attempting to resolve problems related to the correctional system.

Ms. Tandy is definitely an “asset” to the correctional system as a whole. She was very comprehensive, yet firm, exceptionally respectful and a patient listener. As a senior citizen who has seen life from beginning to end, I was very impressed with Ms. Tandy’s obvious efficiency.

Please include this “commendation” in her file and thanks to her, my faith in the misunderstood correctional department has been restored. Thank you,

Sincerely,
Mrs. Yvonne Hopton

Dear Warden Standifird,

On behalf of Paden Public School’s Board of Education, faculty and staff, I want to thank you for allowing the John Lilley Correctional Center’s offenders to provide labor. Lt. Rick Orr’s Correctional Officers assigned were very respectful and accommodating in their duties. The offenders that worked on campus were very respectful and courteous to my employees. We appreciate everything they did for our school.

Will you please forward a copy of this

letter to Lt. Orr and thank him on his cooperation and scheduling of my projects? Again, thank you very much and if there is anything I can do for you, don’t hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,
Jeremy Ramsey, Superintendent
Paden Public Schools

Dear Warden Franklin,

I am writing on behalf of Tulsa Boxer Rescue (TBR) to say thank you for the excellent work the Lexington A&R Center is doing with the Friends for Folks program.

In May, the program accepted Jolie, a 3 year old female Boxer from the Tulsa Boxer Rescue, who was having issues snapping at people. We were unable to adopt Jolie out with this issue and we simply did not have the resources or the volunteers with the time to get her the help she needed, so the future looked pretty bleak until she was accepted into the Friends for Folks program.

After 30 days, Jolie was released back to TBR and returned to her foster home where she has gotten an excellent report. There is much improvement in her and now she has the training and skills to be a great family pet for someone.

Because of programs like this, these homeless pets are getting a chance on life that they otherwise would never have and in turn people are able to adopt these pets that have the training

and skills to offer someone lifelong companionship. Not to mention the many advantages this program has on the offenders. I could tell by the remarks sent to us in the assessment of Jolie that this program is enhancing the lives of the offenders. I noticed that the offender really enjoyed his time with Jolie and he was proud of his accomplishments with her. Programs like these have the ability to teach offenders responsibility, compassion and a sense of pride for the work they are doing. Doing good for those in need whether it be with humans or animals, teach us to be a better person and I believe these offenders are getting as much out of this program as the dogs are.

This is a positive program in many ways so again, we say “thank you” for a job well done! We are very pleased with the outcome of Jolie and I would recommend Friends for Folks to anyone.

Sincerely,
Amy Greteman,
Tulsa Boxer Rescue

Dear Mr. Addison and all dedicated staff members,

We are sending this letter with the most grateful appreciation to the facility of Joseph Harp and your wonderful professional staff. Our son is held at your facility. He has been in the custody of DOC since July 11, 2007. We have found that your staff has

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In Other Words

helped him in so many ways that we are truly grateful. Dr. Englander and Dr. Owens, with Unit Manager Gantz and G-Unit Case Manager, have all been instrumental in the changes we see in our son. As parents who have dedicated their lives to this man with mild mental retardation, he is now growing to the greatest of his potential. I believe that GOD has a perfect plan for all that follow his greatness. Please allow us to extend our deepest thanks for helping our son to grow and learn as a man with great potential. Your staff performs greatness; each and everyday they change a life!

Again, please extend our appreciation to your staff for the amazing job they do each and everyday at Joseph Harp. Our son means everything to us.

With Greatest Respect,
Mr. & Mrs. James D. Duncan

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe the City of McAlester and the State of Oklahoma should be made aware of a citizen that is employed at the Oklahoma State Prison. He is a true asset to the city and the state; his name is Terry Crenshaw.

I was fortunate to have him lead myself and seven guests, which were my grandchildren ranging in ages of 21 to 11 years old. This tour took place on the day of an execution, which he said would be limited in scope. Not only did we see the old dilapidated areas, but also visited the cells and death row.

The visual part was very interesting

but his comments concerning life in prison was extraordinary. His verbal communications to teenagers could not have been more appropriate. Further, the children were able to talk with two offenders, one was a murderer and one was a robber. Also, on death row, he provided an offender to answer questions from the children. He stated that he believed every senior in McAlester High School should take a tour of this facility. I fully concur and believe nothing could be more impressive than to have Terry Crenshaw provide a tour and listen to his comments for all the children of McAlester.

I truly believe this tour could have a great impact on crime redirection in our community, especially when anyone can see and hear what prison is truly like.

Again, Terry thanks for the great tour.
Noble A. Miller

Dear Warden Vaughn,

As you are aware, Fort Supply School experienced disaster first hand last April when some 28 inches of snow destroyed our gymnasium.

When you offered assistance, we were in a dilemma. We had to remodel an old, 1950 model gym between June 1st and August 8th in order to provide our students a facility for bad weather play, competitive athletics, physical education classes, as well as a location for community gatherings.

William S. Key responded immediately upon the dismissal of classes for the

summer, training our employees for offender supervision and providing us an offender work crew second to none; plumbers, electricians, drywallers, carpenters, HVAC workers and general laborers.

Over sixty days during the hottest part of summer in as much as 115 degrees heat our crew diligently worked. The final product is amazing! We started school with a brand new 1950 gymnasium!

As a result of many offenders holding appropriate licenses and certifications we were able to save literally thousands of dollars. In fact, a modest calculation indicates we saved approximately \$175,000 in capital outlay as a result of accessing your contractors, journeymen and laborers.

The savings to our district alone is tremendous, but just as important is the finished product. Our renovated gymnasium is magnificent! The pride and craftsmanship of our crew shows throughout the facility. These men seized the opportunity to give back to society and followed through.

William S. Key is a partner second to none in our school district and surrounding area. Fort Supply School offers sincere gratitude on behalf of our students, employees and tax payers.

Sincerely,
Pat Howell
Superintendent
Fort Supply Schools

Cadet Graduation - September 14, 2009 - October 8, 2009



The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted Correctional Officer Cadet Class W091409 from September 14, 2009 through October 8, 2009. The 24 cadets in this class successfully completed the required 160 hours of pre-service instruction. Seven different facilities ranging in security level from maximum security to community security had students in W091409.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton would like to commend the class of W091409 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Zachary Lance
Oklahoma State Reformatory
Academic Award

James McCalister
Joseph Harp CC
Class Leadership

Elizabeth Cohn
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Outstanding Performance

Cadet Graduation - September 21, 2009 - October 15, 2009

The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted Correctional Officer Cadet Class W092109 from September 21, 2009 through October 15, 2009. The 22 cadets in this class successfully completed the required 160 hours of pre-service instruction. Nine different facilities ranging in security level from maximum security to community security had students in W092109.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy would like to commend the Class of W092109 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

Carl Hearod
Oklahoma State Reformatory
Academic Award

Eric Parker
Joseph Harp CC
Class Leadership

Matthew Davis
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Outstanding Performance

Cadet Graduation - October 19, 2009 - November 12, 2009



The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted Correctional Officer Cadet Class W101909 from October 19, 2009 through November 12, 2009. The 28 cadets in this class successfully completed the required 160 hours of pre-service instruction. Eight different facilities ranging in security level from maximum security to community security had students in W101909.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton would like to commend the class of W101909 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Wendel W. West
Sayre CWC
Academic Award

Zuri Johnson
Oklahoma State Reformatory
Class Leadership

Matthew E. George
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Outstanding Performance

Cadet Graduation - October 26, 2009 - November 19, 2009

The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted Correctional Officer Cadet Class W102609 from October 26, 2009 through November 19, 2009. The 16 cadets in this class successfully completed the required 160 hours of pre-service instruction. Seven different facilities ranging in security level from maximum security to community security had students in W102609.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy would like to commend the Class of W102609 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

Daryl Johnson
Lexington Assessment and
Reception Center
Academic Award

Jason Reaves
William S. Key CC
Class Leadership

Jimmy Stitz
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Outstanding Performance

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Anthony Clayton, Chief of Security
Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center

Please join the Division of Institutions staff in welcoming Anthony Clayton as the Chief of Security at Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center effective October 7, 2009.

Mr. Clayton began his career as a Correctional Security Officer I in October, 1993, at Mack Alford Correctional Center. Mr. Clayton promoted to a CSO IV in November 1994, and to Lieutenant in October 1999. Mr. Clayton transferred to Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC) as a Captain in October 2004. Mr. Clayton served as CERT Commander while at Mack Alford Correctional Center (MACC) and then at MBCC. In addition, he was selected as the 2008 Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year for MBCC.

Mr. Clayton is currently attending college at Ashford University majoring in Business Administration.

Please join the Division of Institutions staff in welcoming James Rudek as the Warden at Oklahoma State Reformatory. Mr. Rudek assumed his new role, Monday, October 19, 2009.

Mr. Rudek began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in February, 1988, as a Correctional Officer at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center and later promoted to Correctional Counselor and Case Manager. He became a Probation and Parole Officer in October 1994. In 1997 he promoted to Team Supervisor and was selected to oversee the agency's new GPS program in September, 2004. In 2007 he served as the Interim Assistant District Supervisor at Union City Community Corrections Center. In June 2008, he was promoted to Deputy Warden of the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center.

Mr. Rudek graduated from Southern Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts.



James Rudek, Warden
Oklahoma State Reformatory

Someone You Should Know

Mike Carr currently serves as the District Supervisor for Northwest District Community Corrections. As the District Supervisor, he oversees two community corrections centers, five community work centers, three community contract facilities, and twenty-one probation and parole sub offices.

Mike graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He began his career in corrections in 1976 with the Kentucky Department of Justice, Bureau of Corrections. In 1980, Mike came to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections as a Senior Correctional Case Manager at Jess Dunn Correctional Center. While at Jess Dunn, he served in the capacity of Unit Manager, Deputy Warden and Warden. After leaving Jess Dunn for Community Corrections in 1995, Mike became District Supervisor for the Northwest District in 1998.

When asked what drew him into the corrections profession, Mike said that he completed an undergraduate internship at the Federal Correctional Institute in Lexington, Kentucky. At that time, a professor suggested he consider a career in criminal justice. He then did some work with juvenile probationers at a survival type camp in Stone Mountain, Georgia as an Assistant Camp Director which taught him the value of communicating with offenders. Mike also indicated that when he graduated college, he was in search of full-time employment and corrections was hiring!

Mike came to Oklahoma after several administrators from the department came for a tour in preparation for the opening of Jess Dunn Correctional Center. He was asked to come to the state and interview for a position at the facility. His wife and children came to enjoy living in Northeastern Oklahoma, so he stayed in the state. Mike also has a love of horses and Oklahoma is horse country.

Throughout his career in corrections, Mike has been a long time supporter of the American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation process. One of his sayings is “ACA is every day” and that is the standard he has set for the facilities he has under his supervision. Most recently, the Enid Community Corrections Center underwent



Mike Carr, District Supervisor
Northwest District Community Corrections

its fourth Re-Accreditation under Mike’s direction. The facility received their fourth perfect score of 100 percent in both mandatory and non-mandatory standards. This was a record for any one supervisor with the agency for a single facility. Mike also stated that he is very proud of the staff at the Union City Community Corrections Center who also achieved a perfect ACA Re-Accreditation score in 2009. Mike was recognized for this achievement at the November Board of Corrections meeting.

Mike is a very dedicated employee and the staff that work for him are a priority. He can always be counted on to listen and give advice, particularly to new staff and supervisors. When Mike was asked what has kept him in this profession for thirty plus years, he said that “corrections gets in your blood.” Mike said his philosophy is simple: Over thirty years ago his first warden told him “just be firm, fair, and consistent and you will do well.” He continually practices this approach.

Mike Carr is definitely SOMEONE you should know!

Submitted by Kristin Tims, Assistant District Supervisor,
Union City Community Corrections Center

OKLAHOMA CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES



J. D. Colbert
Administrator/OCI

Mr. Colbert joined the Oklahoma Department of Corrections as the Administrator of Oklahoma Correctional Industries in November of 1999 following his retirement from SBC Corporation where he served as Director of Government Operations. He oversees the functions of: Operations, Sales & Marketing, Engineering, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Human Resources, Private Partnerships, Services, and Financial Management for OCI.

Mr. Colbert graduated from Phillips University with a Bachelor of Administration degree in Management and Business. He completed courses of study at UCLA in the area of Public Service Corporation Management.

Oklahoma has had an industry program since the earliest days of statehood. It was all located at Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) until being destroyed in the riot of 1973.

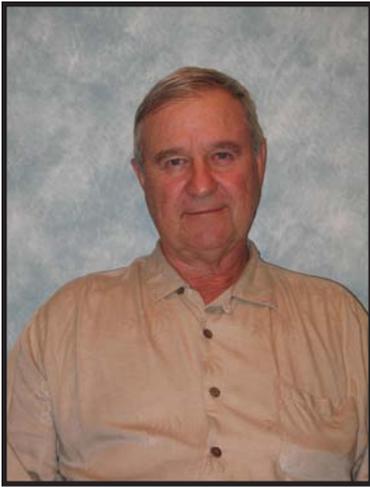
In 1975 and 1976, the industry program was started anew with a centralized administration in Oklahoma City and industry programs located at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC), and Mack Alford Correctional Center (MACC) in 1979, Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC) in 1980, John H. Lilley Correctional Center (JLCC) in 1988, and Oklahoma State Reformatory (OSR) in 1984. The industry operation at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center (LARC) was established in 1986. Several changes have been made in the operations and their locations since then with new operations added at James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC), LARC, MBCC, Eddie Warrior Correctional Center (EWCC), OSR, Lawton Correctional Facility (LFC), Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC), and Oklahoma Correctional Industries Administrative Headquarters was relocated to Hillside Community Corrections Center (HCCC) in 2005. Originally Oklahoma State Industries (OSI) the name was changed to Oklahoma Correctional Industries (OCI) in 2000 to more accurately reflect our mission.

OCI receives no appropriated monies and therefore is a self-supporting operation relying on sales and the resulting profits to continue and expand operations. OCI's profits are used to meet payroll, purchase raw materials, pay the utilities, build and maintain buildings, purchase and maintain equipment including vehicle purchases and maintenance.

MANUFACTURING

Under the leadership of Ron Jackson, Operations Coordinator, OCI manufactures multiple lines of products which are sold and marketed throughout the state of Oklahoma to qualified customers. A qualified customer is any tax supported or nonprofit organization, such as state, county or municipal governmental agencies, as well as schools and charitable organizations. In 2004, the employees and retirees of state, county and local governments were added via legislation to the OCI customer base.

Although OCI is an integral part of the department, it is like a private business conglomerate working within the framework of state government. It offers customers quality products at a competitive price, reduces inmate idleness, and provides job skills training. OCI, through the accomplishment of its mission, generates significant savings for the Oklahoma Taxpayer.



Ron Jackson,
Operations Coordinator

**MANUFACTURING,
SERVICE,
PARTNERSHIP &
ADMINISTRATIVE
OPERATIONS**

**Lexington Assessment
and Reception Center**

Managed by Terry Wedel, Correctional Industries Manager III, the Modular Office Systems operation produces and installs modular offices.

In addition, this operation maintains the responsibility for manufacturing the new Transitions line of office furniture that is designed to fit most space available for offices. Offenders in this operation also have the opportunity to learn Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) programs; learning skills that are not only easily transferred to but, are in demand in the private sector.

Three new styles of modular office systems were introduced in 2008 that meet "Green" refurbishing standards. To address the requirements of the market, more glass/poly windows and openings, additional lighting for aesthetic purposes, variable heights in wall spans, and additional convenience in attaching power sources for computers and other desk top devices will be incorporated.

The Modular Construction Manufacturing operation designs, constructs, and installs modular housing and multi-use building products in several designs. These products are manufactured in 700, 960, 1200, and 1600 square foot models. This operation is facing temporary shut downs due to the impact the economy has had on larger dollar purchases. OCI will save \$100,000 from a Career Tech contract by using division staff with contractor licenses in the electrical, HVAC and plumbing fields on a part time basis. OCI partners with Career Tech to provide a government approved cabinet making apprenticeship program where offender workers have the opportunity to become certified cabinetmakers. Three additional Labor Department approved programs provide offender workers opportunity to secure Journeyman licenses in Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing trades. The LARC operations are under the oversight of Correctional Industries Coordinator, Bob Tomlinson.

The Construction Academy provides classroom study, construction yard work, and on-the-job experience in in-

terior finishing, paint, trim, framing, roofing and rough carpentry skills.

**Joseph Harp
Correctional Center**

The Office Furniture Manufacturing operation, under the supervision of Randy Bray, Correctional Industries Manager IV, manufactures three complete lines of office furniture.

These lines include desks, credenzas, hutches, bookshelves, coffee tables, end tables, conference tables and various multi-functional tables. The operation functions in an economic quantity environment. Products have been designed so that various pieces fit multiple products with several products being designed to specifically use 'drop' from other products. Oversight of the operation is provided by Bob Tomlinson Correctional Industries Coordinator (CIC).

The JHCC/OCI operations also include the Records Conversion operation, managed by Jim Brown, Correctional Industries Manager IV, where traditional paper records are converted to microfilm or digital records depending on the customer's budget and frequency of retrieval of the converted records. This operation teaches offender workers to be multi-dimensional in the use of computers



Bob Tomlinson,
Correctional Industries
Coordinator



and computer programs. Records Conversion operations are facing difficult times in the future due to the influx to the market of office equipment customers can purchase that will perform the conversion functions. The JCCC Records Conversion operation was recently relocated to and combined with the JHCC operation to provide space for a new private partnership at JCCC.

JHCC also includes the Computer Operations Support Group under the direction of Robin Jones, Information Systems Network Administrator. This group maintains the oci.sales.com website, programs retrieval software for the Records Conversion group and keeps the network, software and computer hardware and

telecommunications systems in top operating condition for all OCI locations statewide. The Records Conversion and Computer Operations Support groups operate under the oversight of Johnny Lambert, Correctional Industries Coordinator / Technology Operations.

JHCC is also the home to one of our partnership programs, DMI, Incorporated. This organization is a business-to-business telemarketing operation where offenders not only earn more in pay, but also learn telemarketing skills that are easily transferred to the private sector upon release. (PIECP) and Service partnerships operate under the oversight of Bob Tomlinson Correctional Industries Manager V/Manufacturing & Partnership Coordinator.

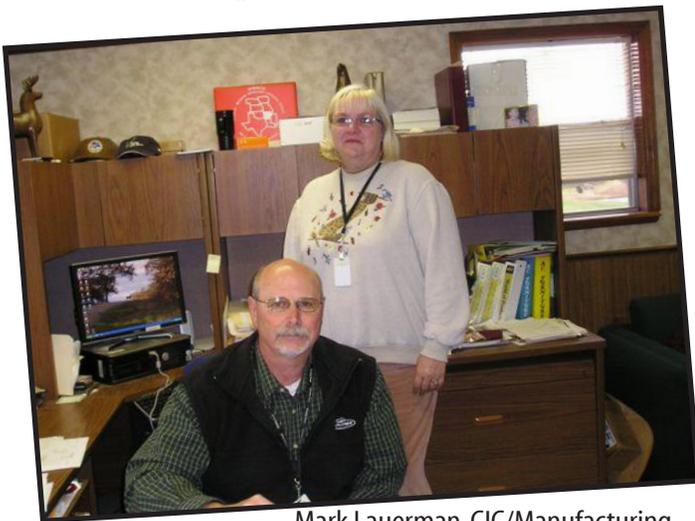
Mack Alford Correctional Center

The operations at MACC include three manufacturing product lines under the leadership of Mark Lauerman, Correctional Industries Coordinator / Manufacturing. The Upholstered Seating operation, led by Tony Burleson, Correctional Industries Manager IV, manufactures seating ranging from simple task seating to luxurious custom "Heritage" executive seating to several lines of couches, love seats and stuffed chairs. Included in the seating operation is also a rapidly growing refurbishing and refinishing operation whereby OCI workers rework used furniture into products with newly refinished wood and upholstered components.

The Sign Shop manufacturing operation, under the guidance of Paul Ridgway, Correctional Industries Manager IV, recently added a new digital printer, which expands our capabilities in the custom sign, banner, and specialty sign products market. The sign operation is rapidly moving from the traditional regulated traffic sign markets into the custom and engraved specialty sign business. This is a traditional sign shop manufacturing signs ranging from name tags to large custom made outdoor signage.

Eddie Warrior Correctional Center

EWCC is the home of another of OCI's partnership operations. The Jacobs Trading Company packages and redistributes returned and overstocked merchandise nationwide. Semi loads of merchandise are delivered to the operation weekly, cleaned of any identifying bar codes and company specific labeling, repackaged, palletized and shipped nationwide for resale. This operation employs approximately 18 female offenders. Construction of a new 7,000 square foot building for a transition center for DMI products will provide for the working of an additional 15 female offenders. This operation is again under



Mark Lauerman, CIC/Manufacturing
Sharon DeLana, Admin. Asst. I



Rick Hunt, CIM III



Paul Ridgway, CIM IV

the oversight of Bob Tomlinson, OCI Coordinator for Manufacturing and Partnership Operations.

John Lilley Correctional Center

Four OCI operations are located at JLCC. The Janitorial Chemical Plant manufactures, blends and distributes a complete line of janitorial cleaning chemicals, floor products and miscellaneous products. OCI partners with "Portion Pac" Corporation for distribution of portioned chemicals which has been very successful since its implementation in 2006. A new venture partnership has been formed whereby OCI now performs the filling function for products sold under the Correct Pac brand. An agreement has been reached with the company and they have placed a company sales representative in Oklahoma for the single purpose of sales to OCI customers. OCI also completed a partnership agreement with Puritan Chemicals to provide DOC customers with high quality laundry products.

The Mattress & Jail Pad Plant manufactures innerspring mattresses in Standard, Queen and King sizes as well as Jail Pads and other correctional products. In addition, this operation refurbishes mattresses.

The Janitorial Products Plant manufactures mops, brooms, brushes and other miscellaneous janitorial products by hand at this plant. These products are basically training products for offender workers who work their way into the other plants from this operation.

The Corrugated Box Plant manufactures boxes of all sizes and shapes, including meatpacking boxes for the Agri-Services Division. All OCI/JLCC operations are under the local leadership of Kip Collins, Correctional Industries Manager III, and the direction of Mark Lauerman, Correctional Industries Coordinator / Manufacturing Operations.

R.B. Dick Conner Correctional Center

DCCC is home to the OCI Metal Fabrication operation, managed by Larry Butcher, Correctional Industries Manager IV, where many components of other OCI products are manufactured as well as several products for the jail industry, agriculture industry and employee/retiree markets.

The Tag Plant is also located at DCCC where tags are manufactured for the Motor Vehicle Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and several Native American Tribal governments. OCI negotiated with the Oklahoma Tax Commission to secure appropriations to provide OCI with New Tag equipment at a cost of more than \$1,000,000. The equipment was implemented in Octo-

ber of 2008 and through May 2009 over \$7,000,000 in new tags were manufactured and delivered. These operations are under the oversight of Gary Alexander, Correctional Industries Coordinator Manufacturing.

James Crabtree Correctional Center

The second OCI Records Conversion operation was previously located at JCCC under the management of Gerald David, Correctional Industries Manager IV. This operation recently relocated to JHCC and combined with the records operation there.



A new partnership has been implemented with CELLFOR, Inc. at JCCC that employs over 100 offenders and will grow to the 175-200 offender range very quickly. The local OCI staff will remain at JCCC and will manage the partnership operation for OCI.

Oklahoma State Reformatory

OSR is home to one of the two OCI Garment Manufacturing operations. The OSR operation is managed by Dottie Street, Correctional Industries Manager IV. The primary products at this location are garments and miscellaneous sewing products for the Department of Corrections.

Lawton Correctional Facility

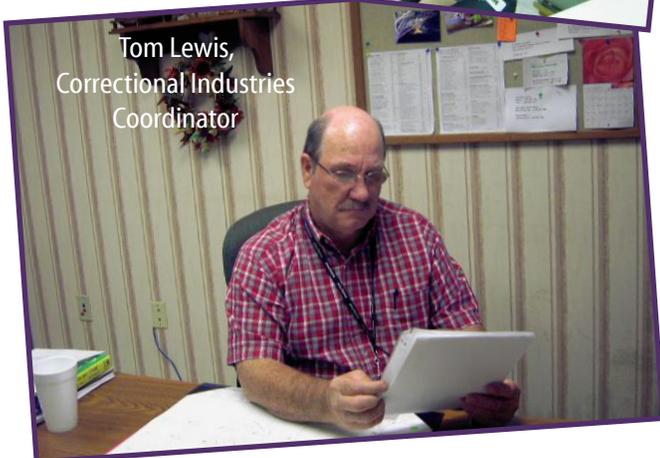
The garment operation at LCF produces multiple lines of garments for sales to primarily outside customers including caps, shirts, embroidered products, and uniforms. Both garment operations are under the leadership of Tom Lewis, Correctional Industries Coordinator.

Mabel Bassett Correctional Center

Under the leadership of Amanda Wagaman, Customer Service Manager, the only female offender based Customer Service Bureau in the correctional industry sector is based at MBCC. The offenders are taught a broad range of customer service functions and handle incoming orders, customer requests and complaints, and assists the staff at OCI administration and in the field locations. In addition, the Quick Print shop operation is located at MBCC. All print operations are under the leadership



Dottie Street, CIM IV
Brenda Ellis, CIM II



Tom Lewis,
Correctional Industries
Coordinator

of Gary Rhodes, Correctional Industries Manager III, including the new partnership full print operation which is coordinated from the MBCC operation.

Hillside Community Corrections Center

Hillside Community Corrections Center (HCCC) is the home for OCI Administration and the OCI Product Showroom. In addition, a new operation, the OCI Resource Group was implemented November 1, 2009. This is an outbound telemarketing group tasked with identifying new customers and customers who have not conducted business with OCI recently. This is a female offender based group under the oversight of Gene Massey, Programs Administration Officer.

Oklahoma Correctional Industries is an organization put in place to serve three truly critical missions for the State of Oklahoma and the Department of Corrections:

- To reduce idleness in the prison offender population.
- To teach offender workers work skills and abilities that are transferable to the private sector.
- To provide state agencies and other qualified customers with high quality products at competitive prices.

REDUCING IDLENESS ON THE PRISON YARD

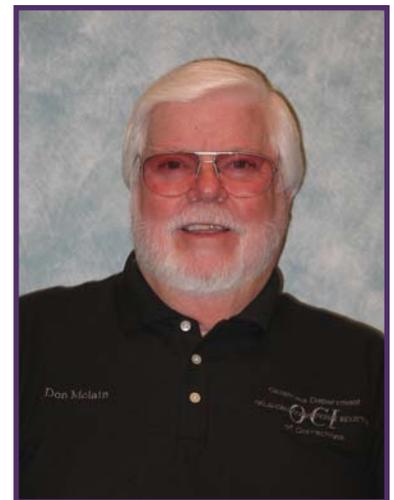
Why is reducing idleness a critical function?

Have you ever heard the statement “IDLE HANDS ARE THE DEVIL’S WORKSHOP?” It is absolutely true!

History tells us that when we keep offenders busy with meaningful work they are less likely to cause trouble on the yard. Less problems in our prisons save lives and saves huge costs for the taxpayer.

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OCI works an average of 1,000 plus offenders daily. These numbers are down somewhat in FY 10 due to the slow-down in sales resulting from the down economy.



Don McLain
Sales and Marketing Manager

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Administration Business
Services Coordinator



Angie Bell, Showroom Sales Rep.

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- Fabric Upholstering
- Micro Film Camera Operation
- Reading Industrial Drawings
- Vertical Milling Machine Operation
- Powder Coat Painting
- Electrical
- Basic Carpentry
- Dry Wall Installation
- Inventory Management
- Office Administration
- Industrial Safety
- Typesetting
- Graphic Design
- Welding / Furniture Grade
- Metal Fabrication
- Machine Trade Math
- Camera Mechanics / Repair
- Welding / Blacksmith Grade
- Horizontal Milling Machine
- Plumbing
- Structural Framing
- Trim & Finish
- Production Control
- Equipment Repair
- Lathe Operation
- Digital Data Transfer
- Woodworking
- Foam Fabrication
- Precision Calculation
- Fork Lift Operation
- Basic Work Ethics

By: J. D. Colbert, Administrator

WOMEN IN CORRECTIONS



Warden Jane Standifird
John H. Lilley Correctional Center

Jane Standifird began her career with the Department of Corrections in November, 1984 as secretary to the deputy director of Community Corrections at central office. She promoted to senior correctional training office at central office and maintained that position until December, 1988, when she accepted the position of warden's administrative assistant and helped open the new women's facility, Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center in Taft, Oklahoma.

Jane promoted to unit manager at Jess Dunn Correctional Center in August, 1991 and later served as deputy warden at that facility. In August, 2000, Ms. Standifird transferred to Oklahoma State Penitentiary as deputy warden where she served until February, 2007. At that time, Jane transferred to Lexington Assessment and Reception Center to further her career as a deputy warden. Ms. Standifird was appointed Interim Warden at John Lilley Correctional Center in October, 2007 and was confirmed as Warden II by the Board of Corrections in March, 2008.

Ms. Standifird obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Central Oklahoma while employed with the department. She is a member of ACA and OCA.

Janice L. Melton received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology in 1977 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

She began her career in 1977 with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections as a probation and parole officer. In 1995 Janice Melton was appointed warden of the Bill Johnson Correctional Center, a minimum security, 444-bed regimented treatment program. Warden Melton coordinated the physical plant construction and the development of the 12-month multi-phased regimented substance abuse treatment program with aftercare.

In her 30 years in corrections, she has held positions of probation and parole officer, substance abuse counselor, assistant probation and parole district supervisor for Northwest Oklahoma and assistant superintendent and superintendent at the Enid Community Corrections Center.

Warden Melton has served as faculty for the National Institute of Corrections since 2002 in the State Leadership for Women and in the Executive Leadership for Women in Corrections programs.

Warden Melton is an active member of Oklahoma Correctional Association, the American Correctional Association (ACA), Association of Women Executives in Corrections, the National Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS) and serves as an ACA accreditation auditor. Her community involvement includes the Alva Kiwanis Club, American Association of University Women and her church. She has one daughter, and her husband, Rob, also works for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.



Warden Janice Melton
Bill Johnson Correctional Center

National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS) McCloud Chapter

For a few minutes, seven of the armed services veteran offenders incarcerated at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC) in McCloud, Oklahoma, shed their mental status as state prisoners on June 23, 2008, at the installation ceremony of the National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS), McCloud Chapter. They stood at attention as “proud veterans” and saluted Reverend James Greenwood of Oklahoma City as they were handed their plaque, which proclaimed the establishment of the NABVETS, McCloud Chapter.

The installation ceremony was attended by Reverend James Greenwood, President of NABVETS, Oklahoma City Chapter; Ted Logan, Vice Chair of the Oklahoma Board of Corrections; Clint Johnson, Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board Member; Warden Millicent Newton-Embry, and other MBCC staff.

According to the offenders, their ceremony was a time of reflection and remembrance especially when offender Latoya Trammell presented her poetry, which described

her feelings during the time she served as an active member in the Army during Operation Desert Storm. The ceremony was also informative to the offenders as Reverend James Greenwood explained the advantages of the NABVETS membership, including the GI Bill for college, reinstatement of medical and other benefits, military appeals for altering dishonorable or less than dishonorable discharges, and assistance with housing and job placement upon release from prison.

The warden was proud to learn from Reverend Greenwood that the MBCC was the first female Chapter in the United States to be formed in a prison facility.

In May 2009 the offenders at MBCC wrote letters to armed service members currently serving overseas.

Currently there are ten (10) members representing the Navy, Army, National Guard and Air Force.

By Debbie Hankins,
Warden's Assistant at MBCC





Joseph Harp Community Corrections Special Olympics Golf Tournament

September 18, 2009
Firelake Golf Course



Bruce Kohlun, Ashley Kohlun (Global Messenger for Special Olympics)



Kelly Wilkey, COS at CTU; Brandon Roat; Ashley Kohlun; Levy Dorris, retired COS; and Scott Haynes



Ron Guthrie, MHU Unit Manager; Kent Peck, Unit Manager at LARC; Brent Peck; Buddy Honaker, UM at LARC



JHCC staff: Darla Cowan, Case Manager; Cheri Atkinson, DW Secretary; Tanya Parker, Unit Secretary; and Mary Lamb, Case Manager



Warden James Rudek, OSR; DW Brian Thornburgh, JHCC; Andy Roc; DW Jerry Chrisman, JHCC



Getting ready for the tournament to start.

Eddie Warrior Community Corrections Building for a Better Tomorrow



Prison Chapel at the halfway mark
Photo by Bob Rubin/360-USA Images

Highly educated, well-respected, former minister, Dr. R. Joe Wilson, of Enid, is U.S. project coordinator for World Mission Builders. He and his talented wife, Fae, build churches — lots of them. Earlier this year, Dr. Joe (as we call him) approached his state senator, Patrick Anderson (R-Enid), as to how he might help do so, here in Oklahoma, for the state prison system. Sen. Anderson introduced him to a friend, David C. Henneke, former chair and current member of the Board of Corrections. Mr. Henneke introduced Dr. Joe to DOC Director Justin Jones.

At a meeting in Sen. Anderson's office at the Capitol, they discussed the possibilities. It was there Director Jones expressed that they needed not just one chapel building, but there were 15 institutions in need of a chapel. Another couple meetings were held with Justin Jones and a few of his key people, including Ken Klinger, Chief of Operational Services, and Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator. It was here Director Jones gave Dr. Joe Wilson the green light. It was learned that at EWCC Chaplain Kathryn McCollum, years ago had formally started a fund, the Oklahoma Corrections Chapel Fund Inc. With very small donations from

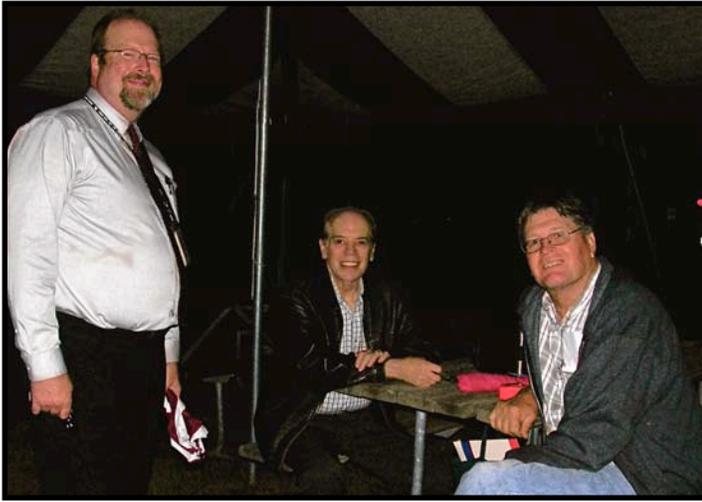
friends, neighbors, relatives and even offenders collected \$40,000, but never could get the building of a chapel off the ground.

Just after his last meeting with the director in late April, Wilson participated in a non-related men's church meeting in southeast Oklahoma. Returning from that meeting, Dr. Joe drove to EWCC in Taft, stopped and met with Warden Mike Mullin, telling the warden he could help build a chapel, "if he had a warden and a chaplain who really, truly, needed and wanted one."

It would enable faith-based programs and services for all faiths. As well, there could be classrooms for teaching, training, guiding and counseling: all part of equipping offenders — those desiring further growth and change — for a smarter, more productive life on the outside.

Yes, it was all a great idea, let alone for each of 15 state-owned prisons, but who was going to fund this? At about \$350,000 per facility, it suddenly became at least a \$5 million project, statewide.

Obviously, with state agency budgets being cut as much as 12 percent this year alone, the only source would have



Chaplain Leo Brown, Bob Rubin, Dr. Joe Wilson

to be from private contributors. Much of the labor, equipment, material and services would need to be donated, along with at least a couple hundred thousand dollars, for each facility. Initially, the focus had to be on EWCC; they had a good start, with \$40,000 in the bank, earmarked for such a new facility. Director Justin Jones, Agency Chaplain Leo Brown, Warden Mike Mullin, Chaplain Kathy McCollum and the fund president, Mary Painter, along with Dr. Joe Wilson, all agreed: Now was the time to run while others walked, and to make it happen at EWCC.

A meeting was held in the existing auditorium at EWCC. About 20 of us attended. Dr. Joe Wilson, Chaplain McCollum and others explained the project's history and importance. Schedules permitting, several of us signed on to participate. As it happened, a half dozen of us made a serious commitment to see this through. Realizing the need for a group name of some significance, we fashioned what was to become the CCC: Chapel Creation Coalition.

The coalition we have created is a story in itself. We remain grateful for the professional contributions of Oklahoma City architect Glen E. Short to help make this all happen. In addition to designing the near 5000 square feet of floor space in our multiuse chapel/educational structure, his firm has designed the Oklahoma State Capitol Dome, the Tulsa Air National Guard Base and the YMCA Fitness Center in OKC.

Several more meetings were held at various churches: some daytime and others at night, anywhere we could generate volunteers and donations. To really make this happen, we needed substantial donations and dozens of volunteers ... fast. Yes, \$5.00, \$50.00 and \$500.00 were welcome; but we needed \$5,000 and \$10,000 at a time. Individuals we

didn't even know, who had somehow heard about CCC, gave; churches dug deep, at this terribly difficult economic time, and donated \$5,000.

Then, CCC board member Mike McKenrick reached out to his media contacts. Before we knew it, there was an extensive article about the EWCC project and what the entire CCC team was achieving in the *Tulsa World*, in the *Muskogee Phoenix*, as well as a live interview with Chaplain McCollum and Mike on Fox23-TV in Tulsa. Couples from churches as far south as Durant called and wanted to know when to show up in their motor home, asking what they might do to help, wanting to contribute.

This had really started in the spring of 2009, when we knew we needed to begin serious construction in mid-September. So, we did just that, on September 21. The motor homes gathered. The volunteers assembled. The trucks and heavy equipment showed up. We were blessed with dozens of volunteers and their friends, as well. We had folks who'd gathered from local churches to feed the on-site workers. We even had 32 focused female offenders working hard, day after day. They realized they truly were going to be able to have rehabilitative programs shared with them — that now there would finally be a place to hold these group meetings and classes. Before, there never had been any space, even with 250 on the waiting list. Tragically, women were being paroled BEFORE being equipped. Now, that will no longer again be necessary, at least at Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center.

Since the beginning, Warden Mike Mullin has proudly supported the overall effort. He knew what EWCC and the offenders needed. Early on, we got a set of firm regulations from him and the DOC, affecting every single participant. He made it very clear to us all that anyone involved in any way needed a background check. He made



Chaplain Katheryn McCollum and Warden Mike Mullin



it absolutely essential for those of us familiar with proper procedure and protocol inside a prison facility — and those who had never set foot in one — to understand that security and safety came before anything and everything. When recently asked how he feels about the new facility, Warden Mullin told us, “I love it and I’m very grateful for it. It really is a blessing.”

Probably the bottom line here is that the Bible commands us to do what is good and what is right. This major undertaking achieves both. We are doing it and need and want to be doing more of it. We certainly don’t want to lose our momentum.

Again, all with private dollars. Even our new website, www.ChapelCreationCoalition.com is already drawing lots of attention.

It’s exciting that the collaboration between the DOC leadership, volunteers, financial and in-kind contributors, chaplains, wardens and the half-dozen of us who lead CCC have been converting this “someday, maybe” idea into reality.

It’s important to understand that the building is not just for a faith-based experience. Rather, for overall educational growth, focused on equipping offenders to become ex-offenders, with know-how, ideas, solutions, answers



and practical daily knowledge. This is going to enable those incarcerated an extreme sense of empowerment; a maximum return to prosperous, daily values-living, and knowing and learning to do the right thing, so as to minimize the foolishness of recidivism.

To be sure, it has taken the investments, commitments and action of so many others — including the DOC — along with lots of faith and prayer, to make the prototype-building rise toward heaven. With the continued collaboration and support of the DOC, its bright, dedicated wardens and chaplains, religious volunteers, and hardworking CCC, Chapel Creation Coalition team-players from all over Oklahoma and beyond, when finished, we are convinced only good will rise from the invaluable existence and 365 days-a-year usefulness. That goes, of course, for this first vital structure and the other 14 yet to come.

We reach out for your comments, support, contributions, and prayers. You can contact project coordinator Dr. Joe



Wilson at wiljoeok@yahoo.com or by phone at (580) 747-2550 if you’d like to know more about joining our team.

In just a few months, we now have our first success at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center, just 45 minutes southeast of Tulsa, in Taft. Yes, of course, we are building structures for educational and faith-based programs. But it’s my belief we are really building people, citizens, and neighbors, while building a better tomorrow for every single Oklahoman.

We’d love to have you with us.

By: Bob Rubin
DOC Religious Liaison • OK Statewide Jewish
Offender Community



Bob Rubin

**DOC Religious Liaison
OK Statewide Jewish
Offender Community**

Uniquely successful in the Southern California film, TV and advertising communities for 25 years, Bob Rubin was recruited to come to Oklahoma in 2002 by a major Indian nation for a year as a media consultant.

At the end of the year, Bob and his wife Paula, an educator, decided to make Oklahoma their home. They photograph, write and publish the very popular Fun Country: OKLAHOMA! Travel Guide, promoting tourism in Southeast Oklahoma, distributed extensively by the state Tourism & Recreation Department.

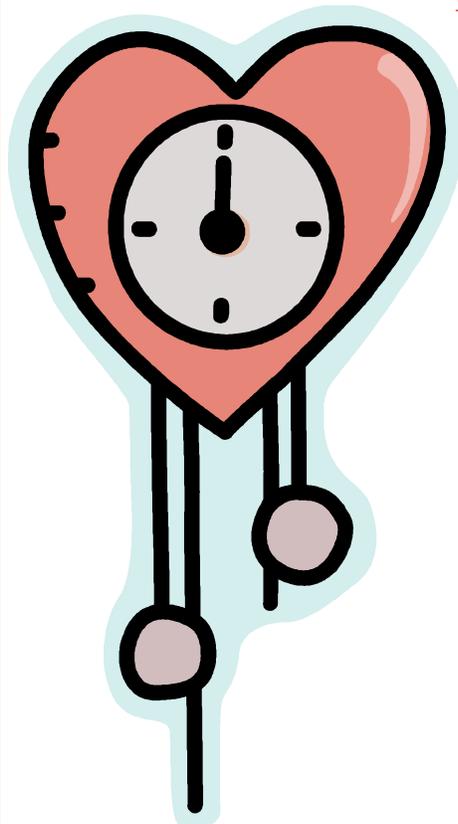
They are both badged DOC religious volunteers, with Bob serving as the statewide liaison for the Oklahoma Jewish offender community.

Congratulations on Reaccreditation

Congratulations Warden Dave Miller and all Lawton Correctional Facility Staff!!! Lawton scored 100% and 100% on their 3 year Re-accreditation ACA Audit on November 18, 2009

FEBRUARY is AMERICAN

HEART MONTH



Heart Disease is the Number One Cause of Death in the U.S.

About every 25 seconds an American will have a coronary event, and one every minute will die from one.

ACT IN TIME



Santa's Helpers

Tulsa County District Community Corrections

Every year TCDCC holds a holiday luncheon for district staff and invited guests to help bring in the Christmas season. It has been a tradition that the luncheon be organized by employees that had been hired during the year. This year, due to the current budget situation, TCDCC had only hired two employees that would be tasked to organize the festivities. Not really fair since they had only been on board since November and couldn't be at the luncheon because they were off at training in Norman.

So, it was up to the senior staff to bring in the cheer. Something that was incorporated this year to help us remember the giving spirit of the holiday season was a

toy drive. Team Supervisor Kelly Austin came up with the idea and coordinated the effort. Kelly teamed with staff from the Department of Human Service's Laura Dester Emergency Children's Shelter in Tulsa to help provide abused and neglected children with some much needed holiday cheer. Kelly and the staff from TCDCC, recruited donations from the entire State Office complex, which houses sixteen other state agencies.

For her efforts, Kelly was able to collect and deliver 107 toys, 10 children's coats, 11 children's hats, 8 pair of children's gloves, 4 infant outfits, 4 infant jackets, children's socks, underwear and assorted household products.



Team Supervisor Kelly Austin and APO I Heather Carlson help load toys. Special thanks to all who were involved in this effort.

WOMEN IN CORRECTIONS



WARDEN EMMA WATTS

Jackie Brannon Correctional Center

Warden at Eddie Warrior Correctional Center in November 2005 where she remained until her promotion as the first female warden of Jackie Brannon Correctional Center in July 2007.

Warden Watts has worked her way up through the ranks of the Department of Corrections. She began her career at Women's Facility in McAlester in December 1977. In 1979, she promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In 1982 the female inmates were transferred to Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in Oklahoma City. Warden Watts was reassigned to OSP Trusty Facility. In May of 1984 she left the Department of Corrections to take care of her mother who was ill. Warden Watts returned to college to pursue her education in Criminal Justice during that time, changing her major from nursing. In 1988 Warden Watts returned to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. She had completed her Associates of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement and returned to Oklahoma State Penitentiary as a Correctional Officer and in 1989 she promoted to Sergeant. In 1991, Warden Watts, completed the requirements for her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and was promoted to the position of Correctional Case Manager. In 1993 she was promoted to the position of Senior Case Manager. Warden Watts has the distinction of being the first female unit manager at Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1999. In 2002 she was reassigned to H Unit, a High Maximum Security Unit at Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Again, Warden Watts has the distinction of being the first female to serve in that position. Warden Watts then promoted to the position of Deputy

Millicent Newton-Embry's strong interest in the helping field began after having the opportunity in 1982 to work in the security unit at the Muskogee Community Corrections Center as part of a work study program while in college. After finishing college in 1984, she became a police officer for the Muskogee Police Department where she was named the 1984 Police Rookie of the Year. In 1987, she joined the Oklahoma Department of Corrections as a probation and parole officer for District VI Probation & Parole in Oklahoma City. She promoted through the positions of resource officer, team supervisor, assistant district supervisor and was appointed District Supervisor District VIII Probation & Parole and Clara Waters Community Corrections Center in Oklahoma City in July 1997. In 1999, District VI and District VII Probation and Parole in Oklahoma City were merged and the District was named District VI Probation and Parole/Community Corrections. In 2001, she served as District Supervisor for Oklahoma County Community Corrections/Residential Services in Oklahoma City where she was responsible for the operations of Clara Waters, Kate Barnard, Hillside, and Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center, as well as Host Administrator for three (3) Oklahoma City Halfway Houses.

Ms. Newton-Embry was named Warden III of the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center on March 15, 2004.

Ms. Newton-Embry received her bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern State University in 1984 where she also completed graduate hours.

She is married, the mother of two children, and enjoys reading, singing and cooking, and -- most of all, being a mom.



Warden Millicent Newton-Embry
Mabel Bassett Correctional Center

Community Corrections Presents Freedom Support Luncheon October 20, 2009 Hillside Visitation Room

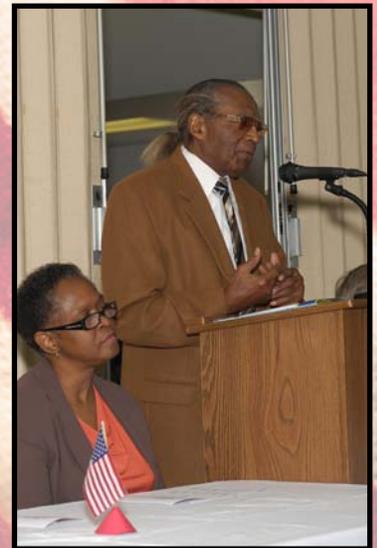
A ceremony was conducted on October 20, 2009, to recognize community corrections employees who had been deployed in the armed services during the War on Terrorism. The ceremony recognized those employees deployed and returned to their employment prior to the establishment of the Freedom Support Committee. The program began with the posting of the colors from the DOC honor guard followed by opening remarks from Ruby Jones-Cooper, District Supervisor; the invocation by Christopher Zamudio, Correctional Officer Spiritual Counselor; History of the Program by Dan Reynolds, Administrator of Community Corrections/Work Centers; comments from Board of Corrections Vice-Chairman, Ted Logan and Director Jones and the presentation of the flags and certificates for each honoree.

The flags were flown at the employees place of work in their honor and a certificate was presented to them signifying the flag was flown in their honor. Probation and Parole Officer Beverly Henderson cited a poem that honored veterans for their service to their country. A luncheon and reception was provided after the ceremony. The Freedom Support Committee was inspired by Sgt. Larry Van Schuyver, who was a Master Chief in the United States Navy and was employed at the Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center. During his deployment he had sent American flags to DOC employees along with a Combat Area Presentation Certificate signifying the flag had been flown in honor of a particular employee. Employees also received photographs of the flag flying over a MASH unit, PT boat or other military installation in Iraq or Afghanistan. Van Schuyver received the purple heart for injuries he suffered from shrapnel. His injuries resulted in a medical retirement from DOC.

Flags were purchased with donations by the Oklahoma Correctional Association, National Blacks in Criminal Justice Association, National Association of Black Veterans, Ted Logan, Lenora Hudson and Joyce Jackson.



Michael Jones, P&P Officer; Gregory Davis, SW District – Lawton CCC; George Stiltner, P&P Officer; Cpl. Lonnie Ritter, Elk City CWC; Dan Reynolds, Administrator; Michael Harold, CSO - ICWC; Nelson Wesley, Chief - ICWC; Gary Skeen, LT - EDCWC; J.C. Wood



Ruby Jones-Cooper, District Supervisor;
Ted Logan, Vice Chair, Board of
Corrections



Dan Reynolds, Administrator of
Community Corrections;
Beverly Henderson, P&P Officer

Union City Community Corrections Center Graduates First Transition Class

The Union City Community Corrections Center held graduation ceremonies for the first Transition Program on October 21, 2009. The program is modeled after the one located at Frederick Community Work Center, developed by Anita Alford.

The program, which is led by Case Manager IV Ruth Littlejohn, focuses on long term offenders who have been

placed at the community corrections level to aid them in their re-entry back into society. There were fourteen offenders that graduated. Upon graduation, all had their identification and a working resume. Several were placed on work release in the local community prior to their graduation. It is the hope of the staff that the lessons learned in class will prepare these men to return home with some skills left behind during a long incarceration.



COS John Hart, Keynote Speaker



Transitional Graduating Class, CMIV Ruth Littlejohn, ADS Kristin Tims, DS Mike Carr, and COS John Hart

Union City Community Corrections Center would like to express our thanks to the Bridge Assembly Church in Mustang who allowed us the use of their facilities for the graduation ceremony. Special guests included volunteer Roger Norvell, Pastor Cynthia Petties (Liberty Abundance), Pastor Ken Isem (Bridge Assembly) and Gary Templeton (Workforce Oklahoma).

[By Kristin Tims, Assistant District Supervisor](#)

MARCH- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

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Debbie Mahaffey's Retirement Reception

October 23, 2009
Hillside Visitation Room



Mike Carr, NW District Supervisor;
Mike Dunkle, SE District Supervisor



Debbie Mahaffey and Family



Neville Massie, Executive Asst; Debbie Mahaffey, Deputy Director, Treat & Rehab Svcs.; Dr. Melanie Spector, Health Educ Research & Program Development Specialist; J'me Overstreet, Assoc. Director



Debbie Mahaffey Deputy Director, Treat & Rehab Svcs; Robert L. Rainey, BOC Member



Brenda Anderson; Debbie Mahaffey, Deputy Director; Tommi Berg; Ronnie Carrico



Dr. Jim Meek, Career Tech;
Dr. Owen Modeland, Superintendent



Warden Eric Franklin, LARC; Debbie Mahaffey, Deputy Director, Treat & Rehab Svcs; Kenny Holloway; Shirley Franklin

Dick Conner Correctional Center 30th Anniversary

On October 28, 2009 the 30th anniversary celebration of Dick Conner Correctional Center was held at the John L. Dahl Minimum Security Unit Visiting Room. In August 1979, Dick Conner Correctional Center was opened to receive its first offenders. Since that time the offender population has grown to 960 medium security and 225 minimum security, for a total of 1,185 offenders. At this time approximately 220 employees from towns all around the area are employed at DCCC.

During the 30th anniversary program, former DCCC Warden Debbie Mahaffey spoke of some of her experiences during her tenure there. She was very complimentary of the staff she had worked with. Other speakers included Charles O'Leary, P.A., who has worked on and off in DCCC Health Services since 1982; Mary Bernd, retired warden's secretary, who began prior to opening and worked for 25 years and served nine wardens; Mary Wooden, Business Manager, who was employed in December 1978, prior to completion of construction of the facility; and Carol DeBoe, who was with the facility during the first year it was opened. All speakers had many entertaining stories to tell of their time at Dick Conner Correctional Center. Also recognized at the head table was Richard Scharnhorst, DCCC and Regional Principal, who was also employed during the first year that the facility was open. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections Honor Guard was in attendance to present the colors

Attending the celebration were Connie (Conner) Schroeder and Donnie Conner, who are grandchildren of R.B. "Dick" Conner, whom the facility was named in honor of; and Richard Conner, who is his great-grandson. Richard was once a correctional officer at the facility as well.

A cake was made in the image of the facility, including the tower. Another cake was served also, along with cookies and punch. Many staff members and visitors were in attendance.



L-R Mary Bernd, former warden's secretary 1979-2004; Amy Williams, Personnel Officer 1980 – present; Carol DeBoe, Case Manager, 1979 – present; Greg Province, Warden; Mary Wooden, Business Manager, 1978 – present; Richard Scharnhorst, Principal, 1979 – present; and Betty Cannon Brown, Chief of Security Secretary, 1980 – present.



The Oklahoma Department of Corrections Honor Guard presented colors and stood at attention during the entire ceremony.



R.B. "Dick" Conner relatives L-R Richard Conner, great grandson; Connie (Conner) Schroeder, granddaughter; Donnie Conner, grandson.

Oklahoma Correctional Association October 28, 2009



Larry Fisher, owner, Creative Consultants, and former assistant administrator of Human Resource Development Services, Office of Personnel Management, presenting a workshop entitled, "Humor in the Workplace."



Conference participants Warden Eric Franklin and Victim Services Coordinator Ilinda Jackson enjoying refreshments in the exhibit hall.



Kenny Holloway, Deputy Director of the Division of Treatment and Rehabilitative Services, and recipient of the 2009 OCA Achievement Award, pictured with Kathi Sappington, Administrative Specialist in Field Operations and recipient of the 2009 OCA Top Recruiter Award.



Kathi Sappington, Administrative Specialist in Field Operations, receiving the 2009 OCA Top Recruiter Award from Debbie Boyer, OCA President, and Brenda Anderson, OCA Treasurer.



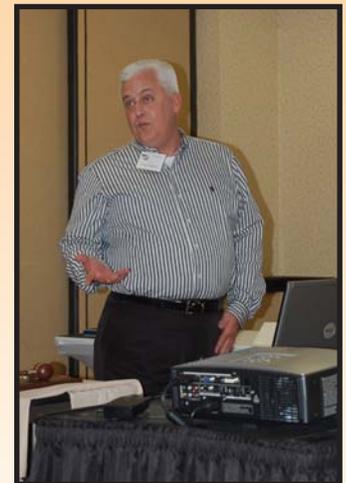
Craig Chapman, field service manager, GTL Inmate Communication Services; Christie Kornele OCA President-Elect; Cindy Gill, OCA Vice-President; and Ronnie Carrico, OCA Secretary.



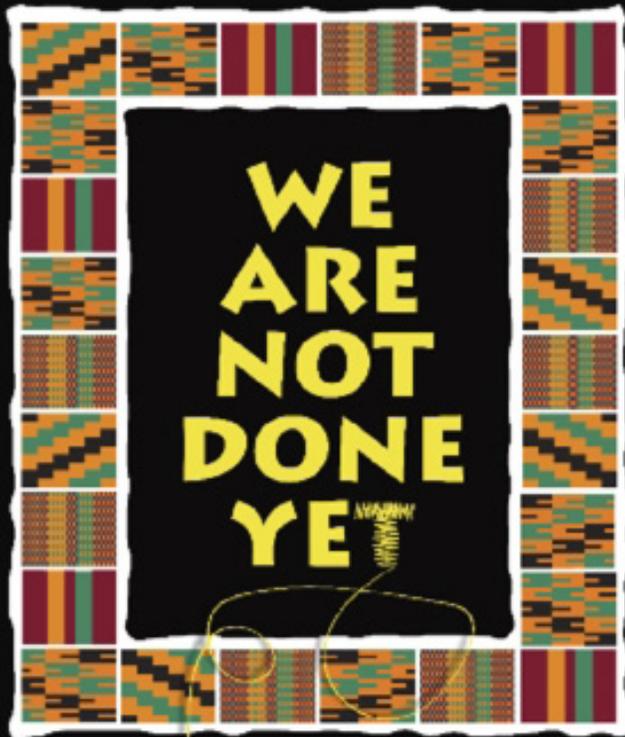
Gwendolyn C. Chunn, trainer, facilitator, consultant, and former president of the American Correctional Association, presenting a workshop entitled, "Diversity."



Kenny Holloway, Deputy Director of Treatment and Rehabilitative Services, accepting the 2009 OCA Achievement Award.



Craig Chapman, Field Service Manager, GTL Inmate Communication Services, demonstrating the offender telephone system utilized by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.



25th Anniversary

**Black Heritage Celebration
Friday, February 26, 2010**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church
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Reginald Hines, Deputy Director; Paula Uzzell, Volunteer in Corrections; John Moss, City of Oakland Mayor; Ken Smith, City of Madill Crew Supervisor; Justin Jones, Director; Mike Dunkle, SE District Supervisor; Jacky Hallmark, COS - MCWC

The Department of Corrections Madill Community Work Center moved to its new location July 22. The structure was built by the City of Madill, using inmate labor. It houses more offenders with nicer, more efficient facilities according to DOC officials.



REST ROOMS at the new facility are three to four times larger than those at the old structure.



TRUSTEES ARE helping to conduct a 'sweat lodge,' in conjunction with members of the Creek Nation.



FOOD SERVICE Manager Donna Webb and Lt. Luke Vinson display the new building's control room.



A LARGER kitchen area with upgraded equipment is another welcome feature at the new center.



LIVING QUARTERS are among Chief of Security Jack Hallmark's favorite feature of the new work center. "We're one of the few facilities in the state where you can see the whole area from your control room," Hallmark said.



National Disability Employment Awareness Month Celebration

October 30, 2009

Lunch and Learn: Diversity Series

Hillside Visitation Room



Joyce Jackson, Mike Oakley, Dan Goodall



Pam Anderson



Michele Minietta



Patricia Forsythe



Terry Goodall, Dan Goodall, Pam Anderson



Sharon Q. Smith, Mercy Panicker



Mike Hamrick, OK Department of Rehabilitation Services

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

September 10th - November 5, 2009

Twenty-one Oklahoma citizens graduated from the Department of Corrections 2nd Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy class met every Thursday beginning September 10th through November 5, 2009 with each session covering a different aspect of the agency's operations. Visits to seven facilities during four of the sessions were included. The mission of the Academy was to enhance the participants understanding of the department, its operations and its impact on the community.

The participants came from a variety of backgrounds to include law enforcement, community advocates, volunteers, concerned citizens, other state agencies and associations who provide services to our offenders or their families or have an interest in the issues facing corrections in Oklahoma. With the exception of the participants who were volunteers at some of our facilities, most had little first-hand knowledge of the agency or the scope of its operations.

The participants provided very positive feedback about going through the Leadership Academy experience. Almost unanimously they believed the facility visits were real eye-openers and a valuable part of the experience. They were impressed with the dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism of the agency employees. Each one came away from the experience with a much greater understanding of the issues and operations of the department.

They firmly believed that continuing to provide the Leadership Academy to citizens in Oklahoma would be beneficial.



Living Longer, Living Stronger...

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) and the Oklahoman State Department of Health (OSDH) are providing a first-time community, evidence-based training program for community volunteers, ODOC employees, and offenders who plan to re-enter the community, to teach ways to manage their chronic health problems. The program, Living Longer, Living Stronger (LLS), is designed to teach participants how to better manage their

One million adult Oklahomans (43 percent) are currently at the lowest two literacy levels, according to the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy. Of this percentage, there is a greater density of illiterate persons residing within our prison populations. Persons with the lowest literacy levels find it difficult to understand the instruc-



chronic health conditions, work with the current medical system to reduce hospital and physicians visits, reduce the burden of medical costs in Oklahoma, and to increase work productivity by reducing illness.

The LLS program specifically addresses arthritis, diabetes, lung and heart disease, and teaches skills useful for managing a variety of chronic diseases. It covers topics such as techniques to deal with problems associated with chronic disease, appropriate exercise, appropriate use of medications, communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals, nutrition, and how to evaluate new treatments.



David Lee, OSDH

The program is designed to provide: health education to interested offenders and their support system such as family and friends, training opportunities to offenders who demonstrate outstanding management & leadership skills, and a worksite wellness program for employees wanting chronic disease self management education.

tions of medical care providers, read consent forms, and read and understand labels on prescription bottles. Low literacy can result in higher hospitalization rates, medication and treatment errors. This leads to an estimated cost of \$73 billion each year nationally in unnecessary health care costs.

Training workshops were held in Oklahoma City at the Clara Waters Community Corrections Center and in Taft at the Jess Dunn Corrections Center. Thirty individuals consisting of ODOC employees, offenders and community based volunteers participated in the training. OSDH and ODOC plan to implement the Living Longer, Living Stronger with Chronic Conditions into the community correctional facilities statewide.



Native American Heritage Celebration

Lunch and Learn: Diversity Series

Nov. 6, 2009

Hillside Visitation Room



Tommy Tonemah, Kiowa Tribe



Weda Longhorn (Absentee Shawnee Tribe - Sub - Committee), Matt Reed (Curator of Am Ind Collections - Ok Museum of History), Sharon Q. Smith (MAAC Chair), Tommy Tonemah, Ramona Hollier (MAAC Member)



Weda Longhorn



Matt Reed, Oklahoma History Center



Jack Thorpe, Sak & Fox Tribe



Tommy Tonemah and Workshop Attendees

Oklahoma State Reformatory 100 Years Celebration November 12, 2009



Edward L. Evans, Assoc. Director;
Dr. Victor Waters (Dr. George & Clara Waters'
Grandson); Bobby Boone, Deputy Director



Warden James Rudek, OSR; Rep. Percy Walker;
Sen. Tom Ivester



David C. Henneke, BOC Member; Rep. Percy Walker;
Neville Massie, Executive Assistant



DOC Honor Guard



Edward L. Evans, Associate Director; Dean Skelton and Larry Carroll
(grandsons of Warden A. V. Skelton), Deputy Director Bobby Boone



Justin Jones, Director

Oklahoma State Reformatory's 100th Anniversary Event was very well attended. Director Justin Jones and Warden James Rudek spoke. Fifteen prior Wardens were recognized to include the grandsons of Warden A. V. Skelton (1912-1915), Warden George Waters (1920-1923 & 1924-1926), and Warden Clara Waters (1927-1935). Commendations were received from federal and state legislators. Senator Tom Ivester and Representative Percy Walker made presentations. Historical artifacts, PowerPoint presentations, photo exhibits, and narrated tours of the perimeter were enjoyed by all.

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

November 20, 2009

Langston University Urban Center



Anita Alford, NABCI President;
Joyce Ann Brown, Keynote Speaker;
Reginald Hines, Deputy Director
Community Corrections



Leadership Workshop Panel



Warden Eric Franklin, Lexington
Assessment and Reception Center



Pat Ferrell, Inez Bird, Don Brown, Paulette Bowler



Joyce Ann Brown, Keynote Speaker



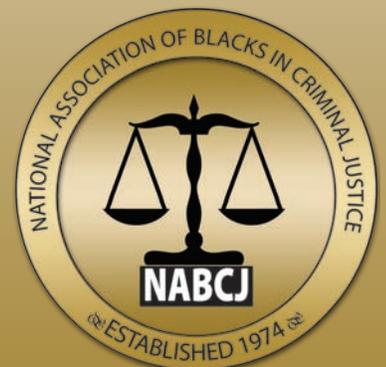
Anita Alford, NABCI President



Karen White, District Supervisor, Central
District Community Corrections



Ted Logan, Vice Chair, Board of Corrections; Anita Alford, NABCI
President; NABCI Scholarship Recipient; Reginald Hines, Deputy
Director Community Corrections



Anniversaries

Emily Hysmith	Facility Class/MBCC	Ronald Colliver	DCCC	20 Years	Lesley Hunt	Operational Svcs	
Allen Hintz	NEOCC	Susan Collins	HCCC	Henry Ellick	NEOCC	Greta Hawthorne	TDCDC
Shawn Hedgecock	MACC			Carl Brown	DCCC	Kameron Harvanek	DCCC
Frances Ford	JDCC	26 Years				James Glover	Info Tech
Shelley Duncan	SEDCC	Larry Woodworth	TDCDC	19 Years		Winfred Fulbright	JDCC
Joyce Cartwright	DCCC	Ervin Johnson	JEHCC	Ricky Whitten	OSR	Leland Eitzen	OCI Mfg/JCCC
Virginia Cameron	Medical/LARC	Sharon Clement	HMCC	Sharon Warrior	EWCC	David Curry	JCCC
Terry Burns	JDCC	Dale Cantrell	OSP	Richard Solis	OSR	Mark Christian	NEOCC
James Blalock	JHCC	Debra Bonenfant	Personnel Unit	James Skelton	SEDCC	Randall Burke	NEOCC
				Jennifer Phillips	Internal Affairs	Chad Brown	OSP

10 Years		25 Years				14 Years	
Janice Wyatt	JDCC	Bobby Tharpe	OSP	Joseph Mulligan	LCCC	Sonia Winters	JCCC
Jason Scribner	BJCC	Karen Standifird	JLCC	Laura Monkres	CDCC	Glen Stephens	JDCC
Christine Kampas	Medical/OSP	Stephen Kiss	ECCC	Anthony Georgiades	CDCC	Jeff Scribner	BJCC
Benjamin James	OSP	Deborah Burns	Mental Hlth/JHCC	Jimmy Brown	OCI Mfg/JHCC	William Ruhl	BJCC
Billy Hogue	MBCC			Arlene Branch	NWDCC	William Randall IV	DCCC
Portia Graham	EWCC	24 Years		Donna Bowers	JCCC	Lynn Pierce	MACC
Sandra Gleyre	BJCC	Mark Wattles	JLCC	Gary Anderson	HCCC	Kevin Newton	WSKCC
Charlotte Day	HCCC	Susan Thune	TDCDC			Justin Hysmith	Facility Classification
Shannon Combs	JHCC	Kim Hudson	Female Offender CC/RS	18 Years		William Haycox	Operational Svcs
Gerard Burns	JDCC	Laura Custer	Info Tech	William White	OSP	Frank Dedmon	OSP
Ryan Anderson	BJCC	Randell Coats	OSR	Sharon Watson	OSP	Tracy Davis	OSP
		Melanie Carter	NEDCC	Johnny Turner	LARC	John Cartwright	DCCC
		Doris Brooks	OSR	Kristin Tims	UCCCC	Bryan Bell	Training
				Gail Schoonover	CDCC	Renae Beeler	BJCC

November

37 Years		23 Years				13 Years	
Leona Williams	JEHCC	Ronald West	Facility Class	Laura Newsom	Female Offender CC/RS	John Williams	BJCC
34 Years		Alfanzo Thornton	JDCC	Jeffrey McAbee	OSP	Dolores Whitfield	OSP
Patricia Johnson	JLCC	Robert Ridgway	OCI MFG/MACC	Michael Hancock	OCCCC	Allen White	WSKCC
Phil Gilstrap	JEHCC	Joe Owens	WSKCC	Judy Goddard	JBCC	Eric Schultz	Transport Unit/JLCC
32 Years		Linden Nagel	OSR	Gerald Goddard	JBCC	Michael Roberts	JCCC
Paul Preston Jr.	Admin Svcs	Chris Frech	NWDCC	Edward Garvin	OSP	Terry Powell	HMCC
		Walter Dinwiddie	MACC	Bert Cooley Jr.	OSP	Chad Morgan	OSP
		Ricky Boyett	DCCC	Janet Cave	DCCC	Michael Minnick	Transport Unit/WSKCC

31 Years		22 Years		17 Years			
David Houck	OSR	Brenda Yandell	JEHCC	Kenneth Taylor	DCCC	Robert Martin	BJCC
Ramona Hollier	Priv Pris/Jls/Sfty Admin	Nellie Williams	TDCDC	Samuel Spradling	EWCC	Venna Hamel	OSP
Tommi Berg	Treat & Rehab Svcs	Perry Rawlins	MACC	Catherine Scaling	NWDCC	Joseph Farrell	JLCC

30 Years							
Phillip Smith	JBCC	Anita Minyard	Facility Classification	Etta Reid	WCWC	Michael Evans	NEDCC
Larry Marshall	Priv Pris/Jls/Sfty Admin	Teresa McCoin	NEDCC	Ralph Luttrell	OSP	Larry Easley	FCWC
Elizabeth Janway	Mental Health Admin	Jon Lemmond	MCWC	Randall Lopez	OSP	Dianna Collins	DCCC
Donna Boone	Priv Pris/Jls/Sfty Admin	Ronald Jackson	OCI Mfg	Brenda Hummel	HMCC	Stephen Chandler	HMCC
		Musibay Ipaye	KBCCC	John Hart	UCCCC	Heather Carlson	TDCDC
		Danny Heathcock	OSP	Stefan Brown	MACC	Leo Brown Jr.	Treat & Rehab Svcs
		Gary Clepper	JCCC				

29 Years		21 Years		16 Years		12 Years	
Lesia Misner	Facility Classification	Joyce Wisdom	JDCC	Marchaela Thomason	OSP	Tamera Rucker	SEDCC
John Connell	WSKCC	Cindy Voss	OCI Mfg/MBCC	Leon Hawkins	Female Offender CC/RS	Timothy Richardson Jr.	JHCC
Carmen Bell-Bowlin	Contr/Acquisitions	Jimmy Shipley	Programs Unit	Chad Gilley	OSP	Sharon Moore	JHCC
		Vera Roberts	OSP	Steven Ellis	Training	Linda Hubbell	JCCC
		Tina Petete	LARC	Melody Bryant	OSP	Jason Barnard	JDCC

28 Years				15 Years			
Barbara Townsend	Class & Population	Willie Pardue	Operational Svcs	Robert Womack	JBCC	Timothy Adams	NEOCC
Barbara Stoker	CDCC	Randal Meeks	Transport Unit/LARC	Eddie Williams	OCCCC		
Cheryl Southard	HMCC	Melvin Gaines	CDCC	Louis Vieux	OSP	11 Years	
Angela Pigeon	MCCC	Donald Frech	Agri Svcs/JCCC	Anthony Rowell	SEDCC	Jeffrey Troutt	Medical Admin/JCCC
Richard Morton	Priv Pris/Jls/Sfty Admin	Amy Elliott	Personnel Unit	Leda Reese	OSR	David Tamplin	JEHCC
Rita Cooksey	BJCC	Michael Dunlap	JHCC	Larry Long	OSP	James Reed	SWDCC
Deborah Boyer	Female Off Ops	Richard Donley	JCCC	Jovena Jones	MACC	Veronica Ramirez	WSKCC
		George Courson	BJCC				
27 Years							
Emma Watts	JBCC						
Michael Crabtree	Info Tech						

Retirements

January

Johnny Dean, John Lilley CC
Karen Crampton, Joseph Harp CC
Ray Booher, Northeast Oklahoma CC
Sherman Rose, Oklahoma City CCC

February

J'me Overstreet, Administrative Services
Kenneth Williams, Mabel Bassett CC

March

Ralph Crampton, Joseph Harp CC

APRIL is National Donate Life Month

SAVE A LIFE

Make it known: I want to be a donor

- Register with your State Donor Registry, if available
- Say YES to donation on your driver's license.
- Tell your family, friends, physician and faith leader that you want to be a donor.
- Fill out and sign a donor card, have it witnessed, carry it with you.

Tell someone: The need is great and growing

- More than 98, 000 people are in need of an organ for transplant
- Each day, about 77 people get the organ transplant that gives them a second chance, but 17 to 19 others die because they did not receive an organ transplant
- More than half the people on the waiting list for a donated organ are racial or ethnic minorities.

Get involved: Become an advocate

- Encourage everyone you know

Calendar

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 15 Board of Corrections
Lexington Assessment and
Reception Center
Lexington, Oklahoma
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- 19-22 Pardon and Parole Board
Hillside CCC

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 12 Board of Corrections
Hillside CCC
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 Presidents' Day
- 16-19 Pardon and Parole Board Hearing
Hillside CCC

MARCH

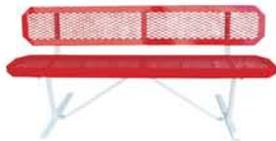
National Women's History Month

- 12 Board of Corrections
Jackie Brannon CC
McAlester, Oklahoma
- 14 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 23-25 Pardon and Parole Board Hearing
Hillside CCC

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