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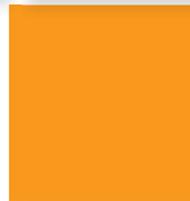
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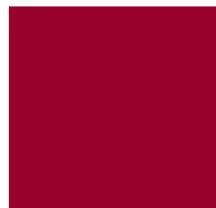
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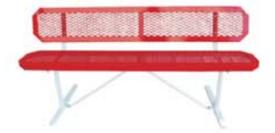
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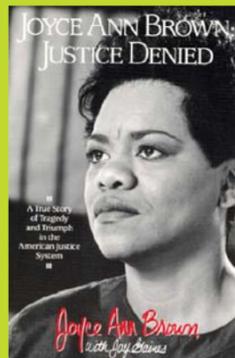
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Welcome to *Inside Corrections*



Welcome, to the now quarterly version of Inside Corrections. As many of you are aware the department has cut back expenses in many areas to include publications. Director's updates will continue to advise you on how the department has responded to each round of budget reductions mandated by revenue shortfalls. This article is being written in the first week of October and another shortfall is expected to be announced next week.

Probation and parole services are a very appropriate theme for this version of Inside Corrections. In all states the vast majority of offenders are under community supervision. So even though much public and political interest is directed toward institutional corrections, probation and parole is an integral partner in the overall operations and success of our agency. The largest number of prison receptions in most states comes from probation and parole violators whether they are from technical violations that result in revocation or receiving new charges while on supervision. With the advent and implementation of evidenced based supervision Oklahoma has been able to be a national leader in reducing new prison receptions from the aforementioned revocations. California has the highest revocation rate at 60%. The average for states is around 36%. Our sex offender community supervision containment model has been a key contributor and is a good example of providing optimal public safety through community supervision.

Another advantage of our probation and parole system is that it is totally integrated under the Department of Corrections which allows for a one file system, the same automated offender management system, shared resources and a continuation of services as offenders enter and leave our system. The shared resources are extremely valuable during these recessionary times.

Accolades go out to all who work in probation and parole as job demands increase and resources become more limited. Their ability to work in grey areas and make many interpretive decisions will become more valuable to the overall agency.

Justin Jones

Justin Jones
Director
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

Retirements

August

Michael Braden, JHCC
David Butler, NOCC
Gerald Christy, Education
Randy Wham, EWCC

September

Terry Alexander, JDCC
Carol Amitt, HMCC
Kathleen Asbury, Education
Samad AzariAn, NOCC
Orie Baker, EWCC
Bobby Belknap, OSP
Judy Bell, Education
Al Blair, DCCC
Rosalie Bliss, NWDCC
Omer Boren, HMCC
Ronnie Bowen, MACC
David Braley, ECCC
Donald Brown, JBCC
Eloise Brown, CDCC
Harold Brown, NOCC
Beatrice Campbell, JEHCC
Alonzo Candler, Jr., MBCC
Gene Capps, HMCC
Clifton Carter, NEDCC
Carolyn Christy, DCCC
Sherry Clark, LARC
Eunice Close, DCCC
Toi Clymer, NEDCC
Randell Coats, OSR
Joyce Copeland, EWCC
Geraline Cox, Med Adm/Field Svcs
Carl Crites, ECCC
John Croslin, JHCC
Patrick Dankbar, TCDCC
Alfred Deaton, HMCC
James Dellinger, HMCC
Scotty Dennis, JLCC
Freddy Dove, Med Adm/Field Svcs
Colin Drake, Info Tech
John Duckworth, JLCC
Gerald Dykes, DCCC
Nancy Dyson, NEDCC
Henry Ellick, Jr., NOCC
Sandra England, EWCC
Jim Evans, DCCC
Jacob Everhart, Education
Rita Flood, Community Corrections

Donald Garner, EWCC
Cindy Gill, Female Off Operations
Joseph Gilleland, JHCC
Barbara Gipson, Education
Dan Goodall, Training
Vicky Goodson, LARC
Tommy Gowens, LARC
Michael Gregg, SEDCC
Kenneth Grothe, OCI Mfg
Robert Hadley, NOCC
Sonya Hall, Medical/JEHCC
Ernest Hardin, JHCC
Vicki Harless, Medical Admin
Charles Harris, OCI Mfg
James Harris, Jr., JBCC
Paula Harth, Treatment & Rehab Svcs
Janice Hedrick, OSP
Jack Hickman, WKCC
Wesley Hinkston, KBCCC
Jackie Hollenbeck, LARC
Clinton Horne, MBCC
Larry Houghton, MCCC
Neva Huffman, NOCC
Joyce Isbell-Ipaye, MBCC
Barbara Iverson, JLCC
Mary Jackson, JCCC
Richard Jackson, JHCC
Roy Labor, Sent Adm
Vicki Lang, NEDCC
David Lankford, Dep Svcs
John Larsen, HCCC
Mary Leistner, Treat/Rehab Svc
Barbara Lewis, Medical/JHCC
Mitzi Maddox, ECCC
Debra Malone, Fac Class Pop Coord
Rita Malone, WKCC
William Masterson, NOCC
Dennis McCollum, JCCC
John McDaniel, MBCC
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Robert McGee, MACC
Yvonne McMorris, MBCC
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Woodrow Miller, OSR
Alton Mobley, OSR
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Michael Patterson, Training
Judy Penick, HMCC
Jeanne Powell, OSP
Lynne Presley, Training
Dennis Price, JCCC
Vaughn Rader, BJCC
James Reynolds, InfoTech
Laquitta Reynolds, Finance/Acctg
Kathy Rippetoe, Comm Corrections
Donna Robertson, SEDCC
Marla Rohrer, Finance & Accounting
Melissa Royal, LARC
Mary Rush, MACC
Michael Scoggins, EWCC
Ronald Scott, MACC
Bobby Shepard, Ardmore CWC
James Smith, HCCC
Larry Sowle, OCI Manufacturing
Paul Spangler, JEHCC
Bobby Stevens, Agri-Services
Joe Thomas, Medical Admin/Field Services
Raymond Thomasson, JDCC
Danna Traylor, Sentence Administration
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George Waller, DCCC
Howard Watkins, OSR
Lona Webster, Medical/JHCC
Barbara West, SWDCC
Zelma Wiley, OCI Manufacturing
Deborah Wilkerson, CDCC
Mark Williams, BJCC
Terry Williamson, CDCC
Jimmy Wilson, OSP
J C Wood, NWDCC
Jacqueline Wooden, EWCC
Bobby Yandell, SEDCC
Richard Young, JCCC

October

Tommy Begley, LARC

November

Sharon Andrews, Personnel

December

William Edwards, Agri-Services
Elden Wood, Institutions

Anniversaries - September

35 Years	Joseph Long DCCC	Robert Compton OSP	Randi Shipp Com Sent/Off Info Svcs
Glenda Lee Medical/JHCC	Ricky Lancaster BJCC	Dennis Cantrell OSP	Rochelle Province BJCC
	Dan Hix Union City CCC	Carol Butler Medical/OSP	Wilfred Perry OCI Mfg/JHCC
34 Years	Joe Caldwell JHCC	Annita Brown SWDCC	Amanda McDonald NWDC
Dewey Patterson LCCC		Ernest Mayo MACC	Mary Keltch Finance and Accounting
Brenda Herman Medical/NOCC	23 Years	Phyllis Hill EWCC	Bobby Grayson Operational Services
Henry Clark Departmental Services	Charles Smith Internal Affairs	Cynthia Smith Sayre CWC	Kendrick Goodyear EWCC
	Robbie Parker JCCC	Robert Sershon CDCC	Ida Doyle Education/DCCC
33 Years	Debra Morton Legal	Loyal Roland, Jr. NOCC	Tonia Dickerson Sent Admin
Sam Preston JHCC	Chester Mason Medical/OSP	Betty Mason JDCC	Doretha Clark DCCC
Donald Kiffin Education	Lewis Martin OSP	Michael Hansen CDCC	Neill Balthis NOCC
Nancy Dyson NEDCC	Gary Cannady OSR	Elizabeth Clayton Legal	
Peggy Carter Div of Comm Corr			
	22 Years	16 Years	12 Years
32 Years	Melody Sharver Education/JLCC	Mayble Watson JCCC	George Stiltner SEDCC
Janice Melton BJCC	Arvella Rucks NWDC	Clara Tindell WSKCC	Everett Shaw OSR
Justin Jones Director's Office	Dee Miller Com Sent/Off Info Svcs	Tony Nelson JHCC	Jean Lester Mental Health/HMCC
Ronald Anderson Legal	Nancy Irvin EWCC	Ernest Long OSP	James Lee, Sr. OSR
	Angela Hearrell SWDCC	Sharon Kunzman Medical/JCCC	Edward Kearns Training
31 Years		Theresa Johnson Healdton CWC	Carol Dunnam JCCC
Reginald Hines Div of Comm Cor	21 Years	Kathy Hale MBCC	Kelli Crane NOCC
	Michael Petty WSKCC	Tammy Boling Ok Corr Trng Academy	Jimmy Adams Training
30 Years	Reginald Edwards Okla Co RS -North		
Kenneth Williams MBCC	Peter Crum JCCC	15 Years	11 Years
Jerry Elrod MACC		Lisa Pruitt JCCC	Michael Young Hollis CWC
29 Years	20 Years	Thomas Naughton Personnel Unit	Jerry Schroeder OSR
Lynn Killian SEDCC	Norina Wehrenberg Medical/JCCC	Laurie Martin Medical/JBCC	Brenda Reed MACC
	David Tate, Jr. OSR	Tommy Love Information Technology	India Osage EWCC
28 Years	Ronnie Spradlin JDCC	Debra Leistner Finance and Accounting	Anthony Manuel JHCC
William Yeager Training	Christopher Rector Trans Unit/JLCC	Rose Gwin Medical/OSP	Michael Hollowell OSR
John Pugh JEHCC	David Nelms JBCC	Charles Dickerson JHCC	Christi Hendrex EWCC
Lenora Jordan Training	Steven Montgomery MCCC	Jeffrey Anthony CDCC	Robert Hebensperger Agri-Services/OSR
Theta Jackson Div of Comm Corr	Donald McDaniel JLCC	Sharon Andrews Personnel Unit	Charles Goree WSKCC
John Grant OSP	Penny Lewis Proced & Accred		Jerry Goodall JDCC
Michael Dunkle SEDCC	James Kroth Trans Unit/LARC	14 Years	Jacqueline Garrett MBCC
	Greg Kinnison OSR	Von Wilcots JLCC	Jeff Forbes OSP
27 Years	Anthony Henry JBCC	Stephen Warren Programs Unit	Eric Enblom LARC
Vince Parsons OSP	Franklin Griffin KBCCC	George Saxon OSR	Charles Copeland JDCC
Mark Leistner Altus CWC	David Graham JDCC	Kimberlee Rader Medical/BJCC	Jerry Cooper Trans Unit/LARC
Joyce Isbell-Ipaye MBCC	Mark Finch HMCC	Dale Morgan MACC	Lynda Bolding OSR
Lawana Hamrick Sent Admin	Jimmy Chandler HMCC	Ronda Montalvo Medical/BJCC	Robert Beebe OSR
Terry Goodall Ok Corr Trng Acdmy-Norm	Linda Butler NEDCC	William Monday WSKCC	Larry Adams LARC
Larry Bennett Internal Affairs	Tommy Begley LARC	Wendell Miles Med Admin/JHCC	
		Mark McDowell OSR	
	19 Years	David Lehman OCI Mfg/LARC	10 Years
26 Years	Kimberly Sharp Agri-Services	Dan Johnson MACC	Travis Wilson LARC
Elden Wood Institutions	Edbert Phifer CDCC	Tom James Finance and Accounting	Bradley Wakefield HMCC
Lavonna Bartling Priv Pris/Jls/Sfty Admin	Wanda Parker NOCC	Deborah Hudson MCCC	Jerry Thompson JHCC
Robert Affolter LARC	Kristi Loper CDCC	Buddy Hendricks OSP	Troy Slate JHCC
	Sonja Ford CDCC	Alicia Guerrero OSR	Ian Rich JCCC
25 Years	Lura Fabian Finance and Accounting	Travis Gray BJCC	Robert Powitzky Mental Health (Admin)
Beverly Phillips Medical/MBCC	Tina Crawford TCDC	Thomas Gleese JBCC	Billie Nye Medical/LARC
Thomas Nelson TCDC	Lisa Burlingame Com Sent/Off Info Svcs	Anthony Fogle Union City CCC	Juanita Murley OSR
Kathryn King TCDC		Roy Butler OSR	David McKay Training
	18 Years	Douglas Brown WSKCC	Daniel Matthews JHCC
24 Years	Benito Williamson CDCC	Katherine Brewer JHCC	Beverly Henderson CDCC
Truong Vu Information Technology	Karen Walker WSKCC	Gary Bell LARC	Timothy Harriet Medical/Ok Co CC
Samuel Terry Personnel Unit	Marcus Wahl Medical/LARC	Ryan Atchison NOCC	Linda Evans Mental Health/JHCC
Torrence Roane JHCC	Susan Salisbury CDCC		Cecil Dooley JHCC
Kevin Pinkerton DCCC	Josephine Flores SWDCC	13 Years	Marty Brinkman OSR
Bart McLin Facility Classification	Patricia Fatkin JDCC	Maxine Walters Treat & Rehab Svcs	Larry Allison JBCC

In Other Words

On behalf of the Reynolds family, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the overwhelming number of cards, calls and condolences we received as a result of the death of my father. It was very much appreciated. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Dan Reynolds & Family

Director Jones,

I am writing to thank you and various staff members at the facilities which provided my US Corrections class tours of facilities during the fall semester of 2008. These include Union City Community Work Center, Elk City Community Work Center, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. The staff members who arranged the tours were helpful and those who served as tour guides were nothing less than professional. They all represented the Department in a very positive manner.

The experience for my students is both educational and an opportunity to learn more about careers in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,
Phillip D. Holley
PHILLIP D. HOLLEY, CHAIR
SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA
STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Fairchild and Warden Franklin, I just wanted to take the time to personally thank you for what you and your dog program did for my dog, Laci, and myself.

She was in your program from December to January. When I left her, she was a dog that few people could stand being around. She wasn't a bad dog. She's always loved everybody, but she was just out of control.

Now she's like a whole new dog. I can take her on walks and have people over without having to put her up. She's a sweetheart and I owe it all to you and your dog program. That program is a lifesaver for us. I can't thank you enough for all you did.

Your dog program is an asset to this community. This program makes the prison reflect well on the public. I just wish you could train more dogs at one time. All my friends want their dogs trained now and I know there is a long waiting list.

I even received a very nice letter from Laci's handler. All I can say is, thank you, thank you! You have no idea how you have improved our lives, mine, and Laci's.

Sincerely,
Darlene Holder

Ann Tandy,
The old saying of... "thank you could never express our appreciation" definitely applies to our family's gratitude to all of you who diligently assisted in streamlining Joseph's release and his eventual transfer to Arizona. Your attention to detail and your valiant efforts in this situation is truly a tribute to the DOC and to the compassionate people who serve within the administration.

Compassionate is not how most citizens would describe the DOC and most of us know, unfortunately, that most good deeds go unnoticed. However, our family will forever be grateful to everyone who took the time to listen and to proactively evaluate our situation and then to implement a strategy for a timely outcome.

Your good deeds and compassion will never be forgotten or go unappreciated by those of us involved.

Our families repayment can only be to bless and to pray for all of the DOC's administration, their families, all of the people held within the confines of the DOC, and to pray for those families who suffer tremendous burdens while their loved ones are incarcerated.

Sincerely,
James and Sandra Glass

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In Other Words

Director Jones,

What a difference your contribution of a Loaned Executive made for the 2008 Charitable Campaign (SCC)! By now, I am sure you've heard that the 2008 SCC was the most successful in our community's history, raising \$499,695 for human service programs.

Loaned Executives were the cornerstone of our success. Because of Karl Willett's diligence, the 2008 SCC increased donations by over 9%, which is an increase of over \$42,000. Literally, thousands of local peoples' lives will be forever changed as a result of your support.

Each time a Loaned Executive returns to the United Way of Central Oklahoma office with contributions, he or she rings our campaign bell in celebration. Like drops of water in the ocean, the ringing notes gather and become an incredible total.

The small bell we are sending you today represents the bell that hangs in our office. We hope it reminds you of the good you have done for our community. To paraphrase Mother Teresa, "You may feel that what you have done is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would have been less because of that missing drop."

Thank you for supporting the Loaned Executive Program.

Sincerely,
Oscar B. Jackson, Jr.
ADMINISTRATOR AND
CABINET SECRETARY OF
HUMAN RESOURCES AND
ADMINISTRATION

Director Jones,

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the first Leadership Academy at the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. I really didn't know what to expect by taking this class. My biggest concern was fitting it into my schedule, but I can say it was time well spent.

The Leadership Academy gave me an extreme eye-opener by increasing my knowledge of your organization by 99%. Each class had various presenters that were well prepared, very knowledgeable, and open to any questions our class had.

After each session, Ms. Jackson asked us what "wowed" us. Now that I've finished the class, what "wowed" me the most was the professionalism of all the people we interacted with in those eight weeks. I could not have been more impressed with the outstanding service that your agency provides to our state.

Thanks again for including me in your class.

Sincerely,
Mark W. Kelly
PRESIDENT/CEO
OKLAHOMA EMPLOYEES
CREDIT UNION

Warden Howard,

Please accept our thanks for helping us with clearing and maintenance at Raymond Gary State Park. Having the work crew come and pitch in makes a huge difference in the appearance of the park. We receive many compliments on how good it looks. Vince McIver is very professional in his dealings with

the crew and is a great representative for your institution.

We truly appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,
John Pennell
PARK MANAGER
RAYMOND GARY STATE PARK

Warden Standifird,

We would like to thank the warden for allowing the work crews to come and help our town.

We want to thank Tim Lakins and his work crew for making and painting the crosses for our memorial service at Oakdale Cemetery-Paden.

Thanks again,
The Town of Paden

Warden Standifird,

I want to let you know that I'm not only pleased but also very impressed to hear about a program at the John Lilley Correctional Center that is evidently a great help to us in this area. I understand that inmates from your facility are helping clean around flood control structures which is truly helpful to our conservation district. It's my belief that this is a win-win situation for all of us and I want you to know how grateful we are to you for making this happen.

Thank you very much for your dedication to this program.

Sincerely,
Steve Kooplen
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
HOUSE DISTRICT 24

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McAlester Monument Honors Oklahoma State Prison Behind the Walls Rodeo

Thanks to community organizations and private donors a recent tribute to the Oklahoma State Prison Behind the Walls Rodeo was possible! The monument is located on Hwy 270 West as you are entering McAlester. Pictured below left are Oklahoma State Penitentiary employees Linda Morgan, Deputy Warden, Randy Workman, Warden, and Terry Crenshaw, Warden's Assistant.



Congratulations Sgt. Said Ezzhani Becomes a U.S. Citizen



Congratulations to Sgt. Said Ezzhani, who became a United States citizen on July 31, 2009.

Sgt. Ezzhani was born and raised in Rabat, the capital of Morocco, and upon receiving a degree in Accounting, decided to further his education in the United States. Arriving in the states on July 17, 2001, he chose to move to Oklahoma. He states that the reason he chose Oklahoma was its reputation of having friendly, honest and hardworking people.

He began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections at the Joseph Harp Correctional Center. He decided to change his course of education and currently has 75 credit hours toward a degree in Criminal Justice.

He and his wife have 3 beautiful children Troy, Nadia and Zakaria.

Sgt. Ezzhani wished to give special thanks to Warden Mike Addison and Warden David Parker for everything they have done for him and his family.

In Other Words

Warden Standifird,
The City of Prague Police Department wishes to extend our gratitude to John Lilley for providing a crew on May 3, 2009, for the Kolache Festival clean up. This event would not be as easily managed without your assistance.

Sincerely,
Chief BJ Dudley
PRAGUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Warden Standifird,
The City of Okemah would like to express its gratitude for the workforce you provided the week prior to our Pioneer Days celebration.

Without your help I am sure we would not have been able to complete all the Spring cleanup tasks scheduled.

Again, thank you for your assistance in helping the City of Okemah look its best. We truly appreciated all the help.

Respectfully,
David Swayze
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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For further information, please contact Karl Willett, 2009 State Charitable Campaign Loaned Executive at 405-301-1952 or 405-523-3574 or via email at kwillett@unitedwayokc.org

Additional information will be provided to your HR in the coming weeks.

Car donated by the employees of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Drawing will be conducted through United Way in January 2010.





BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEMBER

Linda Neal

Linda Neal was born in Elk City, Oklahoma, and lived there until graduating from high school. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. In 1974 Linda married Larry Neal in Lawton where they now reside and own the J.T. Neal Insurance Agency.

She is a member of Centenary United Methodist Church where she has worked with several children programs, sings in the choir and serves on the Administrative Board. Linda has volunteered in many ways, serving on the boards of Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra, American Cancer Society, Lawton Junior Service League, Teen Court, Lawton Country Club, Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Lawton Public Schools Foundation and Parent Teacher Association. Additionally, she is an active member of P.E.O., a philanthropic women's organization, serving as State President in 2005-2006. She is presently chairman of the Lawton/Ft. Sill United Way Campaign.

Linda is the mother of three children: Lori Bowman, federal government affairs for Hospira; Lindsay Neal, pharmaceutical sales for Sanofi Aventis; and Lane Neal, Assistant District Attorney for Oklahoma County. Linda's favorite activities are needle pointing, reading, knitting, playing the piano, gardening, and spending time with her family.

Congratulations on reaccreditations

Bill Johnson Correctional Center
received 100% on mandatory standards
and 99.5% on non-mandatory standards.

John Lilley Correctional Center
received 100% on mandatory standards
and 99.6% on non-mandatory standards.

Jackie Brannon Correctional Center
received 100% on mandatory standards
and 99.8% on non-mandatory standards.

Enid Community Corrections Center
received their fourth consecutive
100% on mandatory standards and
100% on non-mandatory standards.

Union City Community Corrections Center
received their second consecutive
100% on mandatory standards and
100% on non-mandatory standards.

JAMES CRABTREE CORRECTIONAL CENTER (JCCC)

Auto Mechanics Shop Gives Back to the Community

In an effort to help support area volunteer fire departments, JCCC has extended a helping hand by offering the services/labor of offenders in the auto mechanics department. With the fire departments supplying all the necessary materials, the offenders along with their supervisors, Bryon Mathis, Auto Mechanics Supervisor, and Barney Laird, Maintenance Supervisor, set about restoring these vehicles.

#1 - Three vehicles belonging to the Helena Fire Department.

#2 (before and after) - This 1933 Ford Model A with the original flathead four cylinder engine belongs to the Aline Volunteer Fire Department. The wood flooring is the original factory flooring that was re-furbished. This firetruck has 1,232 original miles on it and was driven to the shop.

Not pictured is a fire truck for the Goltry Volunteer Fire Department which was also restored by the JCCC Auto Mechanics Shop.



JAMES CRABTREE CORRECTIONAL CENTER (JCCC)

Employees Recognized at Town Hall Meeting



Sgt. Timothy Kirkpatrick (middle left) and Lt. Michael Shelite (middle right) were presented flags by Warden David Parker for their service in the United States Armed Services.



Suzie Salinas is recognized as JCCC's June Employee of the Month.



Robin Cobb is recognized for 25 years of service.



Left to right: Senator David Myers, District 20, Representative Mike Christian, District 93, Representative Jeff Hickman, District 58, and Representative Randy Terrill, District 53.



Donnie Frech, Fire Chief/Lieutenant presents a gift of appreciation to the following JCCC staff: Janet Dowling, Deputy Warden, David Parker, Warden, Byron Mathis, Auto Mechanics Supervisor, and Barney Laird, Maintenance Supervisor for work performed on fire trucks for the Helena Volunteer Fire Department.

Early Detection....

Regular Mammograms

Celebrating 25 years of Awareness, Education and Empowerment



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

cadet graduation - August 13, 2009



The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted a graduation ceremony on August 13, 2009 for Correctional Officer Cadet Class W070609. Lenora Hudson, Deputy Warden, John Lilley Correctional Center, was the graduation speaker. The 20 cadets in this class successfully completed the required 240 hours of pre-service instruction. Nine different facilities ranging from maximum security to community security had students in W070609.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton would like to commend the class of W070609 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kara Painter
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Academic Award

David Brush
Union City CCC
Class Speaker

Eric Sofian
Dick Conner CC
Outstanding Performance

CLEET graduation - October 6, 2009

The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted a graduation ceremony on October 6, 2009 for CLEET Basic Academy WC062209. Kendall Ballew, Chief Agent of the Fugitive/Warrants Unit and Southeastern Region Investigations Supervisor, was the graduation speaker. The 26 correctional officers and 16 probation & parole officers in this class successfully completed the required 600 hours of instruction. One Correctional Officer completed the 100 hour refresher course. Twenty-two different facilities and districts ranging in security level from maximum security to community security had students in WC062209.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy would like to commend the Class of WC062209 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jody Randall
Central District CC
Academic Award

Monica Alexander
Mack Alford CC
Class Speaker

David Spears
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Outstanding Performance
Custody Control

Markus Woods
Oklahoma State Penitentiary
Outstanding Performance
Firearms

PROBATION and parole

Upholding the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity.

Probation and Parole, the most poorly documented segment of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections history. Lack of documentation appears to be due to the fact that there simply was little to report.

In a 1912 Commissioner of Charities and Corrections annual report, Commissioner Kate Barnard claimed that the passage of a state parole system was critical to the success of the reformatory (OSR) because some people took longer to train than others

and release under supervision was necessary to help the ex-convict to adjust to freedom. Commissioner Barnard failed in her attempt to get the parole system passed.

After an election to the post of Commissioner of Charities and Corrections in 1922, Mabel Bassett submitted penal reform recommendations to the Legislature. One of the recommendations was the authorization of probation services.

In reference to a Legislature investigation of the penal system, a 1929 Report in House Journal entry reflects that the investigative committee recommended establishment of a parole system. It appears that the Governor had power to grant

parole, but there was no "system." There was little or no accountability. In 1943, the legislature authorized a Pardon and Parole Board, there creating a "system." But those granted parole had little accountability until establishment of the Division of Probation and Parole in 1968. Probation and Parole, as currently known, did not begin to evolve until the late 1950's and did not resemble what it is today until the late 1960's.

Governor J. Howard Edmonson became the first Governor of Oklahoma to recommend "the establishment of a Department of Corrections" responsible for the entire correctional system. The legislature failed to act upon this recommendation.

Governor Henry Bellmon's administration (1963-1967) again contracted with an outside agency to study the penal system and make recommendations for change. This time the state requested the services

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66
Offices
Statewide
(2009)

318
Probation
& Parole
Officers
(2009)

Graduation Ceremony

Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC) Visiting Room • July 30, 2009



Jan Bugby presents offender Charles Goodner with associate degree.



Representative Earl Sears District 11



Pam Humphrey, DOC Senior Principal



Doug Byrd, DCCC Deputy Warden



Wanda Whiteman, Director of Higher Education (middle), with members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe who recently graduated.



Congratulations to the above offenders who received their GED diplomas.



Dr. Thomas K. McKeon, Tulsa Community College (TCC) President and CEO



Dr. Ric Baser, TCC Vice President, Academic Affairs



(L-R) Joyce Jackson, Administrator, Executive Communications, Chef Jeff Henderson, Food Network Celebrity Chef, Millicent Newton-Embry, Warden, MBCC, and Ida Doyle, Correctional Teacher/College Coordinator, DCCC



**LEXINGTON
"STUFF THE BUS" EVENT**

On August 8, 2009, Steven Tucker, Warehouse Supervisor, Joseph Harp Correctional Center, participated in the Lexington "Stuff the Bus" event. Lexington police and firefighters, and Dollar General staff volunteers assisted families in need of school supplies. The community was asked to donate new supplies to help fill the bus.



**Lexington Assessment and Reception Center's
Friends For Folks Coordinator Places in the
Disc Dog World Championship Competition**

Lee Fairchild, a case manager/Friends For Folks coordinator, qualified and recently competed in the Disc Dog World Championships held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 26 – 27, 2009. Dogs and handlers from the USA, Canada, Hungary, Germany and Japan competed. In order to qualify a handler and dog team must place in the top four of their respective region. Lee qualified with two dogs. His dog Dora, a three year old Australian Shepherd, qualified in the Distance Accuracy portion of the competition which means that the further a handler throws a frisbee the more points are garnered up to 50 yards. Lee and Dora placed 14th in this division. Lee and his other dog, Gracie, qualified in two events. She is a small dog (under 16 inches) so she qualified to compete in the Micro-Dog category and was also qualified for Open/Expert, which includes any size dog. Gracie and Lee competed in Freestyle which meant the teams had two minutes of time to do a series of tricks and vaults with the frisbee. Gracie placed 14th in the Open/Expert division and was 4th in the world in the Micro Dog division. This was the highest placing in the South-Central region by any of the competitors. Al Ericson from San Diego, California won the division followed by Japan, Germany and then Lee from the USA.



Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and children of every background and circumstance.



Michael Fenner
2007 Central District
Community Corrections
Officer of the Year



Deidra McCloud
2008 Central District
Community Corrections
Employee of the Year & Division
of Community Corrections
Employee of the Year

**2009 SCOTIA KNOUFF
LINE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**



Crystal Angelo
Probation and Parole Officer
Central District Community Corrections

Probation and Parole Officer Crystal Angelo from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections was named the 2009 Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year. Officer Angelo began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections as a Probation and Parole Officer in 2004, shortly after obtaining a Bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma. Over the last eighteen months, Probation and Parole Officer Angelo has been actively involved in a multi-jurisdictional caseload study that is researching the differential effect of caseload size on outcomes related to recidivism for medium and high-risk offenders, as well as the impact of evidence based practices (EBP) on recidivism outcomes. This study, which concluded in April 2009, will provide correctional agencies nationwide with much needed data and research analysis. She recently became a member of the agency's Honor Guard, and is a sign language interpreter for the department. She was selected as Oklahoma's Probation and Parole Officer of the Year for 2008.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, probation and parole is an essential part of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals work in partnership with community agencies and groups; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals promote prevention, intervention and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals provide services, support, and protection for victims; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals advocate community and restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole professionals are a true Force for Positive Change in their communities, and;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Brad Henry, Governor of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim July 19-25, 2009 as: Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week and encourage all citizens to honor these probation and parole professionals and to recognize their achievements.

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of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). The NCCD report recommended that Oklahoma pass a law creating a state Department of Corrections.

Governor Dewey Bartlett (1967-1971) supported the concept of a state Corrections agency and he urged the legislature to finalize the work of the past four years and pass the legislation. The Oklahoma Corrections Act was passed on May 8 and became effective on July 1, 1967. The legislation created a Department of Corrections consisting of an appointed State Board of Corrections and a director to head the department and its three divisions of institutions, inspections, and parole.

Prior to the Corrections Act of 1967, only parole services were offered on a statewide basis under the direction of the Commissioner of Charities and Corrections.

The Division of Probation and Parole dissolved in 1991 under

a departmental reorganization. However, in 1996, the DOC once again reorganized into the Division of Probation and Parole/Community Corrections created by Deputy Director, Kathy Waters.

Reginald Hines was named Deputy Director in 2005 upon Justin Jones being named as Director. Mr. Hines had previously served as the Assistant Deputy Director, having transferred to the Division after his most recent service as warden at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center.

The Division of Community Corrections is comprised of eight community corrections, fifteen community work centers, and six probation and parole districts.

There are over 27,000 probationers and 3,600 parolees under the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

The Division also has oversight responsibilities for nine halfway houses, providing reentry services to over 1,200 offenders. ■

27,415
Probation
Offenders
(2009)

3,637
Parole
Offenders
(2009)

430
Re-entry
Offenders
(2009)

Poker Run

hosted by Oklahoma State Penitentiary
May 9, 2009



Pictured above: 1) David Steele, Debbie Steele, Jerry Hunt, and Nancy Hunt.; 2) Terry Workman and Warden Randall Workman; and, 3) David Steele.



Poker Run hosted by Hillside Community Corrections Center August 15, 2009

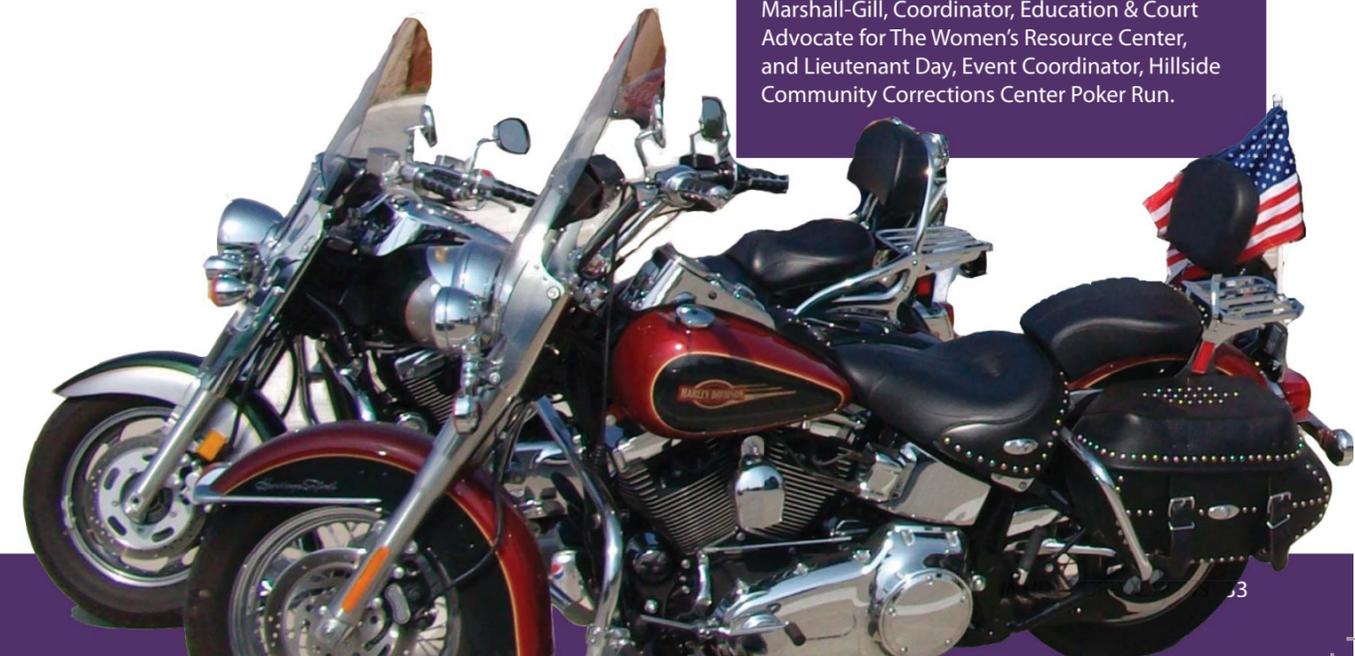
Approximately \$5,400 was raised for the Women's Resource Center (WRC) in Norman, which is a rape crisis and battered shelter for women and their children.

Statistics show that the majority of women who are incarcerated have been a victim of sexual, verbal, physical or mental abuse.

It is the hope of those involved that by allowing this facility to remain open despite budget cuts, will bring hope to women and their families. It was reported by News Channel 9 that the United Way budget cut the facility by 44%.

We are ecstatic to announce to our sponsors the total amount raised, and look forward to a higher figure next year.

Pictured above (L-R): Ruby Jones-Cooper, District Supervisor, Female Offender Community Corrections and Residential Services, Debbie Marshall-Gill, Coordinator, Education & Court Advocate for The Women's Resource Center, and Lieutenant Day, Event Coordinator, Hillside Community Corrections Center Poker Run.



6th Annual Special Olympics Poker Run

hosted by Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC)

by Debbie Dorris



1) Jonathon Parkhurst (athlete), Debbie Dorris, and Pat Parkhurst; 2) Chris Paynter and Amy Wollmerhauser (athletes); 3) Ashley Kohlun (athlete) with Ron Guthrie, JHCC Unit Manager; 4) athletes with JHCC bunch; and 5) Oklahoma Torch Run Executive Committee members with athletes.

On August 22, a beautiful summer morning, bikers gathered at Fort Thunder Harley-Davidson in anticipation of JHCC's Sixth Annual Poker Run for Special Olympics. Participants ranged from non-law enforcement (or "civilians" as we like to call them) to C.O.'s, members of the OKC PD, and the OHP.

Soon, two of the athletes arrived to meet and greet and remind everyone why we were there. Amy Wollmershauser, whose sports of choice are bocce, basketball, bowling, speed walking and snowshoe racing (that's right – snowshoe!) and Chris Paynter, a weight lifter, made an already beautiful day brighter.

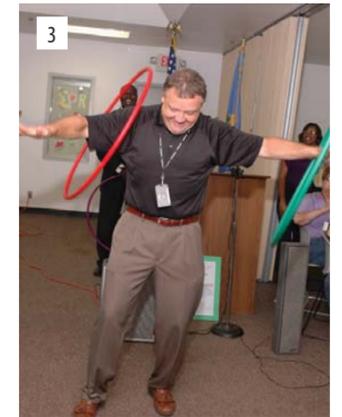
Meanwhile, at the first stop of the day, Ashley Kohlun, Global Messenger, was ready to shine her 100 watt smile as the bikers arrived in Purcell. Apparently, she made quite an impression with the owners of JP Outfitters who gave her a free pink JP Outfitters shirt. Not to be outdone, Ron Guthrie (JHCC Unit Manager) allowed her to pick out a ballcap to match her shirt. She had a great time being recognized because for the last several years, she has been the special guest speaker at the JHCC golf tournament. She enlightens the group about her duties as a Special Olympics Global Messenger and her sports which include swimming, bocce, bowling and basketball.

Jonathan Parkhurst (who I think secretly works in a casino) assisted me at the fourth stop of the day, Harley-Davidson World. He would spread the cards before each participant and quip, "Pick a card, any card." They loved him. Jonathan's sport of choice is golfing and let me tell you, his personality alone could beat Tiger Woods any day!

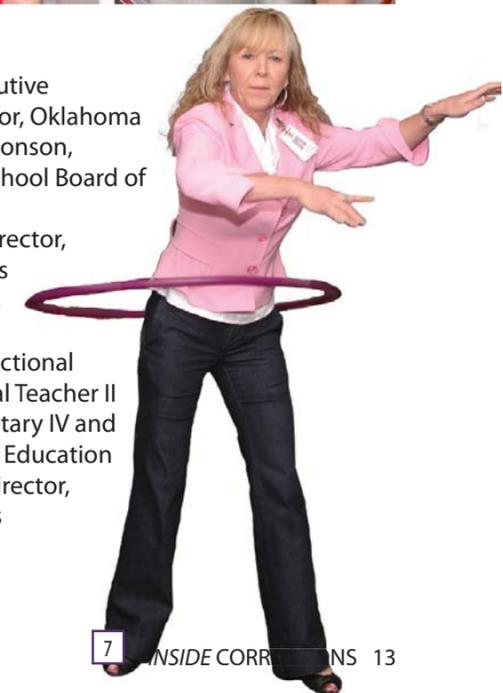
If you ever get a chance to attend a Torch Run fundraiser or any Special Olympic event where there is an opportunity to meet these gifted individuals, don't hesitate. For more information check out the Oklahoma Special Olympic website at www.sook.org.

Health and Wellness Fair

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma • May 29, 2009



1. Dean Samuel, Tai Chi instructor
 2. Joyce Jackson, Administrator, Executive Communications; Justin Jones, Director, Oklahoma Department of Corrections; Angela Monson, Chairperson, Oklahoma City Public School Board of Education; and Karl Willett, Personnel
 3. Kenny Holloway, Interim Deputy Director, Treatment and Rehabilitative Services
 4. Sharon Smith and Sharon Andrews, Personnel
 5. Back Row (L-R): Dr. Don Kiffin, Correctional Teacher II and Scott Stieg, Correctional Teacher II
 Front Row (L-R): Connie Cooper, Secretary IV and Dr. Owen Modeland, Superintendent, Education
 6. Debbie Mahaffey, retired Deputy Director, Treatment and Rehabilitative Services
 7. J'me Overstreet, Associate Director, Administrative Services



Oklahoma State Reformatory

One Hundred Years - 1909 - 2009

Dick Conner Correctional Center

Faith and Character Community Family Day

Hominy Oklahoma • August 20, 2009

Kate Barnard, Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, reported that from 1905 to 1908, 60 boys, many under 16 years of age, had been sent to the Lansing Penitentiary in Kansas. This prompted Barnard and fellow reformers to make a case for a state reformatory. She articulated the need for such an institution in her annual reports to the governor and legislature.

Samuel Flourney, later to become the first warden of the reformatory, in a letter to Governor Haskell dated December 12, 1909, complained that southwestern Oklahoma was being discriminated against for not getting a reformatory and requested a \$100,000 appropriation. The proposed reformatory became a political issue.

So, the Oklahoma State Reformatory was established by an act of the legislature in

March 1909, with an initial appropriation of \$500,000. The temporary quarters (built south of the "Wildcat" mountain) were completed, and the first 60 inmates were received from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on April 22, 1910. Construction of the main facility began in 1911 and was completed in 1914. The temporary quarters were destroyed by fire that same year. In May 1910; In July 1910, 100 black prisoners were transferred from McAlester for public roadwork in Washita County. Two hundred more

prisoners were transferred on March 18, 1911, of which 100 were assigned to public roadwork in Caddo County. Clyde A. Reed was appointed warden on September 12, 1910. Construction of the main facility began in 1911 and was completed in 1914. The temporary quarters were destroyed by fire that same year.

To briefly recap, Kate Barnard, during her short seven years (1907-1914) as com-



Pictured above are offenders with family and friends.

- 1) Cathy Alburty, Volunteer Program Instructor
- 2) John Rhyne, Ponca City Fire Chief
- 3) Greg Province, Warden, Dick Conner Correctional Center
- 4) Ms. Lee, Program Coordinator
- 5) Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator
- 6) Mrs. Bears, Faith Class Instructor
- 7) Ilinda Jackson



Sweethearts of the Rodeo Special Screening

Eddie Warrior Correctional Center

June 9, 2009

Photos courtesy of Bradley Beesley Production Company



missioner, founded, built, and put in operation both the penitentiary and the reformatory. She had lofty, but realistic goals for the institutions, gave personal attention to the inmates herself, and expected the staff to do the same. While the Governor and the legislators wanted the institutions to be not only self-sufficient, but also revenue earners for the state, Kate wanted them to reform inmates that would be good citizens upon release from prison.

Kate Barnard was succeeded by William D. Matthews (1914-1922), who submitted very skimpy biennial reports to the Governor with barely a page of population statistics on each of the two institutions. A reader gets the impression that the institutions were passing through some phase of consolidation, and the administrations were maintaining status quo. One could clearly observe that the reformers had somewhat weakened in the absence of Kate Barnard. Governor Robert L. Williams (1915-1919), in his message to the

legislature in 1917, was concerned about the economic well-being of the facility, but not its rehabilitative role, when he said, "The reformatory of Granite is a penitentiary just as much so as the prison at McAlester." He made no distinction between the penitentiary and the reformatory. Governor Williams clearly wanted to use the reformatory as a second penitentiary. He wanted a warden to be a businessman. Making use of the state-owned mountain of granite and the reformatory's captive labor pool, he negotiated a contract with the Rock Island Railroad Company. The railroad exchanged a small rock crusher (capable of 80 yards a day) for 1200 carloads of rough rock for its track beds.

With this contract, the Governor claimed, "Now the reformatory is self-sustaining." Warden Boone Williams reported on three years of achievement from September 1, 1915 to September 1, 1918, claiming enlargement and improvement of the prison gin machine, dairy barn,

and power house machinery. He also reported the building of a 20,000 bushel granary, east cell house (two-thirds completed), and broom factory. To assist the government in its aid to World War I, the institution supplied building materials to the Aviation Field at Fort Sill. In the area of rehabilitation, it was reported that 75 to 80 percent of the inmates released from the institution had not returned to criminal life (the annual reports often recognized their reformation role).

The east cell house was completed in 1918 with four levels. The fourth level, being a relatively open area since construction, has been utilized for a multitude of purposes ranging from classrooms to open dormitory. The remaining floors have cells facing north and south in a back-to-back configuration. Each individual cell was constructed with open fronts (bars only) as opposed to the solid steel plate type used in the west cell house. Each cell was constructed ten feet five inches by seven feet, providing 73.5

square feet per cell with four bunks to each cell, thus adding 290 beds to the capacity of the institution. By year's end, the institution bed count had climbed to 658.

The next few years were fortunate for the reformatory as it moved closer to its reformatory ideal. Governor James B. Robertson (1919-1923) made a consistent and honest effort to run the institution as a reformatory. He appointed as warden, Dr. George A. Waters, a highly respected and successful farmer and dentist. Waters immediately made plans to travel east to study modern methods of organizing and conducting reformatory work. He sent a requisition to the Board of Public Affairs for 500 books as the nucleus for a general library. He also initiated a public call for book donations from charitable organizations.

Governor Robertson mailed a letter to all judges of the district courts in the state: "Hereafter no prisoner will be confined at Granite who is over the age of 23 years,

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Clara Waters

Clara Waters was the wife of Dr. George Waters, who was the warden of the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite from 1920-1926. She had been actively involved in her husband's work, so much so that one year after his death she was named warden of the reformatory. This appointment made Clara Waters the first female warden in the United States to head a state prison. She also is reported to be the first female to head an all male prison. While serving as warden, she developed the educational and vocational training opportunities provided to the young offenders convicted of felonies and began the first in-house educational program at the reformatory. This program eventually evolved into the Lakeside School, the first fully accredited behind-the walls high school in the United States. Other accomplishments included a classification program to segregate the younger offenders from the older inmates. In addition, she initiated a 24-hour day medical access program at the reformatory which later became a required standard at all correctional facilities.

(OSR 100 Years, cont. from page 15)

or who has heretofore been committed for two or three offenses, or who is sentenced for more than ten years. All such prisoners must be sent to McAlester."

That was a major step in differentiating the role of a reformatory from that of a penitentiary. It is important to mention here that Mabel Bassett replaced William Matthews as Commissioner of Charities and Corrections, and she remained in that position for a long term of 24 years, from 1922-1946.

Another contribution of Warden George Waters was the training of inmates in scientific agriculture. He planned to establish experimental seed farms and specialized husbandry for cattle, sheep, and hogs. The Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater provided technical aid.

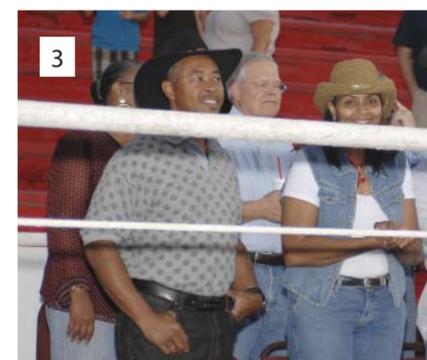
Very unfortunately, with the change in administration, the Robertson/Waters team was out, and Governor C. Walton was elected in 1923. During Walton's short tenure as Governor, there was massive corruption at all levels, which led to his impeachment. Some prisoners received clemency before they even arrived at the state

prison. Not only were all the constructive projects started at the reformatory hard hit, but the inventories of some reformatory shops were ruthlessly plundered. Dr. George Waters was reappointed as warden, and he resumed office in 1924 to clear up the mess. On resumption of office, Dr. George Waters found that many of the programs he had instituted were eliminated. Many fine instructors from the bakery, kitchen, farm, tannery, and shoe shop had been replaced by incompetent ones. Dr. Waters again set the house in order and increased production. In December 1925, there were 591 inmates, all usefully occupied in tannery, carpentry, blacksmithing, stone masonry, tailoring, cooking, baking, tinning, or plumbing. Despite all of his achievements, he was modest in claims. Talking about the farm, he reported in his annual report, "The produce is not as good as I would have liked it to be, but it represents our very best effort." Warden J. J. Savage, in his Annual Report of the Oklahoma State Reformatory (OSR), reported a population of 606 prisoners on December 13, 1926, and proudly claimed that all of them were working

Oklahoma State Penitentiary Prison Rodeo McAlester, Oklahoma • August 14 - 15, 2009



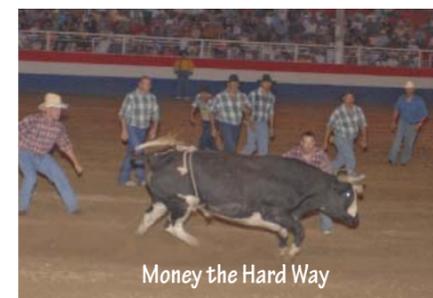
1) Randall Workman, Warden, OSP, Senator Kenneth Corn, District 4, and Senator Richard Lerblance, District 7; 2) Sweethearts of the Rodeo; 3) Floyd Ramsey and Pam Ramsey, Executive Assistant, Director's Office. Pictured below are offenders participating in Double Mugging, Bareback Riding, Money the Hard Way, Bull Riding, and Wild Horse Race.



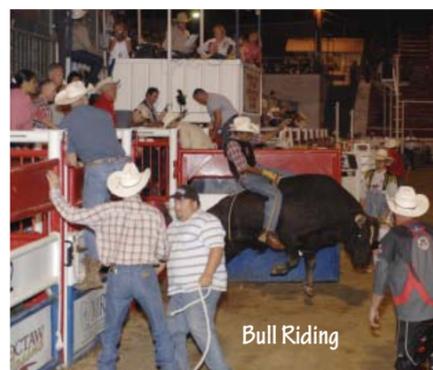
Double Mugging



Bareback Riding



Money the Hard Way



Bull Riding



Wild Horse Race

(OSR 100 Years, cont. from page 19)

The prisoners working at the quarry operation had to drag the heavy ball and chains attached to their ankle. In addition, they had to carry a ten pound "double jack" sledgehammer over their shoulder. The crushed rock was sold commercially and shipped by rail to receiving points throughout the country. The railroad spur, which allowed for shipping the rock, also extended into the compound and was utilized for the movement of prisoners as well as bringing in fuel oil necessary to fire the boilers of the prison steam plant. The steam plant furnished heat for the primary facility, warden's and deputy warden's residences, and provided raw steam for the kitchen, laundry, and electric generator room. The room below the main rotunda, which is often reported to have been a solitary confinement cell, was actually the generator room. It still has an original steel plate door.

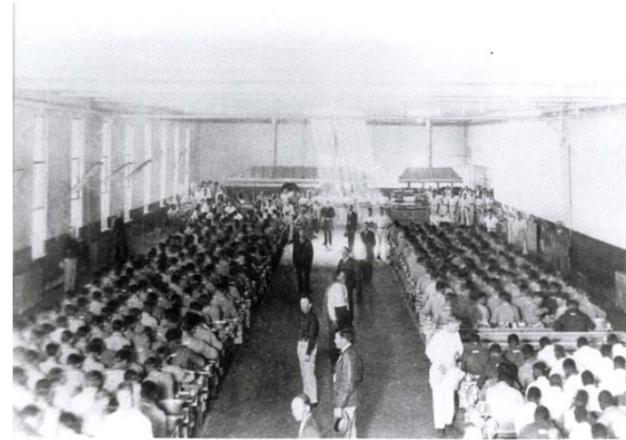
In 1947, Lakeside School, then administered by the City View Board of Education, was accredited by the Oklahoma State Department of Education; thus, becoming the first fully accredited K-12 school to be operated within the confines of an adult pe-

nal institution in the United States (it was also the first racially integrated school in the state, starting in 1949).

In the News and Views published in the early 1950s, the reformatory school was greatly promoted by the then warden, Joe Harp. The warden used the institution's newspaper as a vehicle to address the inmates and to impress upon them the merits of education. In looking over the monthly school progress reports, he found that about 20 percent of the boys were doing excellent work, another 20 percent put in no effort, and the remaining 60 percent were doing average work. The record showed that the school had an average daily attendance of 340 in May 1950.

In 1954, the 127 foot smokestack was dismantled when it was no longer needed because of the new power plant. The chimney weighed 300 tons and was approximately 35 feet around the base (OSR News and Views, June, 1954).

Warden Joe Harp took comfort in the fact that OSR did not have the problem of inmate idleness as the Oklahoma State Penitentiary had. Even then he was always trying to expand vocational



Offenders eating in the chow hall.

trades and educational programs (OSR News and Views, May 1954). Two new school rooms and one library room were added in October 1953.

Warden Joe Harp was elected as first vice president of the Southern States Prison Association at the 12th Annual Conference in Dallas (OSR News and Views, June 1953).

In 1974, Western Oklahoma State College and the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education combined their efforts and resources to make the OSR a pilot project for the emerging Televised Instruction System. Western Oklahoma State College transmitted classes only to the Oklahoma State Reformatory, which gave OSR students a distinct advantage in planning their degree programs. The Oklahoma State Univer-

sity also televised Criminology and Corrections courses from 1974 to 1977 for the Reformatory staff. Dr. Harjit S. Sandju, professor of sociology and corrections, offered several extension courses in corrections at Granite in the evenings.

In 1984, construction of four new housing units inside the main prison compound was completed, and the "old cell house" was vacated in compliance with federal court mandates ■.

REMEMBER
Veterans
Day
November 11

(no idleness). Many of them were learning a trade (bakery, cooking, plumbing, cleaners and stone masons) going to school for half a day, and working for the other half of the day. Warden Savage recommended the introduction of an adequate wage system and wanted to transfer the institution into a REAL REFORMATORY. He also recommended the establishment of a parole board with the head of each penal institution as members of the board. In 1927, Mrs. George A. Waters became the warden and carried on the work of her able husband. She focused mainly on educational and religious programs for prisoners. In order to employ all prisoners, she leased several hundred acres of land (OSR already had 1400 acres of land in 1927). At the end of 1928, OSR's population shot up to 782 (an increase of 176 prisoners in one year), constituted of mostly property offenders, with 61 fowl thieves. There were four deaths in 1928, two of which were caused by accidents at the rock crusher. Mrs. George Waters, often distinguished as the first and only female warden of a large state reformatory for males, proved herself very popular

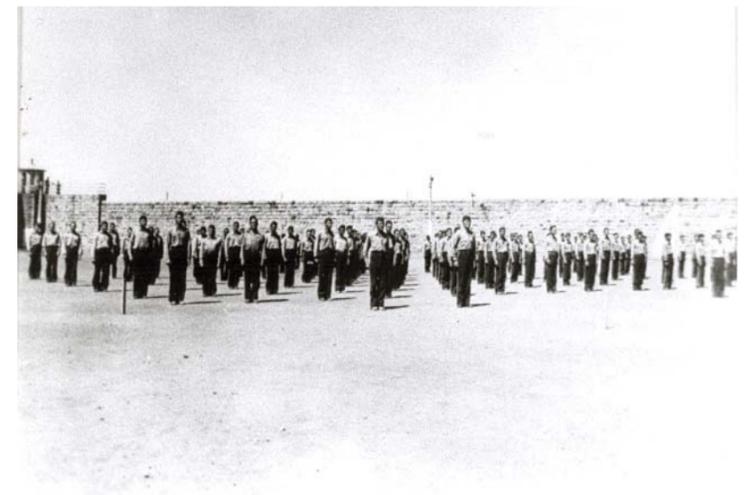
both locally and nationally. On October 8, 1930, Governor W. J. Holloway appointed Mrs. Waters as his personal representative, and delegate from Oklahoma, to attend the annual meeting of the American Prison Congress in Louisville, Kentucky. She was elected to the board of directors of the National Prison Organization. Upon Mrs. Waters return home, she was honored by both the staff and citizens of Granite, Oklahoma. Mrs. Waters was considered one of the most convincing women speakers in the country. She was notified by the Democratic National Committee in September, 1932, that she had been placed on the list of speakers to tour the country. Her speech, seconding the nomination of Governor Murray for President, was given wide publicity, and many who heard it declared it the best speech delivery at the 1932 National Democratic Convention in Chicago. The following year, Warden Mrs. George A. Waters was elected as the vice-president of the National Prison Association at its annual meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in October, 1933.

Mrs. Waters was very enthu-

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A 1920 innovative way to apply sanctions. These two offenders are forced to dress in women's clothing and sit in the OSR Rotunda.



OSR offender cadets.



OSR barber shop.



1941 Baseball Champions Cotton Belt League



A baptism being performed.



OSR Chain gang



Offenders working in the Tannery Shop.



Warden Clara Waters 1927-1935



Original front to the state reformatory.

RECRUITMENT

E-lists are the official lists of qualified applicants supplied to all agencies by the Office of Personnel Management. Applicants on these E-lists increased from only three in both March and April 2008 to eight in October, nine in December, and ten in January 2009.

Area unemployment dropped to 3% in late 2007-early 2008; rates hovered from 3% to just above 4% for the entire time span of 2006 through late 2008. Rates are approaching 5% now, but they are still at least two full percentage points below the national average. In spite of unemployment rates this low, JCCC increased new hires from 23 in 2007 to 26 in 2008. New hires for 2009 reached seven by mid-February, which was approximately one per week, until the hiring freeze was put in place.

The applicant packet described above has allowed JCCC to streamline the process for most applicants. Backgrounds are usually completed prior to the applicants' names appearing on OPM's E-lists, reducing hiring time by up to two weeks. In some situations, JCCC hired an applicant on a temporary basis while the official process continues. When the e-list was published, the employee's status automatically changed from temporary to permanent. JCCC has used this particular process since 2007. Out of ten temporary hires, only one failed to attain permanent status.

with OESC to design future workshops spotlighting employment opportunities at JCCC.

The Task Force Chair maintains membership on the North Central Oklahoma Workforce Initiative Board (NCOWIB). This has been invaluable in terms of networking and awareness of job fairs. The NCOWIB sponsors the Chair's attendance at the annual National Association of Workforce Boards Forum in Washington, DC. Information from those meetings has enhanced the Task Force's

efforts to target specific groups of applicants.

The Task Force has designed a bulletin board spotlighting new staff members and the current Employee of the Month. They also publish a monthly facility newsletter consisting ONLY of upbeat news about the staff and the facility as a whole. Their philosophy is based on the concept that developing a sense of family will increase employee loyalty, which in turn improves retention.

RETENTION

Turnover rates for the critical security positions and the facility as a whole dropped significantly from 2006 through 2008. Turnover in the security positions fell from 38% in 2006 to a steady 12% in both 2007 and 2008. The overall facility turnover rate dropped from 23% in 2006 to 11% in 2007, and then to 9% in 2008. Exits from the facility dropped from 22 in 2006 to 19 in both 2007 and 2008.

In terms of savings to the facility, turnover costs for entry-level correctional officers alone have dropped from \$144,649 in 2006 to \$135,005 in 2007, resulting in a savings of \$9,644. Turnover costs dipped significantly between 2007 and 2008, dropping from the \$135,005 to \$106,076, resulting in a savings of \$28,929 in one year.

Finally, the JCCC Recruitment Task Force was specifically mentioned in the recent DOC efficiency audit as being "as impressive as any in the state." The Task Force was also recognized by the Department for its exceptional work when all members were called to Oklahoma City to meet with high level managers to discuss all facets of our recruitment and retention program.

**Winning isn't everything,
but wanting to win is.**
~Vince Lombardi

“thinking outside of the box” in order to maximize our assets. Some of their most successful efforts include:

- They have designed a recruitment post card, which describes the steps applicants must take in order to be considered for employment. The back of the card briefly describes state benefits as well as available positions at JCCC. All members of the task force, as well as many other staff members, carry these cards at all times. They have distributed these cards while shopping, filling up at the pump, at their children’s ball games, and many other places.

- They maintain a supply of recruitment packets for distribution to applicants. The packet contains information about the state application process, our internal application and background investigation process, job descriptions, and state benefits.

- Observation at job fairs showed that the booths offering giveaways were more popular. Since the Task Force has no budget to speak of, they have held fundraisers in order to purchase items for distribution to potential applicants at job fairs. Their first fund-raiser, a silent auction, raised \$222, which allowed them to purchase 550 pens imprinted with JCCC’s contact information. They have held a second silent auction, which had similar good results, and will employ other means of fund-raising in order to continue the booth giveaway program. An added bonus of the silent auctions is the positive interaction between staff members. Highly prized items will spark good-natured



TASK FORCE TEAM MEMBERS

Front row (L-R): Sgt. Jackie Ekman, Phyllis Kutz, Helen Bell, Amy Madison, Doreen Shoopman, and Sgt. Brian Smith. Back row (L-R): Sgt. Andrea Jordan, Don Whiteneck, Lewis Hubbell, Ken Prigmore, and Denaye Prigmore. Not shown is Meryl Brennan.

competition in bidding, which benefits the Task Force financially.

- The Task Force designed a PowerPoint presentation specifically targeting positions available at JCCC. This eye-catching video also highlights various departments at JCCC and describes in detail the benefits available to staff. The video is updated continuously to reflect an accurate picture of our hiring needs. The team is proud that this video won an Honorable Mention in the Department of Corrections recent contest for recruitment ideas.

In addition to the activities listed above, the Task Force has developed a strong partnership with the Enid Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission (OESC) offices. Members of the Task

Force hold a “mini” job fair at the OESC office on the first Monday of each month. Joy Blakely and Barbara Ewert of OESC have been especially helpful in determining the best times for these monthly events. They reported that the first of the month sees more traffic in their office, and Mondays are the most active day of the week. These monthly job fairs have provided the Task Force an opportunity to meet directly with applicants, which is more successful than impersonal phone conversations or mailings. Another element of their partnership with OESC has been the opportunity to present recruitment information at OESC’s mandatory Unemployment Orientation Training, usually once a month. The team is currently working

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siastic about making OSR a model reformatory, and she loved her “boys” who returned her love with respect (OSR inmates were mostly referred to as “boys”). She tried to “make the prison as normal as home.” Reverend E. W. Nagel, a noted social worker from St. Louis, spent a week at the reformatory and praised OSR for its correctional efforts. After conversing with the boys in the cells, he remarked that it was the “lack of love in their families which was responsible for their trouble.” Mrs. Waters was called “an ideal mother not only to her own children, but to every “boy” who had been under her supervision in the reformatory.” These words were echoed repeatedly at a warm banquet given by the residents of Granite on January 17, 1935, to celebrate Mrs. Waters’ 13 year residency in Granite as a wife, mother, and warden. To add to her several accomplishments, she was also appointed to Oklahoma’s Hall of Fame. While to all appearances, things were going all right for Mrs. Waters, who had worked with three Governors, there was some trouble brewing in the minds of some inmates. These inmates mailed

a complaint to the authorities alleging cruel treatment at the hands of some staff members. While an investigation against Mrs. Waters’ administration was being conducted by the State Board of Public Affairs, there came stunning news of a massive prison break on February 18, 1935 (*The Granite Enterprise*, October 10, 1930; October 23, 1931; September 23, 1932).

A SPECTACULAR PRISON BREAK AT GRANITE

Prison breaks, prison riots, and prison protests are often characterized by their suddenness, unpredictability, and unexpected course of developments. The prison staff is often caught unaware and unprepared. All of the above was true of the prison break at Granite, which occurred on February 17, 1935, soon after Sunday lunch. As many as 31 inmates made a bid for freedom in this daring escape. However, eight of them surrendered in the front yard of the institution after being peppered with a blast of small shot from a shotgun in the hands of Deputy Warden M. T. Gallion. Two returned voluntarily, and 18 were at large until the following day.

The inmates conspiring to

break had, somehow, managed to smuggle two guns, which they used to threaten Officer Tom Denton, asking him to unlock the prison doors, and later they shot down Peter Jones, the guard on the front tower. Gathering a number of women and children visitors in front of them, the convicts rushed down the front steps. Piling in two cars in front of the institution, 20 of the men fled east. Later, they confiscated other cars and continued the flight. On Monday morning, they forced a farm housewife to prepare breakfast for them and also a lunch to take with them. A house was also burglarized at Elk City Sunday night.

When Mrs. Waters entered the prison, she found all the doors open and six officers locked in the cells. Then Mrs. Waters went up the prison steps, and the inmates saw her. Every hat went off to Mrs. Waters, which greatly encouraged her. Her two sons, Victor Waters, county attorney of Greer County, and Dr. C. B. Waters, an intern at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Oklahoma City, hurried to Granite to be available to their mother.

Fortuitously, Warden Waters’

son, Dr. C. B. Waters, attended the wounded prisoners. All of the Waters applied their different skills to serve the reformatory “boys” in various ways. The slain guard’s wife, Mrs. Peter Jones, also worked in the reformatory and saw her husband shot. A favorite of the inmates, to most she was familiarly known as “Mother.” Many of them had helped her at her work in the guard kitchen. Similarly, the slain guard was addressed as “Uncle Pete.” Apparently, there was an atmosphere of family before the break (*The Oklahoma Times*, February 18, 1935).

On February 19, 1935, Mrs. Waters was fired, and she was replaced by Sheriff Fred Hunt. That ended the era of the Waters family for the reformatory.

The quarry operation continued until the mid 1940s. During the construction stage a rock crusher was in operation to provide crushed granite for road and building materials. The rock crusher was located on the west side of the mountain. The abandoned guard tower is still standing just southwest of the mountain and silently faces the gaping scar across the entire west face of “Wild Cat” mountain.

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Oklahoma's Correctional Education Association 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year

The Correctional Education Association (CEA) is the leading professional association in correctional education, both nationally and internationally, providing leadership, direction, and services to correctional educators and programs, and representing correctional education to broader educational, political, and social agencies.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Correctional Education Association is to prepare correctional students for a successful reentry into society by equipping them with academic, career/technical, and personal/social skills; to support correctional educators providing quality educational programs with opportunities for leadership, networking, publication, professional development, and personal growth; to increase community awareness and legislative support for correctional education through public relations and legislative advocacy.

In 1987, Ida Doyle graduated from Red Rock High School located in northern Oklahoma and went on to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University, where she received a Bachelor Degree in Education in 1992.

Ms. Doyle began her teaching career at Boise City Public School (BCPS) in the fall of 1992, teaching biology, physical science, and physical education. She was also the head coach for all women's sports (grades 7-12) while at BCPS. In 1993, she was hired as the head women's coach and health teacher at Woodland Public School. She remained there until September 1996, at which time, she accepted the position of correctional officer with the Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC). She continued working as a correctional officer until August 1998, when she accepted a correctional teacher position at the facility.

While teaching fulltime and raising two sons, Ms. Doyle returned to college and received a Master's Degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma in 2002.

Ms. Doyle currently provides literacy, ABE, and GED classes, oversees the leisure library, teaches life skills at the minimum security unit, and is

an instructor for the facility teaching Cultural Diversity. She has been the College Coordinator for the facility since 2007. Through her efforts, DCCC's college program has grown and flourished.

Ms. Doyle stays active in her community by volunteering as a coach in baseball and basketball youth programs (for the last ten years).

Ms. Doyle believes education is a life-long process and sees it as a positive influence in turning people's lives around.



Ida Doyle
Dick Conner Correctional Center

JAMES CRABTREE CORRECTIONAL CENTER (JCCC) Recruitment and Retention Task Force Wins Big at OK Quality Team Day



JCCC's team received a Governor's Commendation for Excellence (44 out of the 65 teams attending received this award). The team was further honored to receive the Extra Mile Specialty Award (only five teams received specialty awards), so this was a huge thrill for the team. The team received these awards for their efforts in improving recruitment and reducing turnover. The Task Force was formed in June 2006. Their goals were, and continue to be, streamlining the recruitment and hiring process and improving retention. They tackled the problem quite aggressively.

All committee members attended many different community events on their own time in an effort to create an awareness of the employment opportunities at JCCC. Representatives manned booths at tractor pulls, threshing bees, county fairs, Oktoberfests, birding and cheese festivals, and other various locales. After each event, they met to discuss the results, and over time focused on those venues that served them best. They continue to attend every job fair available in the region. The Task Force is committed to

In June 2006, the JCCC Recruitment and Retention Task Force was formed. Their goal was to streamline the recruitment and hiring process and improve retention

On May 5, 2009 JCCC's team was sent to the Office of Personnel Management's Quality Team Day at the Capitol.

Oklahoma Department of Corrections Employee to Receive PEP Award

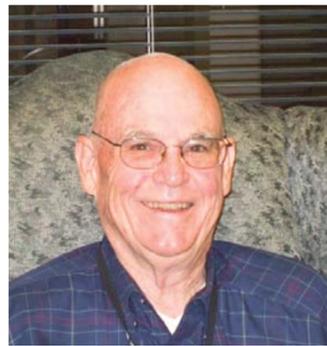
It was recently announced that a Department of Corrections employee, Robert Jarrett, Principal, Education/Lexington Assessment and Reception Center (LARC), was awarded a monetary award through the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP).

Mr. Jarrett researched the eligibility of the agency's education unit to receive the educational contract discount on the purchase of Microsoft Office software. He completed the paperwork to secure this designation and then ordered the software. This resulted in saving the agency \$18,980 the first year of implementation.

The legislatively mandated Incentive Awards for State Employees Committee recently approved a cash award of \$4,745 (25% of the first year savings) for Mr. Jarrett. He will be honored during a ceremony at the State Capitol, in the Governor's office, at 3:30 p.m. on October 28, 2009.

Congratulations to Mr. Robert Jarrett on his PEP award!

If you would like further information on the Productivity Enhancement Program, please refer to OP-110222, entitled, "Employee Productivity Enhancement Program."



Robert (Bob) Jarrett
Principal

Robert (Bob) Jarrett was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma and lived his first six years in a very small lease house at Quay, an oil field town just north of Yale. The house where his family lived had a tin roof and there was no running water.

Bob's family moved to Drumright where he graduated from high school. He was active in all sports, but was proficient enough in basketball to earn a full four year scholarship to New Mexico State University. There he earned a teacher's certificate. After earning a Ph.D at Salt Lake City he worked as the only assistant principal at Grand Junction, Colorado, the largest high school between Denver and Salt Lake City.

Moving back to Oklahoma in October of 1983, Bob went to work for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. He spent his first 19 years as the principal at LARC before becoming appointed the regional principal for LARC, Joseph Harp Correctional Center (CC), and John

Lilley CC. He was transferred to Mabel Bassett CC just before their move to McCloud and recently transferred back to LARC and Joseph Harp CC as site administrator.

Favorite parts of Bob's job are seeing students progress as students and on the outside after discharge, seeing teachers grow and watch as they come very, very proficient, and meeting and getting to know people throughout the state. Bob states that he has been blessed with many great teachers while working for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and he hopes that he had a hand in that process.

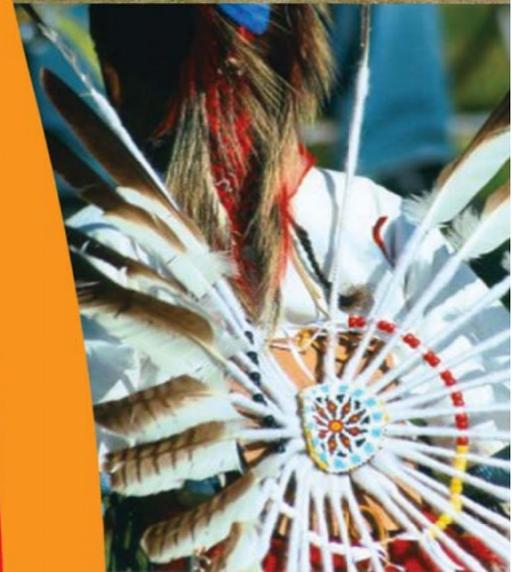
Bob has had many opportunities to contribute in unusual ways. He was in the original meeting (three men in a car on the way to the Oklahoma State Reformatory) discussing the addition of computers as tools for teaching; he organized the first CSI class in a state prison at Mabel Bassett CC (CSI is a program to either repair or replace damaged or destroyed pathways in the brain and is taught by an inmate); and he drew the preliminary plans for an education and the wellness center at LARC, and the education centers at Mabel Bassett CC and Joseph Harp CC.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Native American Heritage Month Celebration

NOVEMBER 6, 2009
10:00AM - 1:30PM
Hillside Visitation Room

- LUNCH \$5.00
- DOOR PRIZES
- TRAINING CREDIT HOURS



John H. Bowman, III 4th Annual Youth Retreat
Lake Eufaula State Park • July 20-26, 2009
“Changing Lives”



Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC)
Faith and Character Family Day
McCloud, Oklahoma • August 6, 2009



Pictured above are offenders with family and friends.



- 1) Irene Lee, Coordinator, DCCC Faith & Character Program, Ilinda Jackson, Coordinator, MBCC Faith and Character Program, Marsha Travis, MBCC Volunteer, and Mary Bears, DCCC Faith Program Provider
- 2) Leo Brown, Agency Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator
- 3) Bob Davis and Jesse Bufford, Volunteers, MBCC
- 4) Robert Greenlaw, Publication Manager, Character Training Institute
- 5) Millicent Newton-Embry, Warden, MBCC