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Welcome to Inside Corrections

Welcome to another edition of Inside Corrections which covers a variety of topics from recent tragedies in our corrections family to recognition of employees who exemplify the best in our profession. The correctional profession is very dynamic by nature and especially in Oklahoma where change is constant. In that vein, the following are a few updates.

For most state employees, 2013 will begin the seventh year without a cost of living pay raise authorized by legislation. Some agencies have been able to provide raises and/or salary market adjustments utilizing federal funds. State correctional agencies receive very limited access to federal funds and most are in the form of offender programs such as the Second Chance Act. This is very different from the federal salary related funding that some agencies such as DHS, Career Tech and others may receive. The agency will be requesting salary increases as a number one priority this next legislative session. Of course there are many priority issues that always remain to be addressed to include safety equipment, locking devices, equipment upgrades, facility upgrades, evidenced based programming, and a host of others. However, without a dedicated, professional and appropriate compensated workforce, the mission and very nature of our business will be compromised. Being the second largest agency in state government with very few federal funds, means that even a five percent raise for all classified employees is a costly endeavor. We also need to raise the hiring rate for entry level correctional officers to at least $14 per hour and then ensure that other entry level position hiring rates are adjusted accordingly; and that we adjust other salaries to avoid compression within pay bands and job series. So, to provide a five percent pay raise to all classified employees and to raise the hiring rate for correctional officers, and make the adjustments to other positions that the hiring rate increase would effect, the total would be $12.2 million. Hopefully what I have explained is not too confusing but there is a certain level of complexity in ensuring equity to all when salary increases are formulated. There will be more updates on this as we approach the legislative session.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards were recently approved by U.S. Attorney General Holder and have subsequently been approved as new ACA standards. In essence, PREA standards are now law and we must be in compliance with them. There is a certain amount of cost associated with full implementation which means we will also have to ask for legislative funding. Failure to comply with PREA will result in a loss of a certain amount of federal funding going to all state agencies. New policies and directives will be forthcoming plus we will be printing all the PREA standards in a future edition of Inside Corrections.

Also, in this edition is information on the aging offender population. Data analysis indicates that the aging offender population is going to be a main contributing factor with our future net offender growth. A recent PEW report indicated that since 1990 Oklahoma ranked fourth in the nation in expanding sentencing length and therefore having offenders serve longer in prisons. Time served had increased 88 percent during this time period. This guarantees that our medical costs will increase and we will require more infirmary beds in the next decade.

Now that the Justice Reinvestment Act has been signed into law effective November 1st 2012, staff are busy preparing for our two component responsibilities of mandatory supervision and Intermediate Revocation Facilities. Mandatory supervision is not retroactive and an offender must be sentenced on or after November 1st, so there will be a slow ramp up of offenders discharging with the mandatory nine months supervision. This allows time to hire additional probation and parole officers, purchase equipment and rent office space. We have excellent projections on those that we supervise on probation that are revoked each year but have no dependable data on those revoked from specialty courts and District Attorney's where we don't provide the supervision. There are also small private supervised probationers that we have no data on. We received one million dollars for mandatory supervision start up and should receive another two million this next legislative session based upon projections from the Justice Reinvestment researchers. Eventually we will need six million and will have 4,500 additional offenders under supervision.

We will not have the luxury of designating one facility as an Intermediate Revocation Facility so we are working on a business plan to designate beds at all security levels for these technical probation violators who must serve six months with no earned credits. This section of the bill received no funding so the mandatory intensive drug treatment, etc., for these revoked offenders will not be available until at some point funding is secured.

Justin Jones

Justin Jones
Director
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

In Other Words

Director Jones,
On behalf of *Special Olympics Oklahoma* and the *Law Enforcement Torch Run*, I would like to thank the Department of Corrections for assisting us with our Cops on Doughnut Shops fundraiser again this year. The event was a success. Twenty-four agencies from across Oklahoma raised a total of more than $21,000 for Special Olympics. We could not have done this without your help. Thank you for allowing officers from your agency to partcipate in this event.

The success of the event is due to all of the officers that take time out of their busy schedules. We appreciate the support of the following officers that volunteered from your agency: Milt Gilliam, Angela Hearrell, Jennifer Hinton, Robin Davidson, and Melissa Stimpson.

Thank you again for your support. We hope that you will participate in Cops on Doughnut Shops next year.

Kind regards,

JENNIFER LIGHTLE
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Warden Watts,
PC-CARE, Inc. and the Ryan's Run Committee would like to take this time to thank you and your staff for helping us make the 2012 Ryan's Run our most successful fundraiser to date.

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We would like to send a special thank you to Laurie Martin, Judy Goddard, and Security Chief Rick Caywood for the many hours they dovoted toward making the run a success.

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For the Children,

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JEFFERY MCCOY

October 31, 1979 - May 18, 2012

Jeffery Matthew McCoy, age 32, of Norman, Oklahoma, died in the line of duty on Friday, May 18, 2012, in Midwest City, Oklahoma. His parents, Pat and Genese McCoy, felt very blessed to have been given such an amazing son, who grew up to became a wonderful husband to his wife and role model to his children. His older brother, Tony McCoy, was his confidant and co-conspirator in childhood antics, while his big sister, Kelli McCoy Nelmark, adored and spoiled him. His grandfather, Bill Benge, encouraged Jeff to become experienced at fishing and together they enjoyed doing anything in the outdoors. Jeff also shared his love of the outdoors with his Granny, Allie Benge. He attended Nobel Elementary School, Irving Middle School in Norman, and was active in the Boy Scouts of America. He attended Norman High where he met the love of his life, his future wife, Megan Elizabeth McKinley. Following graduation from high school, he served in the U.S. Navy, aboard the USS Vella Gulf (CG 72) from 1998-2002. He and his comrades served during the conflicts in Kosovo and were later deployed to the Persian Gulf following the tragedies of September 11, 2001. He attended the University of Central Oklahoma, where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice. He and Megan were married on March 13, 2004, at First Baptist Church of Norman, OK, the church he grew up in and was baptized. Jeff began his career as a Probation and Parole Officer for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 2005 and that same year, on March 13, 2005, he became a father with the birth of his son, Alexander Clinton McCoy. Three years later, on April 29, 2008, his daughter, Allie Elizabeth, was born. Jeff was devoted to his family and dedicated to serving Cub Scout Pack 777. He enjoyed all aspects of hunting and fishing. But most of all Jeff enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Jeff was preceded by his grandparents, Patrick and Elizabeth McCoy, of Wheaton, MD. He is survived by his wife, Megan, and his children, Alex and Allie McCoy, of Norman; parents, Pat and Genese McCoy, of Norman; brother, Tony McCoy, of Norman; and sister, Kelli McCoy Nelmark and husband Scott, of Norman; grandparents, Bill and Vivian Benge, and grandmother, Allie Benge, of Nobel.

JEFFERY MCCOY MEMORIAL FUND

The Department of Corrections and the family of the fallen Probation and Parole Officer Jeffery McCoy give their heartfelt thanks to all the condolences and messages of support from all extended correctional/law enforcement family from here and across the nation.

A fund to assist the family and support the future of Jeff's seven-year-old son and four-year-old daughter has been established. Please feel free to share the contact information with your networks.

All donations should be sent to:
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CRAIG BEAVERS

November 20, 1952 - May 28, 2012

Leisa LaRae Beavers, daughter of Wanda Joyce (Garman) Crumm and the late Windle Wayne Crumm, was born April 27, 1963, at Guymon, Oklahoma, and passed away May 28, 2012, near Medford, at the age of 49 years, 1 month, and 1 day.

Craig Alan Beavers, son of the late James Clifford and Audrey Faye (Cavin) Beavers, was born November 20, 1952, at Gary, Indiana, and passed away May 28, 2012, near Medford, at the age of 59 years, 6 months, and 8 days.

Leisa attended school in Wagoner and Craig served eight years in the United States Marine Corps.

On May 26, 2001, Leisa and Craig were united in marriage in Taos, N.M., in the middle of the street during a motorcycle parade. They moved to Alva last year where he served as Deputy Warden at the Bill Johnson Correctional Center and Leisa worked as a photographer at Lynn Martin Photography and as a sales representative for the Alva Review Courier.

They were both members of the First Baptist Church in Alva and enjoyed motorcycling. Craig was also a member of the Rotary Club and the motorcycle group, Survivors. Craig liked to smoke cigars, while Leisa enjoyed photography. They both enjoyed their kids and grandkids and enjoyed life.

Leisa is survived by two sons, Ryan Lee Ball of Broken Arrow, and Ashton Christopher Ball, two daughters, Katelynn Joyce Ball of Alva, and Jessica Marie Ball of Broken Arrow; her mother, Wanda Garman, of Tulsa; three brothers, Charles, Dennis, and Steve Linvick, all of Tahlequah; one sister, Laura Linvick of Florida; her sister-in-law, Billie Joe Crumm and husband, Jeff; her nephew, Windel Crumm; three grandchildren, Kelly Ashlyn Ball, Adison Grace Ball, and Carter Lee Ball; other relatives and many friends.

Craig is survived by three sons, Jeremy Beavers of Tulsa, James Jackson, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Jason Herskind of Glenpool; three daughters, Sara Beavers of Columbus, Ohio, Jamie Herskind of Tulsa, and Jennifer Wooten; two brothers, Gary and Dennis Beavers, both of Indiana; ten grandchildren, Sebastian, Leighla, and Mahlon Herskind, Savannah Jackson, Charle Kirk George, Jonathan William Beavers, Megan Legere Beavers, and Bailey, Justin, and Jessica Wooten; other relatives and friends.

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Aging Offenders & Offender Health Care

by Patricia Stem, PhD,
Jody Jones, CHSA, and
Bethany Wagener, PA-C, MHS

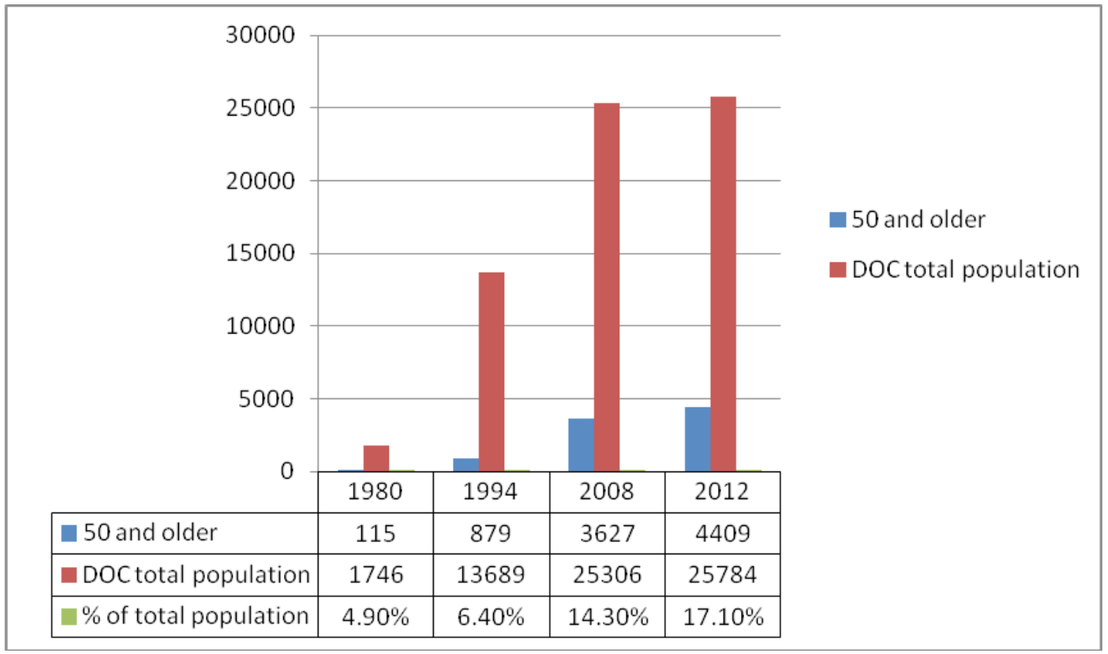
EH's story: He is 75 years old and has advanced dementia. He has been incarcerated for nearly 40 years and is now an infirmary patient. Unlike some of the other infirmary residents, EH does not have a terminal illness; rather he is in a progressive decline due to aging. He cannot walk, stand, dress, bathe or feed himself. He wears diapers and is fed through a tube in his stomach. Moments of lucidity are infrequent and he often yells, sometimes obscenities. He has been known to scratch or grab at the nurses and orderlies if startled or angry, something that is not uncommon for individuals with dementia. The first time I saw him I remember thinking he reminded me of Gollum from the "Lord of the Rings" movies: pale, frail, hunched over with limbs drawn in.

EH is not unique – he represents a growing number of offenders with very lengthy sentences who are aging within the system. This population has been steadily increasing over the years, bringing challenges to prison systems across the nation. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections experiences many of those challenges as our own offender population ages – including challenges in providing medical care, mental health challenges specific to older adults and the overarching challenge – bearing the financial burden associated with caring for elderly offenders.

Challenges in Medical Care

EH's medical care: He is a 75 year old patient with a history of atrial fibrillation during hospitalization for an anoxic brain injury, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, incontinence, advanced dementia, and dysphagia causing silent aspirations requiring a peg tube placement. He is non-ambulatory and is a total nursing care patient as he cannot perform any activities of daily living independently and is fed with liquid Jevity in his peg tube. He is at an increased risk of pressure sores due to his immobility and thus requires frequent turning while in bed. He is not oriented to person, place, time, or situation and has frequent episodes of agitation. You will notice that his medical history includes diagnoses of aging.

Outside of correctional medicine, geriatric age is often defined as beginning at 65. However, the National Institute of Corrections defines elderly inmates as those with a chronological age of 50 years or older. The high risk behaviors that offenders typically engage in coupled with the lack of preventative healthcare prior to incarceration and stress encountered during incarceration creates an earlier aging process. As the chart below displays, the number of offenders age 50 and older continues to rise in Oklahoma. Therefore, the burden of age related disease is higher among offenders when compared to the non-incarcerated, creating a correctional medical model that is more costly and demanding.

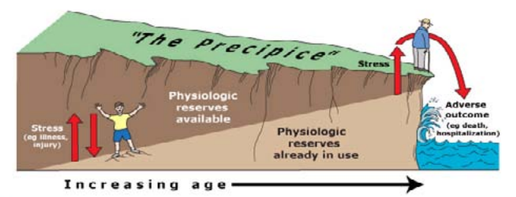


	1980	1994	2008	2012
50 and older	115	879	3627	4409
DOC total population	1746	13689	25306	25784
% of total population	4.90%	6.40%	14.30%	17.10%

Data from "Managing Increasing Aging Inmate Population," Oklahoma Department of Corrections, "White Paper," October, 2008.

The Oklahoma Geriatric Education Center (2007) defines Homeostenosis as "the characteristic, progressive constriction of homeostatic reserve that occurs with aging in every organ system." Studies have shown correctional providers will see the onset and progression of disease earlier in our patients when compared to the non-incarcerated in nearly every organ system. This is true despite the fact most of our patients are receiving consistent medical care while in prison. Undoubtedly, this is in part due to the inherent stress living in prison carries. As the figure below states, we must include physiologic insult in our thinking of stress as well as psychological insult. Offenders will face increased stress both to their bodies and psyches while incarcerated creating

Homeostenosis



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a much steeper precipice for our patients.

Several diseases and medical problems are represented more among incarcerated patients compared to their non-incarcerated cohorts. Many are diseases of aging, but others are infectious in etiology that when seen in our aging population compounds the burden of care. Offenders are more likely to have HIV, Hepatitis C, Tuberculosis (latent and active), asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, seizures disorders and cancer. "Incarceration itself has also been associated with an increased risk for hypertension and left ventricular hypertrophy, after adjustment for other risk factors" (Binswanger et al., 2012). The table below represents the 15 most prevalent diseases seen in the inmate population within Texas. Not only are these percentages much higher, but they are seen in younger patients when compared to the general population. Furthermore, most of these diseases are chronic medical problems that will demand ongoing care.

Prevalence of 15 most prevalent diseases, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 1997-1998

Disease	Percentage of inmates
Tuberculosis infection (history of or current positive tuberculin skin test)	20.1
Hypertension	9.8
Asthma	5.2-8.5*
Low back pain	5.1
Viral hepatitis	5.0
Affective disorders	3.9
Arthritis	3.5
Fractures	2.9
Cirrhosis	2.8
Diabetes mellitus	2.6-4.8*
Hernia	2.0
Schizophrenic disorders	2.0
Epilepsy	1.9
Heart disease	1.7
HIV/AIDS	1.6

* Prevalence based on data from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2002.
Data from: Baillargeon, J, Black, SA, Pulvino, J, Dunn, K. The disease profile of Texas prison inmates. Ann Epidemiol 2000; 10:74.

This demonstrates again the increased load of care that will be placed on correctional providers.

So how do we tackle this mounting public health concern of offender aging creating this cost, care, and custody dilemma? Preventative care including education on the acquisition of blood borne diseases must be improved. An area of debate is whether medical staff should condone the safe practices of sex and IV drug use among the offender population by offering condoms and clean needles to our patients. Condoms are provided to some inmates in state prisons in Mississippi and Vermont and jails in Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and the District of Columbia, but data regarding their effectiveness at decreasing rates of HIV are not available according to the Center for Disease Control (2006). Nonetheless, many of our offenders are completely unaware of the risks associated with sharing drug paraphernalia and education alone is the most cost effective prevention.

Challenges in Mental Health Care

EH typically wears a wool hat pulled over his eyes even when in bed, and if he is wheeled into the dayroom he often has a blanket over his head. He is assessed by mental health providers at least once per month. EH prefers not to be disturbed, so when communication is attempted he often becomes agitated, both cursing and screaming, or refusing to communicate at all.

Mental health care in a correctional setting most often is focused on suicide prevention, crisis management, monitoring those in segregated housing, and monitoring a growing population of those with serious mental illness who are on psychotropic medications. The growing population of older offenders with mental illness adds a very different dimension to providing mental health care in the prison system. Approximately 20% of all older adults will experience mental health difficulties that are not a part of normal aging; that rate doubles to 39.6% among offenders in state prisons (Cox & Lawrence, 2010). According to the National Institute of Corrections, depression, Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, are among the top mental health issues facing offenders over the age of 55 (Cox & Lawrence, 2010).

Depression can be overlooked in older offenders, often masked by symptoms of physical illness. The stigma of mental illness is sometimes greater in older adults, raised in a generation that equated mental illness with weakness. This stigma can reduce the reporting of mental health symptoms. In addition, the potential for suicide increases with the elderly, who have the highest rate of suicide for any age group. Fear of being preyed upon, particularly in older first time offenders can increase symptoms of depression and anxiety. Older offenders are often vulnerable to intimidation by younger offenders. End of life issues, chronic illness, mental health symptoms resulting from medical conditions, all can contribute to depression (Sterns et.al., 2008). Bereavement and loss is another aspect of the older offender's experience. Lengthy incarcerations result in seeing family members die over the years. In some cases, losing the last surviving parent or sibling can result in depression going beyond normal grieving, and even trigger thoughts of suicide.

Early signs of dementia and mild cognitive impairment may also be overlooked in a prison setting. According to Cox and Lawrence (2010) the structure and

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regimentation of prison life can actually mask symptoms that would be noticeable in other settings. Training front line staff as to the importance of reporting cognitive changes, such as sudden confusion, to medical/mental health staff can alert professional staff to the need for further assessment. A challenge in severe cases of dementia is the inability to communicate meaningfully with providers. Front line caregivers can be trained in observing signs of distress that might not be immediately obvious. It is not uncommon for brief moments of lucidity to emerge, and mental health staff and other caregivers may use that opportunity to provide as much care, concern and support as possible.

Depression and dementia are not the only mental health issues older offenders face. Although many would consider freedom following decades of incarceration as a positive event, the idea of leaving prison is often extremely anxiety provoking for offenders who have spent most of their adult life in prison. Lack of social support, no marketable skills, housing prospects often limited to homeless shelters, the stigma of incarceration, most likely as a violent offender, all contribute to mounting anxiety and are potential risk factors for depression and suicidal behaviors.

Thorough mental health intake practices, regular access to mental health services, and coordinating care with medical providers are some of the ways to address mental health problems that place older offenders at risk. Training front line staff to report cognitive changes and to recognize risk factors for suicidal behavior specific to elderly offenders are essential components in providing mental health care to older offenders. Providing programs to help cope with stress, depression, grief, and reentry are also good ways to meet needs specific to older offenders.

Essential Planning Areas for the Mental Health Needs of Incarcerated Elderly

From Cox, J. F. & Lawrence, J.E. (August 2010). Planning services for elderly inmates with mental illness. National Institute of Corrections.

ECONOMIC IMPACT – One story

EH was recommended for parole in 2011 however no home offer has been able to be secured. There is no family to care for him or assist in finding care. Efforts of correctional staff to secure long-term care for him have had disappointing results.

Due to his dementia he is unable to provide necessary answers to questions regarding his financial history. He has been incarcerated most of his adult life, and has not made any (or enough)contributions to the social security or Medicare programs, making him ineligible for benefits. A typical response from nursing homes willing to take him in spite of his criminal history is: the cost of care is too great for us to take on without supplementation. And so, he remains incarcerated occupying a prison bed and requiring total care from medical staff.

Truth in sentencing laws over the last few years, have set in place rules that govern mandatory time frames an incarcerated person must spend before receiving sentence reducing credits or parole consideration. As these individuals age, the expected need for medical care increases.

According to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections Annual Report (2011) the offender population 50 years and older in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections has grown from 85 in 1980 to 4,409 in fiscal year 2012. By fiscal year 2013, the projected population for this demographic will be 5,254.

Offender Population 50 Years of Age and Older

Year	50 and Older	Total Population	Percentage of Total Offender Population
1980	85	1,746	4.90%
1994	879	13,689	6.40%
2010	3,952	27,283	14.50%
2011	3,824	25,458	15.00%
2012	4,409	25,784	17.10%

Note: Does not include out-count population. Data for 1980 and 1994 from Wheeler, et al., 1995. Data for 2012 from Oklahoma Department of Corrections Evaluation and Analysis Unit

According to the American Civil Liberties Union (2011), nationally, the average cost of imprisoning an elderly offender is triple the cost of a younger one. In Oklahoma the average cost of offender incarceration is $16,539 (Oklahoma Department of Corrections, 2012). We can

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Aging Offenders & Offender Healthcare at Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC)

by Debbie Mills

Aging offenders also known as the "graying" population have a more than adequate environment at JHCC. JHCC houses 79 offenders aged 65-88, which would be classified as the aging offender category. This is the only facility with an actual 200 bed ADA (American Disability Act) unit that was specifically designed for the disabled and aging offender. The offenders receive the best medical care available through the 24 hour/ 7-day a week medical clinic.

The national trend believes that aging offenders will have the most profound effects on the state's correctional system; and that stricter sentencing and legislators responding with mandatory and determinant sentencing, will ensure that Oklahoma & their prison population will age.

Aging Offenders & Offender Healthcare at Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP)

by Terry Crenshaw

Oklahoma is just one of the states that are facing an ever-alarming rate of aging offenders and the increasing medical costs associated with the incarceration and medical expenses within its prison population.

In 2006 the average age of the offender population for Oklahoma was 37.4 years of age compared to 2012 being 37.7 years of age.

In 2006 the average age for probation clients was 35.1 compared to 35.9 in 2012.

In 2006 the average age for parole clients was 40.9 compared to 44.9 in 2012.

These figures continue to show the aging within the offender population in Oklahoma Corrections.

The state must find ways to reduce costs or increase funding to cover the costs associated with the incarceration of the aging prison population, medical needs and the mental health needs. Approximately 6,500 offenders currently exhibit symptoms of serious mental illness with many others on medication, or in some form of mental health treatment in corrections.

The medical expenditures within the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for FY2011 was $62,692,297 and will continue to rise as more offenders are aging and with the continual rising cost associated with medical care.

Oklahoma has one of the highest rates of incarceration in the United States. The current incarceration rate is 654 per 100,000. All these areas will need to be addressed and long-term plans established to deal with the continuing costs of Corrections.

Managing the Elderly Offender at John Lilley Correctional Center (JLCC)

by Mike Haddox, Warden's Assistant

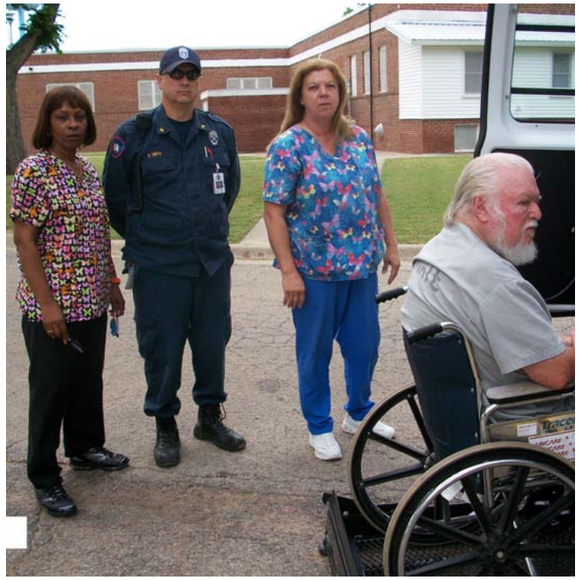
Meeting the challenges of managing elderly offenders requires a group effort on the part of all staff members. This effort begins with initial evaluations performed at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and is carried to the various facilities where offenders are placed. The staff members at JLCC are rising to the challenge every day.

Located almost halfway between Oklahoma City and Tulsa makes the JLCC an ideal location to house elderly and physically-challenged offenders. JLCC is centrally located approximately 45 miles east of Oklahoma City and approximately 60 miles south west of Tulsa allowing easy access to major metropolitan health care facilities and services.

The facility currently houses a large number of physically-challenged offenders and elderly offenders. Upon arrival at the facility, initial assessments are made by health services and case management staff to ensure that the offenders are afforded the opportunity to receive appropriate medical care and assistance if needed.

Mental health staff is also available to make assessments as needed. Special consideration is given to offenders with severe physical limitations to ensure they are housed in housing units with ADA accessible facilities.

Offenders restricted to wheelchairs or those who have limited mobility are assigned to specific housing areas where they can be monitored more closely and where they can be assisted with their day to day needs.



Pictured above left (L-R): Offender Willie Turner, at age 80, the oldest offender housed at JLCC, Corrine Weilmuenster, Correctional Case Manager III, and offender Robert Turnbow, offender with the oldest DOC number housed at JLCC (incarcerated since 11/15/1967). Pictured above right: Medical and security staff (L-R, Betty Williams, CMA, Sgt. Shane Smith, and Kathy Blackwell, LPN) preparing offender, Melvin Overturf, for medical transport.

OFFENDER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

by
Kenneth Koppenaal, Activities Officer
James Crabtree Correctional Center

The recreational department at James Crabtree Correctional Center provides a wide variety of sporting and recreational activities for our offenders. Our sports program follows a seasonal calendar including basketball, softball, flag football and soccer. These events provide a means of exercise which promotes good health and gives offenders the chance to develop leadership skills and learn sportsmanship. Our sports activities are league based with tournaments in the end. We just completed our basketball season and are getting ready for our softball season. These activities are played either at our sports field or in the gymnasium.

Our recreational activities include an outdoor horseshoe and volleyball pit, handball, billiards, table tennis, shuffleboard court and we host card games such as pinochle and a host of other card games, etc. Recently we have incorporated a "handicap night" into our schedule. On these nights, qualifying offenders and their ADA orderlies have exclusive access to the gymnasium for evening recreation, which includes all of the above activities. Pictured in this article is the shuffleboard tournament we held on April 26, 2012. The recent addition of this "special night" is an effort to get more participation and involvement by offenders who would not normally have an opportunity to participate.

The recreational department is always looking for new and inventive ways to provide healthy and fun activities for all of the offenders at James Crabtree Correctional Center.

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estimate the annual cost to care for an elderly offender as triple that figure, equaling $49,617.

Medical parole can be an effective tool to discharge offenders into long term or family care, however as in EH's story, it is often difficult. Parole recommendation is of little benefit, if there is nowhere to parole to. Nursing care facilities cannot afford to take in patients that are unable to contribute financially, some will not take violent offenders and it is rare that they will risk taking a sex offender. Families are reluctant to take in an ill, elderly offender due to cost and inability to provide appropriate care. Family members are often estranged, deceased or elderly themselves, limiting potential home options.

As the population ages, more beds will need to be made available to accommodate disabled, infirm and chronically ill offenders. Legislators and corrections departments will need to address this growing demographic. It may be through specific courts designed to work with older first time offenders, providing them with an opportunity to stay out of the system. It may be through reducing the need for infirmary beds through better preventative care including education on the acquisition of blood borne diseases. It may be through creation of more elderly/chronic care specific housing units or facilities for those incarcerated. It may be building or procuring secure nursing care facilities for those offenders, who, due to health or age related problems, are no longer a threat to society and are ineligible to leave prison under existing procedures. Or it may be that legislation can be introduced addressing specific criteria for offenders older than 50, outlining illness, disability, and injury that would render these offenders as no longer a threat to society. These offenders could then be eligible for release regardless of sentencing restrictions. The aging of the offender population will continue to bring unforeseen problems within correctional facilities. It is time for thoughtful innovation as to how we meet this challenge. ■

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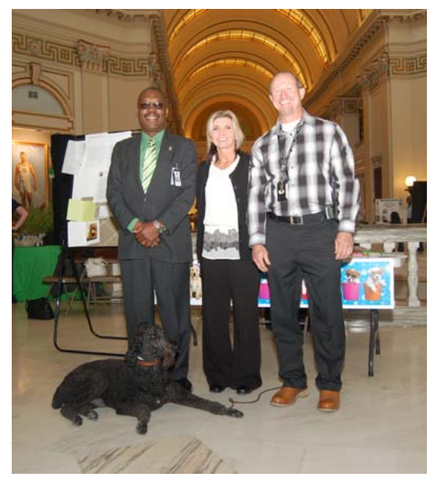

Pictured above: (top) Eric Franklin, Warden, (middle) accepts an Accomodation of Excellence award for the Friends for Folks program located at Lexington Assessment and Reception Center. Pictured above (bottom, L-R) Duke, Friends for Folks (FFF) graduate, Eric Franklin, Warden, Amanda Webb, Warden's Assistant, and Lee Fairchild, FFF Coordinator.

Pictured above (L-R): Malachi Blaxton, Denaye Prigmore, Meryle Brennan, Amy Madison, and Johnny Meadows.

EXTRA MILE AWARD RECIPIENT

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Malachi Blaxton, Meryle Brennan, Robin Cobb, Jay Drawbridge, Jackie Ekman, Becky Guffy, Amy Madison, Johnny Meadows, Kay Norton, Denaye Prigmore, Kenneth Prigmore, Vernon Sanders, Brian Smith and Mark Stoabs

JCCC recognizes that the Department of Corrections suffers from an unfair negative public image. This stems from excessive publicity surrounding isolated instances of various programs. As staffing levels shrink, conversely, the potential grows for increasingly adverse situations, thus more tragic outcomes. Improving our image involves meeting the critical needs of employees and their families in difficult situations. This results in improved relations within our ranks and ripples to other groups involved with our families. Employee morale being enhanced at the same time is icing on the cake.

Director Jones (middle back) speaks during recognition ceremony for DOC officers at the Capitol. Officers being honored are: (L-R) Vinson P. Dorman, Dick Conner Correctional Center, Field Operations Division Correctional Officer of the Year; Richard J. Lynch, Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center, Community Corrections Division Correctional Officer of the Year and Agency Correctional Officer of the Year; Raphard Leon Cox, Clara Waters Community Corrections Center, Community Corrections Division Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year; Lewis Allen Layton, Mack Alford Correctional Center, Field Operations Division Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year and Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year; and Shantal R. Jackson-Keith, Southeast District Community Corrections, Probation and Parole Officer of the Year.

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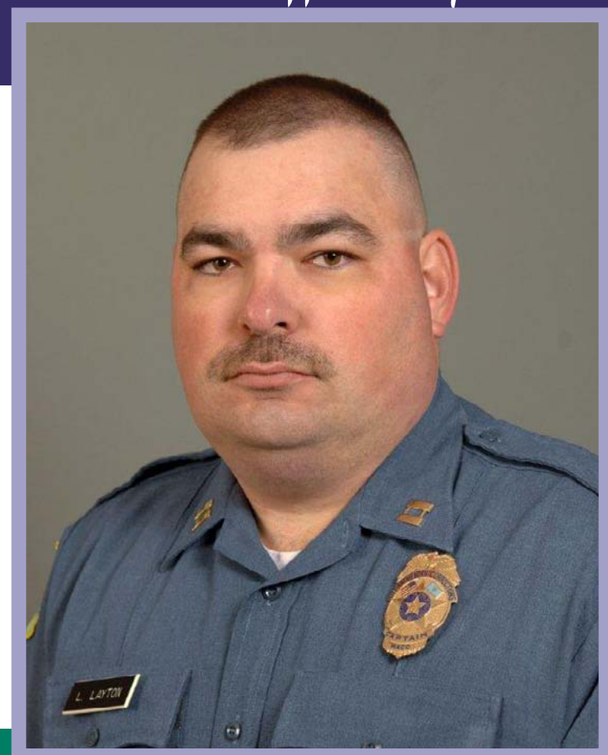
Agency Correctional Officer of the Year

RICHARD J. LYNCH
Correctional Security Manager I
Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center
Community Corrections Division

Lieutenant Lynch is a graduate of Norman North High School and has obtained his Associates Degree from Redlands Community College where he is currently pursuing his Bachelors in Correctional Administration.

In May 2006, he was hired by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections at Joseph Harp Correctional Center. He served on the Joseph Harp Correctional Center Correctional Emergency Response team until 2010. He transferred to Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center in May 2010 to expand his career experience within the agency. He was promoted to Correctional Security Manager I in June 2011. Lieutenant Lynch's professionalism and dedication has earned him the respect of supervisors and peers. His excellent interpersonal, reasoning and communication skills with others successfully defuses conflict in the workplace and promotes a professional work environment.

Agency Correctional Officer Supervisor of the Year

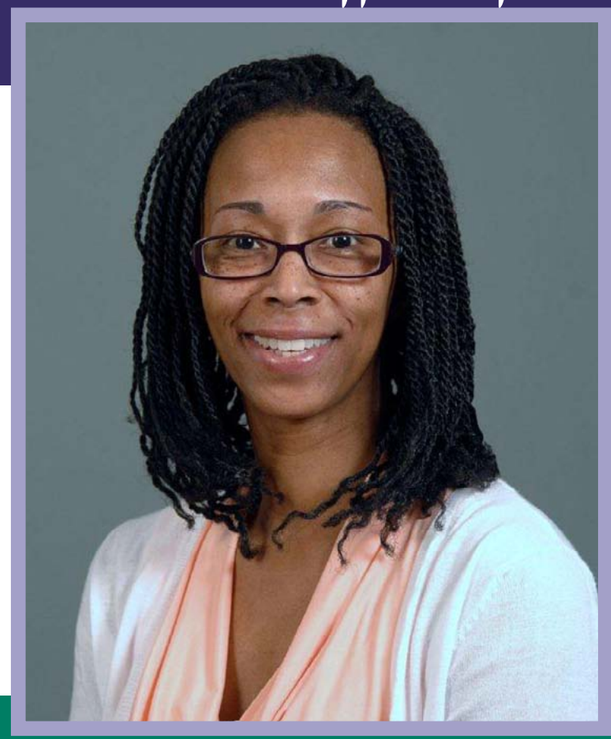


LEWIS ALLEN LAYTON
Correctional Security Manager II
Mack Alford Correctional Center
Field Operations Division

Captain Layton began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1998 at Mack Alford Correctional Center. He is a graduate of Stringtown High School. During his 14 years at Mack Alford Correctional Center, Captain Layton has dealt with defiant offenders on a daily basis in a professional manner defusing situations that could result in major security issues on the yard. He has the ability to identify potential problems and develop a proper course of action to resolve them. When dealing with subordinates, he ensures measures taken are within agency policies.

Captain Layton is the commander of the Mack Alford CERT. He is a commissioned peace officer and maintains annual training requirements with CLEET. He has attended Correctional Leadership Development I and II and currently serves as Acting Chief of Security.

Probation & Parole Officer of the Year



SHANTAL R. JACKSON-KEITH
Probation & Parole Officer III
Southeast District Community Corrections
Community Corrections Division

Shantal R. Jackson-Keith began her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in July 1996. She received her Bachelor's degree in 2001 from Bartlesville Wesleyan College.

Ms. Jackson-Keith supervises a community sentencing and generic caseload. She utilizes evidence based practices on a daily basis and uses motivational interviewing skills during each offender interaction, and has been particularly successful in diverting offenders' problem behavior through innovative intermediate sanctions.

Ms. Jackson-Keith is a member of the Community Sentencing Counsel for Pittsburg County. She also serves on the Southeast District Community Corrections affirmative action committee. Ms. Jackson-Keith is a highly talented, self-motivated and well liked probation officer in the district. She performs without complaint and receives nothing but praise from internal and external stakeholders. She is a great role model for the district and her community.

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FRANK GRIFFIN
Kate Barnard CCC

Frank Griffin began his career with the Department of Corrections on September 5, 1989. He is currently a Lieutenant at Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center where he has worked since 2004. His job responsibilities include Key Control Officer, where he ensures that all keys are accounted for and that all facility locks are in good working order. He makes Offender Identification Cards, ensuring that the department has an accurate photo of facility offenders in the event an offender escapes. Lieutenant Griffin also serves as Shift Supervisor with responsibilities for offender accountabilities to both trustee and work release offenders. He ensures that work release offender job checks are conducted on his shift to ensure offender accountability. He conducts facility counts so all trustee offenders are accounted for.

Lieutenant Griffin has served as Chairperson for the District Affirmative Action Committee from 2007 to 2010 then again in 2012. He has worked with female offenders his entire twenty-two (22) year career. What he enjoys most about his job is that every day he comes to work has its own challenges and rewards. Lieutenant Griffin gifts his success to his personal philosophy, "To treat everyone fair, honestly and with respect in all you do." His hobbies include scuba diving, bicycle riding, fishing/camping, meeting new people and exploring new places outside the city.

DONN FOSTER
Lexington A&R Center

Donn Foster began his corrections career in 1999 with the Tulsa County Sheriff's office. He then joined the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in March of

2007. He has thoroughly enjoyed the past five years. He works OCI Gate Control. What he enjoys the most about his job is sharing his experience and knowledge with others. It gives him great pride to see officers whom he has helped train succeed.

When he is not at work, he enjoys family cook-outs and playing video games with his children.

REBEKAH HARDY
Lexington A&R Center

Rebekah Hardy enjoys being involved in the inner workings of the Reception and Transportation departments of Lexington Assessment & Reception Center. Rebekah states, *"I get a sense of accomplishment knowing that I had a hand in orchestrating something that, at times can seem impossible. Surgeries, funerals, court runs, protective custody requests, lost property, inter-state compacts, transfers, discharges-Once it is approved, I enjoy setting things in motion."*

"When I am not at work fine tuning my organizational and multitasking skills, I like to spend time with the ones I love. I also like traveling to new places, and can't wait to see San Francisco and Alcatraz. Discovering new music and tapping into my creative side through the art's, makes me smile. Lastly, I can never get enough Sooner Women's Basketball."

BILLY MOORE
Mack Alford CC

Billy Moore began his career with the Department of Corrections in October of 1987 as a Correctional Officer I at Howard McLeod Correctional Center. Since that time, He has worked his way through the ranks within the Department of Corrections, but he is probably most widely known for his role as a Correctional Training Officer at the Gene Stipe Correctional Training Academy. Mr. Moore spent nearly 12 years at the academy where he served as a teacher, role model and mentor to hundreds of employees who passed through the doors until its closure and his subsequent retirement in 2010.

In August of 2011, Mr. Moore came out of retirement and was hired at Mack Alford Correctional Center in Stringtown where he is presently assigned to the Segregated Housing Unit (SHU) and served as acting SHU Lieutenant. Mr. Moore approaches his duties with dedication and a positive attitude and is quick to help out whenever and wherever needed. When asked what his favorite part of the job has been, his response was "the interaction with people." Anyone who has worked with or trained under Mr. Moore can attest that he is definitely a "people" person.

Mr. Moore and his wife Sheryl have been married for 21 years and have three children. He enjoys hunting, fishing, working on automobiles and helping his daughter with show animals.

FRANKLIN "FRANK" PACK
Mabel Bassett A&R Center

Frank Pack started his Oklahoma Department of Corrections career on June 17, 1999 at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. He is currently a sergeant assigned to Assessment and Reception post at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBARC). As a MBARC sergeant he is responsible for the security and the immediate needs of the maximum security offenders housed there. Sergeant Pack ensures that upon arrival every offender receives information explaining the rules and the offenders' rights and responsibilities.

Offenders in MBARC are segregated from the other facility offenders at the facility and offenders remain on this unit for the first weeks of their incarceration until assessed and assigned to one of the female facilities.

Sergeant Pack believes that in performing any job, you should do so with pride and leave it knowing you have done it well. He looks at his assessment and reception assignment as the first impression for the offender. He believes that he can set the tone, positive or negative, for the entire facility. Sergeant Pack likes to pull from his life experiences to help with performing his job duties. He uses the eight years he served in the Marines as a guide on doing a job right and taking pride in a job well done. He says he also uses his experiences as an ordained minister and counseling in substance abuse for twelve years to help in dealing with the offenders.

Away from work Sergeant Pack enjoys reading. He states, "It's something I'm compelled to do." He says passion for reading started in the second grade and has continued throughout his life. He is currently engrossed in the civil war history writings of Shelby Foote and his favorite novels are science fiction from such authors as Stephen King and Dean Koontz. One book that stands out in his memory is Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad, he stated he found it very intriguing. Quoting part of the book that stood out to him and is similar to his own beliefs, in part "We live as we dream."

When Sergeant Pack is not working or reading you can find him at target practice, taking pride in his shooting ability. He also enjoys sport cars of all kinds. Motorcycles have also been a long time hobby with his favorite being his Harley Davidson. He has traveled to many destinations such as Pike's Peak in Colorado. Sergeant Pack says he is excited and looking forward to spoiling a new grandbaby due to be born in June of this year.

MATT JARVIS
Northeast Oklahoma CC

Matt Jarvis started with Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center on January 9, 1998. In Sgt. Jarvis' 13 years with NOCC he has held various positions in security from unit officer to his current position as Yard and Garden Supervisor where he oversees up to 50 offenders. Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall Sgt. Jarvis keeps the NOCC grounds looking sharp by having his crew shovel snow, lay sand for ice, mow the lawns, weed eat and rake leaves. He also takes care of the facility garden by having the garden crew plant and harvest potatoes, tomatoes, squash and green peppers. In spite of this last summer's extreme temperatures and drought the garden produced 4,000 pounds of produce saving the facility food service department $2200. The apple orchard produced 15 pounds of fruit for its first yielding this year.

Sgt. Jarvis enjoys the variety that working for DOC provides, he also enjoys the people he works with daily. One of the more surprising aspects of the job is when he has offenders thank him for teaching them new skills that they can make a living doing once they discharge. Sgt. Jarvis was chosen Employee of the Month for NOCC in May and has been selected the NOCC's Employee of the Year as well as nominated for Outstanding Employee of the Year for the DOC. He is a member of the NOCC Correctional Emergency Response Team and strives to provide the exceptional performance that CERT and administrative staff expects. He is also a member of the

Oklahoma Correctional Professionals and Correctional Workers Association.

When not working for NOCC Sgt. Jarvis is a reserve Deputy with the Ottawa County Sheriff's office. Sgt. Jarvis was a part of the Joplin tornado rescue efforts the night of the tornado and six additional nights, in conjunction with the Ottawa County Sheriff's office, City of Commerce Police Department and the First Responders and Emergency Management of Oklahoma. Sgt. Jarvis is an active member of the Miami First Christian Church where he helps with the youth groups and organizes free severe weather assistance that includes snow and ice removal as well as vehicle recovery. He is a volunteer coach for the City of Commerce Wrestling and Football Leagues. When Sgt. Jarvis has free time he spends it with his four kids going fishing and off-roading.

TERRI HEASLET
Oklahoma State Penitentiary

Terri Heaslet started with the Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer on May 10, 2004. She is currently a Correctional Security Manager I at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Her duties and responsibilities are to supervise officers that are assigned to her. Currently, she is assigned to H Unit, which houses Death Row and Administrative Segregated offenders. She must be able to answer any questions officers might have that range from dealing with a disruptive offender to questions pertaining to policy. It is her responsibility to ensure that the officers she supervises are correctly, effectively, and safely performing their job duties.

Lt. Heaslet's additional responsibilities include ensuring that the nightly operations of the unit are completed in a timely manner and for immediate decisions and actions are carried out, in accordance with proper procedures and that the appropriate steps are implemented during any emergency or spontaneous situation through effective communication with all supervisors. She also must communicate with other departments to ensure access to the unit so that their jobs can be properly completed.

During her time of employment at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, she has been asked numerous times why she chose a career in Corrections and why she began her career with the Department so late. Lt. Heaslet and her husband believed 100% in raising their family traditionally. After their children were nearly grown, she decided to pursue her career. Every day in corrections is a new day, something is always happening. Every day she deals with a variety of people and different challenges. Accordingly, she believes in helping to train officers the right way and giving good advice is one of the best things that she can do as a supervisor. She holds herself and other female officers to a higher standard because the field that they have chosen is not easy for women. She believes that female officers must be tougher on their selves to be successful in Corrections. Lt. Heaslet's career choice was an important decision for her and she feels this is where she needs to be at this point in her life. It is important to her to believe in what she is doing. She strongly believes that if she cannot believe in what she is doing, it is not worth doing.

When Lt. Heaslet is not at work, she enjoys spending as much time as possible with her family. She also enjoys gardening and canning. She takes great pride in making her own salsa, spaghetti sauce, and a variety of pickles. She also cans green beans, potatoes, peppers, squash and jellies. She enjoys cooking and baking and has a collection of cookbooks. She also likes to sew, quilt, needlepoint, embroider, cross-stitch and crochet. Sometimes she goes fishing with her husband and children. She loves to travel and plans to do more of that when she retires.

Lt. Heaslet would like to say "Thank You" to all of the great supervisors that she has had over the years. She feels that they have taught her well and she continues to learn from them everyday. Without them, she says she would not be where she is today. In addition, she appreciates their continued support.

She would also like to thank her family for their love and support, which always keeps her grounded and focused. She says they make her want to be a better person. Terri says, "I am truly blessed and I thank the Lord each and everyday for my family, friends and this wonderful job with so many possibilities."

DONALD PETTY
Oklahoma State Penitentiary

Donald Petty began his career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections May 1, 1989.

Sgt. Petty is a vital member of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary's Mental Health Unit team. In addition to the typical duties one may consider (i.e., escorting offenders to appointments and yard/recreation time, etc.), he is the backbone of treatment activities on the unit. Sgt. Petty engages in daily, meaningful contact with offenders with severe mental illness and is often the initial staff person to address and de-escalate crises. He also facilitates activities crucial to the treatment in conjunction with the mental health staff, such as music/art/recreational activities, which assist in decreasing self-injurious and disruptive behaviors of offenders with severe mental illness. Sgt. Petty consistently demonstrates a positive demeanor and is always willing to take on tasks without complaint. His professionalism and leadership allows him to serve as a role model for others, especially in regards to working with mentally ill offenders, which is critical when working in a correctional setting.

Sgt. Petty's hobbies are golfing, four wheeling, hunting, fishing and camping. The Oklahoma State Penitentiary is proud to have Sgt. Petty as part of their team.

CHRISTOPHER BURCHETT
Earl A. Davis CWC

Lieutenant Christopher Burchett started his career with the Department of Corrections on July 8, 2003 at the Earl A. Davis Community Work Center.

In Community Corrections you find yourself wearing many hats in order to ensure the mission of the department and post orders are carried out each day. Lieutenant Burchett is the shift supervisor on each of his work days. He ensures all offenders are accounted for and monitored, checks in offenders from work performing pat down searches on all offenders, monitors the evening meal, passes out the evening mail, ensures two shakedowns, two UA's, and two breathalyzers are done each evening. He is key control and a property officer when needed and documents work center business on the shift log and other necessary logs. On the weekend he becomes the visitation officer ensuring a safe and orderly visitation time between offender and family or friends. After routine business hours he becomes the public information officer and answers phone calls and interacts with any citizens. It is not unusual he is the only person on duty responsible for the security and safety of all offenders. Lieutenant Burchett is also responsible for the accountability of all caustics ensuring a correct and accurate inventory is maintained and places orders as needed for these products. This makes him knowledgeable of the purchasing process.

Lieutenant Burchett enjoys the camaraderie he has with his fellow officers and other staff. He enjoys listening to offenders then coaching them in their life skills decisions and

discussing with offenders their plans once they are released from the Department of Corrections. Lieutenant Burchett is a family man and enjoys spending time with his family. He is a big OU fan and enjoys watching and attending OU football games.

ANGELA PADILLA
Oklahoma State Reformatory

Angela Padilla was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Oklahoma State Reformatory on June 9, 2008, and promoted to CSO IV (Sergeant) on December 1, 2011. Sergeant Padilla is currently assigned as the Visiting Room sergeant at the Oklahoma State Reformatory. Her duties consist of the controlling of the introduction of contraband, monitoring offender and visitors during their visitation, conducting visitation in accordance with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections policies and procedures, performing security searches of visitors, visitation area and parking lot for contraband and promoting a safe and secure environment for offender and family visitation.

Sergeant Padilla's hobbies include fishing, hiking, camping and swimming. The thing that she enjoys about her job is the rewards and accomplishment that is shown at the end of her shifts every day by ensuring that offenders and family members are able to have quality time and that the family bond is strengthened through the time they spend together. Sergeant Padilla expresses having the opportunity is very rewarding in many aspects. It allows her to be part of some of the positive situations that is important to offenders and families in sharing moments that maintain the bonding relationships. "The look in a child's eye when they are embraced by their loved ones."

DENNIS CARRELL
William S. Key CC

Dennis Carrell began his career with the Department of Corrections (William S. Key Correctional Center) in August 2003 as a cadet and was promoted to corporal through career-progression shortly thereafter. In 2005 he was promoted to Sergeant and is currently assigned as the Key/Lock & Armory Officer. In addition to maintaining the vast number of keys and locks at WKCC, Sergeant Carrell also ensures that all security equipment is accounted for and remains in working order. He enjoys the challenge of maintaining the security equipment and keeping it organized and in good working order.

Not only is Sergeant Carrell dependable, honest, and professional, but he's also a team player and "gives his all" to whatever is asked of him. He is very conscientious about his work and spends a great deal of time and effort toward his assigned duties. Sergeant Carrell strives for and often achieves perfection and never settles for "just getting by." Besides being in charge of the Armory, he was also instrumental in relocating the facility key & lock area and streamlined the key inventory process. His unmatched tenacity, determination, and attention to detail make him a top-notch officer.

Sergeant Carrell serves as the facility's Assistant CERT Commander and the Firearms Instructor. He has also participated in K-9 Drug Dog Detection Training, Firearms Instructor Training, CLEET, Certified Glock Armoror, and CERT trainings. His vast knowledge and leadership abilities have proven invaluable when training new officers.

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DOC Honor Guard on day of practice. L-R: Sergeant Travis Showalter, HRMS II Travis Ary, Lieutenant Kevin Angel, Sergeant Benjamin J. Williams, and Sergeant David Edelman.

Back row (L-R) - Sergeant Travis Showalter, Sergeant Benjamin J. Williams, HRMSII Travis Ary, Sergeant David Edelman, and Lieutenant Kevin Angel. On the front row are DOC officers from Oklahoma State Penitentiary and Central Transportation Unit that were honored for acts of bravery by the CPOF. Front Row (L-R) - Sergeant Bill Quick, OSP, Sergeant Christie Dedmon, OSP, Sergeant Leon Sparks, OSP, Sergeant Westley Baugh, CTU, and Corporal Gregory James, CTU.

DOC Honor Guard (pictured in above three photos) in various stages of the ceremony.

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When Sergeant Carrell is assigned to a unit, a marked improvement is seen in regard to sanitation, maintenance issues, and overall offender behavior. He works very hard to enforce the rules and regulations in a firm, fair, and consistent manner. He also takes time to give motivational speeches to the offenders who may be faltering and has received letters from ex-offenders thanking him for his inspiration and help while they were incarcerated at WKCC.

Sergeant Carrell is dependable, personable, professional, and takes his job very seriously. He is a tireless self-motivated employee who is always there to help with any problem be it a key, lock, weapon, transport, etc., and he is not afraid to work. His reports, inventories, and logs are completed correctly and as required by policy. Sergeant Carrell has proven to be very versatile and has the ability to work any post and step into a leadership role as the facility's needs dictate. His motivation and dedication are contagious and encourages others to step up their performance. He is one of those unique individuals that tend quietly to their duties without comment or complaint.

It should also be noted that Sergeant Carrell has been in the Army Reserves for 19 years. In September 1996 he received The Army Commendation Medal for "Meritorious service in planning, ingenuity, foresight, and initiative to ensure each job in transportation was carried out smoothly. His willingness to succeed and attention to detail was instrumental in the operations of his duty. He brought great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army Reserves from June 1, 1995 to August 8, 1996."

RICHARD LYNCH
Oklahoma City CCC

In May of 2006 Richard Lynch was hired by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections at Joseph Harp Correctional Center. Corporal Lynch served on the Joseph Harp Correctional Center Correctional Emergency Response team June 2007 until May 2010. Corporal Lynch transferred to Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center in May of 2010 and was promoted to Correctional Security Manager I (Lieutenant) June of 2011. Lieutenant Lynch was chosen as the 2012 Correctional Officer of the Year for Oklahoma County Community Corrections/Residential Services District and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Lieutenant Lynch's willingness and dedication to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections was part of his decision to transfer to the Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center in an effort to expand his career experience within the department. Because of his willingness to move around within the department, he was promoted to Lieutenant in June of 2011, 13 months after transfer to the Oklahoma City Community Corrections Center. In Lieutenant Lynch's six (6) years of service, he consistently shows loyalty, dedication and is willing to take on any extra duties or task given.

Lieutenant Lynch is currently assigned as administrative Lieutenant, and his duties include monitoring offenders in the Second Chance Program, assisting the Chief of Security, key control officer, contraband and evidence officer, alternate Kitchen Supervisor, and alternate Maintenance Supervisor.

Lieutenant Lynch states the thing he most enjoys about his job is the multiplicity; everyday is different and he is constantly learning.

Lieutenant Lynch states when not working he enjoys spending time with his four (4) children and wife of 14 years. He also enjoys hunting.

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JUSTIN TYRA
Mangum CWC

Sergeant Justin Tyra of the Mangum Community Work Center in Mangum OK is a family man and an employee. In his spare time, he has a second job involving construction and remodeling in the Mangum area. He is also an avid golfer, hunter and participates regularly in DOC fundraising golf tournaments as his schedule allows. Most importantly, Justin Tyra is a family man with a wife and two young sons with whom he is very involved. He is not only teaching them golf but coaching Little League, assisting coaches with youth football and basketball. In short, he is a role model for staff, offenders and most importantly, our youth in Mangum.

Sergeant Tyra started his Department of Corrections career in November 2000 at the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite, Oklahoma. There he gained valuable and vast experience as he worked all correctional officer posts and was a CLEET certified member of the facility's Correctional Emergency Response Team. In 2006 he transferred to the Mangum CWC. At a work center, officers perform all tasks, as there is often only one officer on duty. In March of 2012, he assumed the Department of Transportation Crew Supervisor position. He works in tandem with our local DOT Superintendant and coordinates the schedule for the crew in a three county area. He and his crew are responsible for trash pickup, brush and debris removal, bridge sweeping, sign and reflector repair and other duties as assigned by the Superintendant. He must ensure that the tasks are performed in a timely manner with the safety of citizens and his offender crew his top priority. An example of this occurred in March of 2012. He was working his crew on State Highway 34 and noticed a car parked in the ditch. The driver was an elderly woman who was experiencing difficulty breathing and seemed disoriented. He immediately called for help and stayed with the woman until the ambulance arrived. She is now fine was very grateful.

In addition to Sergeant Tyra's normal DOT duties, he is responsible for our facility's training ensuring the documentation is current and received by our District Training Officer. He is also qualified as a Self Defense Instructor and has been utilized throughout the district in many different facilities and P&P sub-offices to keep our mandatory Self Defense Training up to date. He enjoys his Self Defense Instructor role especially with new hires as he feels this is an extremely important requirement for all DOC staff. He has also been able to maintain his CLEET certification with the necessary training and firearm requalifation assistance from local facilities. He is also responsible for the Weekly Fire and Safety inspections ensuring our facility is up to standards and most importantly, our staff and offenders are well protected and prepared. Sergeant Tyra is an invaluable member of the Mangum Community Work Center and the Northwest District team.

FLASHBACK

On May 8, 1967, under the leadership of newly elected Governor Dewey Bartlett (1967-1971) the legislature passed the Oklahoma Corrections Act of 1967, officially creating the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

SCOTT WALLIS
Union City CCC

Scott Wallis began his career in Corrections in April of 2005. He started as a cadet at the Union City Community Corrections Center and has worked his way up through the ranks to the position of Correctional Security Manager I (Lieutenant). Lt. Wallis is currently a shift supervisor and supervises 4-5 correctional officers. Of course in community corrections, officers perform all tasks, regardless of rank. He can be seen working the dining hall, performing shakedowns, and searching offenders going to and from work. In addition to those duties, he has his Commercial Driver's License which allows him to drive the facility work release transport bus. He is also a self defense, baton and OC spray instructor. He teaches classes throughout Northwest District to both correctional and probation and parole officers. He also serves as the facility key control officer, where he sets the standard in community corrections.

Lt. Wallis says he enjoys being part of public safety. He likes community corrections because there is always something new happening each day and there is never a dull moment. He can always be counted on to perform any task and is often the 'go to' guy at Union City CCC. His goal is to someday be a Chief of Security at the community level.

Lt. Wallis is an avid OU and UFC fan in his time away from work. He is married, with two sons, and they participate in football, baseball, and wrestling. ■

JOSEPH HARP CORRECTIONAL CENTER HOSTS THE "SINGING CHURCHMEN"

On May 10, 2012, the group *"Singing Churchmen"* performed for offenders at the Joseph Harp Correctional Center. The *"Singing Churchmen"* is comprised of over 350 men who are full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, and volunteer ministers of music from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. The musicians and singers were phenomenal. The purpose of this unique group is to spread the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the vehicle of music.

Jess Dunn Correctional Center (JDCC)

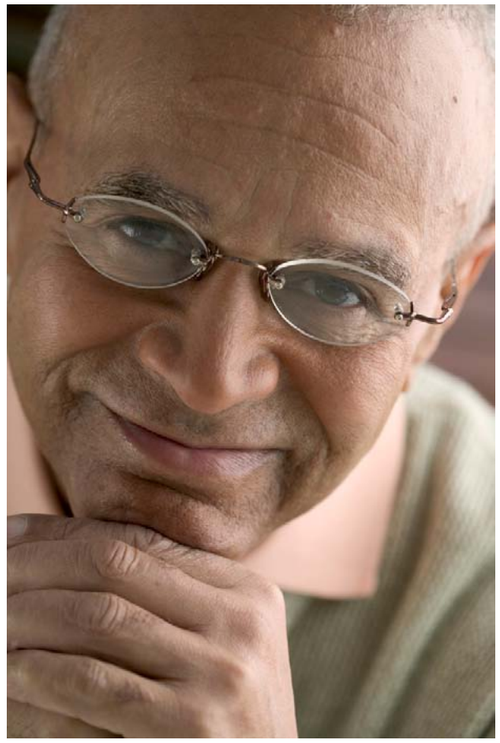
Staff Participates in the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence

Four very brave men representing Jess Dunn Correctional Center participated in the 1st Annual *"Walk-A-Mile In Her Shoes"* walk to prevent domestic violence on Saturday, April 21, at Maple Park in Wagoner, Oklahoma.

The Help-In-Crisis Center is a member program of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and provides refuge for domestic violence victims and their children and programs to promote alternative thinking. Their program scope continues to expand with the recent addition of Child Advocacy Centers in Sequoyah and Wagoner Counties, three Batterer's Treatment programs, and crisis intervention lines for people who are contemplating suicide or are victims of abuse.

Warden Mullin, Deputy Warden Howell, and approximately 12-15 members of the Employee Committee and other staff and their families attended the event to support the walk and to prepare food for the participants. Our walkers and Employee Committee members raised $665 to donate to the crisis center.

Pictured at left (L-R): Kelly West, Monty Grider, Matthew Hayes, and Reggie Bradley from JDCC donned a pair of high heels and marched with other area law enforcement officers and citizens (pictured below) to raise funds for the Help-In-Crisis Center that operates in Cherokee, Wagoner, Sequoyah, and Adair Counties.



EYE HEALTH – AGING EYES

With age come new health challenges, especially for vision. Today, more than 22 million Americans age 40 and older have cataract, a clouding of the eye's lens which blocks or changes the passage of light into the eye. According to the National Eye Institute, by age 80, more than half of all Americans will either have a cataract or have had cataract surgery.

Early symptoms of cataract may include cloudy or blurry vision. Light may cause a glare, seem too dim or seem too bright. Patients may also find it difficult to read or drive, especially at night, or may have to change his or her eyeglass prescription often.

Unfortunately, there are no medications or other treatment options besides surgery to correct cataract. However, in the United States, cataract surgery has a 95 percent success rate, generally resulting with patient's vision of 20/20 or 20/40.

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Anniversaries - July/August

40 Years
Kim Moon — Director's Office

39 Years
Mary Powers — Com Sen/Off Info Svc

38 Years
Lester Young — OCRS North
Beverly Campbell — Contracts/ Acquisitions
Jimmy Green — LARC

37 Years
James Martin — OSP

35 Years
Mike Addison — JHCC

34 Years
Teresa Sherman — Mental Health/OCCRS
Richard Parish — TCDCC
Lillie Bowler — JDCC

33 Years
Sharon Owen — NEDCC
Paul Lowrance — Agri-Services/HMCC
Bertha Hespe — Personnel Unit
Carol Cloud — JHCC

32 Years
Susan Nicholson — SWDCC
Renee Lamirand — Finance and Accounting
Jamie Keef — Private Prisons/Jail Admin
Michael Carr — NWDCC
Linda Morgan — OSP
Janna Hill — Field Operations

31 Years
Sheri Meeks — Facility Classification
Steven Bredel — Education/JCCC
David Sirleaf — CDCC

30 Years
Debra Vaughan — HMCC
Malcolm Darrough — Agri-Services/
JLCC Diannia Wray — KBCCC
Russell Miller — JEHCC
Robert Gunn — NEDCC
Patsy Drivere — JHCC
Deborah Dorris — JHCC
Pamela Anderson — Sent Admin

29 Years
Carolyn Rhone — CWCCC
Greg Williams — Private Prisons/Jail Admin
Bobby Nair — Agri-Services/NOCC
Kevin Moore — Sentence Administration
Mark Englander — Mental Health/JHCC
Bruce Bornheim — JBCC

28 Years
Carmen Jackson — CWCCC
Elizabeth Houston — JHCC
James Colbert — Private Prisons/Jail Adm
Robin Ward — JHCC
James Vanlandingham — Fac Class/ MBCC
Randel Parker — Fac Class
Michael Mullin — JDCC
Deloris Milton — FOCC/RS
Barney Laird — JCCC
Eric Franklin — LARC
Bruce Cummings — Training
Lovie Byrd — Programs Unit
Cheryl Bryan — JDCC

27 Years
Robert Wood — Medical/WKCC
Mohsen Pourett — Departmental Svcs
Larry Jiles — OSP
Sandra Estes — OSP
Reginald Bradley — JDCC
Rosalie Bliss — NWDCC
Terrell Wedel — OCI Mfg/LARC
Patricia Sorrels — Medical Admin/JHCC
Walter McConnell — Institutions Div III

26 Years
James Starr — JHCC
David Parker — Institutions Div III
David Hull — Agri-Services/JBCC
Eldon Arnold, Jr. — EWCC
Kenneth Skidmore — Personnel Unit
Kathi Sappington — Field Operations
Gary Elliott — Legal

25 Years
Claudia McCormick — Madill CWC
Starla Bradley — Medical/JHCC
Terri Vogt — NWDCC
Teresa McDoulett — LARC
Mike Lohrenz — NWDCC
Arthur Lightle — OSP
Michael Haddox — JLCC
Melinda Guilfoyle — NWDCC
Constance Cunningham — TCDCC
Deborah Burchfield — Mental Health/ MBCC
Carol Bunyard — Education/JHCC
Amma Beaver — Mangum CWC
Phillip Baker — Private Prisons/Jail Admin

24 Years
Gerry Spicer — MBCC
Richard Kornele — BJCC
Robert Hazlewood — HMCC
Gary Alexander — OCI Mfg/DCCC
Karen Powell — OSP
Chris Morris — Agri-Services/NOCC
Mark Knutson — Legal
Terry Kennedy — OSP
William Hull — Medical Admin/LARC
Mark Graham — DCCC
Corry Flowers — SWDCC
Richard Ewing — JHCC
William Collins — OCI Mfg/JLCC
Vonda Burrell — SEDCC
Orval Bruster, Jr. — SEDCC
Cheryl Baldwin — CDCC

23 Years
Vernon Sanders — JCCC
Kelly Matthews — NWDCC
Muriel Irwin — Training
Sandra Gandy — EWCC
Jeffrey Wise — NOCC
Barbara Wintz — SEDCC
Karen White — CDCC
James Silk — Mangum CWC
Jacquetta Searles — SEDCC
Debra O'Neal — JEHCC
Kenneth Morgan — Elk City CWC
Billy Moore — MACC
Mary McCoy — Medical/Administration
Jackie Linville — JEHCC
Byron Herman — NOCC
Michael Gillion — JEHCC
Paula Franks — BJCC
Cynthia Falder — Training
Wayne Brakensiek — OSP
Mary Bears — Programs Unit

22 Years
Ronnie Thomas — OSR
Thomas Sawyer — Elk City CWC
Michael Rogers — JCCC
Sterling Robertson — HMCC
Scott Nunn — JHCC
Kenneth Kays — Agri-Services/NOCC
Harry Janis — SWDCC
Karen Hart — Institutions Div II
Stephen Gardner — OSP
David Egbert — CDCC
Robert Copeland — JHCC
Johnny Blevins — Internal Affairs
Rosa Bensley — SEDCC
Lemuel Andrews — LARC
Katie Shea — Medical/LARC
Alan Scott — JLCC
Michael Moore — SEDCC
Ronald McIninch — OCI Mfg/MACC
Annette Marzette — Community Corrections
Patricia Kenyon — MACC
Jacky Hallmark — Madill CWC
Terry Graham — MBCC
Leon Frost — EWCC
Rickey Fritcher — MACC
Woodie Caldwell — Trans Unit/LARC
Bruce Brannon — NEDCC
Donna Boone — Classification & Population

21 Years
Brenda Thompson — MBCC
Matthew Speers — JEHCC
Mark Silverthorn — OSP
Stanley Rogers, Jr. — OSP
David Orman — OSP
J T Kennedy, Jr. — OSP
Billy Johnson — LCCC
Larisa Howell — WKCC
Thomas Dyer, Jr. — Programs Unit
Jimmie Davis, II — OSP
Pam Collins — JLCC
Virgil Young — MACC
Kenneth Yott — Internal Affairs
Norman Wheeler — JHCC
Rita Tedford — SOR
Susan Schrock — Education/BJCC
Kim Rotelli — Communications Unit
Donald Pate — OSP
Timothy Owen — OSP
Kevin Newberry — Internal Affairs
Vince McIver — HMCC
Johnny Lambert — OCI Mfg/JHCC
Lowell Kirby — Hobart CWC
William Jones — DCCC
Terry Jones — Agri-Services/JBCC
Howard Jones — OSR
Van Leon Johnson, III — Oklahoma City CCC
Gary Jackson — Madill CWC
Bryan Few — JDCC
George Eaves — OSP
Danny Delay — MACC
Cody Decamp — LARC
Timothy Coppick — Internal Affairs
Harvey Bundens — WKCC
Tony Bryant — SEDCC
Larry Bryant — SEDCC
Greg Brown — Training
Alva Beaver — Trans Unit/JLCC
Archiei Barton — EWCC
Arjane Alexander — EWCC

20 Years
Billy White, Jr. — Trans Unit/JLCC
Mark Stebens — Medical Adm/WKCC
Bradley Dunning — Ardmore CWC
Robert Denton — JCCC
Valerie Ward — OSP
Doyt Simmons — Agri-Services/WKCC
Mary Seright — SWDCC
Barbara Pratt — LARC
Billy Nosler — WKCC
James Jones — OSP
Sarah Jenkins — OSP
Jonathan Herlan — NEDCC
Daniel Herell — OCI Mfg/JHCC
Timothy Dix — OSP
Pamala Carter — JDCC

19 Years
Raymond Wyatt — EWCC
Scott Slater — OSP
Betty Shelby — OSP
Patricia Ormerod — Personnel Unit
Lee Moody — JBCC
Clarence McCloud — DCCC
Connie Lauen — Altus CWC
Karen Johnson — MBCC
Johnny Dassler — OSP
Shawn Chumley — OSP
Steve Breckenridge — DCCC
Nail Sakmari — OSR
Paul Janis — Altus CWC

18 Years
Jerry Williams — HMCC
Ernest Washington — Hobart CWC
Gary Rhodes — OCI Mfg/OSP
William Kettle — JCCC
Eric Gulbranson — LARC
Kelli Gaffney — DCCC
Fred Burris — LARC
Judith Blount — Finance/Accounting
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Richard Traylor — MACC
Michael McMillen — JHCC
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Sharon Delana — OCI Mfg/MACC
Mark Adams — JLCC

17 Years
Brian Thompson — JHCC
William Taylor — OSP
Mark Smith — OSP
Joe Romberg — Institutions Div III
Shawn Price — DCCC
Ruth Littlejohn — Union City CCC
Tracy Jones — Facility Classification
John Johnson — OSR
Nancy Harrison — Education/JLCC
Tresia Hamilton — Training
Robert Gaulden — JDCC
Janet Dowling — JCCC
Lee Clayton — TCDCC
Jason Bryant — BJCC
Todd Benton — WKCC
Monty Baker — EWCC
Eddie Wreath — WKCC

Anniversaries

Amy Thomas	OSP
Julia Schrock	Com Sen/Off Info Svc
Chris Hudson	CDCC
William Alexander	NEDCC

16 Years

Jerry Webster	EWCC
Phillip Shamblin	NOCC
Charlotte Schmidt	JEHCC
Ganeal Kendell	Agri-Services
Shantal Jackson-Keith	SEDCC
Troy Humphrey	JEHCC
Ronald Hudson	JEHCC
Robin Gilbert	Facility Classification
Lee Debough	NOCC
Karl Burgess	JBCC
Mark Shaver	Frederick CWC
Charles Sanders	MACC
Jack Pogue	OSP
Simon Parish	JLCC
Beatrice Glover	OSP
Richard Ezell	LARC
John Coffey, Jr.	JEHCC
Jackie Classen	NOCC
Christopher Boulware	MBCC
Jack Allen	OSP

15 Years

James Williams	Education/JHCC
Kalin Singleton	HMCC
Donna Sims	JDCC
Tonya Sexton	WKCC
Celestia Riley	NOCC
Robert Price	JHCC
Starla Phillips	JDCC
Bernard Perry	LCCC
Byron Mathis	JCCC
Lonnie Lawson	WKCC
Kirk Keeton	HMCC
Angela Jackson	EWCC
Regina Hicks	MACC
Valerie Hale	WKCC
Debra Gardner	OSP
Tommy Britt	JLCC
Brent Bishop	NOCC
Ellen Bennefield	EWCC
Arthur Woodmore	OSP
Leon Wilson	LARC
Orville Osborne	JBCC
Jessie Ortega	WKCC
Deborah Miller	OSP
Janey Livingston	NOCC
Ronald Larue	OSP
Robert Lackey	Trans Unit/LARC
Christopher Kennedy	Fin/Acctg
Shawn Horvat	OSP
Randy Fox	BJCC
Denny Fairchild	LARC
Darrell Cook	OSP
Nathaniel Brewer	Facility Classification
Gary Bankston, Jr.	NWDCC

14 Years

Lila Pettyjohn	ECCC
Kimberley Owen	Director's Office
James Nall	JCCC
James Miles	MACC
Emery Martin	OCI Mfg/DCCC
William Lohrman	HMCC
Shari Jones	Medical/Administration
Edwina Johnston	JEHCC
Teresa Herren	BJCC
Dana Daniels	JDCC
Robert Cross, Jr.	HMCC
Beth Crockett	NOCC
Yvonne Allen	CWCCC
Larry Thomas	SEDCC
Charlotte Taylor	CWCCC
James Sutton	MACC
Jonna Perry	JBCC
Emmanuel Nwoji	MBCC
Larry McElyea	Agri-Services/JBCC
David Mauk	MACC
Dianna Lane	Personnel Unit
Cynthia Kay	HMCC
Felicia Harris	JCCC
Floyd Gardner	JLCC
Kimberly Evans	NEDCC
Teressa Davenport	Depart Svcs
Lisa Arnold	LARC

13 Years

Michael Workman	TransUnit/JBCC
Georgia Wood	Community Corrections
Tamara Whaley	OSR
Amanda Wagaman	OCI Mfg/MBCC
John Swift	Waurika CWC
John Seright	LARC
Shannon Reed	JCCC
Laura Pitman	Institutions Div I
Tim Lakins	JLCC
Mark LaGreca	CDCC
Karen Jines	CDCC
Danny Fletcher	OSR
William Cooper	Medical Admin/MACC
Rose Carr-LaVan	ECCC
Mark Blan	SEDCC
Brandi Birchfield	Medical Admin/HMCC
Vetha Anderson	JEHCC
Jimmy Wilson	Idabel CWC
Rick Selby	HMCC
Elizabeth Robinson	CWCCC
Rose Richardson	JDCC
Melesa Nelson	MACC
Teresa Mast	JCCC
Robert Mann	Mental Health (Admin)
Alexander Lewis, Jr.	Trans Unit/LARC
James Hubert, Jr.	LCCC
Elson Frank	MACC
Loretta Cunningham	EWCC
Bobby Cochran	HMCC
Angela Brown	JDCC
William Broiles	Communications Unit
Michael Bettis	JHCC

12 Years

Leon Sparks, Jr.	OSP
Sherri McClendon	Agri-Services/JBCC
Melissa Lucero	JDCC
Rhonda Kopidlansky	OSP
Dennis Kilmer	BJCC
Wendy Kennedy	JLCC
Valerie Harris	Medical/JHCC
Jeffrey Greb	JCCC
Karen Fant	SEDCC
Gerald Duncan	Trans Unit/JLCC
Darla Cowan	JHCC
Michael Cindle	JLCC
Billy Bradford	CWCCC
James Billy	MACC
Shane Berry	NEDCC
Richard Arnold	Hillside CCC
George Yandell	EWCC
Denver Smith	Trans Unit/JBCC
Brian Smith	JCCC
Tiffany Schall	Union City CCC
William Ratliff	Carter County CWC
Sean Pettyjohn	HMCC
Paul Morris	Agri-Services/JBCC
Rebecca Maker	Medical/DCCC
David Maker	DCCC
Angela Jordan	TCDCC
John Feuerborn	SEDCC
Don Dickerson	OSP
Gary Cochran	JCCC
Marty Brinkman	OSR

11 Years

JoAnn Whaley	SWDCC
Perry Tustin	JEHCC
Michael Sudduth	OSP
Tonda Sterrett	Mental Health/JHCC
Robert Ross	OSP
Shaun Rogers	JBCC
Bradley Morris	JEHCC
Mary Lytle	NOCC
Kenneth King	Enid CCC
Crystal Kennedy	OSP
Keith Hokett	MACC
John Heitman	OSP
Stephen Gragg	Medical Admin/JDCC
Jeremiah Eslick	JDCC
Brenda Dean	OSP
Vivian Brown	CWCCC
Evonna Young	OSR
Sharon Rippee	LARC
Nathan Peeler	Agri-Services/OSR
Darin McKee	NWDCC
Jim McEntire	JBCC
David Griffith	Trans Unit/LARC
Paula Fox	Medical/JEHCC
Velma Fields	JBCC
Courtney Charish	Departmental Services
Donna Billings	SWDCC

10 Years

Larry Wilson	Hollis CWC
Sherry Vaught	JLCC
Robin Lambert	OCI Mfg/LARC
James Haun	Hillside CCC
Larry Harrel	Mental Health/OSR
Carolyn Fento	Walters CWC
Stephanie Dean	Carter County CWC
Richard Comstock	MBCC
Sarah Porter	SWDCC
Mary Pfaff	Medical/HMCC
Matthew McKeown	OSR
Shona Goodall	EWCC
Dorletis Coleman	Medical/MBCC
Teri Anderson	NEDCC

CALENDAR

AUGUST

(No Board of Corrections Meeting Scheduled)

12-15 — 37th Annual Training Institute
American Probation/Parole Association
Indianapolis, Indiana

14-17 — Pardon and Parole Board Hearing
Hillside CCC

SEPTEMBER

3 — Labor Day

18-21 — Pardon and Parole Board Hearing
Hillside CCC

28 — Board of Corrections
Lawton Correctional Facility

OCTOBER

10-12 — OCA/NABCJ Combined Conference
Norman, Oklahoma

16-19 — Pardon and Parole Board Hearing
Hillside CCC

26 — Board of Corrections
James Crabtree CC

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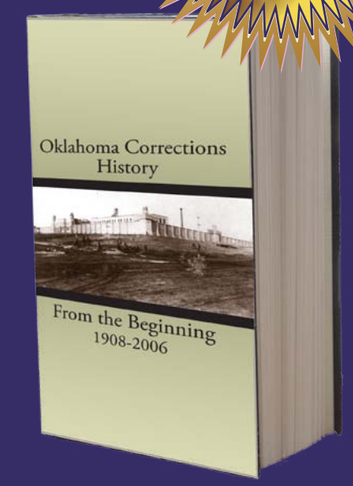

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Oklahoma Correctional Industry (OCI) Employee Receives Appreciation Plaque

Presentation of Appreciation plaque at the meeting of the South Central Region of the National Correctional Industries Association (SCRNCIA), Industries Directors Meeting, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on June 4th. Presenting the plaque to Ron Jackson (right) is SCRNCIA Chairman Mike Moore (left).

RETIREMENTS

AUGUST
Mark Carter
Ronald Kephart
Joe Mills
Linda Shipley
Rick Vass

SEPTEMBER
Leon E. Arndt
Larry J. Bryant
Gregory L. Bull
Harvey D. Bundens
Martin G. Conway
Sarah A. Hanley
Virlin D. Hearod
Jimmy R. Hobbs
Gaylia A. Johnson
Patricia A. Kenyon
Billy A. Nosler
Donald W. Pate
Sharon E. Rippee
Bankim Shah
Larry L. Sutton
Rita S. Tedford

OCTOBER
Lura S. Fabian
Jimmy R. Green
Robbie D. Parker

NOVEMBER
Marvin D. Beck
Fannie P. Glover

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA CC
STAFF PICNIC/FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 31, 2012 Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center had their Staff Picnic/Fishing Tournament at the state lake. It was a day for NOCC families to enjoy some outdoor family time, eat some good food and do some fishing.

While there were several fish caught throughout the day only two brought home a prize. Unit Manager Mary Nelson caught the biggest bass weighing in at 4 lb 1oz and Food Supervisor Shane Rogers caught the biggest crappie at 15 oz.

After a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and cookies it was off on a hayride for the youngsters and young at heart. The hayride went around the large lake with plenty of sites to see.

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