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# Welcome to *Inside Corrections*



Life is full of choices and the more education one has the more options or choices. Our Department of Corrections education units are the best in the nation. This is measured by graduation rates, increased literacy rates and the effects these have on recidivism reduction. It is well documented that every year of increased education level not only reduces the likelihood of recidivism but increases one's economic status and also reduces the possibility of other social illnesses. These results are created by experienced educators who are committed to their profession. The longevity of the staff in our education units are collectively the most tenured of any units within our agency.

Of course in our business every employee gives the ultimate team effort when called upon whether it is an emergency or just assisting when there is a need. Many times I have witnessed teachers assisting with food delivery when a facility was on lock down, etc. So even though we have many sub units within our agency with specific goals and objectives, our educators are prime examples of team effort.

It is with great pleasure that this edition of *Inside Corrections* honors our educators. I am sure all of us can identify a teacher that we have had who challenged us, provided motivation and/or served as a mentor. Across the country it is not unusual to see a sign posted upon entering a town that identifies it as the home of some famous person that usually is an athlete or media personality. Where are the signs that identify teachers who educated several generations of children and made the town a better place by educating its adult citizens? Too often our most valuable assets, mentors and role models go not unnoticed, but not publically recognized. So in that vein, it is an honor to dedicate this edition to our education units.

*Justin Jones*

Justin Jones  
Director  
Oklahoma Department of Corrections

## In Other Words

Dear Friends for Folks,

My late husband and I received a dog, Jasper, from your program in March 2005, and he is an absolutely perfect dog for us. Everyone who meets Jasper comments on his obedience and sweet personality. While his personality was probably inborn, his obedience can only be attributed to his training at Friends for Folks. His exuberance could be overwhelming if he were not so well trained.

I have had lots of dogs since childhood but none stands out quite as much as Jasper. He is an excellent companion, a good watchdog, and a happy addition to my life. I think I have the best dog in the world. I applaud Friends for Folks for an excellent program, a Godsend for both dogs and humans.

Sincerely,  
*Robbie J. Foster*

Director Jones and Deputy Director Mahaffey,

On behalf of HeartLine, we would like to personally thank you for allowing our 2-1-1 program to be featured in the latest Inside Corrections issue. The state-wide exposure that the ad provided is invaluable to serving our mission. We look forward to possible future partnerships as well.

On a side note, we are very fortunate and proud to have Dr. Powitzky serve as

our Board President this year. Thanks Again!

Sincerely,  
*Tom A. Taylor, II*  
Director of Development

Dear Wardens Franklin, Workman, and Newton-Embry,

I want to thank each of you and your respective staffs for the cooperation, support and hospitality that we United Methodist clergy received Christmas Eve 2008. It has been a practice of our ministry for several years to serve Holy Communion to prisoners and the A&R area. We believe it is a particularly depressing time for those persons. The ministry has seemed quite meaningful to those we engage.

We are aware that your respective facilities are likely short-staffed on this day. Nevertheless we were accorded, as in past years, exceptional grace, courtesy, respect, and assistance. This letter of appreciation is addressed to each of those persons serving on the unit that day in both facilities. We were able to do this ministry efficiently and meaningfully.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Chaplain Larry Adams at LARC and Deputy Warden Mike Murray at Mabel Bassett CC.

May each of you and those who work at your respective facilities have a good new year.

Shalom,  
*Stan Basler*

Special Thanks,

Oklahoma State Penitentiary would like to thank Paul Meadows, Spanky Brown and the Correctional Emergency Response Team.

Paul Meadows, owner of Speed Track BBQ, allowed our CERT the use of his establishment so we could raise money for the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Oklahoma.

Spanky Brown, with Oklahoma Healthcare Solutions, sponsored Larry Birdine, CJ AuYou and Rufus Alexander, former OU football players, signing autographs and taking pictures.

Last but not least a big thank you goes out to our Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT). These men and women took time out of their lives to help raise money by waiting on tables for tips only at Speed Trap BBQ on March 6, 2009.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary Special Olympics Committee, along with CERT members, would like to express their appreciation for the business and community that support this event.

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## *Education & Training*

APRIL 15, 2009

The Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton hosted a graduation ceremony on April 15, 2009 for Correctional Officer Cadet Class W030209. Curtis Hood, Chief of Security, Dick Conner Correctional Center, was the graduation speaker. The 62 cadets in this class successfully completed the required 240 hours of pre-service instruction. Nineteen different facilities ranging in security level from community security to maximum security had students in W030209.

The staff of the Correctional Training Academy in Wilburton would like to commend the class of W030209 on a job well done and wish them the best of luck in their careers with DOC.

### *AWARD RECIPIENTS*

Gaynell Goss  
Dick Conner Correctional Center  
Academic Award

Cassandra Wilson  
Oklahoma State Penitentiary  
Academic Award

Leah Keeton  
Lexington Assessment & Reception Center  
Class Speaker

Richard Worley  
John Lilley Correctional Center  
Class Speaker

Steven Bridges  
Hillside Community Corrections Center  
Outstanding Performance

Cassandra Wilson  
Oklahoma State Penitentiary  
Outstanding Performance



# Education *in Corrections*

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By maintaining and meeting accreditation requirements, the education unit may apply for and receive various grants

to enhance the educational opportunities for offenders.

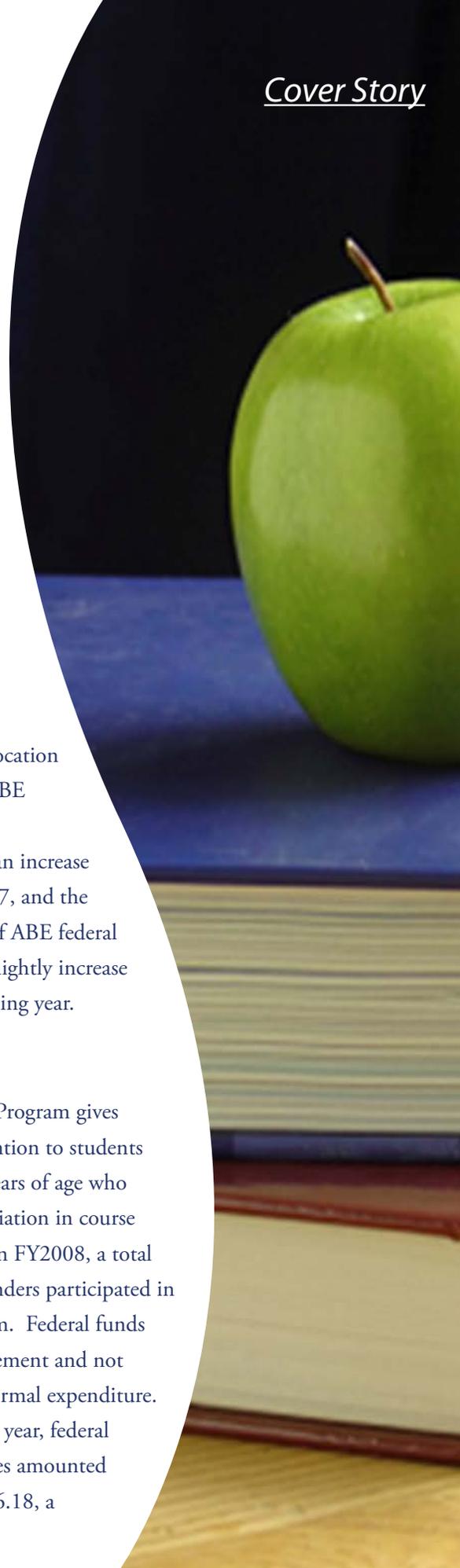
## **ADULT EDUCATION**

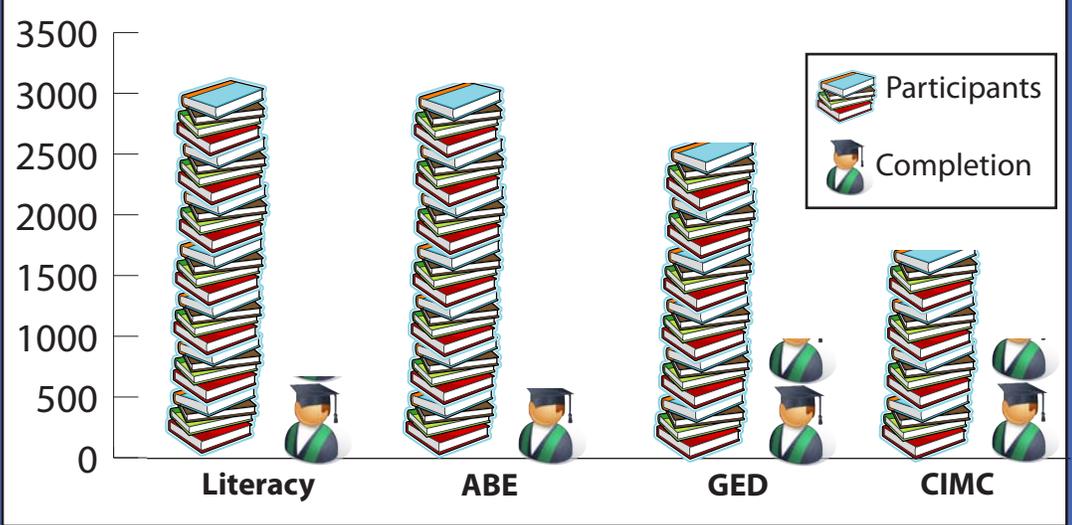
Adult education includes programs in literacy, Adult Basic Education (ABE), and course work toward the General Education Development (GED) Test. Students spent 818,034 hours in literacy, ABE, and GED this past year. In FY2008, GED's were awarded to 990 students. It is quite an accomplishment for those who complete the GED Program because statistics show that one third of students graduating from public schools cannot pass the GED Test, according to National Education Testing Service.

FY2008 allocation of federal ABE money was \$232,578, an increase over FY2007, and the allocation of ABE federal funds will slightly increase for the ensuing year.

## **TITLE I**

The Title I Program gives special attention to students under 21 years of age who need remediation in course offerings. In FY2008, a total of 572 offenders participated in this program. Federal funds must supplement and not supplant normal expenditure. During this year, federal grant monies amounted to \$250,526.18, a





Program	Participants	Completions
Literacy	3,147	664
ABE	3,078	556
GED	2,544	990
CIMC	1,688	985
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,457</b>	<b>3,195</b>

universities providing services are: Rose State College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Seminole State College, Cameron University, Redlands Community College, University of Central Oklahoma, Connors State College, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Western Oklahoma State College, and Carl Albert State College.

The latest partnership with Tulsa Community College provided a wonderful new program at Dick Conner Correctional Center. Several offenders who completed a computer program were honored at the awards program at that facility. This partnership will continue to strengthen, and when more staff are hired at Northeastern Correctional Center, the college program will be expanded to that facility. Efforts continue to implement a college program

considerable decrease from the previous year. This is due to the fact that fewer offenders in those age groups are coming into the adult correctional system.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

A grant of \$30,764.44 was awarded for contracted services, training, materials, and supplies for special education program enhancement. This was a considerable increase from the previous year.

**LIFE SKILLS**

This life skills program has been offered the past seven years in the education unit.

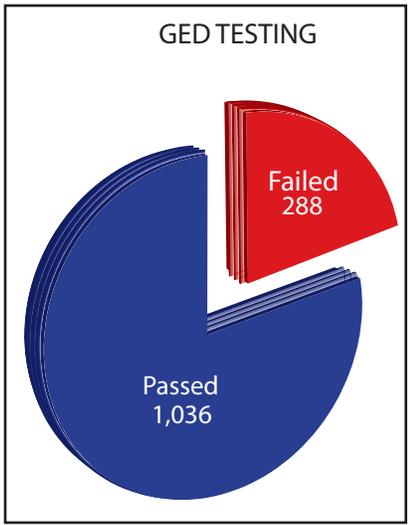
Coursework is directed toward assisting offenders in the re-entry process. The focus for this program is toward those closest to release back into society. The program provides information and resources to equip offenders with basic skills necessary to function in society, thereby reducing the likelihood of returning to incarceration.

An additional software program was purchased at the end of this year to supplement the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Center (CIMC) program. Though this has not yet been fully implemented, we look forward to the use

of this new program which provides additional resources to the teachers and offenders. During FY2008 there were 1688 participants in CIMC with 985 completions, an increase from the previous year in both students served and completions.

**COLLEGE**

This year, the education unit awarded 17 Associate degrees, as the college program continues to flourish. Additionally, two Bachelors degrees were awarded. College affiliates from Oklahoma remain at a high. The grant money for this year was \$401,744. Oklahoma colleges and



at the William S. Key Correctional Center, and that should happen in Fall 2009.

**TRANSFORMING LIVES NETWORK (TLN)** formerly Corrections Learning Network (CLN) A total of 12,104 students and staff participated in the TLN programs, logging a total of 30,481 hours of use during FY 2008. Another element is the addition of college classes. This year, some of the vendors that we previously purchased materials from placed their programming on TLN.

Many additional hours of training have been added to the available choices. Notices of training classes are forwarded to medical and training units so their personnel can benefit from the training and National Institute of Corrections (NIC) classes.

Additionally, any classes that we would like to see transmitted, can be requested and they will provide them. TLN is also moving towards providing more classes for juvenile justice. Transforming Lives Network, operates 24 hours a day/7 days a week. In the ensuing year, through a grant received by Correctional Education Association (CEA), Oklahoma will participate in a College of the Air through TLN with a study for post secondary education.

## NEW IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EDUCATION

In keeping with the fundamental mission of protecting the public, employees, and offenders, the Oklahoma State Department of Corrections has a firm commitment with regard to re-entry programs. There has been significant effort involving many components, and this includes education. There are numerous education programs at the higher-security levels, as well as the community corrections facilities. As offenders move from higher-security levels during re-entry, the need for seamless transition of education programs to the community corrections centers and adult learning centers around the state is vital to completing programs started during incarceration. Studies of incarcerated individuals indicate that as the level of education increases, the likelihood of re-offending decreases. Equally important is that the knowledge gained assists those students more fully and meaningfully participating in society.

In order to best serve offender educational needs at the community level, the education department has hired a program coordinator and conducted a comprehensive needs assessment. The results of the assessment indicate there have been gaps in services due to a lack of coordination with outside entities and stretching resources over the 23 community corrections facilities. The plan to improve services includes designating “magnet” facilities, which will have classrooms equipped with literacy/ GED preparation computer labs, increased library services, and consistent, high-quality instruction. The first selected program is currently in development at Union City Community Corrections Center and will serve as the model for replication at the other selected sites. Union City’s program is slated to be operational by midsummer.

## INSIDE CORRECTIONS

**From the Editor:**

### **For Your Information**

Inside Corrections is changing its schedule from a monthly to a quarterly publication, in an effort to save and be more cost efficient. Starting with the July issue, Inside Corrections will be published from this point on a quarterly basis.

It has been brought to my attention that there is apparently a misunderstanding about the cost of Inside Corrections. To clear up any misinformation, please be advised that Inside Corrections is printed by the Oklahoma Corrections Industries (OCI) at a cost of \$3.41 cents each, paid for by OCI-, in exchange for advertising and marketing opportunities created for OCI, by the distribution of each issue. (This information is posted at the bottom of page 3 in every issue)

A legislative initiative passed in 2006 allowed OCI to accept advertising for Inside Corrections to supplement the cost of the printing and production of this publication.

## SOUTHERN STATES CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION



SSCA members: (L-R) Mike McDougal, Lisa Sunday, Kent Peck, Ed Evans, Nancy McGee, Buddy Honaker, and Janna Hill.

Members of the Southern States Correctional Association from Lexington Assessment & Reception Center would like to thank everyone who helped make the gun drawing and hot dog luncheon that was held on April 9, 2009 a big success. The money raised will go towards the annual conference that will be held in New Orleans this July.

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without the discomfort of thought."**

**-John F. Kennedy**

# Training and Supporting Ex-offenders as Entrepreneurs

Training and supporting ex-offenders as entrepreneurs has added a unique ingredient to its repertoire. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Central Oklahoma Workforce, and Driver Training, Inc. have joined forces to help facilitate the successful re-entry of offenders by providing commercial truck driver training to eligible participants.

This exciting new addition is called 'Offender Commercial Driver License Training.' The partnership allowed us to secure limited scholarship monies for offenders to be professionally trained by certified commercial driving instructors. Two facilities, Lexington Correctional Center (LCC) for males and Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC) for females, were selected for the commencement of training with plans for future expansion not only in commercial driving but also in other areas as well. Accordingly, the offenders/participants will receive a

minimum of 16 weeks of classroom training. Upon completion of the first phase and release, the ex-offender will commence the second phase which is the hands-on portion of the training at the certified school of Driver's Training, Inc. Thereafter, the participant will apply for licensing, and all stakeholders are in the process of developing employment opportunities (self-employed and/or employer-employee) for the ex-offender. Every effort is made for the process to be a seamless transition, i.e., from incarceration to licensing to employment and other services that the ex-offender may need such as housing, transportation, counseling, etc. Unquestionably, support services are crucial in order for the offender to have the necessary tools for successful re-entry.

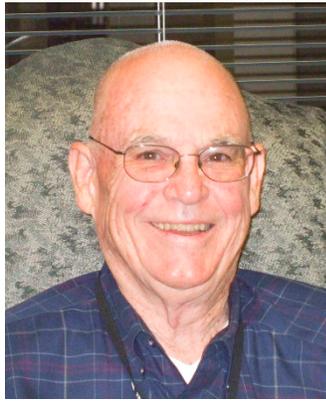
As one would surmise, Driver's Training, Inc. is very knowledgeable in the trucking business and a willing partner in helping the Department of Corrections

with its mission. One very realistic avenue that the company is exploring is the lease to own option of trucks, or if the offender has resources, the outright purchase of used trucks ranging in price from 12 to 18 thousand dollars. The ex-offender then can deliver six or more loads per day at a rate of \$75.00 per load. Thus, the self-employed offender has the potential to make a minimum of \$450.00 per day. Driver's Training, Inc. has been successful in placing ex-offenders in the past, and the Training and Supporting Ex-offenders as Entrepreneurs program looks forward to continue to utilize their expertise in serving our participant offenders.

Of course, any new endeavor brings with it a number of snags. For instance, the offender returning to his/her out-of-state home, and thus, not completing the hands-on portion after release to offenders not being able to pass the driving test administered by the Oklahoma Department of

Public Safety. Nonetheless, two offenders have completed the program. Unfortunately, one of them just recently had a setback, however, did not recidivate. Additionally, the partners revised the criteria for offenders/participants to potentially thwart most of the snags.

Currently, the Department of Corrections has hit good fortune by being granted 12 scholarships – 6 for Mabel Bassett and 6 for Lexington. This distinctive opportunity has the potential to be a valuable and imperative tool in meeting the critical needs of the individuals we serve, aiding to fulfill the mission of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, and on a macro level, helping the great State of Oklahoma and our nation to become a safer place. Undoubtedly, the changing of program participants' attitudes through teaching, counseling, and support can and has led to changing lives.



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.

His 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 the first 19 years as the principal at Lexington Correctional Center (CC) before becoming appointed the regional principal for Lexington CC, Joseph Harp CC, and John Lilley CC.

He was transferred to Mabel Bassett CC just before their move to McCloud and recently transferred back to Lexington CC

and Joseph Harp CC as site administrator. Favorite parts of his 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 Lexington CC, the education center at Mabel Bassett CC and Joseph Harp CC.

**Pam Humphrey** has more than 35 years in the field of education, the last 21 of which have been with the Department of Corrections. She began as a Teacher II at James Crabtree CC in 1988, promoted to a Teacher III and assumed the principal position in 1993. In September 2000, she took the position of Sr. Principal for the Department's Education Unit, where she currently serves as assistant superintendent.

Ms. Humphrey graduated at 19 with her



Pam Humphrey  
Senior Principal

Bachelor's degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU) and began teaching high school.

During her 14 years at that position, she taught English, psychology, speech and drama, and journalism. She later received her Master's degree in counseling, also from NWOSU, and went on to complete an additional 40 hours of post-graduate work in education administration and adult education from OSU, OU and Southern Nazarene University.

“Being able to provide students with the keys to doors, that might otherwise remain forever closed, provides great pleasure. I thoroughly enjoy my job because I believe what we do makes a difference in the lives of people.

Making a positive impact on people's lives that will last for eternity is of utmost importance to me. I believe it's what we're all called to do,” states Mrs. Humphrey.

Mrs. Humphrey and her family have also volunteered in prison ministry throughout the state during the twenty-one years she has been employed by the Department.



Richard Scharnhorst  
School Principal

**Richard Scharnhorst** graduated from Bartlesville Sooner High School in 1966 and upon graduation joined the U.S. Navy where he served until 1969. He attended Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1973.

He has worked various positions throughout his career, to include teaching math and history in Ralston, Oklahoma and working as a child care worker and farmer supervisor at the American Legion Children's Home in Ponca City.

Richard began working for the Department of Corrections as a teacher at the Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC) in 1979. He attended night school at the University Center in Tulsa while serving as Acting Principal at DCCC.

He received his Masters Degree in School Administration and Secondary School Principal Certification in 1988 and became Regional Principal in 2000 supervising 6 facility education programs.

Richard and his wife have been married for 36 years. They have a son, a daughter, and 5 grandchildren (2 of which live with them).

Richard states, “As a supervisor, I believe my job is to make their job easier...as an educator, I believe *‘Chance Favors the Prepared Mind.’*”

# principals



# Chesapeake Energy Corporation

*in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections*

“Chesapeake Energy Corporation in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections,” is certainly not headlines one would normally expect to read. However, a partnership has developed that is not only beneficial to both parties, but serves all citizens of this great state.

Chesapeake approached the Department of Corrections over a year ago to discuss the possible training and subsequent employment of offenders who met certain qualifications and would be on a low security work release status. This meeting was not only driven by workforce needs but by the shared belief and vision that current and ex offenders can have enhanced reentry opportunities through corporate and government entities. Also, even though Oklahoma already has a very low recidivism rate, research indicates that

meaningful employment and improved skills increases the probability that an offender will not return to prison. Work release programs have been a part of the Department of Corrections since the 1970s and there are approximately 1500 offenders on work release in Oklahoma. But the Chesapeake program is unique in that the training, skill level, promotional opportunities and other potential long term benefits are exceptional.

Memorandums of understandings and contracts were subsequently developed and offenders went through a rigorous screening process that has resulted in an extremely successful pilot program that has expansion potential. Offenders from the Union City Community Corrections Center who meet the agreed upon criteria are interviewed and if hired, work along with other employees.

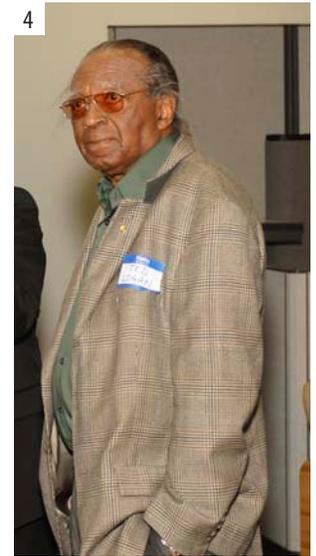
The tremendous advantage to these offender employees is that they will have savings when they are discharged from the prison system, can support their families, and pay court fees, restitution and other obligations expected of all citizens. This pilot project would not have come to fruition without the efforts of dedicated Chesapeake Energy Corporation and Department of Corrections staff that were passionate in the belief that people can change and given this type of opportunities, would take full productive advantage of it. The program has been so successful that two recent participating offenders that discharged from the corrections system have now been hired full time.

The program is still in its infancy but due to the aforementioned successes, will assuredly be expanded.



# Legislative Luncheon

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1. Elvin Baum, Administrator, Civil Rights, and J.D. Colbert, Oklahoma Correctional Industries.

2. Courtney Hunnicutt, Graphic Designer, Executive Communications

3. Robert Rainey, Board of Corrections member

4. Ted Logan, Vice Chair, Board of Corrections

5. Justin Jones, Director, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, and Senator Kenneth Corn

6. Representative Steve Kouplen, Neville Massie, and Representative Samson Buck

7. Malcolm Darrough (JLCC), Bobby Stevens (JBCC), Jeff Vaughan (JBCC), and Scott Crowley (JCCC)



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## Justin Jones Appointed to Serve on Council of State Governments Justice Center Board of Directors

New York: The Council of State Governments (CSG) President and Governor of West Virginia, Joe Manchin, III; CSG Chairperson and Idaho State Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, have announced the appointment of Justin Jones to the board of directors for CSG's Justice Center.

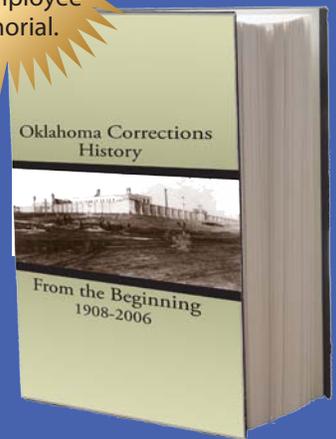
Justin Jones, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, joins a small, bipartisan group of key legislators and leading court and law enforcement officials, and members of several governors' cabinets from corrections and health and human services agencies, to serve on the board. Together they will guide various projects that the Justice Center administers, including those on criminal justice/mental health issues, prisoner reentry, and states investments in public safety. The Justice Center is also launching a new project regarding school discipline and its impact on involvement in the juvenile justice system.

State officials across the country have used the findings and technical assistance provided through Justice Center projects to develop legislative initiatives. Congress has also worked closely with leaders of the board, drawing on recommendations provided by the Justice Center to shape national policy.

The incoming chairman of the Justice Center board, New York Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry stated, "We are delighted that Director Jones has been appointed to our board. As a key voice on criminal justice policy in his state, he will make a great contribution to our work."

Director Jones was selected to serve on the 25-person board for a period of two years. "I am looking forward to using our experiences in Oklahoma to inform the board's efforts, and I know that working with such a diverse group of national experts will benefit my state and others by advancing the best thinking on complex criminal justice issues," said Jones.

The Council of State Governments Justice Center is a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government. It provides practical, nonpartisan advice and consensus-driven strategies--informed by available evidence—to increase public safety and strengthen communities. The Justice Center is funded through contracts with and grants from federal agencies, state and local governments, and private foundations.



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# EDDIE WARRIOR CORRECTIONAL CENTER

The site of the **Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center** in Taft, Oklahoma, has long served the state of Oklahoma and its citizens as a place where individuals **needing help can get direction and education.**



Eddie Warrior Correctional Center located in Taft, Oklahoma

**F**rom its beginnings in 1909 as the industrial Institute for Deaf, Blind and Orphaned black children, to its current status as a women's correctional center, this site has had rehabilitative and education services central to its purpose. As with any organization focused on improving the quality of its results, the staff at EWCC led by Warden Mike Mullin has developed and supported programs to help offenders successfully return to society. Notable among these programs is the adult literacy and college education program.

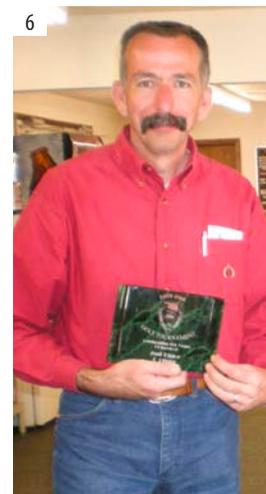
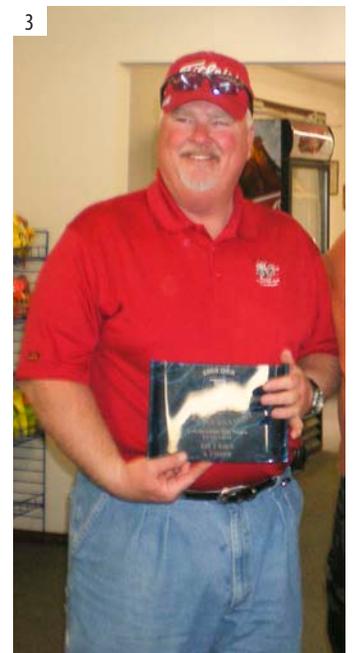
Linda Grimes, who has been a teacher at EWCC for the past eleven years and currently teaches GED classes, believes the work she has done has made a

real difference in the lives of many. She has seen many changes including the increased enrollment in all classes. Mrs. Grimes said she has witnessed women coming into Literacy class with a very negative attitude change into positive individuals with aspirations and hope for the future that was not evident when they began their education. Many women over her tenure have traveled the road of education through Literacy class, ABE, and GED and even college classes. Most of these women have gone home to become productive members of society.

Chief of Security, Lynn Martinez, describes the effects of the education program this way, "The Education Department at EWCC plays an important  
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# Oklahoma State Reformatory 100th Anniversary Golf Tournament

April 4, 2009 • Mangum Municipal Golf Course • Mangum, Oklahoma



1. (L-R) Sammy Banks and David Tate  
 2. (L-R) Sharron Earls and Chad Dennis  
 3. Craig Puckett  
 4. (L-R) Kathi Uptergrove and Rick Whitten  
 5. Bob Beebe  
 6. Chuck Moles  
 7. Ricky Peneda  
 8. (L-R) Carl Bear and Tracy McCollum

# FACTS *at a Glance*

March 31, 2009

offender

## offender INFORMATION

Total Offenders 25,196

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	22,531	89.4%
Female	2,665	10.6%

Ethnicity	Count	Percentage
Caucasian	13,311	52.8%
African American	7,754	30.8%
Native American	2,287	9.1%
Hispanic	1,720	6.8%
Other	124	0.5%

Crime Type	Count	Percentage
Violent	10,667	42.3%
Non-Violent	14,529	57.7%

Average Age 37.9

cost

## cost of INCARCERATION

Type	Daily	Annual
Maximum	\$70.04	\$25,565
Medium	\$56.10	\$20,478
Minimum	\$54.32	\$19,826
Community	\$56.13	\$20,489
Work Centers	\$43.16	\$15,752
Probation & Parole	\$3.10	\$1,133

FY09 Appropriated Budget: \$503,000,000

probation

## probation INFORMATION

Total Probation Clients 26,969

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	20,525	76.1%
Female	6,444	23.9%

Ethnicity	Count	Percentage
Caucasian	16,627	61.7%
African American	5,617	20.8%
Native American	1,959	7.3%
Hispanic	2,032	7.5%
Other	734	2.7%

Crime Type	Count	Percentage
Violent	5,239	19.4%
Non-Violent	21,730	80.6%

Average Age 35.7

## parole INFORMATION

Total Parole Clients 3,800

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	3,141	82.7%
Female	659	17.3%

Ethnicity	Count	Percentage
Caucasian	2,241	59.0%
African American	1,057	27.8%
Native American	172	4.5%
Hispanic	292	7.7%
Other	38	1.0%

Crime Type	Count	Percentage
Violent	691	18.2%
Non-Violent	3,109	81.8%

Average Age 43.1

parole

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part in maintaining facility security by reducing offender idleness and providing the offenders with a sense of purpose. I have witnessed changes in offenders' behaviors when they enroll in classes by not only attending their assigned classes but working with others studying for tests, completing assignments and focusing on positive goals, as opposed to negative behaviors."

The adult literacy program at EWCC includes three basic courses: Literacy, ABE, and GED classes. These classes are teacher directed with a computer lab and software to support. At any given time there are about 160 students enrolled in these three programs. Normal enrollment is about 60 in Literacy, 65 in ABE, and 35 in GED. The results of the program show about 100 GED graduates per year.

Many women at EWCC already have their GED or high school diploma when they arrive. The college program supports the need for continuing education for these women.

It is important to note that many students receive financial aid from outside sources to help with college

expenses. Funding sources include the Friends of Eddie Warrior (FEW), several tribes, families, and the Youthful Offender Grant.

FEW is a unique example of the positive impact concerned private citizens can make. Suzanne Edmondson founded the fund with all money donated going directly to the incarcerated women for which the foundation was incorporated.

Mrs. Edmondson currently serves as the foundation's treasurer. An example of the commitment of Mrs. Edmondson and other FEW supporters is how the foundation has helped offenders this spring. Sixty students were awarded partial scholarships for one spring course, totaling over \$10,000 in awards. FEW has been helping students in this way since May of 1997. FEW support is used for offenders who do not have any other funding source to help them, and because of this type of support, students can dare to begin on a road that may have before seemed closed.

Most of the students enrolled in college at EWCC attend classes offered by Connors State College (CSC). The college classes have grown significantly over the last

eleven years when the partnership with CSC began. The enrollment of students and the variety of classes have increased to a satellite college campus setting. The valedictorian and salutatorian of each of the GED graduating classes are awarded scholarships by CSC, and these scholarships are still valid if the student is released prior to completion of coursework.

Twenty college courses are offered this spring at EWCC by Connors. The college sends teachers to the facility and enrollment ranges from ten to thirty students per class. Currently 118 students are attending and represent 298 class enrollments. If they are financially able, students may take up to four classes per semester. Currently thirty-seven students are carrying four courses. Colleen Noble, an academic advisor assigned by Connors, visits the site weekly to answer questions and facilitate college enrollment. Dr. Donnie Nero, president of CSC, and Dr. Ronald Ramming, Dean of Enrollment Services, attended the fall graduation ceremony and expressed their continued support for the education partnership.

This spring at least nine students are on track for graduation with their Associate of Arts degree or Associate of Business degree from Connors. The highest previous number for one year was seven graduates, so 2009 will be a banner year.

Students may also take courses offered through distance learning. Course instruction is received via satellite. One of the staff members at EWCC serves as the college advisor and directs the classes and proctors the tests. These additional classes allow students a complete complement of courses to work towards a degree.

The education staff at EWCC includes Linda Grimes teaching GED verbal, Ron Whitehouse teaching GED math, Sally Stone teaching ABE, Joe Gunter teaching Literacy, Stephany Kash teaching ABE, Literacy, and serving as librarian, Trish Baker counselor and college advisor, and Dan Hattaway principal.

EWCC Deputy Warden Terry Martin summed up the importance of the education program in this way. He said, "The Education Department at EWCC is  
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# NURSES

## A Nurses Oath, The Florence Nightingale Pledge

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In 1893, Mrs. Lystra E. Gretter and the Farrand Training School for Nurses wrote an adaptation of the physician's Hippocratic Oath for nurses. It was named the Florence Nightingale Pledge in honor of the esteemed founder of nursing and is also known as the Nurses Oath.

This pledge is most often recited at graduation/pinning ceremonies for nurses. It is also often included in programs honoring nurses during

Nurses Week (May 6-12) or on Nurses Day (May 6). May 12 is the anniversary of the birth date of Nurse Nightingale.



Denise Hunter, RN  
William S. Key CC

### Why I chose nursing as a career

I started working in a nursing home when I was 16 years old as a nurses' aide. Even though the work was hard I really liked it. Helping people with daily activities, something most people take for granted, tending to wounds or just making someone smile, who rarely ever did, was very rewarding to me.

### My greatest accomplishment

After several years I decided I wanted to learn more and be able to do more so I went on to nursing school. First I received my LPN license and then went on to complete my RN degree, which was probably my greatest accomplishment.

### What I enjoy about my job

What I enjoy most about my job is working in the clinic. It gives me the opportunity to actually be a part of assessing, knowing what is going on with someone and being able to play a part in their care.



Tim Olive, RN III  
Jim E. Hamilton CC

### Why I chose nursing as a career

When my twins were born in 1998, they were in the Neonatal ICU in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The nurses in the ICU were so professional and helpful, that I was inspired by them to go to nursing school.

### My greatest accomplishment

With God and my family's support, I continue to further my education, work full time and raise a family. I will graduate as a Nurse Practitioner in December of 2010 and I am grateful for my support system.

### What I enjoy about my job

Correctional nursing has a lot of learning opportunities. I enjoy learning the day to day management of chronic disease in correctional patients.



Lisa Parker, RN  
Joseph Harp CC

**Why I chose nursing as a career**

I chose nursing as my career due to the fact that I was raised to be nurturing, caring and loving at all times no matter what circumstances surrounded me. My grandmother was a nurse and instilled those qualities into my father, who always showed love and compassion for others. I went to nursing school in Shawnee, Oklahoma, at Oklahoma Baptist University and graduated in 2001. I have performed as a

nurse in all realms of care, starting with neonates, then postpartum, pediatrics, and women’s surgery, then to correctional nursing with male offenders. I have cared for all aspects of the population and really enjoy the work I am doing here at JHCC.

**My greatest accomplishment**

My greatest accomplishment is being able to complete nursing school and pass the BOARDS in order to achieve my goal of being a nurse to take care of the many needy people in our world today.

**What I enjoy about my job**

I enjoy working at JHCC as the Chronic Clinic Nurse because I get to see the offenders on a regular basis and make sure that all of their needs are being met, such as their medications ordered and working correctly and any other needs that I can address on a daily basis with them. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with everyone at JHCC and hope to enjoy working for the Department of Corrections for years to come.



Jamia Welch  
Dick Conner CC

**Why I chose nursing as a career**

Enjoy caring for people.

**What I enjoy about my job**

Taking care of patients.

**My greatest accomplishment**

Being a grandmother to two grandchildren, a boy and a girl.

# NURSES

## THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

# Black History Program

February 20, 2009 • Hillside Community Corrections Center • Oklahoma City



1. Ed Evans, Associate Director, Oklahoma Department of Corrections
2. Marilyn Murrell, Mayor, Arcadia, Oklahoma
3. Bruce Fisher, Keynote Speaker
4. Marilyn Vann, President, Descendants of Freedmen Association
5. Pam Anderson, Vance McCoy, and Ethel Broiles singing the Black National Anthem
6. Lansing Lee, Director/Poet, Martin Luther King Center, Muskogee, Oklahoma
7. Ruby Jones-Cooper, District Supervisor, Female Offender Community Corrections and Residential Services, Karl Willett, Master of Ceremony, and Millicent Newton-Embry, Warden, Mabel Bassett Correctional Center
8. Jerry Mott, Information Technology, Department of Corrections

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a critical component in the ability of our facility to meet the mission. The offenders achieve goals that they believed were unattainable prior to their incarceration. It is my observation that one of the greatest side effects of the offenders obtaining an education at any level, whether it is Literacy, ABE, GED, or a College Degree, is the positive self-esteem the offender gains. I have heard countless times from these offenders, 'Now I realize I'm a valuable human being and that I'm worth something.' It is our job as corrections professionals to affect the whole person, and the Education Department at EWCC is helping us do that in more ways than one."

"Don't limit yourself by past expectations."

- Vivek Paul

## Freedom Support Veterans Recognition Ceremony

*held at Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center*

On March 12, 2009 the Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center through its Freedom Support Program presented to Veterans Brandon Evans, Perry Tustin and David Morrison; certificates of appreciation and United States Flags; the flags, having been flown over the facility in their honor. This was done to express the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center's sincere gratitude and appreciation for these men's service while deployed with the United States Armed Services.

Sergeant Brandon Evans and Corporal Perry Tustin recently returned to work at the facility after having been deployed to Iraq as part of the United States' war on terrorism. David Morrison was most recently deployed stateside for disaster relief and evacuation of victims during the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Gustov. David has donated his flag back to the facility for display, in honor of all those who have served their country with the United States Armed Services.



#1 David Morrison on far left; #2 Sergeant Brandon Evans on far left; and #3 Corporal Perry Tustin on far left. All three recognized veterans are pictured with the following, left to right: Jackie Linville, Chief of Security; Haskell Higgins, Warden; and Phil Gilstrap, Deputy Warden.



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# PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK

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July 19-25, 2009

## Congratulations on Reaccreditations

**James Crabtree Correctional Center** received 100% on mandatory standards and 100% on non-mandatory standards.

**Howard McLeod Correctional Center** received 100% on mandatory standards and 99.76% on non-mandatory standards.

## 7th Annual Prison Ministry Workshop and Conference

St. John Missionary Baptist Church • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



On April 18, 2009 the 7th Annual Prison Ministry Workshop and Conference was held at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. The conference theme was “5 Keys to Successful Re-Entry: Employment, Treatment, Housing, Mentoring, and Religion.”

The keynote speaker was Kemba Smith who told her story of how a series of poor choices by a promising young college student led to a series of nightmarish consequences.

The workshop presenters were Reginald Hines, Deputy Director, Community Corrections, Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC); Ilinda Jackson, Coordinator, Faith and Character Community Program, ODOC; Karen White, District Supervisor, Central District Community Corrections, ODOC; Ann Toyer, Administrator, ODOC; and Anita Alford, Re-Entry Specialist, Lawton Community Corrections Center, ODOC.



Pictured above: Top row (L-R) - Ilinda Jackson; Reginald Hines; and Anita Alford. Bottom row (L-R) - Karen White; Ann Toyer; and Kemba Smith, Keynote Speaker.

# Special Olympics Golf Tournament

April 17, 2009 • Sand Springs, Oklahoma

**First year golf tournament nets 36 participants and raises \$700 for Special Olympics.**



Pictured top right (L-R) - Trisha Whitener with Alex Wallace; and Julie Whitehead. Pictured bottom right (L-R) - Laura Gorman; and Cameron Rose..



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Kemba Smith

# Kemba Smith

## *at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center*

by Millicent Newton-Embry

On the evening of April 24, 2009, Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC) was proud to welcome Kemba Smith to the facility to share her story with several staff and offenders. Smith served 6 1/2 years of a 24 1/2 year sentence in a federal prison and then regained her freedom after President Clinton granted her executive clemency in December 2000. Her case drew support from across the nation and the world in a crusade to reverse a disturbing trend in the rise of lengthy sentences for first time non-violent offenders. Her story has been featured on numerous television programs, along with several publications.

Smith grew up in a Virginia suburb and led an

advantaged and sheltered childhood. Graduating high school in 1989 she left her parents' home to attend Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. She was used to being the most popular girl in high school, but in college this was not the case anymore. While attempting to fit in she fell in with the wrong crowd and fell in love with a major drug dealer, a well known major figure in a \$4 million crack cocaine ring. After enduring approximately four years of physical, mental, and emotion abuse, she found herself charged with conspiracy to distribute 255 kilos of crack cocaine. While the prosecution acknowledged that she never sold or even used drugs, she was still given a 24 1/2 year sentence. While serving time in prison, she became an education tutor and also taught Black History to other offenders. While learning about injustices others in history had endured, it

humbled her to minimize focus on her own situation and empowered her to think about the struggles that many before her had overcome.

Smith encouraged offenders to make good choices each day while in prison, to only tolerate positive relationships, and to not get caught up in the "pettiness of the environment."

In May 2002, Smith graduated from Virginia Union University with a bachelor's degree in Social Work and was awarded a two-year Soros Justice Postgraduate Fellowship for Advocates in 2003. Recently, she completed her first year of law school at Howard University and is continuing to develop her 501 (c) (3) foundation, the Kemba Smith Foundation, working at a law firm, and finalizing a publishing deal for her book. It is her hope to uplift youth and inspire them to become educated about certain injustices within the criminal justice system while

continuing the legacy of women leaders in the struggle for the betterment of our communities. Whether it is through grassroots organizing or lobbying on Capitol Hill to promote action, this, she believes, is her mission.

Her story was motivating and filled with a sense of sincerity, encouragement, and hope.

During the question portion the offenders were responsive and felt they could relate to Ms. Smith. There was laughter when one of the offenders asked Smith how she could remain positive in a prison setting, especially with so many women in one environment. Ms.

Smith's response was to start volunteering to do things, whether volunteering, assisting, teaching, etc. for others and not concentrate so much on your own self or your own needs. Smith was seen as an inspiration as she encouraged all the women to redirect their lives and to pursue more positive lifestyles and choices.

# Health and Wellness

## WHAT IS SWINE FLU?

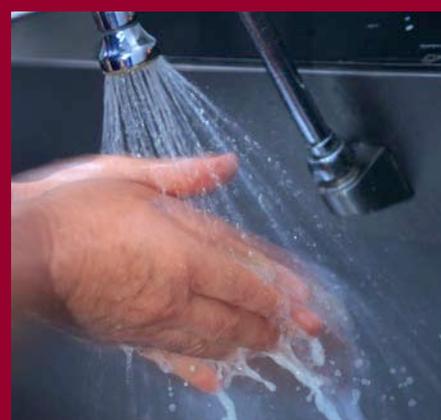
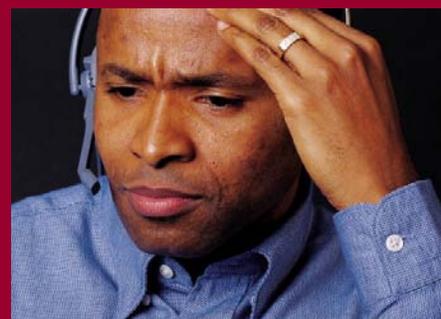
Swine Flu is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get Swine Flu, but human infections can and do happen. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that this influenza A virus is contagious and is spreading from human to human.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO TO KEEP FROM GETTING THE FLU?

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Try not to touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

## SYMPTOMS

- Fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue (if your child is showing symptoms of the swine flu please consult a physician.)
- Fever (temperature 101 degrees or higher)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Blistery rash
- Heavy nasal congestion or frequent cough
- If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious disease



## St. Patrick's Day Celebrated at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center



Front row (L-R): Laurie Paxon, Beverly Phillips, and Amanda Parker; Middle row (L-R): Ginger Wallace, Dr. Audrey McMaster, Carlin Perry, Kathryn Burton, and Tiffany Simon; Back row (L-R): Lela Delozier, Katie Frost, Linda Shipley, Tina States, Angela Baker, and Beverly Martin.

## James Crabtree Correctional Center Golf Tournament Benefits Oklahoma Special Olympics

James Crabtree Correctional Center held a golf tournament benefitting the Oklahoma Special Olympics. The tournament was held April 24, 2009, at the Roman Nose Golf Course in Watonga, Oklahoma. Approximately 60 players braved the windy conditions to participate in the tournament. A special guest appeared surprising Warden Parker and his team on the ninth hole. A total of \$1,909.90 was raised for the Oklahoma Special Olympics.



Left to Right - Teri Parker, David Parker, Warden, James Crabtree Correctional Center, Carolyn Redman and surprise guest.

# JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### 39 Years

Harold D. Guthrie Agri-Svcs JDCC

### 37 Years

Patricia M. Foster Medical OKCCC

### 34 Years

Neville O. Massie Director's Office

### 32 Years

Harlan W. Vaughn Agri-Svcs MACC

Dan C. Goodall Training

Samad Azarian NEOCC

### 31 Years

Lois B. Williams MBCC

Bobby J. Stevens Agri-Svcs JBCC

Charles W. Smith SDCC

Charles M. Murray Medical/Admin

### 30 Years

Lea A. Tidwell NEDCC

### 29 Years

Tonita A. Taylor JHCC

### 28 Years

Donna Valdez Comm Sent/Off Info Svcs

Sharon Q. Smith Personnel

Allen E. Simpson-Miller OCI Mfg

Christopher K. Richards CDCC

Randall L. Bray OCI Mfg/JHCC

### 27 Years

Thanh T. Pham OCI Mfg

Diane M. McGee HMCC

Richard W. McElhatten NWDC

Dan L. Grogan JCCC

Alonzo Candler Jr. MBCC

Brenda Bryant Female Off CC/RS

Brenda Anderson Treat & Rehab Svcs

### 26 Years

Carol J. Wekar Admin Svcs

Leonard D. Vickers MCWC

Linda McKee Medical Admin/NOCC

Tamara C. Hill Medical/LARC

<u>25 Years</u>		<u>19 Years</u>		Daniel E. Fulk		JDCC		<u>11 Years</u>	
Donna M. Robbins-Laymon	WSKCC	Robert L. Moss	DCCC	Judy H. Brinkley	Medical/Admin	Stephen B. Young	JLCC		
Mitzi R. Maddox	ECCC	Freddy L. McGinty	MACC	<u>14 Years</u>		Teresa A. Wilson	JBCC		
Andrew T. Houston	Facility Class	Vicki J. Hurd	EWCC	Vickie A. Pannell	EWCC	James R. Whala	OSP		
Ines M. Hamilton	JBCC	Ronald L. Gibby	MACC	Ola M. Onojobi	MBCC	Kimberlee Tran	Okla Co Res Svcs North		
Philip H. Collins	Educ/HMCC	Emmett G. Daniels	NEDCC	Randy D. Matthews	OCCEC	Randall D. Squyres	Agri-Svcs/JBCC		
Johnnie E. Brannon	JBCC	Faron D. Bryant	JHCC	Amy E. Madison	JCCC	Jerry W. Sizemore	NEDCC		
		Joseph T. Brown	JDCC	Cynthia M. Lewis	JHCC	Margaret D. Sexton	OSP		
		Johnny E. Benedict	MACC	Fannie P. Glover	OSP	Geary A. Schrader	CWCCC		
<u>24 Years</u>		<u>18 Years</u>		Connie S. Garrison	BJCC	Craig E. Range	Education/OSR		
Gayla R. Simpson	JLCC			David L. Dickerson	OSR	Vera C. Patterson	DCCC		
Steve W. Moles	DCCC	Darryl F. Scott	BJCC	Rhonda Carrico	Treat & Rehab Svcs	Richard C. Orr	JLCC		
Rebecca Greenfelder	Programs Unit	Charles O'Leary	Medical Admin/DCCC	Derek P. Bassett	NEOCC	Deloris Oates	TCDC		
Valerie J. Couch	MACC	Donna G. Hayles	Class & Population			Michael D. McKiddy	NWDCC		
Barbara J. Collier	NWDCC			<u>13 Years</u>		Tommy L. Lewis	OCI Mfg/OSR		
				Merlyn L. Taylor	JDCC	William E. Kolzen	JHCC		
<u>22 Years</u>		<u>17 Years</u>		Glenn D. Martin	OSP	Nichole E. Kennedy	Info Tech		
William B. Weldon Jr.	JHCC	Joe M. Nowlin	NOCC	David A. Louthan	BJCC	Jerimiah M. Jones	LARC		
Tamara D. Ohm	CDCC	Loretta J. Bradbury	Info Tech	Kevin T. Lawlor	MCCC	Vicki B. Harless	Medical/Admin		
Paul E. Moore III	DCCC	<u>16 Years</u>		Ricky D. Hunt	OCI Mfg/MACC	Karleen Hamilton	LARC		
John M. McDaniel	MBCC	Dan L. Smith	WSKCC	Denise M. Grijalva	MBCC	Ted Flood	Comm Sent/Off Info Svcs		
Paul D. Hierl	Education/JCCC	Jobeth Shaffer	Medical/ECCC	Christopher Barnes	Education/JEHCC	Andrew G. Escobedo Jr.	LCCC		
Mark A. Everett	Programs Unit	DeNema Merrell	MBCC	Leon E. Arndt	BJCC	Ronald G. Duty	OSR		
Steve A. Channell	JHCC	Sandy L. Hadley	NEDCC			Charles R. Dunnam	JCCC		
		Jodi Dodson	Medical Admin/MBCC	<u>12 Years</u>		Jeffrey P. Dunkin	Facility Class		
<u>21 Years</u>		Charles E. Bradley	JHCC	Lance W. Yandell	JEHCC	Rocky S. Duke	JLCC		
Craig A. Wallace	HCWC	Michael J. Barby	BJCC	Cynthia J. Wilson	Medical/LARC	Kenneth J. Collins II	EWCC		
Gary R. Thompson	DCCC	Debbie L. Barby	BJCC	Nance R. Weaver	JBCC	Sherry A. Clark	LARC		
Musibau I. Shopeyin	MBCC			Michael L. Steelman	JEHCC	Jimmy D. Burleson	MACC		
Bobby R. Shepard	ACWC	<u>15 Years</u>		Marcos Solorio	JCCC	Catherine J. Benjamin	LARC		
Joe P. Shelburne	HCWC	Edward Wingfield	Medical Admin/LCCC	William A. Shunkwiler	NEOCC	Shannon R. Baez	SWDCC		
Laurie D. Sershon	JHCC	Bertie E. Wilson	HMCC	Mickey D. Scott	MACC	<u>10 Years</u>			
Alan S. Pounds	JHCC	Joseph F. Whitlow	OSP	Lea K. Roe	JCCC	Martinca L. Witherspoon	EWCC		
Bill E. Lynch	OCI Mfg/JHCC	Darla J. Whisenant	NEOCC	Melanie G. Ratcliff	Medical/HMCC	Tim E. Williams	OCI Mfg/MACC		
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Howard Watkins, Oklahoma State Reformatory  
Casey Warren, Operational Services  
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Terry Wills, William S. Key CC

## JUNE

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Patricia Martin, Oklahoma State Reformatory  
Damon Smoot, Oklahoma State Reformatory  
Mary Smith, Programs

## JULY

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Dorothy Hindman, Central District CC  
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Barbara West, Southwest District CC

## AUGUST

Michael Braden, Joseph Harp CC  
Patrick Dankbar, Tulsa Co. District CC

## SEPTEMBER

Don Parker, Sr., Lexington Assessment/Reception Center

## May

10 Mother's Day  
12-14 Pardon and Parole Board  
Hillside CCC  
25 Memorial Day

## June

12 Board of Corrections  
Clara Waters CCC  
Oklahoma City, OK  
14 Flag Day  
16-19 Pardon and Parole Board Hearing  
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## July

4 Independence Day  
10 Board of Corrections  
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