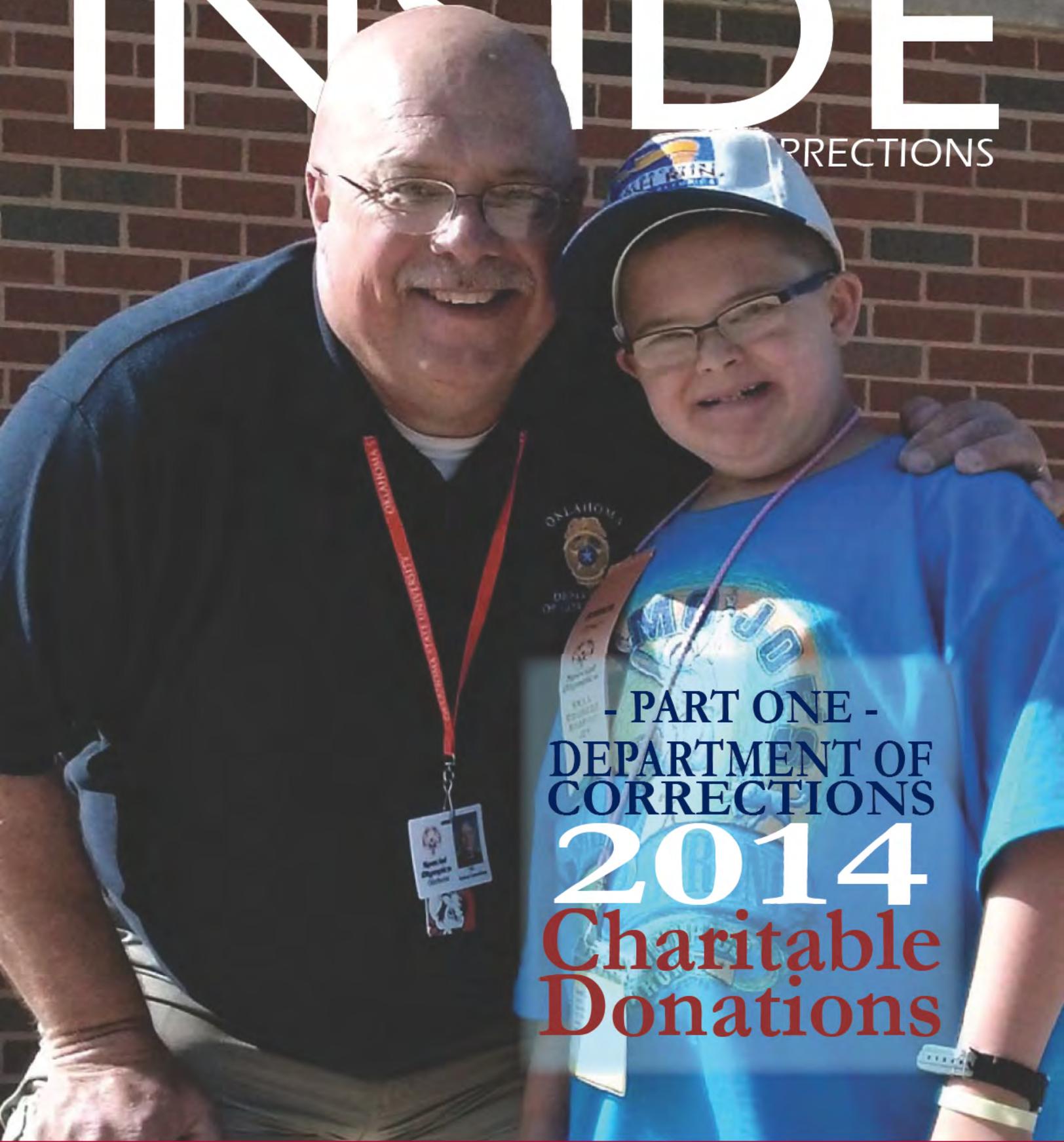


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Welcome to Inside Corrections



Happy Holidays!

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections is fortunate to have volunteers who donate thousands of hours every year towards our mission. While in the season of giving we should remember how important it is to give. In corrections you don't have to look far to find someone who gives of their time, resources or talents.

We are a department that works hard and makes sacrifices for our jobs, but somehow find the time to give to our communities. I'm constantly impressed by the generosity of our employees and their willingness to lend a hand.

Finally, my wife and I want to wish every Department of Corrections family member a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Robert Patton

Director

In Other Words

Warden Chrisman,
Once again we feel so blessed to be a recipient of your generous contribution to the "Bright Beginnings Program," for our continued work toward Child Abuse Prevention and Neglect. The \$3,238.29 will be used to continue outreach efforts to families and the community in our fight against child abuse and neglect, not only in McCurtain County, but the surrounding counties and the state of Oklahoma.

From the bottom of our hearts, we greatly appreciate your many years of support that you have given to our programs. God bless you all in your fight to protect our precious children.

Sincerely,

MARILYN WALDEN
PROGRAM SUPERVISOR
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PROGRAM

Dear DCCC Family,
Thank you for the opportunity to work here.

Thank you for the everlasting relationships I have made.

Thank you for your continuous support in my career path.

You will always have a place in my heart.

JESSICA DEPOE

Warden Farris,

Last August I was fortunate enough to get my foster dog, Emerson, into the dog training program at LARC. Most recently my brother's Border Collie, Karlie, was trained in the fine art of Frisbee catching. After having two great experiences with the program I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate your support of it.

I have fostered dogs and volunteered for the OKC Animal Shelter for several years but my interest in prison dog training programs came about long before I began as a volunteer. The benefits of the program are not lost on me and I will not waste your time listing all of them because you surely have seen them firsthand!

Additionally, your staff member, Lee Fairchild was a true professional and a huge asset. Each week I would call to check on the progress of the dogs and always received an honest or encouraging report depending on the circumstances. His representation of the program is first class and his work impeccable. I only wish we had someone like him to help us at the animal shelter. I have incorporated several of his training tips when fostering shy dogs and passed them on frequently. My brother, sister-in-law and I were all impressed with the facility and enjoyed meeting Emerson and Karlie's trainers, Luke, Daniel and Wade.

As a citizen, a dog rescuer, and a victim of a crime, (my cousin was murdered last May, five days after our family reunion) I am thrilled that an Oklahoma prison is a positive presence in our state. My veterinarian told me late last year that she attended a conference where the documentary "The Dogs of Lexington" was shown. She said they all left with the dream that every Oklahoma prison would one day have a dog training program like yours. All I can say to that is "WOW, what a great dream!" We can only hope it comes true.

Thanks again for continuing to support the program and your amazing staff member Lee. I feel extremely lucky

to have benefited from it and hope to get the chance to pay my good fortune forward.

Sincerely,

JANET HIXSON

Warden Moham,

Thank you so much for having your inmates CLICK with us to help prevent infant abuse! Their time and energy in hand making purple caps for the *CLICK for Babies: Period of PURPLE® Crying* campaign is appreciated! Hospitals involved gave caps, educational DVDs, and booklets to parents and newborns.

Only with the help of volunteers like the inmates, we provide the *CLICK for Babies: Period of PURPLE® Crying* program. From 2012 through 2013, we received over 5,000 caps to give across the state! In 2014, our third year, we look forward to getting more caps to help prevent infant abuse in Oklahoma. The inmate's caps again will be given to a newborn baby in Oklahoma as a reminder that crying is normal and it is never okay to shake a baby.

Sincerely,

THE INFANT INJURY
PREVENTION WORKGROUP

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Appointments



Art Lightle
Warden
Jess Dunn
Correctional Center

Arthur Lightle has been selected as Warden for the Jess Dunn Correctional Center. Mr. Lightle began his career with the Department of Corrections as a correctional officer cadet in August 1987, at the Jackie Brannon Correctional Center (JBCC). While at JBCC, he promoted through the ranks as Sergeant, Correctional Counselor, Lieutenant and Chief of Security. He was the 1989 Correctional Officer of the Year, 1994 Employee of the Year, 1996 Correctional Supervisor of the Year, and 1999 Correctional Supervisor of the Year during his time at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center. Mr. Lightle is also a Department of Corrections Medal of Valor recipient as well. In 2002, he was promoted to Chief of Security at James Crabtree Correctional Center where he remained until 2003 when he was promoted to Deputy War-

den at Dick Conner Correctional Center. In 2007, Mr. Lightle was promoted to Deputy Warden at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Mr. Lightle was transferred to Mack Alford Correctional Center as Deputy Warden in February, 2014.

Mr. Lightle received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1999.

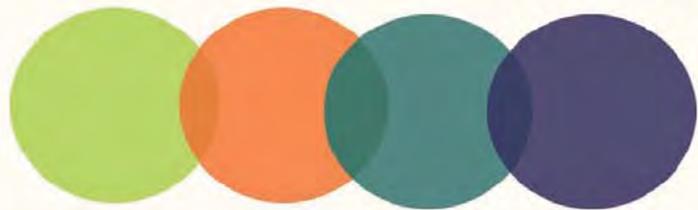


Donna Gregory
Grants Manager
Program Services Unit

Donna Gregory has been appointed as the Grants Manager for the Program Services Unit. Donna comes to the Department of Corrections from the University of Oklahoma's Center for Public Management, where she was contracted to Oklahoma Child Support Services (CSS) as a policy analyst before being promoted to grants manager, a position she held for over three years.

Prior to working in state government, Donna worked with Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits as its Standards for Excellence manager and Oklahoma City University's Law Library as its administrative and accounting manager.

“Some people believe holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it.”
- Ann Landers



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2014 Department of Corrections Charitable Donations

Every year employees and offenders of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections give of their time and money to help others in communities across Oklahoma.

Joseph Harp Correctional Center (JHCC)

JHCC has been very supportive of the Special Olympics, CARE Golf Tournament, the Jeff McCoy Memorial Golf Tournament, the Employee Correctional Memorial Foundation and the Run Against Child Abuse. Throughout the year, JHCC staff supports the above causes through participating in golf tournaments, direct donations and Poker Runs.

This year staff participated in the ALS Challenge. Our Correctional Health

Services Administrator, Buddy Honaker, both deputy wardens, Jay Hodges and Michael Shelite, accepted the challenge.

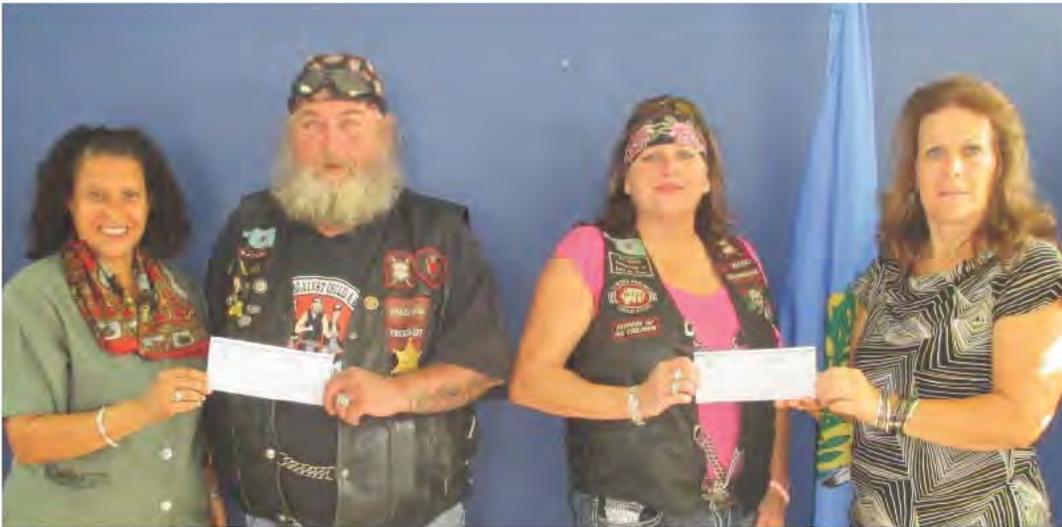
Staff has donated towards food baskets, to help co-workers in times of stress. This is coordinated through the Personnel office and is confidential.

Staff uses the CARE funds to help provide financial assistance to the local youth sports and the money has also assisted with local school events.



Pictured above: (top) JHCC staff enjoy the Jeffery McCoy Memorial Golf tournament; and (bottom) JHCC ALS Challenge - Deputy Jay Hodges, Deputy Michael Shelite, Medical Coordinator Buddy Honaker accepted the challenge.

John H. Lilley Correctional Center (JLCC)



The Prisoner Run Against Child Abuse raised over \$3,000 in 2014. Pictured above are: (L-R) Deputy Warden Cooksey, BACA representatives and Case Manager Coordinator Linda Cooper.

JLCC strives to demonstrate its' value as an asset to surrounding communities in a variety of ways throughout the calendar year. The facility provides a variety of assistance to the local community through financial support and personnel. The largest single fundraising effort was achieved through the Prisoner Run Against Child Abuse with over \$3,000 raised in 2014. Funds were generated through a partnership and the generosity of local food vendors in Okfuskee and Lincoln County with the JLCC Offender Facility Council

proceeds from their photo project. The non-profits recipients of this year's funds were the East Central and the Four Corners Chapters Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), the Paden Parent Teacher Organization and the Okemah Special Olympics.

JLCC facility staff and offenders also sponsored two children for three months in the Okfuskee County Summer Kids Café. This program provides children with educational components as well as one healthy meal per day. The food was provided by the Regional Food Bank of

Oklahoma and distributed in Okfuskee County to provide hunger relief for children in

keeping with their mission, *"Fighting Hunger..Feeding Hope."*

The Chambers of Commerce in Boley, Okemah, Paden and Prague, Oklahoma benefits from volunteers who assists with annual community events. Assistance was provided to the City of Boley in hosting their annual barbecue festival and rodeo. The City of Okemah was assisted in hosting their annual Woody Guthrie Festival. The City of Paden was assisted with their annual Fireman's Fish Fry fundraiser. The facility also



Representatives of the Okemah Special Olympics are presented with a check. Pictured above: (L-R) Sgt. Randall Robinson, Carolyn Smith, Karen Brewer, Grace Moreno and Lt. Kevin Britt.

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assisted the City of Prague with their annual Kolache Festival.

Other organizations and programs that JLCC staff and offenders contributed to are as follows:

- The Okfuskee County 4-H

Program in conjunction with Wells Springs, Inc. conducted an after school program creating and launching rockets.

- Offenders at the facility hand knitted Christmas stockings for “Toys for Tots.” These stockings

were distributed through the Muskogee Creek Nation Reintegration Program.

- Offenders representing the church body of “Hooked on Jesus” sponsored the JLCC Annual Volunteer Banquet providing a meal for over 50 dedicated volunteers from

throughout the state.

- Offenders also contributed monetary donations to jail and prison ministries to support staff and purchase classroom materials throughout the year.

Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center (JEHCC)

As part of a rural community, JEHCC strives to commit in assisting in raising money for charitable contribution for the surrounding area whenever possible.

JEHCC staff are active supporters of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Participation in the state-wide run and fundraisers are held each year where the facility is recognized as an important contributor in the event.

Offenders participate in the agency wide “Prisoner’s Run Against Child Abuse” each year. JEHCC rates consistently among the top facilities in the region regarding offender participation. A total of \$2,146.18 was raised this year to support local efforts against child abuse. Half of the funds raised were presented to the LeFlore County Child Advocacy Center in Poteau and the other half to Special Olympics.



Pictured above and right: Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center staff participate in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.



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In February of this year, JEHCC staff participated in the 2014 Law Enforcement Torch Run-Polar Plunge in Poteau, Oklahoma. This event resulted in raising \$189.85 for Special Olympics.

In 2014, a total of 37 JEHCC employees participated in the agency wide "Pride Day," contributing a total of \$925 to assist employees and/or their families in the event of a catastrophic situation.



Pictured: (top left) A total of \$2,146.18 was raised this year to support local efforts against child abuse; (top/bottom right) JEHCC staff participate in the Polar Plunge.

Jackie Brannon Correctional Center (JBCC)

Oklahoma Project Women

JBCC Employee Fund Committee teamed up with Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Southeast District Community Corrections and the Central Transportation Unit to promote breast cancer awareness by selling pink ribbon t-shirts. Staff raised \$700 for Oklahoma Project Woman which will provide free mammograms, diagnostic procedures and surgical services for Oklahomans of any age with no health insurance and limited financial resources. David Finley's Art by David donated the t-shirts and our goal was to sell as many t-shirts throughout ODOC. It turned out bigger than expected and JBCC staff are extremely grateful to all of the correctional employees that purchased a shirt and helped promote breast cancer awareness. The hope is to have a bigger turn out next year!



Pictured above: (L-R) Emma Watts, Warden, Andrea Jones, Volunteer Coordinator, Jeremy Williams, Recreation Officer, and Brittne Hackler, Warden's Assistant.

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Hope House of McAlester

On September 27, JBCC recreation offenders had a Subway food buy that raised \$200 for the Hope House of McAlester. The Hope House of McAlester is a supportive shelter that welcomes women and children. Some of the many services that are provided are emergency shelter, transportations, food, clothing, job search, nutrition, education, budgeting, healthcare referrals, housing assistance, skills training, specialized classes, case management, counseling and other services that the family might need.



The Hope House of McAlester is presented with a check for \$200.

Southeast District Community Corrections (SEDCC)

2014 Southeast District Oklahoma Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics

Early in May 2014, ODOC employees from Jackie Brannon Correctional Center, Oklahoma State Penitentiary and Southeast District Community Corrections came together for the annual McAlester Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The McAlester relay run covered over nine miles, with each runner contributing as they carried the torch in support of Special Olympics.

ODOC staff members participated in the event designed to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics by having the Law Enforcement Torch Run and selling t-shirts.

Following the run, participants gathered at the pavilion in the park for a time of fellowship and great food as they celebrated their contribution to Special Olympics.

One participant stated, *"This is just a small way that we can show support for those athletes and the Special Olympics' organization as they enter the summer*

games in Stillwater."

Another participant stated, *"I had never been involved before, but when I became aware of the event and what it was about, I couldn't wait to join my fellow employees in supporting the cause."*

Each year, hundreds of Oklahoma law enforcement employees organize and participate in the Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The Torch Run is a series of relay runs leading up to the Special Olympics Oklahoma State Summer Games. *(continued on page 14)*

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

—Theodore Roosevelt

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Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics



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Runners carry the torch from all corners of the state and meet up in Stillwater. The culmination of the run is at the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies, where the torch bearers bring the "Flame of Hope" into the ceremonies to light the Summer Games Cauldron.

We would love to say a BIG THANK YOU to the ODOC staff that took time out of their day to run, and also the businesses for their donations of food

and drinks. We would also like to say a big thank you to Rowena McElroy's Daycare for selling over 1,500 t-shirts! We appreciate all of you very much!

McAlester's Polar Plunge

February 7, 2014

Stipe Recreation Center

A Polar Plunge is a very fun, fundraising challenge made to any individual or group challenging them to dive, jump or walk into a cold, freezing body of water

to raise money for Special Olympics. Each participant collects pledges from family, friends and businesses in the hopes of raising lots of money for Special Olympics. The Polar Plunge is coordinated by the Law Enforcement Torch Run which is an international charity made up of law enforcement personnel who raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.

SEDCC Employees Taking the Polar Plunge



Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center (NOCC)

NOCC held a food drive for the Craig County Salvation Army Backpack Nutrition program. This program is designed to feed the school age children of Craig County throughout the week and weekends. When a teacher determines that a child in the classroom is attending school hungry on a consistent basis, the teacher may fill out a form requesting assistance for that child, and the school coordinator is responsible for getting the food to the backpacks.

The staff at NOCC saw a real need to hold the food drive when a representative from the Salvation Army came and spoke at a Lunch-n-Learn program. The facility provided a food donation to the program and continue to donate food all year.

NOCC also participated in the Chili Cook-off Extravaganza in Vinita, which raised over \$2,500 for the Salvation Army Child Nutrition Backpack Program.

The entry fee for cooking teams was microwaveable, kid-friendly cups of Chef Boyardee to feed kids on the backpack program. A huge pile of the cups from the 13 teams was set up on a table and spilled over to the floor before the day was over.

Even though NOCC won three trophies during the cook-off, the real winners were the children.



NOCC Food Drive



Pictured above (L-R): Lee Fiedler-Food Supervisor, Emily Lake, Hiedi Lake-Dental Assistant, Jamie Clayton, Anthony Clayton-Chief of Security, Heather Harrison-Warden's Assistant, and Rodney Redman-Warden.

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Kashondra Young, Courtney Jones, and Chelsea Ritzendollar.



Karen White, Administrator, Intervention/Reentry, Harold David Lee, and Reginald Hines, Division Manager, Community Corrections.



Maggie Williams and Representative Danny Davis, Chicago, Keynote Speaker



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Master Drummer

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Leslie Fitzhugh, retired ODOC employee, Senator Constance Johnson, and Beverly L. Woodson.



Esther Bates, Sharon McCoy, Warden, EWCC, and Beverly Henderson.



Patti Ormerod, Human Resource Mgr, and Charles Shepherd, Communications



Kathy King, District Supervisor, TCDCC, Emma Watts, Warden, JBCC, Bill Broiles, Photographer, ODOC, Sharon Harrison, District Supervisor, Community Residential Female Offender Services, Sharon McCoy, Warden, EWCC, and Terri McGee, Houston-TX, Natl Vice President, NABCJ.



Reginald Hines and Walter Ridley.



Joyce Jackson, Administrator, Executive Communications, Ted Logan Scholarship winner, and Anthony Clay, Ted Logan's nephew.



Karen White, Administrator, Intervention/Reentry, Eric Franklin, Division Manager, Health Services, and Reginald Hines, Division Manager, Community Corrections.

SPECIAL SECURITY

(CERT/TECHNOLOGY/K9 PROGRAM)

Howard McLeod Correctional Center (HMCC)

By Blaine Nelson, Chief of Security

The HMCC Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) is comprised of 16 correctional officers. A Correctional Security Manager I serves as the CERT Commander and Assistant Commander.

The team is then broken down into two six person teams with two Correctional Security Officer IVs as team leaders. All members are required to carry a department issued pager and are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

When there is a vacancy on the CERT team, officers must fill out an application and apply for the position. Oral interviews are then conducted before a board that consists of at least the CERT Commander or Assistant Commander, and two other CERT members. After an officer has been selected to fill the position, a check is done to ensure they meet

the basic criteria to become a member of the CERT team. If the officer meets the basic requirements, their interview score and application will be sent to the Chief of Security and Deputy Warden for approval.

CERT team members are held to a higher firearms qualification standard, and must demonstrate their firearms proficiency with a score of at least 85% or higher annually, with the pistol, shotgun and rifle. If these qualification standards are not met, the officer will be dismissed from the CERT Team. Currently, regular shift officers are only required to score 70% or higher with the pistol, shotgun and rifle.

After completing the initial requirements, newly appointed officers have two years to complete the introduction/overview of the Corrections Emergency

Response Team, which consists of radio communications, inventory/care and use of emergency equipment, and command center operations.

All CERT members are required to complete certain mandatory annual training. Annual mandatory training courses consist of side handle and expandable batons, inflammatory agents, defensive tactics, tactical assault training, riot control and mass movement of offenders and escape and manhunts. Newly appointed officers are also required to receive a direct exposure of OC (*oleoresin capsicum*) spray, in which an OC instructor gives the officer a one second burst of OC spray directly into their face and eyes during inflammatory agents training. Currently shift officers are only required to be given an annual exposure to OC spray, which is when they enter an

enclosed room where OC spray has been sprayed.

Specialized Unit Training includes sniper and spotter qualifications from a department recognized course. HMCC also has instructors who are certified to instruct all firearms, defensive tactics, side handle baton, expandable batons, and OC spray.

Firearms used by the CERT team include

Glock Model 17 and 19, 9mm semi-automatic pistols, Remington model 870, 12 Gauge Shotguns and 223 caliber Rock River AR-15 semi-automatic rifles. Specialty equipment includes a Remington model 700 BDL 308 caliber sniper rifle, and 37mm grenade launcher.

The HMCC's K-9 program is currently comprised of two Correctional Security

Officer IV positions. One of which is the primary K-9 officer and the second is the Assistant K-9 officer. Two CERT officers are also tasked with assisting the K-9 officers during training and escapes. The HMCC kennel currently has eight (8) pack dogs, one Blood hound which is a leash dog, and one Belgium Malanois drug detection dog.

CERT Uniforms



Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP)

By Captain Darlene Rowell

OSP, established in 1908, now houses 716 of the state's most violent offenders to include Death Row, Administration Segregation, Institutional Health Care Center (Infirmary/IHCC) and two Mental Health Units. The Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) is an elite team of officers that deal with problem offenders. These officers must meet certain guidelines and be interviewed to become a member of the team. They are also required to attend two training meetings monthly, annual training, and be on 24 hour call. CERT members receive specialized training and certification in all chemical agents, electronic technology, lethal/non-lethal munitions, and diversionary devices. Team members in the past have completed Council Law Enforcement Education Training (CLEET). This rigorous 16 week course certifies them as Peace Officers.

History

What is now called CERT was originally introduced to OSP in the early 1970's and was called "The Riot/Goon Squad" led by Commander Captain Bob (Buckethead) Mayrhofer. Members of this team were the first in the state to have their own black uniforms, which (it is said) they purchased themselves. Around 1984, the team was renamed "Tactical Team" and was under the leadership of Captain Bobby Bryant. In 1987, the title for this elite force became the Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) with the first Commander being Captain Frank Morgan.

The CERT team is utilized in everyday activities when serious incidents occur. Through the years, there have been many incidents unfold for the DOC which called for the utilization of CERT. In July of 1973, CERT was instrumental in aiding to calm one of the worst three-day riots at OSP in United States history, which caused millions of dollars in damages. CERT was called upon during another historic disturbance in December 1985 when seven officers were taken hostage and over \$375,000 in damages took place at OSP.

Technology

The technology available has progressed

over the years to ensure the safety of the team members as well as the offenders. Some of the older items used by the team included: 37 mm shoulder fire gas guns, flare pistols, slap jacks, hand held batons with gas cartridges all in leather flap holsters constructed by offenders. Military surplus weapons such as M1 Carbines and WWI Trench Guns were donated and used as riot shotguns. Also utilized were Winchester Model 94 30/30's and 12 gauge shotguns, 36" riot batons and PR 24's.

The team training in more modern electronic devices has made dealing with disruptive offenders safer and less lethal. Equipment available in 2014 far surpass the primitive and destructive items listed above. Small portable OC and CS (*The compound 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile (also called o-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile) (chemical formula: C10H5ClN2), a cyanocarbon, is the defining component of a tear gas commonly referred to as CS gas, which is used as a riot control agent.*) canisters with ranges from 7 to 25 feet are now utilized. Electronics such as the rack belt used for high risk offenders when transported from the facility, have a remote operation to gain control of an aggressive offender and will self-discharge if the offender gets too far from the escorting officers. The hand-

held Taser (X26) is a pistol type Taser that will deploy electrodes that disable the offender through electronic impulses if necessary. Previously, OSP had the first Taser ever made in its arsenal. It was traded for the X26, and now resides in a museum for Taser International. Collapsible batons carried in a holster on the belt are now within arm's reach at the first sign of trouble and considered less threatening to the offender, when trying to negotiate.

The non-lethal munitions now available to CERT make it possible in a riot situation to regain control of an area through diversionary devices, such as flash bangs and .32 Caliber sting ball grenades. They also have 37mm impact munitions, bean bag rounds, stun socks and wooden blocks. If the need should arise for lethal munitions, the team has snipers trained with 308 caliber rifles and different entry equipment ranging from repelling gear to door breaching tools.

The OSP CERT team of men and women at OSP are dedicated to their training and will continue transitioning as the department and the offender transition. This elite force will continue to grow and protect the public, the employee and the offender. ■

The technology available has progressed over the years to ensure the safety of the team members as well as the offenders.



Sgt. Hackler and tracking dog #26 is assigned to the JBCC.

K9 Program

by Richard Price, Program Manager

The ODOC currently uses dogs for the detection of contraband and the tracking of escaping offenders. The mission of the program is to reduce the amount of contraband introduced into the facility, discourage escapes by reducing apprehension time and/or enhancing the apprehension rate for departmental escapes. Additionally the program strives

to increase cooperation between ODOC and local law enforcement agencies by providing support when requested.

The two breeds of dogs used by the department to conduct the narcotic detection mission are German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois. These breeds' natural curiosity, great sense of smell, and high play drive make them ideally suited

to fulfill the role as narcotic detector dogs. The department currently has 20 narcotic detector dogs assigned to various correctional centers throughout the state. The dog teams are used routinely to conduct searches of offender areas and visitors. The dogs are rewarded for their hard work with play and affection from their assigned handler.

The department currently has seven facilities which host tracking dogs. Due to their extraordinarily keen sense of smell, combined with a strong and tenacious tracking instinct, the bloodhound and the coonhound are both well suited for the trailing of escaping offenders. Depending on the terrain and the situation, the tracking dogs are either used individually and worked on leash or released in packs of three or four dogs and followed by the handlers using global positioning

tracking collars.

The department has recently expanded the tracking dog program to include tracking dogs at Bill Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC) and Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center (NOCC). The tracking dogs located at these facilities were bred at JBCC. The puppies were trained by Sgt. Tony Hawking, Sgt. Tomas Munoz, and Sgt. Blake Hackler. The expansion of the tracking dog program was designed to ensure that tracking dogs can quickly and efficiently be deployed in response to an escape anywhere in the state.

Along with the expansion of the tracking dog program, the department is planning the development of a centralized canine training facility. The facility will provide both initial training and ongoing sustainment training for both the handlers and their assigned canines. Canine teams working in the corrections field face unique challenges, not encountered by their police counterparts on the street. To meet these challenges, the department currently conducts limited breeding of the tracking dogs and is planning to start and maintain a limited breeding program to produce narcotic detector dogs that possess higher drives, more stamina, and are better socialized. This will allow the canine teams to better assist the facilities in the reduction of contraband by producing a dog that will work harder for a longer period of time. The dogs will be better socialized to meet the canine programs mission of reducing contraband brought into DOC facilities.



Pictured above: (top) Sgt. Bouziden and Narcotic Detector Dog Marco (BJCC) in 2009 after winning the National Police Canine Association Competition. Marco passed away in June 2012; (bottom left) Lexi, a retired narcotic detector dog from James Crabtree Correctional Center enjoying life in her new home; and (bottom right) Sgt. Harvey and retired narcotic detector dog Bret from the Oklahoma State Reformatory.

K9 Program

at James Crabtree Correctional Center (JCCC)

Sgt. Jackie Ekman has been the canine handler for JCCC for six years. She states, "I feel truly blessed to have had this opportunity. It has been an awesome learning and growing experience for me."

A canine handler's duties are interacting, working and training with the canine. These tasks alone are extremely time consuming and are the most vital parts

of the job. Sgt. Ekman states, "What I have learned over the years is, for a canine and handler, assistance from and communication with other employees are the keys to success. No part of the Department of Corrections will run well if it is not a part of a team and the canine program is no different. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all employees

for their willingness to share information and to the officers who isolate and contain search areas, and ultimately search alert areas. Without your diligent searches the canine could not be a productive tool."

Sgt. Ekman has had the privilege of working with two canine partners. Lexi (picture on opposite page), retired in June of 2013 after a severe illness, which



Sgt. Jackie Ekman with canine Yukon.

K9 YUKON SEARCHES AND RECOVERIES

from October 1, 2013 - September 10, 2014

SEARCHES

Visitors	1,735
Vehicles	281
Buildings	98
Offenders	1,130

RECOVERIES*

Marijuana	3.6 lbs
Cell phones	13
Chargers	4
Lighters	8
Rolling papers	10 packs
Pipes	2
Green dot**	15

*All non narcotic recoveries were found hidden with narcotics.

**A common term for a reloadable credit card.

required a hospital stay in the Oklahoma State University vet hospital. Lexi was on IV fluids for several days and in need of around-the-clock care for an extended period of time after she was sent home. Sgt. Ekman is pleased to report that Lexi is now happy, healthy and living with her and her family, where she is loved by all.

Sgt. Ekman has been working with canine Yukon for a year now. She states, "He does a good job and I could not be happier

with him. Our bond is solid and we work well together. I do have to say, however, I was a bit nervous when we first met. The best way to describe what I was introduced to, was some sort of a distant cousin to the Tasmanian Devil! Thankfully over time he has calmed down. He even lays down once in a while now! Ha Ha."

Sgt. Ekman and Yukon's duties consist of working a medium yard that currently houses 954 offenders and a minimum

yard where 222 offenders are housed. There are PPWP crews who work in two towns as well as Helena and these areas must be checked randomly. Visiting days are always a concern as unfortunately visitors will attempt to introduce contraband. The farm areas and surrounding areas of the facility are searched on a regular basis as they have increasingly become drop sites for contraband. Sgt. Ekman and Yukon also assist with shake downs at other facilities.

Every October, Sgt. Ekman and Yukon visit area schools for Red Ribbon Week for a coloring contest. Students are given pages with a picture of a dog similar to Yukon to color. The first, second and third place winners receive certificates and all students receive a trading card or some other drug interdiction memorabilia. There is discussion about the dangers of drug use and a small demonstration is conducted with the canine. Sgt. Ekman states, "The children seem to love it. I know we do! The chance to deter just one child from beginning a life of drug addiction is well worth the time and energy."

In closing Sgt. Ekman states, "I would like to share with you an overview of canine Yukon and my last year. My hope is to give everyone a greater appreciation for these dogs. They are truly awesome animals who will work for their handlers long after they are worn out. We could most certainly learn something about loyalty from these marvelous animals. They do it all for some love, a toy and a little something to eat." ■

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Jeffery M. McCoy

2nd Annual
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MCCOY
Memorial
Golf
Tournament

Pictured at left are two golf teams that participated in the 2nd Annual Officer Jeff McCoy Memorial Golf Tournament.

On September 12, 2014, the 2nd Annual Officer Jeff McCoy Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Earlywine Golf Course in Oklahoma City. Gray skies, an unusually cool temperature and even rain at times did not stop the 115 golfers and 20 volunteers that braved the weather for this worthy event.

With an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start, 115 golfers went out to their holes where Jeff's son, Alex, and his daughter, Allie, teed off on the first holes to start the tournament.

A warm hamburger luncheon awaited all the golfers along with a Silent Auction of donated items. First through third place trophies were given out to the lucky golfers along with several hole prizes. The highlight of the day was when 11 scholarships were presented to employees and children/grandchildren of ODOC employees.

We raised approximately \$5,000 for scholarships, which will be awarded at next year's golf tournament. Look for scholarship applications in the summer of 2015!

Thank you to the golf committee, the golfers, the volunteers and the vendors who assisted to make this year's tournament a success. We look forward to seeing everyone September 2015!



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Department of Public Safety



OCA conference attendees enjoying the Keynote Speaker



Brandi Chamberlin, Melanie Brenton,
Rick and Christie Kornele, BJCC

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Back row: (L-R) Denise Burgdoff, Director's Office, and Kim Rotelli, Communications Unit. Front row: (L-R) Kimberley Owen, Director's Office, Crystal Heard, General Session Speaker, and Charles Shepherd, Communications Unit



Diane Orr and Tara van Saaze-Community Sentencing



Chester Mason, Nancy Howard, and Jane Ensley-SWDCC



Jerry Chrisman, President Oklahoma Correctional Association



Janiece Siegerist, Keynote Speaker, National Trainer for Speciality Courts



Vicki Hitzges
General Session Speaker



ODOC employees visit with retired ODOC employee, Renee Watkins, (second from right) during a break in workshops at the conference



CONSTRUCTING A LIFE

Outside Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC)

by Charles Shepherd
Communications Unit

If you are driving on Interstate-40, in Oklahoma City, you may have noticed a unique structure crossing over the highway, called the Sky Dancer Bridge (*pictured on following page*). That structure along with the roof of the Chesapeake Arena (*pictured above*) in downtown Oklahoma City, Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, the Boone

Pickens Stadium in Stillwater and the New Dallas Cowboys stadium in Arlington, Texas, all have one thing in common. They were constructed by the W&W Steel Company. So you ask what's the big deal about that, well this is the big deal, W&W Steel employs many ODOC offenders to work on these projects. It is the company's way of helping those who have made a mistake with the law to get reintroduced into

society, by helping them with a trade to become productive citizens again.

W & W Steel is a structural steel fabricator. They take raw steel and they cut it, shape it, drill it and weld it according to the blue prints provided. The company has strict rules and if you, as an employee, don't follow them, you will be let go because safety is their number one goal. They have to maintain a safe work environment for everyone.

Fifteen years ago, Doug Williams from Oklahoma Career Tech, contacted Gary Sackman, the Vice President and Human Resource Director of W&W Steel, about an idea. He proposed a program to hire offenders to work with the company on various projects. Sackman, agreed to the proposal. The first offender they hired was a stellar employee. He sat in a chair opposite Sackman's desk and spoke of how he was a two-time loser and did not want to be a three-time loser. He felt he needed to do something productive with his life. That bonded the union of ODOC and W&W Steel.

The offender was an advocate of staying out of trouble and doing good work. When he overheard others talking about doing something that would possibly get them in trouble, he would intervene and say, *"You guys may be joking but if you are not, don't trade the freedom you have now*

to go through what I just left."

That one offender started something. He built trust, respect and changed the way many thought of ex-offenders in the workplace. Sackman said that they never tell the background of the workers, so the average employee would not know who he or she was working next to. They also would not consider someone who had a violent criminal past. W&W Steel has employed at least 20 offenders working at one time or another. ODOC and Doug Williams for the Oklahoma Career Tech would check on the offenders weekly to monitor their progress. Even before they would start at W & W Steel, they received first class training from the ODOC welding instructors in order to pass all welding test needed to work there. Sackman says that the people coming out of the ODOC program were miles ahead of others in their training. If they ever left

W & W Steel, the knowledge and license they attained can carry them a long way in the welding business.

Sackman remembers one success story of a former gang banger who decided to turn his life around and move up in the company. He became good in all the welding assignments presented to him that he eventually advanced to a lead supervisor in the company.

So if you ever go to the W & W Steel website, you can see many of the structures that the company has had a hand in building, like hospitals, airports, sporting arenas, casinos, museums, convention centers, just to name a few. The next time you go to a Oklahoma City Thunder game or you visit the Oklahoma History Center, always remember that these structures were built with the aid of many Oklahoma Department of Corrections offenders. ■



DIRECTOR PATTON AND MILITARY OFFICIALS

Tour Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP) on November 7, 2014



Pictured above: (top) Director Patton and Associate Director Evans speak to military officials at OSP. Pictured bottom left is Brad Carson (left), Under Secretary of the Army; and pictured bottom right is General Myles Deering (left), the head of the National Guard.

November Anniversaries

39 Years	Patricia Johnson Phil Gilstrap	JLCC Employee Development	Barbara Stoker Rita Cooksey Barbara Townsend	Central Dist CC JLCC Class/Programs	29 Years	Susan Walker	Tulsa Co Dis CC	26 Years	Vera Roberts Jimmy Shipley Melvin Gaines Willie Pardue Rhonda Langley Tina Petete Randal Meeks Richard Donley Michael Dunlap George Courson Esther Bucci Donald Frech	OSP EWCC Central Dist CC Const/Maintenance Legal Sentence Admin Transport/LARC JCCC JHCC BJCC Comm Corr Agri Svcs/JCCC			
36 Years	Ramona Hollier	Private Prisons	Emma Watts Michael Crabtree	JBCC Auditing/Compliance	28 Years	Linden Nagel Alfonso Thornton Chris Frech Robert Ridgway	OSR JDCC N.W. Dist CC OCI Mfg/MACC	27 Years	Brenda Yandell Teresa McCoin Harold Peck Deborah Thompson Nellie Williams	JEHCC N.E. Dist CC Admin. Operations Medical/Admin Tulsa Co Dis CC	25 Years	David Mitchell	Mangum CWC
35 Years	Elizabeth Janway Donna Boone	Ment Hlth/Admin Private Prisons	Sharon Clement Dale Cantrell Ervin Johnson Larry Woodworth	HMCC OSP JEHCC Tulsa Co Dis CC	31 Years								
34 Years	Lesia Miser Carmen Bowlin	Class/Programs Contracts & Acquisitions			30 Years	Stephen Kiss Bobby Tharpe	Enid CCC OSP						

24 Years	Sharon Warrior EWCC	David Curry JCCC	David Tamplin JEHCC	Shawna Cayot BJCC
	James Skelton S.E. Dist CC	Lesley Hunt HMCC	Stephen Ellis MBCC	
	Laura Monkres Central Dist CC	Kameron Harvanek JLCC	Michael Jones N.W. Dist CC	13 Years
	Jimmy Brown OCI Mfg/JHCC	Randall Burke NOCC	Cody Mitchell Agri Svcs/JBCC	Walter Farmer JEHCC
	Donna Bowers JCCC	Mark Christian NOCC	James Reed Central Dist CC	James Tomlin Education/EWCC
	Gary Anderson Kate Barnard CCC	Jovena Jones Med Adm/DCCC	Antwonette Kimble Business Services	Mary Mathis Tulsa Co Dis CC
	Arlene Branch N.W. Dist CC		Edwin Barchue Okla City CCC	Rodney Watts Employee Development
	Johnnie Brown Ardmore CWC	19 Years	Theodore Dalke OSP	Craig Massey Transport/JLCC
		Jenny Dillon LARC	Sandra Cearley MACC	Dustin Kays OSR
23 Years		Lynn Pierce MACC	Richard Johnston Employee Develop	Dorwin Dockery LARC
	Bert Cooley, Jr. OSP	John Cartwright DCCC	Jeffrey Troutt Med Adm/JCCC	Pamela Wright Okla City CCC
	Jeffrey McAbee OSP	William Randall IV DCCC	Jermaine Golden MBCC	Carolyn Cavnar Medical/LARC
	Gerald Goddard JBCC	Jeff Scribner BJCC	Larry Davis Hobart CWC	Joshua Sasser EWCC
	Judy Goddard JBCC	Kevin Newton Altus CWC	Susan Calhoun Mangum CWC	Melissa Winner EWCC
	Janet Cave DCCC	Rena Stewart BJCC	Tracy Lee Field/Business Svcs Hub 2	Aaron Harris JBCC
	Kristin Tims C Waters CCC	18 Years	Amandia Callen MBCC	
	Sharon Watson Field/Bus Svc Hub 1	John Williams BJCC	Natoia Moore Employee Development	12 Years
	Tyce Barlow Safety Administration	Joseph Farrell JLCC		Rajeswararaju Bhupathiraju Ment Hlth
	Laura Newsom Kate Barnard CCC	Eric Schultz Transport/JLCC	15 Years	
		Heather Carlson Tulsa Co Dis CC	Delina Wright JBCC	
22 Years		Dianna Collins DCCC	Pernell Lerch JEHCC	11 Years
	Catherine Scaling N.W. Dist CC	Larry Easley Frederick CWC	James Castleberry Programs	Angela Ratliff JBCC
	Brenda Hummel HMCC	Michael Roberts JCCC	Paul Dodson Transport/JLCC	Roy Douglas EWCC
	Samuel Spradling EWCC	Valerie Menifee C Waters CCC	Marsha Abbott Beaver CWC	Shawna Lau BJCC
		Leo Brown, Jr. Program Services	Larry Walker, Jr. JBCC	Raymond Boren HMCC
21 Years		Venna Hamel OSP	Felicia Adams Human Resources	John Hampton MACC
	Melody Bryant OSP	Stephen Chandler HMCC	Sobra Pugh Medical/JDCC	Brent Blankenship Walters CWC
	Leon Hawkins Programs	Robert Martin BJCC	John Colbert OCI Manufact	Wayne Kahler Kate Barnard CCC
	Marchaela Thomason OSP	Michael Evans N.E. Dist CC	Darlene Saltzman Contracts/Acquisitions	
		17 Years	14 Years	10 Years
20 Years		William Anderson JDCC	Lisa Allen LARC	Paul Pendergraft Facility Class
	Greta Hawthorne Tulsa Co Dis CC	Sheila Alford S.W. Dist CC	Andrea Blackwell Medical/JLCC	Adrian Heartfield JHCC
	Anthony Rowell S.E. Dist CC	Timothy Adams NOCC	Roxie Kirk Education/EWCC	Weda Longhorn Okla City CCC
	Robert Womack Transport/JBCC	Timothy Richardson, Jr. JHCC	Justin Tyra Mangum CWC	Roben Law Medical/LCCC
	Winfred Fulbright JDCC	Karen Coffman Lawton CCC	Billie Pack Tulsa Co Dis CC	Felicia Rogers Kate Barnard CCC
	Eddie Williams Okla Co Res North		Ernest Lamirand General Services	Paul Johnson Med Adm/JLCC
	Chad Brown OSP	16 Years	Rabekka Mooneyham Procedures	Donald Shamblin JDCC
	Larry Long OSP	Patrick Brown LARC	Christopher Swindler JCCC	Stephanie Adams JLCC
	Louis Vieux OSP		Heather Knight Medical/MACC	Peggy Burk BJCC

December Anniversaries

33 Years	Shirlee Deaton MACC	25 Years	Timothy Jackson JCCC	19 Years	Collin Nelson HMCC
		Joe McDonald Medical/Admin	William Francis LARC	Karylen Hickerson Central Dist CC	
		Chiquita Overstreet JHCC	Dewey Holdeman Agri Svcs/WKCC	Johnny Woody Facility Class	
30 Years	Cheryl Sexton JBCC	24 Years	21 Years	Robin Thomas Medical/CWCCC	
		Larry Sunderland WKCC	Dewayne Lewis JEHCC	Vickie Caesar HMCC	
		Jane Ensley Lawton CCC	Robin Steelman JEHCC	Derek Cave HMCC	
29 Years	Leatha Brannon Education/JBCC	Janet Bolton Health Services	Gayle Storie Tulsa Co Dis CC	Arvin McGowin JDCC	
			Deborah Grayson Ment Hlth/JDCC	Joe Hankins S.E. Dist CC	
			John Latimer HMCC	Karen Bowling N.W. Dist CWC Support	
27 Years	Suzie Salinas JCCC	23 Years	20 Years		
	Charles Berreth Finance/Acctng	Alden Jones NOCC	David Ashpaugh LARC	18 Years	Laura Gorman Tulsa Co Dis CC
	John Slater Education/OSR	Priscilla Toyer Comm Corr	Dennis SeEVERS BJCC		
		Sherri Rivas S.W. Dist CC	Kimberly Bruce Field/Buss Svcs Hub 4	17 Years	
		Joyce Perry Empl Rights & Relations	Brian Davis Ardmore CWC	Gail Caywood S.E. Dist CC	
		Tim Peters Human Resources	Joseph McDougal JHCC	Paul Newport JLCC	
26 Years	Mikolyn Franks LARC	22 Years	Eddie Webb NOCC	Roy Moore Transport/JLCC	
	Gary Williams Field/Business Svcs Hub 1	Norma Tilley DCCC	Louis Harrison Med Adm/NOCC	Cathy Riley Lawton CCC	
	Terry Fry Agri Svcs/JDCC	Beatrice Sands S.W. Dist CC	Melanie Brenton NOCC	Patricia Curtiss Facility Class	
		Yvonne McMorris MBCC			

Robert Wilkerson	Finance/Acctng	Olufunmilayo Togun	Human Resources	Steven Withers	OSP	Jonathan Smith	Elk City CWC
		Katryna Frech	Med Adm/JCCC	Cheryl Wall	OSR	Amber Chester	Medical/JCCC
16 Years		Terri Honeycutt	Carter County CWC	Lisann Bennett	Education/MBCC	Zakiya Taylor	OSP
Michael Woods	JHCC	Keith Clady	MBCC	Eric McAffrey	N.E. Dist CC	Sharon Briggs	Ment Hlth/EWCC
Michael Buchanan	NOCC	Marsha Shirley	Kate Barnard CCC	Ralph Stumpf	S.W. Dist CC	Irene Lee	WKCC
Christophe Harrison	NOCC	Jerry Joern	Med Adm/LARC	Nanette Herndon-Chase	Insp Gen Office	Karla Morgan	Education/MACC
Audrietta Mascarenaz	NOCC	Shelley Parris	N.E. Dist CC				
Denise Smith	Central Dist CC			12 Years		10 Years	
Amanda Webb	JHCC			Timothy Olive	Med Adm/JEHCC	Richard Buie	OSP
Kenneth Dudley	Beaver CWC	14 Years	Health Services	Terri Cantrell	Medical/JHCC	Cloyd Hubbard	OSP
Wantova Goodson	MACC	Travis Clark	S.E. Dist CC	James Cotton, Jr.	Transport/LARC	Lonnie Morton II	JCCC
Charles Mitchell	JHCC	Ricky Vinson	Earl Davis CWC	Natalie Cooper	Private Prisons	Sally Stone	Education/EWCC
James Baber	S.E. Dist CC	Gary Skeen	Med Adm/NOCC	Susan Goodwin	WKCC	Mercy Panicker	Health Services
Kashondra Buckner	Central Dist CC	Paul Haines		Casey Christensen	Sentence Admin	David Edelman	LARC
Charles Galaviz	Transport/LARC					Don Fowler	LARC
Michael Howell	JHCC	13 Years				Brenda Henderson	LARC
Phyllis Martin	Beaver CWC	Vernon Gregg	OSP	11 Years		Felicia Mack	MBCC
		Teresa Adams	LARC	Angela Morris	JEHCC	Ricky McFeeters	MACC
15 Years		Jeffrey Benefield	OSP	Robert Hert III	Insp Gen Office	Joshua McGill	OSR
Janet Perkins	N.E. Dist CC	Betty Christman	OSP	Christine Benjamin	HMCC	Kenneth Batson	JHCC
Tod Dillard	HMCC	Frederick Francies	OSP	Lloyd Ormand	OSR	Rodney Griddine	Altus CWC
Rosemarie Crawford	LARC	Larry James	OSP	Jacqueline Fields	Medical/DCCC	Alfredo Aguilar	Hollis CWC
		Travis Showalter	OSP	Wesley Noblin	NOCC	Randal Ingrum	S.E. Dist CC

Power UP & fast FORWARD

Oklahoma Department of Corrections
Employee Awards & Training Event
December 10, 2014
Sheraton Reed Conferene Center
Midwest City, Oklahoma



NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA CORRECTIONAL CENTER (NOCC)

Wins Rodeo Parade Float Award Sixth Consecutive Year

NOCC took part in the 78th Annual Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo Parade, which had more than 140 parade entries. The float depicted several bull riders and a crowd of rodeo fans viewing to go along with this year's theme of "Grab the Bull by the Horns." The two bulls in the picture were mechanical bulls that moved up and down and looked like bucking bulls with cowboys hanging on by the horns. Float prizes include the Sam Seabolt Memorial Award, for best overall float, which went to NOCC for the sixth consecutive year.

Everyone here has the sense that right now is one of those moments when we are influencing the future.

—Steve Jobs

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

(No Board of Corrections Meeting)

2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
4	Election Day
11	Veterans Day
17-21	Pardon and Parole Board Meeting Kate Barnard CCC
27	Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

4	Board of Corrections Meeting Eddie Warrior CC
16	Hanukkah Begins
10-12 & 15-16	Pardon and Parole Board Meeting Kate Barnard CCC
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve

RETIREMENTS

NOVEMBER

Harry L. Abercrombie
Elaine Alexander-Harris
Jeffrey W. Anthony
Cherry K. Bankston
Brenda G. Camp
Marie A. Herrman
William A. Irvin
Judith A. Jordan
Lowell G. Kirby
Michael D. Logan
Kenneth W. Morgan
Corrine O'Laughlin
Randall D. Squyres
Rick S. Tucker
Kevitt K. Vass
Terry L. Vogt
Jerry L. Williams

DECEMBER

Susan F. Adams
Fred L. Brewster
David A. Curry
John S. Ferguson
Thomas E. Gann
Edwina Johnston
Sharon K. Kunzman
Monet D. Martin
Kevin W. Pinkerton
John E. Rupert
Gary A. Thompson Jr.
Doris L. Vance
George M. Williams

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How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?

- Dr. Seuss

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