

On the **Scene**



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Bill Crews named new commissioner of Administration



RALEIGH | William “Bill” Crews is the Department of Public Safety’s new commissioner for the Administration Division, which includes budget and analysis, purchasing and logistics, internal audit, controller, safety, victim services and the Governor’s Crime Commission.

“Bill Crews brings a wealth of management experience to DPS,” said **Lorrie Dollar**, the department’s chief operating officer. “He is working to streamline programs, and his experiences at Correction and Crime Control are invaluable as we move forward in our public safety mission.”

Crews has a wide range of experience in both the private and public sectors, including agencies that comprise the Department of Public Safety. He has served in executive level positions in two former departments — Correction and Crime Control and Public Safety — and helped open the State of North Carolina Office in Washington, D.C. He was also a special assistant to the secretary of the former Department of Human Resources.

In the private sector, Crews has worked in the security industry in Wilmington for nearly 20 years. He was a member of the New Hanover County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, which recommends to the county commissioners how best to award grant money for juvenile programs in the county. ▴



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Better than par

DPS leads security operations for US Open championships

By Pam Walker, Communications Director

The United States Golf Association recently handed out trophies to two golfers who won the men's and women's U.S. Open championships at Pinehurst No. 2.

Championship bragging rights and the purses aside, the real winners were the hundreds of thousands of people who attended and the players who hit the links without having to concern themselves with security, safety or traffic. That part was taken care of by a contingent of law enforcement and public safety professionals led by the Department of Public Safety.

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“The Department of Public Safety’s goal was to support, maintain and coordinate law enforcement services to help contribute to a safe and secure environment for those attending the U.S. Open Championships,” said DPS Secretary **Frank L. Perry**. “We strove to ensure that everyone had a truly pleasurable experience enjoying all that the Sandhills and North Carolina have to offer.”

About 250 employees of DPS and its many public safety partners provided security and traffic support for the U.S. Open Championships June 9-22. The DPS divisions working to support the U.S. Opens included: Alcohol Law Enforcement, State Highway Patrol, Adult Correction, Emergency Management and the North Carolina National Guard. The primary external partners for DPS were the State Bureau of Investigation and USGA Security. Additionally, many other partnerships grew or were created on the federal, state and local levels with such agencies as Homeland Security, FBI, U.S. Marshals, U.S. Postal Inspectors, local law enforcement, first responders and local emergency management personnel.

A delegation from DPS met with USGA officials and other stake-

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holders regularly for more than a year leading up to the tournaments to formulate security, parking and transportation plans. The team planned for every aspect from ticket verification to player security, intelligence, signage, traffic posts and threat assessments. A response strategy was developed to address any potential situation.

“We relied heavily on our federal, state and local partners to provide reliable, professional security services,” said DPS Commissioner of Law Enforcement **Gregory K. Baker**, who oversaw security operations on-site for the two events.

“Over the years, the many law enforcement agencies operating in North Carolina have developed a strong working relationship resulting in a robust, cohesive law enforcement community. Now that it’s all over, what we want people to remember the most is the competition, not security.”

That goal proved successful. Over the two-week period of the championships, there were no major security issues. A total of five arrests were made: two for assault on a law enforcement officer; two

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The presence of safety officers was heavy yet apparently not overbearing. In this photo taken in a corner between the clubhouse and the 18th green can be seen at least four law enforcement officers.





Assistant ALE Director **Ken Pike**, right, talks with SHP Capt. **F.L. Johnson** in the command center.

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for drug possession; and one for violating a restraining order. Several calls reported suspicious unattended items. One that initially sparked a lot of attention was a call about a metallic cylinder (5 inches long, approximately 2 inches in diameter) in the golf cart path underneath some pine cones. A volunteer observed the cylinder and reported the incident to joint operations. Upon further investigation by SBI Bomb Technicians, the cylinder was deemed to be safe and not a threat to public safety. It was determined that it was a refrigeration cylinder used to cool beverages.

One of the more unusual events was a call to respond to an injured red-tailed hawk on the golf course. The hawk was inadvertently struck by a golf ball. A local wildlife rehabilitator and a veterinarian were placed on stand-by to assist if needed. After multiple attempts to corral the injured bird and get it some help, it was determined that its injuries were non-life threatening and it was able to fly on its own.

The "See Something, Say Something" Homeland Security public awareness campaign was advertised with posters, placards and tabletop cards around the venue. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, and to

emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity or unattended suspicious packages to the proper local law enforcement authorities.

Twenty-two personnel from the 42nd Civil Support Team were on site to assist first responders in the event of a release of biological, chemical or radiological agents. The unit, a mix of U.S. Army and Air N.C. guardsmen, has the ability to identify the agents and the ready knowledge of what actions to take and what response units can be brought in to assist in dealing with the situation.

Ken Pike, assistant director for ALE, was responsible for daily operations management of the Joint Operations Center at the direction of the incident commander.

"The biggest obstacle was the heat, which, of course, was beyond our control," Pike said. "We spent much of our time responding to critical needs of spectators and other personnel who were affected by the heat. Overall, I was extremely pleased with the way the public safety team implemented the plan we spent months developing."

Local first responders answered more than 2,400 medical calls, the majority of which were heat related.

Two troopers came to the aid of a spectator who collapsed at the U.S. Open main gate after having an apparent heart attack. Troopers **Steven Ziemba** and **Joseph Jones** rendered aid, flagged down EMS and the man was rushed to a hospital, where emergency room personnel said the troopers' quick response saved the man's life.

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A State Highway Patrol trooper directs traffic at a busy junction near the golf course.



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Emergency Management employees at both the state and local levels helped make sure needed assets, such as EMS, were located and obtained. For the women's round, EM worked with the USGA and Moore County Public Health to install drinking water systems so spectators could fill up water bottles to stay hydrated.

EM was also responsible for checking-in operations staff and keeping track of all their resource needs.

"We have been planning for this over the last year and it's good to see it all come together and see everyone work so well together," said **Steve Powers**, EM Central Branch manager.

Smooth operation on the roads

In preparation for the US Men's and Women's opens, the State Highway Patrol,

along with the Department of Transportation and Pinehurst Police Department, developed and implemented a comprehensive traffic plan. Troopers were strategically positioned throughout the venue to ensure a safe and enjoyable driving experience for all U.S. Open visitors.

"I am very proud of the service provided by the men and women of the Department of Public Safety and would like to personally thank our troopers, ALE agents and SBI agents for the professionalism and dedication they displayed during this historic event," said State Highway Patrol Col. **Bill Grey**. "Our employees braved high temperatures and long hours to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience to every person in attendance."

Much care and attention was focused on guaranteeing that local residents of Pine-

hurst and surrounding communities could continue their daily activities without undue delays and difficulties. During the two-week period, the State Highway Patrol responded to only eight minor motor vehicle collisions within the greater Pinehurst area.

Capt. **F.L. Johnson** was in charge of ensuring all assets were in place where needed, managing traffic control and coordinating the assignments for 170 troopers in cars, on the roadways or at security posts at the venue.

"Just about everywhere I went inside and outside the venue, I had people comment to me that they were amazed at how smooth traffic was," Capt. Johnson said. "One man I ran into at the dry cleaners told me that he had worked as the manager of the Rockingham Raceway and he was very complimentary on how traffic flowed during the entire event."

Under the direction of the Department of Public Safety, in addition to providing traffic direction, the State Highway Patrol also assisted with on-site security, partnering with numerous state and local law enforcement agencies. The State Highway Patrol's mobile medical unit and staff also were on-scene during the event and treated several individuals, including law enforcement personnel, spectators, and participants for various medical conditions.

Old and new partnerships flourished

Both internal to DPS and externally, many new partnerships were created, new contacts made and old partnerships were strengthened from the two weeks of joint operations.

"There are not many events of this magnitude in our jobs that would bring so many

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— Gregory K. Baker,
commissioner,
Law Enforcement Division

ALE officers, in light blue shirts, provide security at one of the practice putting greens during the The U.S. Women's Open.



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law enforcement and public safety partners together,” stated Commissioner Baker, incident commander. “It was incredible to see the many unique areas of expertise and how they complemented each other.”

B.W. Collier, ALE director, added, “It was as if there were no individual agencies, but one mission.”

As part of the overall security, ALE and SBI special agents were tasked with developing the on-course security plan. The two agencies, along with the State Highway Patrol, primarily focused on the safety of the public and the players. All three agencies are trained in dignitary protection. ALE and SBI agents were assigned to provide security for high profile players, their families and other dignitaries. The special agents and troopers were also assigned to on-course security and providing multi-layered perimeter security around the course.

“In my 28 years in law enforcement, never have I been associated with a finer team of professionals than those that I had the pleasure of working alongside at the two

championships,” Commissioner Baker said. “It was humbling to see so many talented professionals, all with unique and critical skills, function as one unit.”

Spectators and players may have noticed ALE and

SBI agents paired together throughout the course, complemented by troopers within the secure area, as well as on the many roadways leading into the event area. There was also a layer of unseen security including plain clothes law enforcement and technology to gather intelligence on suspects known to test security at high profile events. USGA Security also provided information on spectators who have been known to go overboard in focusing unwanted attention on some of the golfers.

“The U.S. Open is one of the highest profile sporting events to occur in North

‘Overall, folks were very cooperative.’

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deputy chief, Security Services,
Adult Correction and Juvenile
Justice.



Carolina,” Pike said. “We looked at security for this event from every angle and tried to have a plan for the unexpected.”

That strategy included the security that attendees had to go through prior to entering the gates. Correctional staff and probation officers worked with USGA Security to screen people for prohibited items before they loaded onto shuttle busses.

“We have had people try to bring in knives, cell phones and alcohol,” said **Loris Sutton**, deputy chief of Security Services for Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. “Over-

all, folks were very cooperative.”

Pike explained that the team approach over the last year, along with the multiple meetings and all the plans that everyone worked on together, made this event a huge success. He said that all North Carolinians benefit from this well-coordinated event and the professional relationships that have been nurtured.

“We did not look at any one person as the leader, it was a team,” he said. “No egos, no one agency. All of us were in it for the right reasons. Mission accomplished.” ▲

Adult Correction staff, in logoed dark blue shirts, help operate one of the screening gates that ensured visitors were carrying only items authorized inside the bounds of the course and spectator grounds.

On the right track

Summer camp reaches out to kids in juvenile justice

Converted decommissioned train box cars serve as cabins for youths who attend Camp Willow Run.

Photos by Diana Kees.

By **Diana Kees**, Communications Officer

Thoughts of summer camp bring visions of clouds racing across a sunny blue sky, with children of all ages running excitedly from activity to activity, enjoying all the freedoms afforded them by being on their own, away from their families, making new friends and learning new things. Such a model experience for a diverse group of grade 3-12 children is offered most of the summer by Camp Willow Run, an interdenominational Christian program on Lake Gaston in northeastern North Carolina. However, for the past 42 years – for at least one week each summer – Willow Run’s campers are juveniles who have been placed in youth development centers throughout North Carolina.

Youth development centers, or YDCs, are secure facilities that provide education and treatment services to prepare committed youths to successfully transition to community settings. Commit-

ment to YDCs is reserved for serious and/or violent or chronic juvenile offenders. But Linda Harris, executive director of Camp Willow Run, says she is thankful for every year these children are allowed to attend camp, whatever their circumstances.

“[At the beginning of the program], we thought if we could bring these children up here [to camp], and if one child begins to see a ray of hope that ‘yes, my life can change, it doesn’t have to stay on the same track,’ it would be worth the whole summer of working with children if just one child changed,” Harris explained. “But [as the years have gone by] we could see it was impacting more and more children.”

Harris said the idea for the program sparked from the friend of a board member who ran a camp at White Lake, in southeastern North Carolina. The friend discussed how meaningful it was to

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host children from the youth development center at his camp, but that he didn't have enough resources for all of the kids to go to the camp. In 1971, the operators of Camp Willow Run decided to sponsor juvenile justice-involved children to attend its camp, and have continued the mission ever since.

The YDC students' trip to camp is paid through private donations raised by Camp Willow Run. Harris' son, Robbie Harris, director of operations and development at Camp Willow Run, said a group of committed donors this year raised \$30,000 to send nearly 60 YDC kids to camp for a week, along with the state juvenile justice staff who serve in support roles to camp staff. The \$30,000 covers the cost of the camp operations for the week.

"[These donors know] that we want to show these young people that somebody cares for them, that someone has provided this week of camp, but also that they can have a much brighter future," Robbie Harris said. "[At week's end,] the students write a thank-you letter to their anonymous camp sponsor... We hear from donors all the time who say that letter meant the world to them to know that this young person was able to come and have the camp experience."

The YDC students are chosen to participate in the camping experience based on the level they have achieved through exhibiting appropriate behaviors. Some of the factors involved in selecting the students for camp include academic progress, and displaying appropriate behaviors in community settings, including home visits. The students chosen for camp volunteer for the experience and must have parental consent. In addition, each student chosen to attend camp is thoroughly screened prior to attendance by a team of professionals, including social workers, psychologists, education and medical personnel.

The YDC students face many "firsts," and some fears, at camp each year; for some, it's their first time at camp. Others have never participated in activities such as swimming or canoeing.

"We do the high ropes course and the climbing wall, which involve conquering fear and being challenged," Robbie Harris said. "We hear from the kids, 'I can't believe I did the zip line, it helped me conquer my fear of heights.' It really is a positive experience."

Cameron, a first-time YDC camper this year, said that although he was sort of frightened by the high ropes course, he completed it because of encouragement from his fellow campers and because he didn't want to let them down. Another camper, Brittany, reported that she liked learning to trust in God when she felt scared on the zip line and climbing wall, as well as the sense of accomplishment she felt when she overcame that fear.

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The camp operators hire 41 college students for the summer. They receive a special day of training centered on preparing for the juvenile justice students they will work with during the first week of the summer camp season. State staff members discuss North Carolina's juvenile justice system with the camp staff, provide background information on the student campers and their daily routines in the YDCs, and guidance on proper interactions with the juveniles.

"Really, though, this day of training is to make staff comfortable that these are great kids who have just made some bad decisions," Robbie Harris said. "And this is a great opportunity for them, but also a great opportunity for us and our staff."

The camp is built on a unique railroad theme using actual boxcars that have been converted into heated and air-conditioned dormitories. With the YDC students, camp staff members function in their typical role as counselors in the boxcar with the campers. However, the staff-to-student ratio is lower than usual, with two camp staff members for each seven or eight students, as well as state juvenile justice staff for support. The only other difference from other weeks of camp is the tendency to move the campers from place to place in groups, rather than individually.

According to Dave Hardesty, Facility Operations director in the Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, the YDC students benefit from the camping experience in many ways. "The camping experience – ropes course, climbing wall and other games – allows the students to continue to practice and develop pro-social skills in a community setting in areas such as communication, listening and the ability to work effectively and cooperatively with others in challenging situations."

Hardesty says the Juvenile Justice section is thankful for the kindness and generosity the Camp Willow Run family has extended to the YDC students for so many years. "It is 'special people' like the Camp Willow Run family who afford us a truly wonderful opportunity. Their lifelong commitment to help our juvenile justice-involved students gain a unique experience for one week of their life is cherished by many youths for a long time, since based on their personal situations, many of our students would not otherwise have the opportunity to spend a week at camp."

Both Linda and Robbie Harris describe the experience of bringing the YDC students to Camp Willow Run over the past years as unique, and one they are thankful for.

"What impacts me is the opportunity to make a difference in somebody's life, knowing that they have had challenges from their background," Robbie Harris said. "For us to have a week to invest in their lives, to show them that someone loves them and

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cares for them, wants to spend time with them and help them enjoy (themselves) and have fun, and are also willing to listen. Twenty-two years ago when I was a counselor and had nine campers from Stonewall Jackson (YDC), I can remember some of them telling stories about wanting to do right, get out of the YDC and get back in high school, make good choices. I got to help communicate to them the importance of good choices and good decisions, but also that they had a very bright future, and if they stayed on the right path that amazing things could happen."

The camp operators report that they and other staff members occasionally hear from former campers as the years go by, via chance meetings in towns across North Carolina ("I was in your boxcar at Camp Willow Run and want you to know that I'm doing well, that I have a job, and that I've gotten my life together"). Linda Harris was approached by a young man with a group of friends at the N.C. State Fair, who proceeded to tell her that

camp was the best week of his life. Linda Harris also recalls the telephone call she received from a former YDC student several years following his experience, telling her that camp changed his life, and calling to let her know he had gotten his life together, was married, and had a good job in Kentucky.

Robbie Harris recounted a phone call from last year, from a former YDC student who had apparently entered the prison system and had been recently released. "He was trying to track us down, and wanted to share that he can vividly remember sitting in the middle of the cove, in a canoe, and he said 'it was the happiest moment of my life.'"

"That's what it is about," Linda Harris said. "Every kid who comes through here is going to have something to express in their heart and mind, whether we ever hear from them or not. We want them to take something from here that is good, that will hopefully come back and impact their life." ▲





Fixin' meals for 21,000

Keeping up with dietary needs of inmates gets complicated

By **Tammy Martin**

Communications Specialist

Care for inmates assigned to the Central Region and Female Command facilities includes planning and distributing about 21,000 meals per day. With many meals requiring special dietary needs related to medical conditions and religious restrictions, providing meals becomes a complex task. But to dietitian Kelli Harris, it's a welcome challenge.

"On any given day, my work day includes writing therapeutic diet plans, auditing facilities for menu compliance, monitoring sanitation and even recommending equipment replacement needs," Harris said. "I have a planned day, but you never know what to expect when you answer the phone."

Dietitians are formally trained to supervise the preparation and service of food, develop modified diets, and educate individuals and groups on good nutritional habits. There are three different focus areas of training for dietitians: nutrition therapy also referred to as a clinical nutrition; community (addressing a group with specific needs), and food service.

"Most dietitians are able to concentrate on only one area, like in a hospital. In the corrections arena,

Photos by
Tammy Martin.

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we deal with everything; medical, school lunches, equipment needs and even kosher meal planning," Harris said. "I love the versatility of my work. I have an opportunity to use all my skills."

Harris became interested in a career in corrections as an intern in the Central Region while working on her master's degree in Food and Nutrition Management.

After earning her degree, she became a dietitian at what was then known as Women's Prison. That was over 14 years ago and she is still excited about her chosen profession and the opportunities to help make lives better through nutrition.

"Training dietitians from across the state and interns from Meredith College and NC Central University gives me special joy," Harris said. I also really like consulting with the Food Service Managers at the facilities. My job is filled with helping other people and that's always been my passion."

When an inmate enters the Division

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Below, Kelli Harris looks over a day's menu at Central Prison.



of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, an assessment is conducted. During these interviews and exams, medical and religious information is gathered. Often, these evaluations reveal the need for special dietary considerations. Routinely consulting with medical staff, superintendents, food service managers and others, to provide nutritional support is important to inmate care and supervision.

"There are many times that we [dietitians] are called on to suggest diets and review cases. There are special calorie diets, rare cases dealing with metabolic disorders, tube feedings, and allergies – and each one of these situations must be addressed," Harris said. "We each generally review about

100 nutritional assessments per month."

Harris has seen many changes and improvements in food service delivery along with increasing dietary considerations for planning and meeting individual meal requirements. With the addition of kosher food service operations and meal card swiping technology, tracking and security measures are helping staff monitor nutrition and consumption.

"We have food service operations that follow the Jewish dietary laws and meet the kosher standard for preparation and distribution. These food service operations serve the institution where they are housed and other nearby facilities as well," Harris said. "We're able

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Above, Kelli Harris, center, reviews dietary plans in Central Prison with **Jannie Canteen**, left, and **George Sharpe**, food service managers.



Trays of food are prepared for serving another meal at Central Prison.

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to meet religious dietary needs efficiently without the expense of setting up these areas in all of the facilities.”

Software with an added component designed to assist with meal distribution has been instituted to help track and ensure the corresponding meal is given to the proper inmate. This level of added security helps custody staff in many ways. From inmate count verification, restricting food bartering and overall supervision, staff now has an additional tool for inmate supervision and management.

“My area of supervision spans 17 facilities and training custody staff in the use of ‘meal swipe’ cards, and technology is very important,” Harris said. “With each swipe of the card, a picture ID comes up and the staff person can verify that the correct inmate is receiving their appropriate meal.”

Keeping up with national trends like droughts and food processing industry changes which might influence food supply and cost are all components of planning meals for the entire inmate population. The dietitians must also consider things like coordinating with Correction Enterprises for products, meeting FDA requirements; and daily reference intakes when planning thousands of meals.

“I read somewhere once ‘if you love your job, you’ll never work a day in your life,’ and I really do enjoy my job. I have a passion for my work and helping people. Something I do may help someone’s life be better.” ▲

Employees urged to sign up for suicide prevention training

The N.C. Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions, is offering no-cost training for all NCDPS employees concerning the QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training Program.

Beginning July 2014 and continuing into 2015, training staff from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions will offer QPR classes within various NCDPS regions throughout the state. The QPR training class lasts two hours and focuses on training employees how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help. Because NCDPS employees are leaders in their chosen profession as well as in their communities, this training will provide additional knowledge, skills and abilities on how to prevent suicide.

Any employee interested in attending this event may register using the Cornerstone OnDemand Learning Management System. Please note that this training is defined as agency-approved internal training, so Form CNTR 001A - Training Authorization does not have to be submitted.

For more information, contact Michael Lamonds with the NCDPS Office of Staff Development and Training at 919-367-7113 or michael.lamonds@ncdps.gov. Additional information regarding the NCDPS QPR Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training Program can be found by clicking below.



Officer gains support in wake of loss

In June, Correctional Officer **Rachael Ange**, right, saw a display of the generosity of her co-workers at Maury Correctional Institution. Ange received more than \$2,100 to help her recover from a fire that had destroyed her home, which she shared with her son, **Marcus Reece**, who is a correctional officer at Greene Correctional. Presenting the gift is **Dennis Daniels**, administrator at Maury CI. According to an article by Margaret Fisher of the Kinston Free Press, Ange said the co-workers are like family to her. "They're not just staff to me," she said. "They're my family. They're my friend. That's your true family. That's what it's all about." The staff ran hot dog and bake sales and made personal donations of \$1,276, and the prison's Community Resource Council donated \$50. The Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, an agency in Sacramento, Calif., that donates funds for corrections employees who have experienced some type of disaster, donated \$350. In addition, the Maury Correctional staff had given Ange \$425 shortly after the fire.

Photo by **Selena Knight**, administrative secretary II.

Hargrave leads prison at Badin

BADIN | Wendell Hargrave is the new administrator at Albemarle Correctional Institution in Badin.

Hargrave most recently was operations manager for state prisons in the Piedmont Region. While in that role, he was acting administrator at Lanesboro and Alexander correctional institutions. He began his career in 1986 as a correctional officer at Davidson Correctional Center in Lexington. Later, he was an assistant superintendent at Davidson CC and at Piedmont Correctional Institution in Salisbury.

Hargrave earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Davidson Community College. He is a Certified Public Manager and holds his advanced corrections certificate from the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Albemarle Correctional Institution houses approximately 800 male inmates in medium custody and employs a staff of 300. ▴



Herring administrator at Bertie Correctional

WINDSOR | John Herring is the new administrator at Bertie Correctional Institution in Windsor.

A 17-year veteran, Herring began his career as a correctional officer at Greene Correctional Center in Maury. He has served most recently in assistant superintendent positions at Pamlico (Bayboro) and Maury correctional institutions.

The Greenville native is a correctional training instructor and has completed the Correctional Leadership Development Program. He attended the University of Mount Olive, East Carolina University and Methodist University, earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and criminology and a master's degree in justice administration.

Bertie Correctional houses approximately 1,400 male inmates in close and medium custody and employs a staff of approximately 500 corrections officers and medical, food service, maintenance and administrative staff. ▴



Wellness, safety: Huge, free expo planned for state employees on Aug. 20

The North Carolina Office of State Human Resources will present the State Employees 2014 Wellness & Safety Expo in the Jim Graham Building on the State Fairgrounds 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Aug. 20. The event, which is free of charge, is open to all current and retired

state employees. An integral part of the Statewide Wellness Program, the expo is planned by a committee composed of wellness and safety representatives from several state agencies.

Through demonstrations, exhibits and screenings, more

than 150 exhibitors will provide information on health care, fitness, nutrition, financial wellness, as well as bystander CPR and fire extinguisher training. A variety of free screenings and educational sessions will be offered.

In addition, state employees

will have the an opportunity to give back to the community. The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina will accept donations of nonperishable food items, and the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive onsite. A link for blood drive registration

will be provided prior to the event.

It is important that employees are supported in furthering their education of wellness and hazard recognition to have a healthier, safer work place. ▴

Kitchen fire damage forces evacuation of inmates at Orange Correctional Center

By **Keith Acree**, Communications Officer
HILLSBOROUGH | An early morning fire on June 21 heavily damaged the kitchen at Orange Correctional Center, leaving no way to feed the population and forcing the Division of Prisons to evacuate all the inmates to other prisons.

The fire broke out around 5 a.m. as inmate workers and kitchen staff were preparing Saturday morning breakfast. It left heavy damage to the walls and ceiling in the kitchen and spread above the ceiling into the rafters of the building. In order to fight the blaze, firefighters cut several holes in the roof, leaving additional damage. The 1930s era building, which houses the prison kitchen and dining hall, is a structure made of wood, which helped the flames to spread.

Several prison managers from the division, regional and local levels arrived on scene Saturday morning and helped coordinate a plan to relocate inmates. The entire regular population was bused to Johnston Correctional Institution in Smithfield, which had available beds because its transition to minimum custody was not yet complete. Inmates from Orange's 40-bed segregation unit were transported to prisons around the state where segregation beds were available.

"Staff from Orange Correctional Center did an outstanding job responding to the incident," Solomon said. "They were assisted in the evacuation by bus drivers and PERT members from other facilities who managed a smooth and safe transfer of inmates. It was all complete before sundown on the day of the fire."

The fire is believed to have started in electrical connections above the kitchen

ceiling. Orange Correctional Center remains vacant while repairs are made to the kitchen and dining hall. The reconstruction work is being handled by DPS Central Engineering and the Inmate Construction Program and is projected to be complete in September. ▴

Right and below right, a refrigeration unit, wallboard, inner walls and ceiling joists are scorched and charred from the June 21 blaze at Orange Correctional Center. Below, inmates are loaded for transfer to other prisons until the damages can be repaired.

Photos by Keith Acree, communications officer.



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Running the torch for North Carolina Special Olympics



To help raise money and awareness for the North Carolina Special Olympics, numerous employees participated in group runs in various parts of the state, bearing the torch for the event. Above, **Enoch Hasberry III**, left, assistant superintendent for programs at New Hanover Correctional Center in Wilmington, ran an 11.4-mile leg of the torch run with U.S. Marines from Camp Lejeune. Left, employees run the final leg carrying the torch in Raleigh and assisted with the Special Olympics Awards for the Track and Field Winners. Department of Public Safety employees visible in the photo on left are District 10 Probation/Parole Officers **Roderick Fuller** and **Charlie High** and **Maggie Brewer**, assistant Community Corrections division administrator. To their left is State Highway Patrol Lt. **Charles Lee**.

Photo on left by Keith Acree, communications officer.

Operation Summer Jam targets illegal activity

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety led a joint law enforcement operation in Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties June 23-26 that resulted in the arrest of 20 people and the seizure of stolen firearms, cocaine, ecstasy, prescription pills, marijuana and money.

DPS Security Services led Operation Summer Jam, which targeted high risk offenders and their associates who were on probation or parole.

In Mecklenburg County, 29 searches were conducted and five firearms were seized, four of which had been stolen. Officers also seized 20 grams of cocaine, 60 grams of marijuana and \$10,292 in currency.

In Cabarrus County, officers conducted 20 searches and seized four firearms, \$900 in currency, 100 grams of marijuana, 10 ecstasy and prescription pills.

"Operations like this one go a long way in helping protect our communities," DPS Director of Community Supervision **Anne Precythe** said. "I commend the cooperation among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies who made these arrests possible. Those who continue to break the law must face the consequences."

DPS probation officers from Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties worked with the Kannapolis and Concord police departments, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department gang and patrol units, the Cabarrus, Charlotte and Mecklenburg counties' sheriff's offices, State Highway Patrol, United States Marshals Service Western District Violent Offender Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force.

"Countless hours were spent preparing and planning Operation Summer Jam," said **Johnny D. Hawkins**, director of DPS Security Services. "These efforts should reassure citizens that law enforcement will not allow criminal street gangs to hold them hostage in their own neighborhoods." ▴

'Problem Solving' nets 37 arrests in Wilson

By Jon Jimison, Editor, Wilson Times

WILSON | Wilson Police arrested 37 people and had warrants out for more in Operation Police and Citizens Problem Solving. More than 50 Wilson police officers along with 12 U.S. Marshals, four Drug Enforcement Administration agents and N.C. Probation and Parole officers took part in the three-day sweep police described as a multifaceted, heavily planned approach to crime fighting.

Police officers conducted surveillance, investigations and gathered intelligence prior to the operation's start, Wilson Police Chief Thomas Hopkins said. Maj. Craig Smith said the operation exceeded expectations and, even with the extensive operational plan, there were additional arrests not intended due to the strong police presence. ▴

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Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent Jimmy Miller beside his new canine partner, Rogue.

represent the first step in reinstating the [agency's] canine program.

Rogue is completing her training with her new handler, ALE Agent **Jimmy Miller**, at Highland Canine Training near Harmony.

It's not the future anyone envisioned for Rogue when she was picked up as a stray by Iredell County Animal Services Officer Wendy Daniel in January. Although a little on the small side for a German shepherd, she was severely underweight.

At first scared of those trying to get her off the road, Rogue's true personality started to shine at the shelter. Animal Services Administrative Assistant Kathy Weatherman then noticed something that would ultimately save Rogue's life.

She noticed Rogue's ears perked up whenever she saw a tennis ball. Knowing that an intense toy drive is an important factor in determining whether a dog will succeed in the detection business, Weatherman called Jason Purgason, training director at Highland.

During an earlier conversation, Purgason said he'd be willing to train any dog that came into the shelter with the drive to be a working dog. The German shepherd, initially called Ally by the shelter staff, fit the bill.

Just as everything seemed to be looking up for Rogue, it was learned that she tested positive for heartworms. Heartworms, transmitted by mosquitoes, are preventable with a monthly pill but, without the pill or treatment, will kill a dog.

Purgason said he wasn't deterred by the diagno-

Rogue gets new purpose in hands of ALE

By Donna Swicegood
Statesville Record & Landmark
STATESVILLE | Six months ago, Rogue was an emaciated, parasite-ridden dog likely headed for euthanasia.

After weeks of hard work, Rogue is making the most of her second chance at life. She's now part of a pilot program for the [Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement] and will

sis. "She's got so much potential so we're willing to pay for the treatment," he said.

Once she finished her heartworm treatment, she was taken to Highland's facility and began training as a narcotics detection dog. Purgason said the goal was to donate her to a department that needed a canine.

That's when ALE Assistant Director **Rodney Beckom** said the agency had been looking to restart its canine program after several years of not having dogs as part of the force. He came across Rogue's story and he corresponded with Purgason.

Miller knew nothing about the plans to restart the canine program and had not even thought about being a dog handler. "I was riding down the road and I got a phone call asking me if I would be interested in it," he said.

Miller said while he hadn't thought about it before, the idea did interest him. "I was very, very excited over the fact that I'd been chosen," he said.

After a couple of weeks of working with Rogue, Miller said he's pleased at how things turned out.

He said the main focus of the training is learning to read Rogue's body language and how she communicates as well as bonding with the dog.

Miller said she's proven to be adept at finding narcotics and she's willing to work, as long as there's a tennis ball available.

He said her story is one that touched his heart, and he believes her work as a narcotics detection dog is her way of giving others the second chance that she's been given. By taking drugs off the street, he said, Rogue will keep them from destroying other lives.

When he and Rogue finish their training, both will return to Fayetteville, but Rogue will be available as needed anywhere in the state.

Miller said he's looking forward to Rogue finding lots of narcotics and being the star of the ALE's pilot program.

"She's a beautiful girl and it's a great blessing to work with her," he said. Miller praised the efforts of Erin and Jason Purgason in giving these shelter dogs a chance. "They do a fantastic job," he said. ▴

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PROMOTIONS

In June 2014 unless noted otherwise.

Administration

Name, new job, location

Tymica Dunn, purchasing agent I, Purchasing
William Hood, electrician supervisor I, Facility Management-Western Region
Emile Lancaster, information processing technician, Combined Records
Traci Langdon, purchasing agent II, Purchasing
Kimberly Robuck, administrative officer II, Combined Records
James Schieler, maintenance mechanic IV, Facility Management-Piedmont Region
Ryan Shaw, information processing technician, Combined Records
Eric Smith, office assistant V, Parole Commission
Marvin Story, mason supervisor, Facility Management-Western Region
Malcolm Stout, engineering/architectural supervisor, Central Engineering-Design & Technical

Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Vanessa Bell, probation/parole field specialist, District 4
Jereme Blizzard, chief probation/parole officer, District 7
Jamie Harris, probation/parole officer, District 28
Paul Hatch, assistant manager I, District 16
Brooke Heafner, chief probation/parole officer, District 25
Jordan Horton, probation/parole officer, District 27
Ashley Lane, court counselor, Western Region, District 25
Lisa Lane, probation/parole field specialist, District 25
Sheila Moore, assistant manager I, District 12
Meredith Muskus, chief probation/parole officer, District 8
Edith Norman-Kerns, probation/parole officer, District 12
Deric Privette, probation/parole officer, District 7B
Charlie Richards, court counselor supervisor, Western Region, District 25
Michael Robinson, chief probation/parole officer, District 18A
Anna Singleton, probation/parole officer, District 12
Keith Stein, probation/parole officer, District 7
James Ward, court counselor supervisor, Eastern Region, District 2
Jeffrey Watkins, probation/parole officer, District 22

CORRECTION ENTERPRISES

Archie Braswell, supervisor IV, Sign Plant
Billy Dudley, maintenance mechanic IV, Print Plant
Michael Greene, manager III, Craggy Laundry

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Bobby Arrington, youth counselor, Jackson Youth Development Center
Curtis Campbell, youth counselor technician, Dobbs YDC
David Cobb, youth counselor technician, Dobbs YDC
Arneisha Crossen, behavioral specialist, Dillion YDC

PRISONS

Charles Austin, lead correctional officer, Avery/Mitchell Correctional Institution
Raymond Bailey, programs supervisor, Tabor CI
Keisha Barnes, programs supervisor, Bertie CI

William Bevins, lead correctional officer, Caldwell Correctional Center
Tammy Blinson, accounting technician, Harnett CI
Leon Brade, sergeant, Central Prison
Daren Bruce, assistant superintendent for custody & operations I, Alexander CI
Brandon Bullock, sergeant, Alexander CI
Jessica Cantrall, sergeant, Pender CI
Velvia Carpenter, food service manager 1, Mountain View CI
Jeffrey Carroll, lead correctional officer, Piedmont CI
Donald Clelland, assistant superintendent for custody & operations III, Brown Creek CI
William Cooke, substance abuse counselor, Dart Cherry
Edward Cronk, lieutenant, Craven CI
James Davis, maintenance mechanic V, Harnett CI
Amber Debruhi-Livengood, case manager, Swannanoa CC for Women
Rosemary Deese, administrative assistant II, Scotland CI
Billy Ellis, lead correctional officer, Caldwell CC
James Ellis, lead correctional officer, Harnett CI
Ronnie Emory, lieutenant, Pasquotank CI
Queen Gerald, assistant unit manager, Scotland CI
Clara Gilliam, administrative assistant II, Pasquotank CI
Christie Glover, processing assistant IV, Central Prison Health Complex
David Gordon, sergeant, Rutherford CC
Andre Greene, programs supervisor, Pamlico CI
Raul Guzman, sergeant, Swannanoa CCW
Tanya Hamilton, sergeant, NC CI for Women
Jamie Hammonds, sergeant, Scotland CI
Shawn Harris, social work supervisor III, Prison Administration
Sha'na Henderson, sergeant, Tabor CI
John Jackson, sergeant, Scotland CI
Elizabeth Johnson, professional nurse, Alexander CI
Maxismillio Johnson, sergeant, Scotland CI
Hal King, HVAC mechanic, Alexander CI
Teresa King, executive assistant I, Prison Administration
Ryan Koelsch, clinical dietitian II, Prison Administration - Food Services
Teresa Lathon, administrative assistant II, Pamlico CI
Kenneth Locklear, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Lumberton CI
Ashley Lutz, sergeant, Catawba CC
Julie Lynch, food service officer, Pamlico CI
Dennis Marshall, captain, Albemarle CI
Raeshana Marshall, sergeant, NCCIW
Clarence Mask, training instructor II, OSDT, Western Foothills Training
Peter Massey, sergeant, Albemarle CI
Brandon McCoy, unit manager, Tabor CI
Billy McCumbee, sergeant, Tabor CI
Thomas McCurdy, lieutenant, NCCIW
Brian McKnight, assistant unit manager, Scotland CI
Shalonda McKoy, administrative secretary II, Lumberton CI
Jeremy McPherson, sergeant, Tabor CI
Elliot Miller, lieutenant, Central Prison
Stephanie Miller, sergeant, Alexander CI
Wayne Miller, nurse supervisor, Lanesboro CI
Amanda Morgan, sergeant, Tabor CI

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Joyce Norman, food service officer, Bertie CI
Layton Oxendine, sergeant, Lumberton CI
Mary Peele, sergeant, Hyde CI
Jeffrey Perry, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Warren CI
David Peterson, lead correctional officer, Avery/Mitchell CI
Julian Priest, assistant superintendent for custody & operations I, Tabor CI
Tamara Rush, sergeant, Scotland CI
Trina Samms, sergeant, Central Prison
Debra Schenz, administrative secretary I, Alexander CI
Brenda Singleton, professional nurse, Prison Administration - Health Services
Ryan Small, sergeant, Tabor CI
Carol Street, behavioral treatment technician, Maury CI
Sherry Thomas, personnel assistant V, Central Prison
Daniel Tunks, sergeant, Mountain View CI
Stephen Waddell, deputy warden II, Central Prison
George Warren, sergeant, Scotland CI
Norman Watkins, food service officer, Caswell CC
Tabatha Watkins, lieutenant, Swannanoa CCW
Theresa Whitaker, substance abuse counselor advanced, Johnston CI
Thomas Widmeyer, sergeant, Sanford CC
Melissa Wilson, case analyst, Craven CI

Emergency Management

Robin Brown, planner I, Human Services
Nicholas Burk, section manager, Recovery Section

Law Enforcement

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
Debra Reilley, telecommunications center supervisor, Troop B
Jerry Smith, telecommunications shift supervisor, Troop C
William Vaughan, maintenance coordinator I, FMG Analysis Landscape Group 2
Charlotte West, telecommunications shift supervisor, Troop B

N.C. National Guard

Christopher Bryant, maintenance supervisor III, Facility Management
Derek Stone, labor crew leader, Facility Mechanics

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Administration

Name, job, location, service (y=years, m=months)
Cheryl Bryant, community development project manager, Governor's Crime Commission, 25y9m
Edward Day, training instructor II, Office of Staff Development & Training, 27y11m
Kenneth Jones, inmate grievance hearing examiner, Inmate Grievance Resolution Board, 25y11m

Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
Jethro Boyd, probation/parole officer, District 6, 29y1m
O'Brien Campbell, manager II, District 5, 29y6m
David Carter, probation/parole officer, District 13, 22y
Regina Griffin, office assistant III, District 20, 28y9m
Jo Riggan, chief probation and parole officer, District 9, 38y4m
Duane Rowland, judicial services coordinator, District 19A, 18y11m
Roy Sircey, probation/parole officer, District 01, 22y10m
Lisa Walker, probation/parole officer, District 3, 10y6m

CORRECTION ENTERPRISES

Ronnie Barrier, manager III, Correction Enterprises, 18y
Betty Eller, processing assistant IV, Correction Enterprises, 14y6m

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Mary Bass, juvenile court counselor, District 18, 11y4m
Adrian Deaton, juvenile court counselor, District 19, 30y9m
Laura McFern, chief court counselor II, District 26, 32y1m
Clarence Smith, school educator II, Dillon Youth Development Center, 20y7m

Emergency Management

Luretta Jones, office assistant IV, Geospatial Technical Management, 3y3m
Robert Mankes, administrative officer II, Support Services, 6y8m

Law Enforcement

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
James Allred, first sergeant, Troop D, 24y6m
William Dancy, first sergeant, Investigative Team C, 20y7m
Steven Lockhart, lieutenant, PS R&P Benefits, 27y8m
Christopher Oravits, master trooper, Troop C, 19y7m
Marvin Shadday, sergeant, Troop A, 24y6m
Benson Stalvey, first sergeant, Troop E, 24y6m
Michael Turney, master trooper, Troop F, 28y10m

ADULT FACILITIES

Larry Abram, correctional officer, Tillery Correctional Institution, 22y11m
Roy Arp, correctional officer, Caledonia CI, 25y
Alvin Auldredge, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 13y3m
Deborah Barbagelata, correctional officer, Southern CI, 11y8m
Joy Bostian, correctional officer, Piedmont CI, 14y9m
Eric Brown, correctional officer, Eastern CI, 5y8m
Larry Clayton, sergeant, Sanford Correctional Center, 24y
Ralph Coble, administrative officer III, Southern CI, 30y8m
Estella Coley-Porter, correctional officer, Central Prison, 13y8m
Angela Daniels, correctional officer, Tyrrell PWF, 12y7m
Harold Daughtry, correctional officer, Harnett CI, 17y3m
Martha Davis, accounting clerk III, Brown Creek CI, 7y10m
Windell DeLoatch, correctional officer, Caledonia CI, 28y2m
Lou Emanuel, correctional officer, Lumberton CI, 29y1m
Gary Foster, correctional sergeant, Franklin CC, 18y11m
Steven Friedman, officer, Bertie CI, 20y9m
Patty Goins, professional nurse, Alexander CI, 6y10m
Linda Graham, medical records assistant III, Neuse CI, 14y9m
James Guy, lead correctional officer, Neuse CI, 20y5m
Willard Hall, superintendent IV, Hyde CI, 30y3m
John Hobbs, officer, Eastern CI, 10y
Shelby Johnson, accounting clerk IV, Johnston CI, 25y1m

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RETIREMENTS



Col. Jill Hendra, left, surgeon general of the North Carolina Air National Guard, checks lessons learned with student nurses at Operation Appalachian Care in Bryson City on June 4. The community outreach mission partners military medical professionals with community organizations to provide care in western North Carolina.

Military professionals deploy for Operation Appalachian Care

By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan
 BRYSON CITY | North Carolina Air National Guard physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, medical administrators and support personnel joined peers here from several states' National Guard, Reserve and active duty units for Operation Appalachian Care, which began June 1.

The nearly 200 soldiers, airmen and sailors deployed to seven locations in two counties in western North Carolina, providing medical care for more than 700 patients in the first two days.

"The community saw the need and asked for the professional as-

ist," said Air Force Capt. Warren Newell, one of the North Carolina Air National Guard leaders who helped plan the mission in Cherokee and Swain counties.

The operation is an Innovative Readiness Training project for medical professionals in the military who get real-world experience while helping the community.

"We get our skills from working with patients with serious problems, and the community gets support they would not get otherwise," said Air Force Maj. Dean Chapman, a clinical nurse with the N.C. Air National Guard.

The mission brings medical professionals from across the military together, including the South Carolina, Arkansas, Utah, California, Hawaii and North Carolina Army Reserves, the North Carolina, Georgia and Arizona Air National Guard, and individual soldiers and sailors on active duty.

"It took about a year of planning with communities submitting packets and leaders matching resources to need," Newell said.

Community members register through local agencies and get treatment at primary care, behavioral health, veterinary, dental and optometry clinics staffed with

military providers.

"It is fantastic. People I talked to love it, and it takes a lot off their backs," said Roger Millsap, a dealer at Harrah's Casino at the Eastern Band Cherokee Reservation who visited the vision clinic.

The training is not purely medical. Logistical, administrative, communication and contracting experts work behind the scenes making sure that the clinics were ready to meet the goal of 3,000 patients by June 13.

"We get to train, enhance our capabilities and keep engaged with the community," Newell said. ▀

Retirements from page 23

- Rebecca King**, dental director, Central Prison Health Complex, 35y8m
- Frank Lawrence**, correctional officer, Odom CI, 8y9m
- Curtis Little**, sergeant, Hoke CI, 27y6m
- Larry Mills**, correctional officer, Lincoln CC, 28y1m
- Roderick Piper**, correctional officer, Central Prison, 22y7m
- William Reid**, correctional officer, Piedmont CI, 9y7m
- Ella Ross**, health assistant, Central Prison Health Complex, 5y11m
- Samuel Smith**, sergeant, Brown Creek CI, 12y6m
- Tyrone Vample**, correctional officer, Sanford CC, 22y4m
- George Vaughn**, behavioral specialist II, Alexander CI, 18y6m
- Willie White**, sergeant, Eastern CI, 26y8m
- Sam Woods**, sergeant, Harnett CI, 31y5m
- Steven Yost**, lead correctional officer, Piedmont CI, 30y8m

PASSINGS

ADULT FACILITIES

- Bias Easley**, correctional officer, Lanesboro CI, 1y6m
- Terry Maynor**, correctional officer, Alexander CI, 10y1m
- Larry Purcell**, correctional officer, Scotland CI, 7y3m
- Darrell Stirewalt**, correctional officer, Piedmont CI, 25y8m