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Odom volunteer receives top honors

RALEIGH--Benjamin Maxwell (Max) Lancaster was honored April 24 as the 2001 Volunteer of the Year for the Division of Prisons during an awards luncheon at Raleigh's Brownstone Hotel.

A retired assistant superintendent for schools in Halifax County, Lancaster has served Odom Correctional Institution in Jackson primarily as a religious volunteer for 35 years. He is currently active in worship leadership, serves as a Bible study teacher and has sponsored inmates on community leave passes. Lancaster has also helped inmates find employment and places to live upon release from prison,



Maxwell Lawrence

initiated a holiday gift-giving program for inmates and recruited other volunteers to work in the prison.

"Many of the things that Max does are 'behind the scenes' and unless you know Max, you would never know the source of the many donations to prison ministries that impact Odom's inmate population," said Alma Hux, assistant superintendent at Odom. "Max is a very humble man who has dedicated his life to his church and his prison ministry."

Lancaster and his wife Louise are members of Rosemary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids. He has six children and 11 grandchildren. A graduate of

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Department recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week

TROY--On April 23, an emotional gathering on the front lawn of the Montgomery County courthouse marked another step toward healing for many local victims of crime and their families. Debra Walser, the victim information coordinator at Southern Correctional Institution, organized the event in observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.



Debra Walser, left, calls the names of victims while family members prepare to release balloons in honor of crime victims.

"We had families from Randolph County who came with names of loved ones. I think everybody there was touched," Walser said. "There was a lot of hugging and crying."

Walser recruited many people from the community to help with the service, including local law enforcement, correctional staff, criminal justice professionals and the

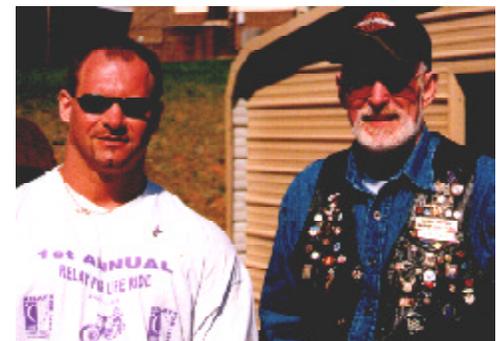
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These bikers ride for life

By Pamela Walker

ASHEBORO--When Buddy Grainger asked his fellow bikers to help fight cancer, more than 300 motorcyclists answered with a roar April 7. Hogs, rice burners, motors, trikes and men and women of all ages hit the road as part of Angela's Ride, a Relay for Life event to raise money for cancer research.

Angela Trogdon died of cancer in 1999. Her husband Rodney Trogdon,



Rodney Trogdon, left, and his uncle Buddy Grainger, helped organize the Relay for Life ride in honor of Trogdon's first wife, Angela. Grainger has been diagnosed with skin cancer.

an intensive officer for the Division of Community Corrections, organized Angela's Ride not only as a tribute to her, but as a tribute to all people affected by cancer. "The ride is supposed to be a celebration of life," said Trogdon.

One life Trogdon is celebrating is that of his uncle, Buddy Grainger, who was diagnosed with skin cancer a few years ago. Grainger is the president of the Concerned Bikers Association and it was his call to fellow bikers that helped make the fundraising event a success. Event

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Roanoke Rapids High School, Lancaster attended Mars Hill College, received a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an advanced education degree from East Carolina University. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Lancaster was one of 20 volunteers nominated for this year's award. Others recognized during the luncheon included: Thelma Bostic, Southern CI; Cleveland Cook, Albemarle CI; Elizabeth Hill, Wilmington RFW; Danny Hinnant, Tillery

CC; Albert Hoffner, Piedmont CI; Rev. Joseph Lenna, Dan River PWF; Irvin McSwain, Cleveland CC; Henry Moeller IV and Marsha Moeller, Black Mountain CCW and Craggy CC; Curtis Ray Morgan, Franklin CC; Elaine Price and Gregory Price, Sandhills YC; Rev. John Reid Sr., Columbus CI; Robert Ripley Jr., Nash CI; Joseph Rooney Sr., Pender CI; Dorothy Shephard, Pamlico CI; Lorraine White, NCCIW; Rev. James Woods, Robeson CC; and Barry

Zimmerman, Western YI.

Volunteers like Lancaster and the other nominees contributed more than 193,000 hours of service to North Carolina's prisons last year – work that is valued at about \$2.9 million. “We need our volunteers now more than ever,” said Division of Prisons Director Boyd Bennett. “Thank goodness for the thousands of volunteers across the state who come out to our prisons.”

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individual victims and their families. A correctional officer and a sheriff's deputy lit candles in memory of victims as names were read aloud. Family members came forward to claim balloons, which were released skyward at the end of the service.

“When we walked out to the street and each balloon was let go as a victim's name was called, the Presbyterian Church bells started pealing, it triggered emotions in me and everybody there,” said Montgomery

County Sheriff Jeff Jordan. “There were a lot of tears.”

Jordan, District Court Judge Michael Sabiston and Jay Clark, superintendent at Southern, addressed the crowd of more than 100 people. Sabiston spoke about a murder that affected him deeply, while Clark gave the victims and families advice on how to stay informed about an offender's status.

Plans are already underway for next

year's ceremony. “We are compelled to do it again,” said Jordan. “It was solemn, like a church service, and the people were so nice. They were victims of property loss, child abuse, assault, of the murder of a family member or friend.”

“We want people to know we don't care where they are from,” said Walser. “They will be welcome at our service next year.”

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organizers say they raised nearly \$7,500 from the riders' participation fees, T-shirt sales and a silent auction.

The bikers started in Asheboro, then made their way through Moore and Montgomery counties and the Uwharrie National Forest before returning to the starting point. “It was really touching to see all the people who came out,” said Trogdon. “Seeing all the people willing to help is what it's all about.”

Just about every person at the event talked about being affected by cancer in some way— some that were victims themselves and some who have family members or friends who suffer or have died from the disease. The chairman of the ride, Intensive Officer Tony Greene, recently had an aunt to pass away

with cancer. Rodney Trogdon remarried a few weeks ago and his new wife Denise's aunt also is fighting cancer.

Angela Trogdon's mother, Jeanette Moore, came out to support Angela's Ride. She not only lost her daughter to the disease, but her husband also lost a fight with cancer this past September. Overwhelmed at the number of people who turned out for the event, Moore said, “I am sad, but it is also a good feeling to see all these people pulling together.”



Randall Gibson, a surveillance officer in Randolph County, was one of nearly 20 DCC employees to support Angela's Ride.

The American Cancer Society estimates that over 500,000 Americans are expected to die of cancer this year. That's one of the many reasons that Trogdon's co-workers wanted to pitch in and help at the event. From the Judicial District

manager to probation officers and office assistants, nearly 20 Community Corrections employees lent a hand setting up tents, selling T-shirts, cooking hot dogs and serving refreshments.

“It's important to us to be a part of the community,” said Tim Poole, Judicial District manager. “The community support makes us feel good, too,” added Bill Tucker, probation/parole officer.

The DCC group will be doing its part at the second part of the fundraiser, the Relay for Life Walk scheduled for Friday, May 17. The highlight of the event will be a group of cancer survivors who walk the track at South Asheboro Middle School. Last year churches, businesses and members of the local community formed 215 teams consisting of 10-15 people per team. The event, which features live music, a stage show, an Elvis impersonator, food and fellowship, raised more than \$600,000 last year and was one of the most successful Relay for Life events in the country.

News

BRIEFS

McDowell County dedicates new wing built with inmate labor

MARION--On April 10, McDowell County opened a new wing built with inmate labor from Marion Correctional Institution's Minimum-Security Unit Community Work Program. The new wing has 3,000 square feet, 12 offices, a



Don Pagett, director of the McDowell County Department of Social Services, thanks the inmates and staff from Marion for a job well done.

conference room and storage space. County officials estimate that using inmate labor saved taxpayers over \$80,000. At the dedication, McDowell County officials presented letters of appreciation to Marion inmates and staff.

Neuse wins first annual Fire Truck Pull

GOLDSBORO--Law enforcement agencies and Wayne County businesses raised about \$3,500 for Special Olympics in Wayne County's first annual Fire Truck Pull on April 6. Neuse Correctional Institution took first place; Hyde Correctional Institution took second; and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department took third. Other teams participating included the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Fire Department, the Thoroughfare Fire Department and SAMS Club. The

Pinecrest Fire Department displayed the Torch Run banner on its new fire truck and Sparky the Dog made an appearance to the delight of the many children watching. SAMS Club generously donated \$2,000 to the event and provided hot dog plates for the cause. All proceeds go to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Fourteen facilities earn safety awards

RALEIGH--The North Carolina Department of Labor recently honored 14 facilities in the Department of Correction for safety in the workplace during 2001.

Eight prisons received awards, including Anson Correctional Center, Carteret Correctional Center, Robeson Correctional Center, Rowan Correctional Center, Tillery Correctional Center, Umstead Correctional Center, Union Correctional Center and Wilmington Residential Facility for Women.

Anson Correctional Center has been recognized for nine consecutive years. In addition, Central Engineering and the South Central Region of the Division of Prisons received honors for the third straight year. Correction Enterprises' Craggy Laundry, along with the sewing plants at Marion Correction Institution and Columbus Correctional Institution won safety awards for the second straight year.



Fay Lassiter wins 2002 Lewyn M. Hayes Award

GOLDSBORO--The Minority Pioneers awarded the Lewyn M. Hayes Award to Fay Lassiter April 27. The award is presented annually to a Department employee that contributes to the improvement of the criminal justice system as a whole or makes positive changes.

Lassiter, assistant chief for program services, began her career with the Department as a correctional officer at North Carolina Correctional Institution for



Goldsboro Mayor **Alphonso King**, left, and Secretary **Theodis Beck** congratulate **Fay Lassiter** on receiving the 2002 Lewyn M. Hayes Award.

Women. She worked her way up the ranks, eventually becoming superintendent of NCCIW in 1987. As assistant chief for program services, she is responsible for policy development and providing management and leadership for inmate programs and activities for the Division of Prisons.

GOLDSBORO--Hyde Correctional Center, which took second place, takes a turn pulling the fire truck, while the first place team from Neuse watches from the sidelines. The event, which also included teams from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, SAMS Club and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, raised more than \$3,500.

Spotlight on Substance Abuse Screening Program

The Department of Correction opened its first two drug screening labs in Raleigh and Asheville in 1989 and opened labs in Fayetteville, Charlotte, Greensboro and Greenville in 1990. Since then, North Carolina's Substance Abuse Screening Program has become one of the most respected criminal justice drug screening programs in the country.

In six labs spread across the state, a staff of 10 technicians screens almost 250,000 offender urine samples each year. Their work helps provide proper supervision and substance abuse treatment for offenders in the Division of Prisons, the Division of Community

Corrections and IMPACT. The labs also screen samples for some county sheriff's departments, social service agencies and juvenile training schools.

Each lab processes between 3,500 and 5,000 offender samples a month, testing for four controlled substances: marijuana, cocaine, opiates and benzodiazepines. Samples that test positive are rescreened; if the test is positive a second time, the Department sends the sample to a private lab for confirmation. More than 98 percent of the samples sent to the private lab are confirmed positive.

Through the Department of Correction's OPUS mainframe, drug screen results are available to the officers

who request them within seconds of their completion in the lab. After receiving a double positive result from one of the Department labs, an officer can place an offender in drug treatment. Any disciplinary or punitive action by the courts must wait until positive results are received on the confirmation test performed at the private lab.

"Drug screening serves as a safety mechanism for the officer," said program manager Mildred Jones. "If they know what the offender is using, they can take precautions. They can also make appropriate drug treatment available to that offender."



Four administrators manage the Substance Abuse Screening Program. **Beverly Mecum**, left, is the Western area administrator, supervising the drug labs in Charlotte, Asheville and Greensboro. **Karen Kelly**, center, is the Eastern area administrator, managing the Greenville, Raleigh and Fayetteville labs. **Mildred Jones**, right, is the program manager and a former lab technician herself. **Sherry Pilkington**, seated, the assistant director of special operations for the Division of Community Corrections, oversees the entire program.



Elaine Nelson has worked in the Asheville drug lab for three years. She has two grown children, a son and a daughter. She enjoys shopping, camping and outdoor activities.

Sharon Hagan is busy with some data entry in the Greenville drug lab, where she has worked for seven years. Sharon has two children, Ashley, a sophomore at Shaw University, and 9-year-old Brandon. She enjoys fun outings to the movies and the beach with her kids.



Susie Williams has worked for three years in the Greensboro Drug Lab. She and her husband are parents to three grown children. When she's not working, she enjoys boating and deep-sea fishing with her husband along the Carolina coast.

Rosa Covington once thought she would be a professional bowler, but gave the bowling tour a try and decided it was too exhausting. Today she just bowls for fun. Rosa has worked in the Charlotte drug lab for 5 years. Before that she worked in the Greensboro lab. She is very active in her

hometown church in Waxhaw, where she serves as a deaconess and teaches Sunday School.



Jovita Rogers came to the Greenville drug lab 10 years ago after working as a medical lab technician at Pitt Memorial Hospital. She's always busy with her three kids: a son attending NC Central University, a 14-year old daughter who plays softball and sings in the All-State chorus and a five-year old son who is a T-ball champ getting ready for kindergarten.



Manita Badger lives in Clayton and has worked in the Raleigh drug lab for almost three years. She's also a full-time student pursuing a degree in criminal justice at Shaw University. When she completes that degree, she hopes to start law school.



Connie Dinh has been working in the Charlotte drug lab since it opened more than 10 years ago. She was born in Hong Kong and came to the United States to attend college. She keeps in touch with her family in Hong Kong through phone calls and visits every few years. At home, Connie enjoys working in her yard and garden and going shopping.



James Goode is a 10-year veteran in the Greensboro lab. He served 20 years in the Army, where he also worked in a drug testing lab and played in the U.S. Army Band. Today James still plays brass and reed instruments and his kids play in their school bands. He enjoys watching drum and bugle corps competitions with his wife Cheryl and attending their children's band performances.



Felicia Jenkins has worked in the Fayetteville drug lab for nine years. Her previous job was in a clinical lab in Germany, while her husband was in the Army. When she's not working, she enjoys reading, shopping and playing video games with her 11-year-old son Phillip.



Rose Powell has worked as a medical lab technician for about 13 years and has worked in the Asheville drug lab for a year and a half. She keeps busy with her two kids, Danny, 17 and Carly, 13. Living in the mountains, they enjoy family camping and hiking trips.



Agnes Morton has worked in the Raleigh lab for four years. She's currently busy planning a move from Raleigh to a new home in Holly Springs. As a mom, she's always busy with her children, 10-year old Domonique and 18-month old Marlon.



MANAGEMENT IN MOTION

Tommy King takes the helm at Tillery

TILLERY--Secretary Theodis Beck has tapped Tommy King to become the new superintendent at Tillery Correctional Center, effective May 1.



Tommy King

"Tommy King started as a correctional officer and has advanced through the ranks," says Secretary Beck.

"He has a keen understanding of what it takes to run a correctional facility successfully and I have great confidence in him."

King began his career with the Department as a correctional officer at Caledonia Correctional Institution in 1979. After serving as sergeant and lieutenant at Caledonia, he transferred to

Piedmont Correctional Institution as a captain 1989. A year later, he became assistant superintendent at Craggy Correctional Center, then moved to Tillery as assistant superintendent in 1991.

King is excited about his new position. "I hope to have a facility where I emphasize communication, cooperation, teamwork and a lot of input from staff in running the facility," says King. "I've worked in all positions, so I can relate to each one of the staff members that are there."

King and his wife Lela, a correctional sergeant at Fountain Correctional Center for Women, have two daughters. Although he grew up in Scotland Neck, King and his family live in Tillery. When he is not working, King drag races in his 1975 Trans Am and reads.

Wayne Spears takes over at Henderson

HENDERSONVILLE--Secretary Theodis Beck has named Wayne Spears as the new superintendent at Henderson Correctional Center, effective May 1.

"Wayne Spears has 30 years of experience in law enforcement and corrections," said Secretary Beck. "I am confident he will be an effective leader for Henderson Correctional Center."

After serving as a highway patrolman from 1967-80, Spears spent the next five years working in his own import/export business. He joined the Department of Correction in 1985 as a district manager for the Western Region, became superintendent at Hoke Correctional Institution in 1989



Wayne Spears

and served as the administrator for the South Central Region from 1990-93. As a classification coordinator, he helped open Foothills Youth Center in 1993 and Marion Correctional Institution in 1995.

Spears looks forward to his new assignment as superintendent. "I think it's the most enjoyable job in the Division of Prisons," said Spears.

A native of Rowan County, Spears now lives in Rutherford with his wife. He and his wife have one child and two grandchildren. In his spare time, Spears canoes, fishes and enjoys cowboy action shooting. A history buff, Spears also builds historical replicas of guns.

**PERSONNEL
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The Office of State Personnel, in partnership with the Department of Administration's Council for Women and Domestic Violence Commission, has identified a security measure to protect and support employees who are victims of domestic violence.

Upon request, the Office of State Personnel will remove an employee's telephone number from the state directory in order to conceal a victim's location and prevent harassment at work. Employees should contact Donna Freeman, the Communications Center specialist, at (919) 733-3280 to request this removal.

To ensure that legitimate parties still will be able to contact the employee, a contact person, such as a supervisor, could be listed. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Johnny Lee, workplace violence specialist, in the Office of State Personnel at (919) 733-9545.

Saving for the future

Now there are even more incentives to participate in the U.S. Savings Bonds Payroll Payroll Savings Plan! To complement the well-known EE bond, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has introduced the inflation-indexed I Bond, which offers a fixed rate above inflation for up to 30 years. The I Bond is available in the following denominations: \$100, \$200, \$500 and \$1,000.

During this year's campaign, employees can enroll for the first time or to increase their current allotment. If you have any questions regarding Savings Bonds, see your facility's benefit representative or call 1-800-4US-BOND.

Movin On Up

NAME	NEW TITLE	LOCATION
Abhay Agarwal	Physician Dir II	DOP Medical
Stephanie Arrington	Prob/Par Off Trainee	DCC, Dist. 9B
Michael Barringer	Corr Officer Trainee	Rowan CC
Michael Bioletti	Prob/Par Surv Officer	DCC, Dist. 27A
Anita Brown	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 26
Thomas Conti	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 15A
Debrah D. Hall	Healthcare Tech II	Hoke CI
Sami Dawood	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 11
Robert James III	Prob/Par Off Trainee	DCC, Dist. 8A
Dwight Kelley	Corr Officer Trainee	Franklin CC
Kerri Kennedy	Prob/Par Inten Case Off	DCC, Dist. 24
Jon Kesler	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 21
Tammy Lambert	Healthcare Tech II	McCain CH
Roberta Lane	Healthcare Tech II	Hoke CI
Marieli Lazu Lozada	Healthcare Tech II	NCCIW
Antonio Lewis	Prob/Par Officer II	DCC, JD 1
Lynda Lewis	Nurse Clinician	McCain CH
Benjamin Lynch	Prob/Par Officer II	DCC, Dist. 29
Nettie Midgett	Corr Officer Trainee	Pamlico CI
Levonna Morrison	Prob/Par Off Trainee	DCC, Dist. 19B
Brian Murray	Food Serv Mgr IV	NCCIW
Sidra Owens	Accountant I	Fiscal
Terry Paige	Chief PPO	DCC, Dist. 12
Dorothy Parker	Nurse Supvr I	Odom CI
Jennifer Powell	Admin Asst II	DCC, Division 2
Artis Sellers	Chief PPO	DCC, Dist. 20B
Rebecca Stutts	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 21
Meredith Suther	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 21
Tommy Sutton	Accountant III	Fiscal
Joseph Tillery	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 21
Susan Van Hoy	Prob/Par Off II	DCC, Dist. 21
Mattie Washington	Personnel Asst IV	FCCW
Kimberly Watts	Sub Abuse Counselor II	NCCIW
Randy Williams	Par Services Mgr	DCC, Dist. 22
Derek Williams	Corr Prog Asst II	Rowan CC
Randy Williams	Par Services Man	DCC, Dist. 22
Brian Wright	Corr Officer Trainee	Franklin CC
Carla Yarborough	Chief PPO	DCC, Dist. 10

From the Archives



Herbert Jackson, assistant superintendent at Brown Creek, identified these men as his father, Major C.M. Jackson (left), Capt. Owen Meeks of Richmond Correctional Center and Capt. Presley R. Ingold of Anson Correctional Center. "I have an original photograph hanging on the wall at my house," wrote Jackson. "I thought it was the only picture around." Jackson estimates that the picture was taken in the late 1950s based on the 25-year patch on his father's sleeve. His father retired in 1973 with 44 years of service.

Officer Joy Waddell from Brown Creek also correctly identified the men and told John R. Ingold, Capt. Ingold's grandson, about the picture. Ingold, currently the Polkton town manager, followed in his grandfather's footsteps and worked with the Department of Correction for 10 years. His wife Betty is a program supervisor at Anson Correctional Center.

"I guess we believe in keeping it in the family," wrote Betty. According to Betty, Capt. Presley Ingold joined the Department in 1935 in Troy, N.C. In 1943, he moved to Anson as superintendent, where he worked until his retirement in 1972.



STATESVILLE--On May 1, family, friends and colleagues attended a memorial service for **Dennis Lemanski**, an intensive case officer with the Division of Community Corrections who died on March 29. Shown above, **Roselyn Powell**, chief of Division III, remembers Lemanski, while **Marty Byers** of the Fraternal Order of Police, Commander **Leon Clem** of the American Legion, **Lt. Col. N. Honeycutt** of the North Carolina National Guard and **George E. Pettigrew** of the Division of Community Corrections look on. To honor Lemanski, DCC Director **Robert Lee Guy** presented Lemanski's family with a flag that was flown over the state capitol.

Retirements 30 Years or More

Fred Brown Jr.	Eddie Little
Wesley G. Davis	Joseph Pickelsimer
Diane Harden	Lewis L. Ware

Honor Students

Richard M. Lee	Pender CI
Kimberly C. Poteet	DCC, Dist. 30

Deaths

None

From the Archives: The Past in Pictures



Does anybody recognize this group? E-mail us at smr22@doc.state.nc.us if you have information regarding this photograph or if you have a photo that you would like to see published in *Correction News*.

For information about the photo in the April issue, see page 7.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2--The Presbyterian Chaplaincy Coordinating Committee and the Raleigh Correctional Center for Women will dedicate the Hope Center for Worship and Education at 1201 S. State Street in Raleigh. Open House begins at 3:00 p.m. and the dedication and a reception to follow. For more information, contact RCCW at (919) 733-4248.

June 6--The North Carolina Probation/Parole Officer's Association in Division III has built a House for Humanity in Rowan County. The dedication ceremony is June 6th at 11:00 in Salisbury. For more information, contact Rose Cox at (336) 996-2915.

July 15-21--Probation, parole, community supervision officers, criminal and juvenile justice professionals and communities will join together across America to celebrate the 2nd annual Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Officers' Week. For more information, visit www.appa-net.org.

NOTE: The Public Information Office posts upcoming events on the Web site and in *Correction News*. If you have an event you would like posted on the Web or published in the newsletter, please e-mail us at smr22@doc.state.nc.us. Include a brief description of the event, date, time, location and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

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