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# Welcome to Inside Corrections



With great sadness but the deepest appreciation we gathered in September to honor the fallen among our ranks. It is always an important time to remember the sacrifice the staff has made to protect the citizens of Oklahoma and their fellow employees. Our heart goes out to the family who must carry the burden.

The committee who has created this lasting memorial also deserve our ongoing thanks. It is a loving tribute for all to see as they enter here. I hope that all who are here and those that come after us will continue to keep it and the memories that it holds.

While there is much going on in Corrections I believe I will simply leave you with an image of that day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RP', written in a cursive style.

Robert Patton



# In Other Words

Joyce Jackson,

Thanks to you and your staff for an eye opening and beneficial experience in the Department of Corrections' Leadership Academy. I believe the program achieves its goal to inform the public about the realities of correctional institutions.

It looks like two more of the United Way staff will sign up for the next session. My hope is that we develop a strong relationship and work together in creative ways to make Oklahoma a stronger, healthier, and more compassionate place to live.

Sincerely,

Mike Slack

UNITED WAY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Director Patton,

We are writing to thank you for the far-sighted and progressive leadership you've demonstrated in your role as director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections; most notably, and of special interest to us, are the offender dog training programs now operating in numerous facilities under your attention and care. We recently became the proud caretakers of Quigley, a four year-old Australian Shepherd mix that had been rescued by the Oklahoma Humane Society and taken to the Friends for Folks Dog Training Program at the Lexington Correctional Center by a member who knew Dr. John Otto, local veterinarian and dynamic advocate/volunteer for offender dog training, was

looking for a certain "type" of dog.

While at the Friends for Folks program Quigley progressed quite nicely under the care and tutelage of his offender handler/trainer, Luke Sinclair and program coordinator and Case Manager extraordinaire, Lee Fairchild. In fact, he did so well at the prison that we were able to pick him up several months early. Upon his arrival, we hosted a welcome reception that was captured by the Oklahoma City Community College film director Greg Mellott in preparation for the production of a follow-up documentary to the Emmy-nominated "Dogs of Lexington." Also present were reporters for the Daily Oklahoman and the Norman Transcript. The next day KOCO did a special interest piece on Quigley and his new job at Griffin Memorial Hospital.

That was over two weeks ago. In the meantime, we've begun the process of helping Quigley acclimate to his new surroundings and new duties. Our agency, like yours, deals every day with Oklahomans who, for various reasons, exhibit myriad behaviors that lead to them being under our care. As we learn more and more about mental health and human beings, we are becoming increasingly aware of the role trauma plays in mental health and behavioral issues. Quigley, by just being here, has allowed us to enter dialogues on past trauma and its connection to present behavior that simply weren't happening before his arrival. In addition to his presence facilitating discussions

on many issues related to our work, Quigley's presence has raised the entire spirit of the hospital. We have over 300 employees and there is not a soul who isn't aware of and excited about Quigley's presence. He is still undergoing further therapy dog training and hasn't even begun to work with our consumers and he's already changing our culture!

I'm sure you're aware of the positive impact programs like this have on the dogs and the offenders who work with them, as well as the recipients of the dogs when they finish their prison training so we know we're not telling you anything new. Still, we just want to communicate our heartfelt gratitude to you for your role in these win/win programs. Without your leadership and endorsement, they wouldn't be available and we, as Oklahomans, would feel that loss.

Thank you.

Larry D. Gross

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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## Appointments



**Terri Watkins**  
**Director**  
**Internal/External**  
**Communications**

Terri Watkins' hometown is Norman, her University is the Crimson and Cream of the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Watkins received a degree in Political Science with a minor in Journalism. She started a journalism career in Tulsa with a small radio station and continued doing radio in Oklahoma and Texas. She began work at KOCO Television in Oklahoma City to work on a story involving Oklahoma's Juvenile Treatment Facilities. That story would earn the television station its first Peabody award. During the 24 years Ms. Watkins worked at KOCO, she was involved in the investigations of Governor David Walters, State Treasurer Claudette Henry, State Treasurer Edward Ellis, and Adjutant General Tommy Alsip. She spent three years covering the Oklahoma City bombing including the trials of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Ms. Watkins is a member of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame. She has been a part of two Peabody award winning teams in the newsroom and was inducted into the Television Academy of Arts Silver Circle.

After 30 years as a reporter, she now work in state government helping agencies do strategic planning and public relations. She is currently with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Dr. William Cooper has been appointed as the agency's Chief Medical Officer for the Health Services Division. Dr. Cooper began his career at the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) in 1999, serving as a staff physician at Mack Alford Correctional Center, and he became the Regional Supervising Physician for the Southeast Region in 2013. As Chief Medical Officer, he will supervise medical staff at twenty-two ODOC facilities.

Dr. Cooper graduated from the Oklahoma State University of Osteopathic Medicine in 1992, and he completed his training at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. He owned and operated his private Family Practice in Madill for eight years.

Dr. Cooper is a member of American Osteopathic Association, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and American College of Osteopathic Family Practitioners.



**Dr. William Cooper**  
**Chief Medical Officer**  
**Health Services Division**

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OCI Showroom and Design Center

# Oklahoma Correctional Industries (OCI)

by Kim Sharp, Secretary V, OCI

Over the past five years, OCI has grown its private partnership revenue platform from 28 offender workers in two partnerships to 537 offender workers in 18 partnerships. These partnerships provide jobs for offenders in call centers offering deregulated energy products,

long distance phone service, emergency roadside assistance, appointment setting and call verification, as well as welding and metal fabrication skills. Offenders learn skills and abilities that can be taken directly and successfully to the private sector job market upon their release

from custody. In fact, some of the partners have agreed to hire offenders who successfully work for them while incarcerated when they are released. Employing 537 offender workers reduces idleness on facility yards by 1,020,300 hours per year. One new partnership will become active in August, providing an additional 60 offender workers in FY 2015. The new partner also has plans to expand to a second facility, hiring 45 additional workers within 90 days.

For several months, staff at the OCI Metal Fabrication shop at the Dick Conner Correctional Center worked with representatives from the Oklahoma

Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) discussing ideas for meth containment disposal units to be placed in several cities throughout the state. Production finally began on five units and a special transport unit. The disposal units measure 5' x 5' x 7' tall and are made of 3/16" thick steel. All seams are welded to create a water tight seal for the purpose of keeping water out of the container and perform as an environmental safety vehicle by retaining any spills that may occur from the contraband that is placed inside. By purchasing these containment units from OCI, the OBN estimated a savings of over \$85,000 for five units. The OBN director publically recognized OCI for the quality of the products and the savings his department received.

All five units have been delivered to Sallisaw, Muskogee, Vinita, Ardmore and Lawton. This was another opportunity

for OCI to work with agencies throughout the state on special projects that save taxpayers money.

In late spring, OCI sales staff met with the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Hall of Fame Director to discuss the possibility of OCI constructing padding for the walls, backstop, dugouts and railing at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City. It was explained that ASA's current vendor would need 90 days to complete the padding project and with the NCAA Women's College World Series starting in three weeks, they could not wait that long. Having only been in the sports padding business for less than six months and never attempting anything this large in scope, the OCI upholstery shop accepted the job and began immediately with planning and measurements. OCI staff started the job on May 5, 2014 and completed it on

May 29, 2014. By working with ASA and the NCAA, OCI found better ways to build these types of products and developed a new metal hanging rail. This project was very rewarding and said a lot for OCI when we were able to see our product displayed proudly on national television during the NCAA Women's College World Series. Several similar jobs are anticipated and will be received from high school and college softball parks as a result of this project.

The OCI computer operations and records conversion units are located at the Joseph Harp Correctional Center and employ four staff and 125 offenders.

The computer operations unit is responsible for all field and help desk technology support for OCI staff and offenders. This unit also does website development, database development, custom programming and custom



**Oklahoma State Reformatory Garment Factory**



**Meth Storage Container**



**ASA Hall of Fame Stadium**

audio/video editing. One of the most outstanding accomplishments has been the development of the Department wide kitchen tracking, inventory, and purchasing software package that is soon to be implemented to assist in the management of offender food service units statewide. It utilizes approximately 25 offenders supervised by staff to accomplish all OCI technical support.

In addition to technological support, the OCI computer operations unit also provides support for the OCI accounting and inventory control system.

The OCI record conversion unit employees approximately 100 offenders and consists of data entry, optical imaging and the OCI partnership for yearbook digitization. Records conversion performs a variety of service-based

industry functions for the Department, as well as other state agencies to include remote and offline data entry, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority violators review and data entry, optical imaging of paper records for archival and retrieval of long-term retention records, scanning of historical documents and publications for the Oklahoma Historical Society and scanning of yearbooks in conjunction with a private partnership to build a world wide database for high school, college and military yearbooks.

The OCI garment operation oversees the entire manufacturing process from procurement of the raw materials to the shipping of the finished goods to the customer. The production process begins with the sales order received from OCI customer service. Once logged by the clerk, it is processed through inventory control to determine if the product is in stock. If not, then the cutting table

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# Female Diversion Programs

by Tara Van Saaze, Female Diversion Local Administrator  
Community Sentencing

*As Oklahoma struggles to address the high rate of female incarceration female diversion programs are showing success one life at a time. In fact, the one life turns into several as these women are reconnected with their children and families.*

The diversion programs target females who struggle with substance abuse and mental health issues. Opportunities to divert women from prison by providing treatment in the community is a cost savings to Corrections and the State of Oklahoma. The four diversion programs highlighted are Community Sentencing, Female Diversion; ReMerge in Oklahoma County and Women in Recovery in Tulsa County. Community Sentencing is funded by the Department of Corrections and targets offenders with one prior felony who have substance abuse and or mental health issues. Female diversion has been funded by several sources and is currently funded by a mental health collaboration grant from BJA and focuses on women who are failing on probation or ordered by the court. ReMerge is funded by public and private funds and targets pregnant women and mothers facing incarceration. Women in Recovery is funded by the George Kaiser Family Foundation and is an intensive outpatient alternative for eligible women facing long prison sentences for non-violent, drug-related offenses. By reading the stories in this article, you will see the impact these programs are making in the life's of these women, their families and their communities. It is with the support of the District Attorneys, the Defense Bar and Judges that these programs have become viable sentencing options that develop productive citizens and safer communities.



**LELSIE FAHRINGER  
COMMUNITY SENTENCING  
GRADUATE**

I began drinking on a daily basis eleven years ago. I drank alcoholically for one year before entering my first treatment center. I had much success at that time, remaining sober for three years. At this point I was told, "I had a high bottom." This meant that I hadn't experienced any negative repercussions as a result of my drinking...YET!!! This was the ever so infamous word. You see, I hadn't lost anything yet. I was still married, a good mother, gainfully employed as an Adjunct College Professor, active Board

member, Sunday School teacher and the list goes on and on. Yet again emptiness remained deep inside of me. Much to my dismay, I succumbed to alcohol once again. In no uncertain words this was the beginning of my demise. My "yet" was now my reality and I could not see any end in sight.

After numerous treatment centers, stints of jail time, homelessness, divorce, relationship and financial bankruptcy, bundled up DUI and alcohol charges, I was left hopeless and in despair. I found myself utterly hopeless, crying out in fear and emotional pain. I had lost all hope and confidence of ever having a happy, respectable life again. I didn't know that restoration was possible; after all prison was looking me square in the face. Someone had faith and I know it wasn't me. That was Community Sentencing. They truly saved my life by offering treatment versus prison time. They literally had the cell keys in their hand. But they believed in me, walked me through the darkest days of my life and helped restore the hope I thought was lost forever. It wasn't easy and I fought through it sometimes begrudgingly. They put an alcohol detection monitor

on my ankle, demanded sober living, random drug testing, employment, individual and group counseling, relapse prevention classes and a simple decision to not consume alcohol. Some of which most people may think is easy.

I write this success story today filled with much gratitude and the opportunity at life again which Community Sentencing graciously provided me. It would have been just as easy for them to throw away the key. They were there to encourage, support and see me succeed. I now have "purpose" again! And I owe much of that to Nathan Rhea and Candice Moore of Community Sentencing. I continue to fight the good fight and celebrate my victories. What was once lost is being restored one step at a time. I now have a relationship again with my three children, I mentor other women, I am gainfully employed helping others with mental illness and substance abuse issues, I have a driver's license after 3½ years. And most of all, I have my faith and relationship with God, knowing He will never leave me nor forsake me. I have hope and restoration.

*"I began drinking on a daily basis eleven years ago. I was... a good mother, gainfully employed as an Adjunct College Professor, active Board member, Sunday School teacher..."*



**ANGELA WILSON  
FEMALE DIVERSION  
PROGRAM GRADUATE**

**Angela Wilson** grew up in a traditional family with Christian values. She graduated high school and went on to attend Langston University. However, Angela hid a piece of her life, a father addicted to alcohol. It was a dark secret that haunted her throughout her childhood and into adulthood. Her parents separated when she was nine years old and she grew to hate her father. After returning home after a year of college, Angela began to spiral downward. Her people, places, and things changed. She was immersed in the very same addiction that caused her to hate her father. Angela became pregnant by her dope dealer. In 1989, Angela began committing crimes to support her alcohol and drug addictions. She served three prison sentences and always went back to what she knew when she returned home. Angela admitted she

was tired of the life she lived and relieved when she was put in jail in 2010. This was her rock bottom. Angela “hit a wall” while driving under the influence. She lost the support of her family and no longer had the will to live. She entered the Female Diversion Program in 2010. She received love and support in a way she never experienced. She learned to be honest with herself. NorthCare became a part of her family. She attended treatment groups, individual therapy, and is still active in the AfterCare program. Angela has two children, 31 and 28. They both have regained trust for their mother and support her. She is happily married and loves to love on her grandchildren. She continues to be active in her community and enjoys providing support to others struggling with addiction.



**AMY GAGE  
REMERGE GRADUATE**

**Amy Gage** is 29 years old and has had six children. In 2010, she

found herself homeless, addicted to methamphetamines, and without her children. She was given a suspended sentence and put on probation. Amy’s struggles intensified as she fell deeper into her addiction. In 2013, her sentence was modified and she was sentenced to the Remerge Program. Her journey began at the FirstStep Program for the first ninety days. Amy then moved into sober living while attending intensive outpatient counseling. She progressed through the program swiftly, taking advantage of educational opportunities and parenting classes. Amy completed her GED, began courses at Rose State College, obtained her driver’s license, and regained custody

*Amy says her biggest struggle was changing the way she thinks and not living with a constant fight or flight mentality. She holds onto the pain from her past because it keeps her from going back to a lifestyle of drugs and crime.*

of three of her children. She graduated ReMerge in June 2014. With a support system intact she was ready to live a brand new life. When asked what her biggest struggle was throughout her recovery journey, she said it was changing the way she thinks and not living with a constant fight or flight mentality. She holds onto the pain from her past because it keeps her from going back to a lifestyle of drugs and crime. Amy would give ReMerge all the credit for her success if they would let her; however, anyone who knows her will say, she made the decision to change her life and she did all the work. Amy currently works for Hope Community Center in Oklahoma City as a Recovery Support Specialist, lives in her own apartment with her children, and begins college this semester. She maintains her recovery by attending weekly support meetings, giving herself me time, and having a support system in place.



**JAHNA YOUNGPETER  
WOMEN IN RECOVERY  
GRADUATE**

**Jahna Youngpeter** entered the criminal justice system after a long history of trauma and drug addiction. Her struggles started as an infant. She suffered from a brain injury and childhood sexual

abuse. Her journey towards recovery began when she spent fifteen months in David L. Moss, Tulsa County Jail. She was facing the reality of being sent to prison because of her drug related felony charges. Jahna was given a second chance when she was court ordered to treatment in the Women in Recovery Program offered at Family and Children's Services. Jahna was given an opportunity to learn how to love herself for the first time. She actively participated in intensive outpatient services and any ancillary services available. Jahna graduated WIR in April 2012. She now works full time for Family and Children Services as a Recovery Support Specialist for the Adult Mental Health Services. She is currently raising her eleven year old daughter and modeling a life of recovery for her family. Jahna says it best, "God gave me my life back and WIR taught me how to live it. I am thankful for new beginning." ■

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# FBI Hostage Negotiation Training

by Charles Shepherd, Executive Communications

Crisis/Hostage Negotiation skills are something that's vitally important to corrections, but a tool we hope we never have to use. Recently, four team members representing the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) participated in a 40 hour training course conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Edmond Police Department and Fire Department.

This training prepares members of the ODOC Crisis Management Team for a real crisis. It makes sure we have a team

in place to set up a command center and execute what they have learned to bring a safe and peaceful resolution. They learned active listening skills, how to be a good team member and how each person has a role to play in the negotiating process.

Participants were given different scenarios and were asked to demonstrate their skills learned and work through these potential situations together as a team. Each scenario has elements that test the skills of a hostage negotiating

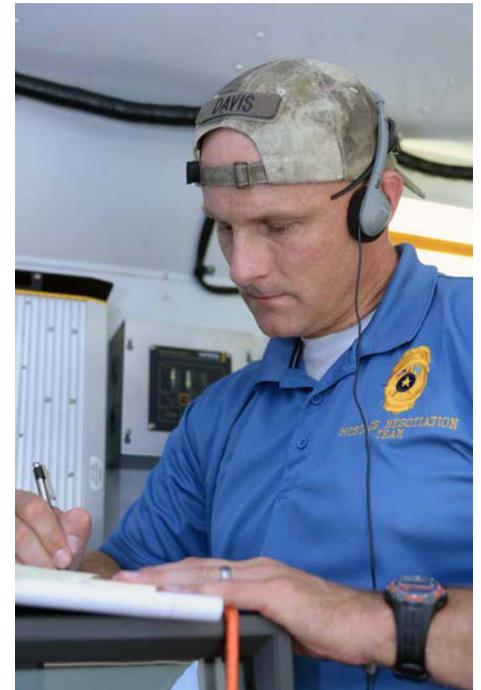
team. Skills designed to save lives when executed correctly.

Amandia Callen, Warden's Assistant at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center along with, Chad Lynn, Human Resources Management Specialist at Jackie Brannon Correctional Center, Helen Bell, Correctional Case Manager at James Crabtree Correctional Center and Lt. Ronald Davis, Correctional Officer at John Lilley Correctional Center, made up the ODOC Crisis/Hostage Negotiation Team. The members chosen for this

training were recommended by their facility wardens. The training is 40 hours of classroom and field work, rotating members of the team to experience every position during a crisis/hostage situation. After the team works the scenario, they are evaluated on strengths and weaknesses,

what they could have done in a situation or if they did everything correctly before moving to the next reenactment. After this training, each individual agency will conduct a refresher course at least once a month. This helps trainees stay alert and keep their skills polished.

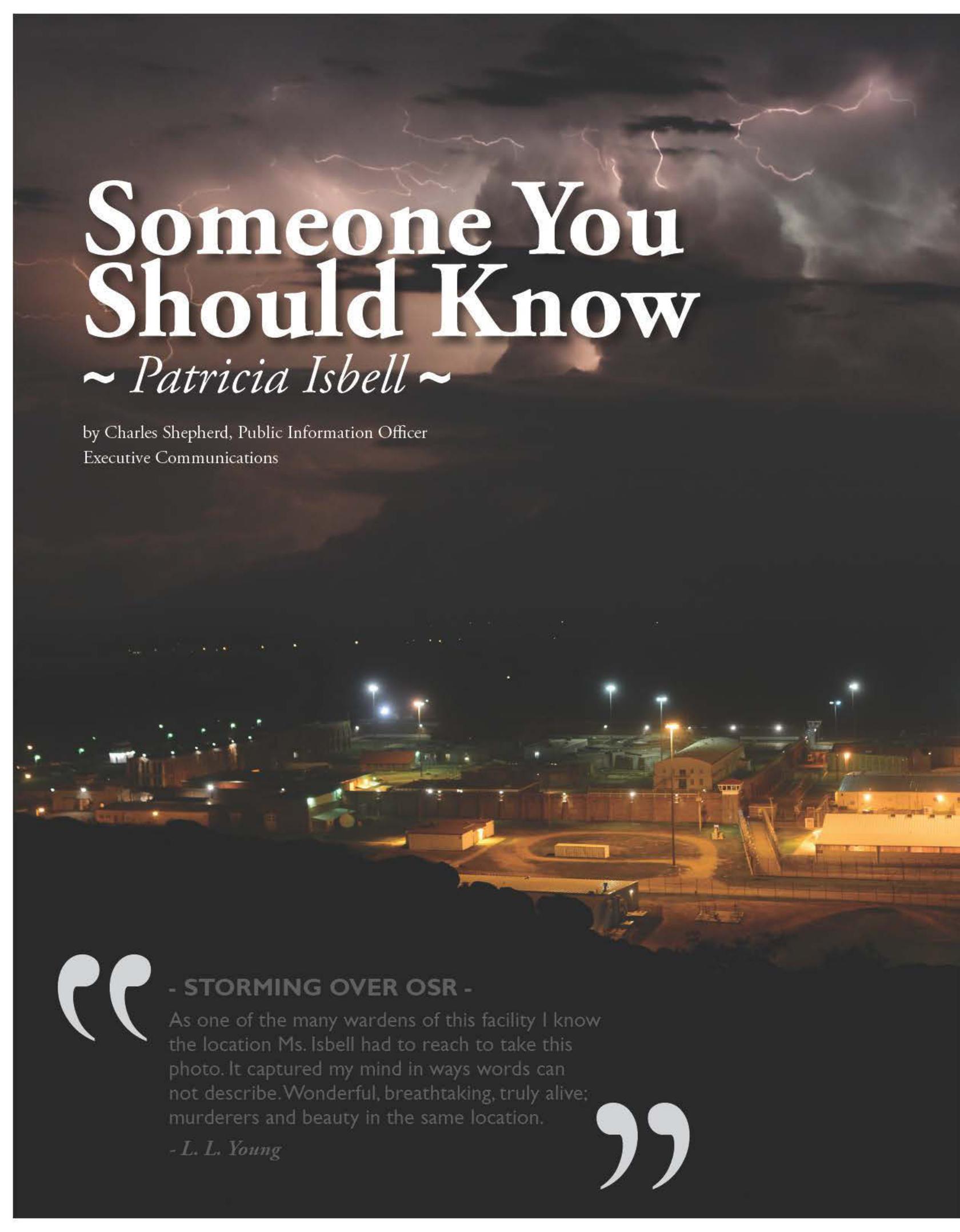
The members of the ODOC Crisis/Hostage Negotiation Team all agree that the skills they have learned are invaluable. They are grateful for this knowledge and hope they will never have to put it to real use. ■



**Pictured previous page:** ODOC Crisis/Hostage Negotiation Team (back row, L-R) Lt. Ronald Davis, Helen Bell, Chad Lynn and (front) Amandia Callen; (below left) Lt. Ronald Davis; (below right) FBI practice facility.

**The secret of getting ahead is getting started.**

*- Mark Twain*



# Someone You Should Know

~ *Patricia Isbell* ~

by Charles Shepherd, Public Information Officer  
Executive Communications

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## - STORMING OVER OSR -

As one of the many wardens of this facility I know the location Ms. Isbell had to reach to take this photo. It captured my mind in ways words can not describe. Wonderful, breathtaking, truly alive; murderers and beauty in the same location.

- *L. L. Young*

”



Patricia Isbell

Crawling on her stomach for 3 hours, inch by inch behind thin blades of dried field grass peeking through the snow cover ground in South Dakota, Oklahoma award winning photographer, Patricia Isbell stalks her subject. She endured the coldest photo shoot she had ever been on to simply capture the image of a Pronghorn Antelope. Armed with a digital camera and a 70 to 200mm lens she moves within 10 yards of the animal. Looking through the cameras lens there are so many things to think about, the lighting the animal's movement, the look in the animal's eyes. When the moment arrives all that work, all that cold, is worth it as the camera shutter grabs the image. This is what Patricia lives for...

Isbell started this journey some 35 years ago as a girl saving her baby sitting money to buy film for her Kodak 110 camera. Encouraged by her mom, she took pictures of almost everything. A Texas native, Patricia was blessed with photographic skills that were mostly self-taught. Her favorite pictures are wildlife, whether photographing an Albino Whitetail Buck, a Big Horn Ram or a Crimson Rumped Toucanet in Ecuador. She is willing to go the extra mile to get the picture she wants. There was the time she was hanging on the side of a mountain when the rocks gave way under her feet. Or when she was framing a snow covered bull buffalo in her viewfinder only to look up from the eye piece and see the buffalo looking at her from six feet away. She was even  
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# Oklahoma Department of Corrections PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS WIN TOP AWARDS AT CLEET ACADEMY



On August 29, 2014, probation and parole officers from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections graduated from CLEET Class A1403 in Ada, Oklahoma with approximately 72 students.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections probation and parole officers received the following awards:

## **TOP SHOT AWARD**

Keith Vincent  
Probation and Parole Officer III  
Southeast District  
Poteau, Oklahoma

## **TOP ACADEMIC STUDENT AWARD**

Jenifer Stoker  
Probation and Parole Officer  
Jeffery M. McCoy Central District  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

# Congratulations on a job well done!

## Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center OFFENDERS DONATE FUNDS TO LEFLORE COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



**JEHCC Warden Michael Wade (right) presents a check to Carolyn Sanders (left) with the LeFlore County Child Advocacy Center.**

The LeFlore County Child Advocacy Center in Poteau was recently presented with a check for \$1,073.09 from the Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center (JEHCC), Hodgen, to help with their efforts in protecting children and combating child abuse.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections has, for the past 34 years, sponsored the department-wide “Run Against Child Abuse” in their facilities to help raise awareness and also raise funds to fight child abuse.

Offenders participate by running laps within the facility and purchase commemorative t-shirts to raise money. This positive activity allows offenders the opportunity to give back to the community.

The agency in Poteau has been the recipient of the event proceeds from JEHCC for several years. Various equipment and materials for the center have been purchased through the facility’s fundraising efforts.



Group shot of Tulsa Community College Offender Graduates.

# DICK CONNER CORRECTIONAL CENTER (DCCC)

## *Tulsa Community College Offender Graduation*

On July 24, 2014, DCCC and the Tulsa Community College hosted an offender graduation for offenders who have obtained their Associate Degrees and class completion certificate.

Thirty offenders were recognized for their accomplishments. Three offenders received their General Education Diplomas (GED), two received an Associate Degree, eighteen received Computer User Certificates, four received Horticulture Certificates and three offenders received Hospitality Certificates.

Following the processional, Warden Terry Martin gave opening remarks to the graduates on how appreciative he was

to have a venue as wonderful as the new medium security chapel to host such a prestigious event. Warden Terry Martin congratulated the offenders on their accomplishments.

Warden Terry Martin introduced the Tulsa Community College President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr. Leigh Goodson. Dr. Goodson spoke about how an education is a self-investment and an education is a “forever” mark on the future of each person who chooses to obtain a degree or General Education Diploma (GED).

Former offender and New York Times best-selling author Jeff Henderson was the keynote speaker. “Chef Jeff,” as he

likes to call himself said, “Education means freedom. It’s all about the mind set. Reentry starts from within. Change is a process and you must look inside yourself.”

Mr. Henderson encouraged offenders to invest in their physical appearance when they are released from incarceration. “No tattoos, keep your smile in great condition, walk without limps or hesitation, have good posture, wear nice clothing, read everything available to you and surround yourself with people you inspire to be like, learn how to mingle and build relationships.”

Mr. Henderson told the offenders his life story, from being in a security threat

group inside state prisons and working in the food service area, to being released from prison and going to work with world famous chefs all over the world and appearing on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Mr. Henderson said, "Successful people have values and connecting education to the American dream will change your mind set." He also said, "I took the things I learned while I was incarcerated, like negotiating skills, marketing and bookkeeping in the drug world and applied them to the business world in a positive way. I took the good out of the

bad. Recognize your gift and be the best you can be." Chef Henderson finished with "Make the best of your time and if you can see it you can be it, and Congratulations!"

Tulsa Community College Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Rick Baser, presented the graduates with their certificates.

Oklahoma State Representative Earl Sears briefly spoke to the graduates. Representative Sears said, "A degree means opportunity and what you do with that opportunity is up to you. Don't

let yourself down."

Representative Sears said he will continue to support the education and college programs in state prisons.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections Superintendent of Schools Pam Humphrey told the graduates how proud she was of the degree and certificate recipients and that there were 1,043 GED's earned and 37 Associates Degree achieved across the state in 2013-2014.

A short reception was enjoyed by all, following the graduation ceremony. ■



**Pictured above: (top left) Oklahoma State Representative Earl Sears; (top middle) Dr. Leigh Goodson, TCC President and CEO; (top right) Principal Jamie Murray; (bottom left) DCCC Warden Terry Martin; (bottom middle) Chef Jeff Henderson; and (bottom right) Rick Baser, TCC Vice President for Academic Affairs.**



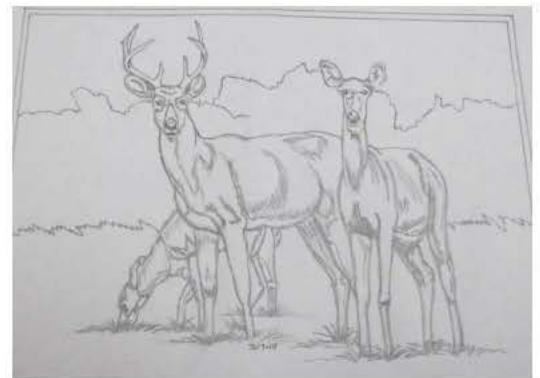
# THE “LIVING MOUNTAIN” ART WORK

*Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center*

Talimena Scenic Drive Association received a grant called, “The Living Mountain.” The grant provided funds to hire a consultant to write an interpretative program for science teachers to use in their classrooms. Volunteer Barbara Tyson (*pictured above right*), consulted Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center for help in finding an offender that would be willing to help with drawing pictures that would be included in student workbooks and teacher guides. Offender Nelson Carter (*pictured above left*) was selected and accepted the volunteer job. His finished art of animals and plants (*pictured right*) will be included in the books.

The Talimena National Scenic Byway spans from Oklahoma and Arkansas for a 54 mile drive across the crest of Kiamichi Mountain Range. There are unique plants to be found and many animals make the “Living Mountain” their home.

This positive activity allows offenders the opportunity to give back to the community. ■



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is notified and the production process begins. When a garment completes the production process, it is inventoried, boxed, labeled and either placed in the shipping area or placed on the inventory shelves as stock.

The garment factory currently produces all offender clothing and linens with the exception of undergarments. Along

with items for various other customers, OCI also produces clothing and bedding products for the Oklahoma Juvenile Authority and VA Centers. Operations average 55 to 75 offender workers, depending on production needs.

In 2004, OCI opened a 3,500 square foot showroom in Oklahoma City that displays an array of products including

state-of-the-art office selections in a wide variety of wood choices and colors. Sales personnel set appointments with customers and offer them an opportunity to view products in an office environment.

In 2012, an interactive design center was added offering customers a selection of over 6,000 different fabric choices. ■

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hit by a car while taking pictures of birds in a parking lot in the Rocky Mountain National Park. However, for Isbell that separates the mediocre photographer from a great photographer.

Her work has been exhibited locally at the Adelante Gallery in the Paseo District in Oklahoma City, published in *Outdoor Oklahoma Magazine* and profiled in several on line magazine venues. She was a finalist for 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the Photographer's Forum for Best of Photography, a worldwide competition including 73 countries. She was the President of Digital Dolls, Oklahoma's only all-female photography group.

It was literally a dark and stormy night that created the latest image that has Isbell up for an award. The picture called "Storming over OSR" will be published in November issue of Best of Photography 2014. Sitting on top of a hill in lightning storm, Isbell waited for patiently for the right moment to capture that award winning image over Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite Oklahoma. She says that this is her passion and she is very driven to get the right shot. She could

do this all day long because she loves it, but she says somehow if she were going all this for the pressure of making money, it would not be as enjoyable. Her eyes are always roving looking to find the shot that no one else has. When asked what the hardest picture to take is, she says it's of her grandchildren because they don't think of her as a photographer, only as grandma.

Isbell has taken amazing photographs of the Oklahoma Correctional system and has allowed the agency to use many of them in its publications. Pictures of the State Penitentiary and the Granite Reformatory have created a visual history of the facilities that have stood nearly as long as the state. So, the next time you see an interesting picture of close up of a strawberry exposing the vivid details of the seeds or you browse through a magazine and see a magnified picture of an insect that is so precise that you can actually see its many sections of its eye or you see a picture of a hummingbird in flight or see the lightening spread across the southwestern Oklahoma sky, you may have found the works of Patricia Isbell. ■

**You are  
never  
too old  
to set  
another  
goal  
or to  
dream  
a new  
dream.**

**-C.S. Lewis**

# JAMES CRABTREE CORRECTIONAL CENTER (JCCC) Employee Appreciation Events

by Charles Mayfield, Warden's Assistant

JCCC is located in a small community in northwest Oklahoma with deep roots and strong friendships. The facility shows its appreciation to their employees in many different ways. There are two committees that help aid in the morale of staff and officers. Monthly luncheons are held to honor longevity employees, employees of the month, employee of the year and retiring employees. The Employee Enhancement Committee (EEC) does fundraisers such as selling homemade breakfast burritos, conducts Ice Cream contest/social, and hamburger/

hotdog cookouts. They also sponsor the Christmas luncheon, Employee of the Year luncheon, flowers and cards for sick employees and/or their families.

The Recruitment and Retention Task Force (RRTF) sponsor bingo games, biscuit and gravy and/or sausage biscuit sales and monies raised is used to purchase Christmas gifts. They also sponsor a spaghetti luncheon, ugly food contest luncheon (usually around Halloween) which is for the creative cooks to show off their talents. Both EEC and RRTF have parking spots at the facility that

they auction off each month, and the proceeds go toward the committees.

JCCC has the "from the heart" appreciation for their employees, and it shows in forms of laughter at luncheons, to the competition to be the best at cook offs, to "standing proud" to have their photograph taken, while receiving their awards for being the Employee of the Month, or Year, to receiving their longevity certificates. Handshakes and hugs, laughter to tears, all can be found in some shape or form, as appreciation at JCCC.

## September Anniversaries

<b>39 Years</b>		<b>31 Years</b>		<b>27 Years</b>		Kimberly Sharp	OCI Manufact
Dewey Patterson	Lawton CCC	Lavonna Bartling	Employee Services	Angela Hearrell	S.W. Dist CC		
		Sharon McCoy	EWCC	Nancy Irvin	EWCC		
<b>38 Years</b>		<b>30 Years</b>		Arvella Rucks	N.W. Dist CC	<b>23 Years</b>	
Donald Kiffin	Employee Development	Kathryn King	Tulsa Co Dis CC	Dee Miller	Community Sentencing	Alton Mobley	OSR
Peggy Carter	Okla Co Res North	Thomas Nelson	Tulsa Co Dis CC			Susan Salisbury	Central Dist CC
Sam Preston	JHCC			<b>26 Years</b>		Benito Williamson	Central Dist CC
				Denise Gaulden	EWCC	Dennis Cantrell	OSP
<b>37 Years</b>		<b>29 Years</b>		Michael Pettey	WKCC	Marcus Wahl	Medical/LARC
Philip Collins	Education/HMCC	Bart McLin	Facility Class			Michael Scoggins	JDCC
Janice Melton	BJCC	Joseph Long	DCCC	<b>25 Years</b>			
		Kevin Pinkerton	DCCC	James Kroth	Transport/LARC	Betty Mason	JDCC
<b>36 Years</b>		Torrence Roane	MBCC	David Nelms	JBCC	Cynthia Smith	Mangum CWC
Reginald Hines	Comm Corr	Dan Hix	Union City CCC	David Tate, Jr.	OSR	Michael Hansen	Ment Hlth/MBCC
				Donald McDaniel	JLCC	Loyal Roland, Jr.	NOCC
<b>33 Years</b>		<b>28 Years</b>		Penny Lewis	Procedures	Robert Sershon	Central Dist CC
John Pugh	JHCC	Debra Morton	MBCC	Christopher Rector	Transport/JLCC		
John Grant	OSP	Lewis Martin	OSP	Gregory Kinnison	OSR	<b>21 Years</b>	
Theta Jackson	Okla Co Res North	Chester Mason	MACC			Sharon Kunzman	Medical/JCCC
		Charles Smith	Inspector General	<b>24 Years</b>		Tammy Boling	Employee Development
<b>32 Years</b>		Gary Cannady	OSR	Tina Crawford	Tulsa Co Dis CC	Ernest Long	OSP
Larry Bennett	Inspector General			Lisa Bowers	Analytics/Systems Quality	Mayble Watson	JCCC

<b>20 Years</b>		Mary Keltch	Finance/Acctng	David McKay	Employee Development	Billy Schlup	JCCC
Rose Gwin	Medical/OSP	Tonia Dickerson	Sentence Admin	JW McDaniel	JBCC	Tonja Ballard	Medical/EWCC
Jeffrey Anthony	Central Dist CC	Neill Balthis	JDCC	Beverly Henderson	Central Dist CC	Michelle Broyles	S.W. Dist CC
Lisa Pruitt	Auditing & Compliance					Bruce Fry	OSP
Sharon Andrews	Human Resources	<b>17 Years</b>		<b>14 Years</b>		Kevin Major	OSP
Debra Leistner	Business Services	Edward Kearns	Employee Development	Janette Folger	JCCC	Carolyn Mancilla	OSP
		Everett Shaw	OSR	James Swanson, Jr.	JDCC	Apryl Owens	Programs
<b>19 Years</b>		Carol Dunnam	JCCC	Inez Bird	Medical/JDCC	Gabriel Taylor	DCCC
Dale Morgan	MACC			Daniel Phillips	Okla Co Res North	Philip Grueninger	Lawton CCC
David Lehman	OCI Mfg/LARC	<b>16 Years</b>		Brandi Beebe	OSR	Kevin Britt	JLCC
Wendell Miles	Med Adm/JHCC	Robert Beebe	OSR	Teresa Russell	JLCC		
Buddy Hendricks	OSP	Lynda Bolding	OSR	Angela Johnson	MBCC		
Travis Gray	BJCC	Michael Hollowell	OSR	Dallas Bourassa	WKCC		
Stephen Warren	Analytics/Systems	Jerry Schroeder	OSR	Justin Lau	BJCC	<b>10 Years</b>	
Quality		Eric Enblom	LARC	Rachel Noyola	S.W. Dist CC	Everett Shea	LARC
William Monday	WKCC	Brenda Reed	MACC	Gharzuddin Baksh	Internal Auditing	David Erskine	MBCC
Deborah Hudson	EWCC	Charles Goree	WKCC	Patrick Donnelly	Internal Auditing	Charles Sheets	EWCC
George Saxon	Hobart CWC	Michael Young	Hollis CWC	Eddie Harjo	JLCC	Kenneth Fox	Transport/LARC
Douglas Brown	WKCC	Anthony Manuel	Central Dist CC			Tony Little	Transport/LARC
Kimberlee Rader	Medical/BJCC	Robert Hebensperger	Agri Svcs/OSR	<b>13 Years</b>		Charles Phillips	JCCC
Ronda Montalvo	Med Adm/BJCC	Jerry Cooper	Transport/LARC	Ronald Rollings	JHCC	Nicholas Hasty	WKCC
Anthony Fogle	Union City CCC	Jacqueline King	MBCC	Trevor Hall	JHCC	Angela Allison	BJCC
Roy Butler	OSR	India Osage	EWCC	Laurie Paxson	Med Adm/MBCC	Tisha Williams	BJCC
Tom James	Finance/Acctng	Christi Hendrex	Employee Development			Phillip Miller	OSR
				<b>12 Years</b>		James Forbes	Program Services
<b>18 Years</b>		<b>15 Years</b>		Floyd Long	Programs	Tina Mieser	Medical/BJCC
Ernest Mayo	MACC	Larry Allison	JBCC	Jody Clubb	S.E. Dist CC	Carrie Ward	Medical/LCCC
Doretha Clark	DCCC	Ian Rich	JCCC	David Rountree	Medical/JHCC	Becky Guffy	East Institutions
Maxine Walters	Finance/Acctng	Bradley Wakefield	HMCC	Melissa Stimpson	Central Dist CC	Cheri Atkinson	Medical/Admin
Wilfred Perry	OCI Mfg/JHCC	Cecil Dooley	JHCC			Damon Myers	N.W. Dist CC
Kendrick Goodyear	EWCC	Jerry Thompson	JHCC	<b>11 Years</b>			
Rochelle Province	BJCC	Billie Nye	Medical/LARC	Noelene Begaye	N.W. Dist CC		
Bobby Grayson	Kate Barnard CCC	Daniel Matthews	JHCC	Stephanie Lyon	Agri Svcs/JLCC		
Amanda McDonald	N.W. Dist CC						

## October Anniversaries

<b>42 Years</b>		<b>31 Years</b>		Terri Vogt	Employee Development	Lacy Wade, Jr.	Enid CCC
Marta Ahhaitty	Central Dist CC	Kathleen Horgan	Facility Class				
		Glenroy Hines	Kate Barnard CCC	<b>29 Years</b>		<b>26 Years</b>	
<b>39 Years</b>		Rick Tucker	Construction/Maintenance	Terry Tuggle	JDCC	Mike Cagle	JHCC
Lewis Williams	Ment Hlth/JHCC	Elaine Alexander-Harris	S.E. Dist CC			Paul Bailey	Tulsa Co Dis CC
				<b>28 Years</b>		Anetta Bullock	Employee Development
<b>38 Years</b>		<b>30 Years</b>		Neamyra Riddle	OSP	Mike Kitchens	Field/Bus Svcs Hub 3
Caldonia Gilbert	Field/Bus Svcs Hub 2	Troy Monks	OSP	Jo Holston	N.W. Dist CC	Kenneth Hamilton	Transport/LARC
		Cindy Wilkett	Comm Corr			Shannon Atchison	NOCC
<b>34 Years</b>		Serretha Gruszka	LARC	<b>27 Years</b>			
Milton Gilliam	Comm Corr	David Petete	Kate Barnard CCC	Bill Ward	OSR	<b>25 Years</b>	
		Marcella Reed	Communications	Frank Buchanan	MACC	Tamara Sanders	N.W. Dist CC
<b>33 Years</b>		David Layton	Auditing & Compliance	Terry Edminsten	JLCC	Laurie Foster	MBCC
Sherry Hutchison	C Waters CCC	Becky Smith	Sentence Admin	Ladonna Anderson	Okla City CCC		

<b>24 Years</b>		<b>19 Years</b>		Logan Johnson	JBCC	Joshua Johnson	LARC
Mary Gann	Education/LARC	Wilma Gray	LARC	Denis Sakoski	Medical/LARC	Clark Reinhart	Education/JCCC
Jimmy Southard	HMCC	Gary Cooley	Ment Hlth/MBCC	Glenn Sears	NOCC	Georgie Kinsey	Lawton CCC
Jimmy Martin	JEHCC	Michael Wolf	Employee Development			Tonya Colson	Madill CWC
Michael Logan	Frederick CWC	David Dickerson	OSR	<b>16 Years</b>		Courtney Jones	Central Dist CC
Jimmie Shaver	Hollis CWC	Frankie Callahan	JHCC	Emily Hysmith	Facility Class	Christina Savage	NOCC
Joseph Glasco, Jr.	Earl Davis CWC	Alta Ingle	JEHCC	Shawn Hedgecock	MACC	Daniel Curtis, Jr.	JCCC
Joseph Goodballet	N.W. Dist CC	John Lipsey II	N.W. Dist CWC Support	Sooncheol Yoon	MACC		
Reta Cottrell	LARC	Thomas Tritz	S.W. Dist CC	Joyce Cartwright	DCCC	<b>12 Years</b>	
Marla Barton	Employee Development	Jesse Luellen	MACC	Deborah Moore	Business Services Hub Supv	Brent Willis	Idabel CWC
		April Anderson	Medical/JDCC	James Blalock	JHCC	Sylvia Swanson	Medical/LARC
<b>23 Years</b>		Sandra Dunn	S.E. Dist CC	Clyde Naylor	JEHCC	Don Whiteneck	JCCC
Mark Battershell	S.E. Dist CC	Kendall Ballew	Inspector General	Tammy Lauer	Medical/WKCC	Tracie Adams	Medical/JCCC
Michael Parnell	DCCC	Kenneth Fink	BJCC	Linda Moore	Enid CCC		
		Bruce Keitel	BJCC	Monte Scott	OSP	<b>11 Years</b>	
<b>22 Years</b>		<b>18 Years</b>		Allen Hintz	NOCC	Denise Haynes	OSR
Tammie Sanders	HMCC	Carl Bear	DCCC	Kelly Lavine	Tulsa Co Dis CC	Joyce Hedrick	OSR
Tommy Dodson	Inspector General	Nina Silva	OSR	Cameron Rose	Tulsa Co Dis CC	Shelly Bear	Procedures
Luke Vinson	Madill CWC	Gary Thompson, Jr.	JHCC			David McGuire	Employee Development
Michael Jones	JCCC	Brad Brogdon	S.E. Dist CC	<b>15 Years</b>		Sherrie Tucker	LARC
		Robert Swaner	Elk City CWC	Portia Graham	EWCC	Michael Jones	S.E. Dist CC
<b>21 Years</b>		Juanita Raney	Employee Development	Barbara Reinbold	Comm Corr	Carrie Croy	Central Dist CC
Dennis Rose	Facility Class	Eric Scheuermann	DCCC	Billy Hogue	LARC	Jarrod Grigsby	JDCC
Thomas Sharp	MACC	Earl Harvey	BJCC	Charlotte Day	Kate Barnard CCC	Shelly Carter	EWCC
Anthony Clayton	NOCC	George Williams	JHCC	Sandra Gleyre	BJCC	Jalal Masih	Medical/KBCCC
Charles Jones	Ment Hlth/OSR	Garvis Wooten, Jr.	OSP	Gerard Burns	JDCC	Nina Tipton	Central Dist CC
Billy Thomas	Ment Hlth/MBCC			Tammera Giudice	Finance/Acctng	Thomas McClellan	OSP
Jerry Perry	OSP	<b>17 Years</b>		Christine Kampas	Medical/OSP	Jason Culwell	JHCC
Randy Lynch	Central Dist CC	Jim Brooks	OSR	Jason Scribner	BJCC	Teresa Mathews	LARC
		Michael Galvan	OSR			Donna Visotski	MACC
<b>20 Years</b>		Patty Simpson	OSR	<b>14 Years</b>			
Mark Stoabs	JCCC	Janet McGinnis	N.W. Dist CC	Frances Collins	JLCC	<b>10 Years</b>	
Jerry Williams	JCCC	Rita Johnson	Lawton CCC	John Suthers	S.W. Dist CC	Jeffrey Behne	N.W. Dist CC
Karen Vance	JLCC	Nancy Clampet	S.E. Dist CC	Eric Mitchell	Central Dist CC	Cynthia Henrichs	OSP
Samuel Jones	BJCC	Brenda Clifton	HMCC	Robert Albright	Med Adm/LCCC	Myrtle Sutherland	OSP
William Irvin	JCCC	Judy Harris	Finance/Acctng	Denise Burgdoff	Director's Ofc	Kenton Sallee	Beaver CWC
Robert Jones	JHCC	Douglas McCallister	Carter County CWC	Johnny Miles, Jr.	JDCC	Erica Hall	Central Dist CC
Scott Spears	S.E. Dist CC	Jerry Price	OSP			James Blackwood	LARC
Christophe Redeagle	DCCC	Jimmy Reynolds	OSP	<b>13 Years</b>		Anita Magers	MBCC
Mark Kottka	N.W. Dist CC	Keith Sherwood	OSP	Gary Foreman	JDCC	Donald McCurdy	MBCC
		Marvin Gater	BJCC	Brenda Sokolis	EWCC	Coleman Stephens III	JHCC

**In life...it is not your aptitude, but your attitude,  
that determines your altitude.**

*– Zig Ziglar*

# CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

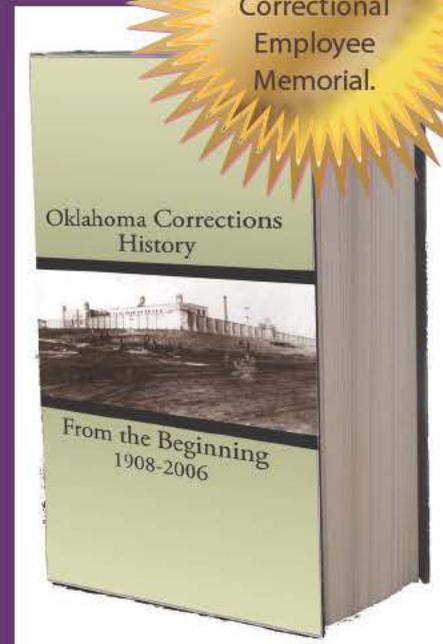
- 13 Columbus Day
- 16 Boss's Day
- 20-24 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting  
Kate Barnard CCC
- 22-24 OCA Conference  
Renaissance Oklahoma  
Convention Center
- 23 Board of Corrections Meeting  
Renaissance Oklahoma City  
Convention Center

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Board of Corrections Meeting  
Eddie Warrior CC
- 17-21 Pardon and Parole Board Meeting  
Kate Barnard CCC
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

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# Joseph Harp Correctional Center Garden



Joseph Harp Correctional Center's garden in May, now it is full of tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers and other various vegetables used in the daily meals.

## RETIREMENTS

### **SEPTEMBER**

*Cheryl D. Bryan  
Robert G. Copeland  
Tina M. Crawford  
Deborah D. Dorris  
Gerald B. Duncan  
Jeffrey R. Franks  
David B. Glaze  
Carol S. Hardin  
Vince D. McIver  
Michael B. Mullin  
Randel L. Parker  
Rick L. Selby  
Peggy J. Underwood  
Lois B. Williams*

### **OCTOBER**

*Eldon J. Arnold Jr.  
Michael J. Barby  
Dick L. Bartley  
Archie R. Barton  
Malaya L. Brooks  
Adam C. Hutchison  
Joyce B. Jackson-Coleman  
William W. Jones  
India S. Osage  
John D. Pugh  
Cynthia K. Smith  
Terri L. Vogt*

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