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Rogers speaks at health summit



RALEIGH | DOC Deputy Secretary Frank Rogers in late February gave an overview of the department's Health Screen and Coaching Project to identify employees with undiagnosed disease and health risk factors.

Rogers was a featured speaker at a state Health Leadership Summit held on the N.C. State campus which highlighted current wellness initiatives across North Carolina. The event underscores the positive impact wellness programs can have on employee productivity, morale and health status.

The event was sponsored by the State Health Plan, Office of State Personnel, Division of Public Health, Department of Public Instruction and the Health and Wellness Trust Fund.

The DOC program was also designed to increase employees' health awareness and to encourage lifestyle changes to improve health.

A total of 355 DOC employees participated in the pilot program, 271 from prisons. Screenings found the staff needs to improve health knowledge and to be more aware of major chronic conditions, prescription adherence and preventive care.

Most of the goals set at coaching sessions addressed behavioral changes in exercise, nutrition and weight management.

Central Prison Correctional Officer **Rose Womble** was featured in a video testimonial giving her thoughts about the program and its positive effects on her.

Rogers credited the department's successful screenings to
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Japan disaster rattles DOC employees

When the ground shook violently and a horrific tsunami burst onto Japan's eastern coast on March 11, hearts were pounding with fear nearly 10,000 miles away in the Department of Correction family.

Some employees had loved ones in Japan at the time, and the hearts of some here have ached for survivors there whose lives have been forever shaken and overwhelmed by one of history's strongest reminders that nature's violent streak does not value human life and livelihood.

Sendai, a Japanese coastal town near the epicenter of the 8.9 earthquake, quickly became the epicenter of international news reporting on the disaster. Michael Bell, a resident of Sendai, was there on March 11, on a bus. With him were other members of the Sendai 89ers, a Japanese professional basketball team.

Mike was only 30 minutes from the tsunami.

His mother is **Teresa Edmundson**,



a technology support specialist in Management Information Systems in Raleigh. She and his step-father were expected to visit Mike in Japan just a few days later.

Instead, the basketball season was terminated, and Mike is back in North

Carolina.

Teresa recalled TV news images from Japan.

"Did you see the airplanes leaving the airport, floating into the ocean on TV?" she said. "That was the airport where we were going to land."

"Did you see the buildings downtown falling as well? That is exactly where our hotel was located!"

Mike, who stands 6 feet, 9.5 inches and is a graduate of Raleigh's Enloe

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Honor Guard leadership cited

RALEIGH | Capt. Leonard Hatley, who retired in December, was honored for his years of service at the Division of Prisons' March regional directors' meeting.

Hatley, who last worked at N.C. Correctional Institution for Women, served as Honor Guard commander for most of the 20 years he served in the Honor Guard, a team of officers which represents DOP at ceremonies honoring active, retired or deceased employees.

The Honor Guard team also serves as active and honorary pallbearers, provide posting at funerals and present the North Carolina flag to surviving family members.

DOP Director *Bob Lewis* said, "Captain Hatley and the Honor Guard team have brought comfort, honor and a sense of support to our extended Division of Prison families during the loss of their loved ones.



Retired Capt. **Leonard Hatley** (left), receives a plaque from **Bob Lewis**, Division of Prisons director.

The Honor Guard's support to the family will be something the family will always remember."

After the retirement of Capt. Hatley, Sgt. **Everette Green** of Sanford was promoted from assistant commander to Honor Guard commander. Sgt. **Edgar Barrow** of Tyrrell Prison Work Farm was promoted to assistant commander.

DOC employees struggle with disasters in Japan

High School, was a star at Florida Atlantic University before moving into the international professional basketball leagues from Spain to Turkey to New Zealand and most recently in Japan. He told The Raleigh News & Observer that his mother reared him to be adaptable to other places and ways of life, and he has "really enjoyed living in different places."

"My mother put me in different environments when I was growing up, almost like she was grooming me for something like this," he told the newspaper.

Nicole Jacobs, an assistant unit manager at Scotland Correctional Institution, also has a child back at her side. Since August 2010, her daughter, Kristen Petrie, had been living only 5 miles from Sendai, while her husband has been at sea in the U.S. Navy.

Shortly after the disasters struck, Nicole got a call from Kristen that she was among thousands of people being evacuated because of a radiation threat from the failing nuclear powered electric generating plants nearby.

Nicole has been frustrated by not being able to have regular contact with her daughter. She also worries about the people of Japan, especially the friends Kristen has made there.

"My daughter has made a lot of friends since her arrival in Japan,"

Nicole said before her daughter left Japan. "She has been with a Japanese family for the last couple of days, helping each other in their time of need. They have come to love and respect my daughter."

Radiation levels in Japan have also worried **Darby Day**, a food service officer at Pender Correctional Institution.

"I have a brother in Japan who has lived there for 20 years," she said. "He is in Tokyo with his family.

"He wasn't directly affected by the tsunami, but the radiation levels are increasing their level of concern."

For **Nicolle Nicolle**, a horticulture instructor at Pender Correctional Institution, she is anxious to hear from a native Japanese woman whom Nicolle befriended.

Yasuko Kamatoa was studying the possibility of using horticultural therapy in Japan's prison system, and had visited Pender CI.

"She spent a day with us ... talking to staff and inmates, taking pictures, etc.," Nicolle said. "We kept in touch for a while after she returned to Japan. I have been unable to locate her ... to express our concerns."

Also from Pender CI, Correctional Officer **John Normyle Jr.** has a warm spot in heart for the people of

Japan. As a Marine, he spent a total of 13 months among the Japanese people, in "the most enjoyable time periods of my life," he said.

"I ate with numerous families, and the one thing that always was understood -- because I really spoke no Japanese except a few military terms -- was the warmth and welcome each and every Japanese person extended to U.S. Marines and Sailors."

Normyle is enamored by the Japanese people's work ethic, respect for tradition and love of their families and people in general. He is optimistic for their future.

"Of course, they will mourn, but will be stronger in the end," he said.

Her heart aching for the Japanese earthquake and tsunami victims, **Theresa Dale** in the Controller's Office, called on fellow DOC employees to reach out to help by contributing to the Red Cross' relief efforts.

"My heart hurts for those poor people, not to mention [the threat from] the nuclear plant that will cause so much death and destruction," she said. "We will keep them in our hearts and prayers."

For those who are moved to make contributions for the victims' aid, online searches using the phrase "Japan disaster relief fund" will yield numerous sites, such as the Red Cross, Samaritan's Purse and Globalgiving.

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widespread management encouragement of employees to participate and of a positive response from staff willing to participate.

One department participant commented: "It pleases me to see the NCDOC caring more about the health of their employees."

Right, summit participants watch a video of Correctional Officer **Rose Womble** speaking about the positive effects she has experienced with healthier behaviors.



Officers make honors at training

Making the honor roll in recent Basic Correctional Officer training classes were: **Rahim Akbar**, Pasquotank Correctional Institution; **LaRanda Boone**, Pamlico CI; **Robert Chapman**, Western Youth Institution; **David Hollar**, Alexander CI; and **Quintin Ratliff**, Lanesboro CI.

New leader in District 14

DURHAM | Probation veteran **Tony Taylor** has been named judicial district manager for District 14, which covers Durham, Orange and Chatham counties.

In his new position, he oversees a staff of 122 probation officers and support personnel who supervise more than 5,000 offenders on probation, parole or community supervision across the three counties. He succeeds Tommy Perry, who retired.

Taylor has served since 2008 as one of two assistant judicial district managers for District 14. Previously, he held the same position in Wake County. His probation career began in 1987 as a court intake officer in Wake County. He later specialized in electronic house arrest cases before becoming an intensive probation officer and later a chief probation officer and member of the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force.

Taylor is a Raleigh native and a graduate of Enloe High School and UNC-Wilmington, and has completed DOC's Correctional Leadership Development Program.



Tony Taylor

New manager named at treatment center

GOLDSBORO | **James Lassiter** is the new facility manager at the Department of Correction's residential substance abuse treatment center for male probationers and parolees – DART Cherry.

The center offers drug and alcohol recovery and treatment (DART) programs to 300 residents and is run by a staff of 77 employees.

The residents are probationers sentenced to the treatment program by the courts and parolees who are released from prison and sent to treatment as a condition of parole.

Lassiter is a native of Smithfield with a master's degree in addiction psychology. He is a certified substance abuse counselor and a certified clinical supervisor.

He has been at DART Cherry since 1990, beginning as a program assistant. He has risen through the ranks, and was program director prior to being named facility manager.



James Lassiter



Newly affirmed prison chaplains

Twenty-seven chaplains in the Division of Prisons were affirmed in a ceremony April 7. **Betty Brown**, far left, Chaplaincy Services director, and Secretary **Alvin Keller**, far right, to welcome the chaplains. They are, from left, front row, beginning to the right of Brown, Sandra Dunston, N.C. Correctional Institution for Women; Alberta McLaughlin, Maury CI; Daren Whitehurst, Pasquotank CI; Delores McCullough, DOP Administration; Friday Okocha, Scotland CI; Willie Brazil, Raleigh CCW; Danny Hampton, Marion CI; Tejado Hanchell, Forsyth CC; Teresa Stratton, Harnet CI; Alice Noell, Raleigh CCW;

and Prinn Deavens, Pasquotank CI. Middle row, Dennis Hartman, Avery-Mitchell CI; Sarah Jobe, Raleigh CCW; Percell Whitaker, Bertie CI; Frederick Lawson, Durham CC; Marcus Hovis, Tabor CI; Michael Ramsey, Western YI; William Logan, Rutherford CC; and Abdul Haneef, Western YI. Back row, Reginald Bowens, Morrison CI; Sarah Harris, Orange CC; Timothy Mann, Lincoln CC; William Sims, Marion CI; John Young, Forsyth CC; Larry Nantz, Buncombe CC; and John Giddens, Tabor CI. Also affirmed but not present for the photo was James Dykes, New Hanover CC.

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Transportation/Communications & Central Supply Warehouse

Reliable radio communications are vital to fulfilling the Department of Correction's commitment to the safety of the public, employees and offenders.

The radio shop is responsible for putting into service, installing, maintaining and repairing the thousands of radios throughout DOC. The radios are most prominent in the prisons and in Community Corrections.

Radio technicians have in recent months been upholding their critical role in statewide public safety by activating some 2,200 Viper radios for probation/parole officers. The special radios allow communications among all emergency agencies within counties that are on a Viper-compatible system.

In addition, the radio shop installs and maintains towers and repeaters.

Working with the technicians are crews that install mounted communication radios in DOC sedans and DOP vans that are used to transport inmates among prisons or to work sites. The crews also teach inmates the installation craft, enhancing the offenders' job-readiness and opportunities for success upon release.

The metal fabrication shop employees also work on transportation van and car security and helps develop metal working skills in inmates. The shop employees and inmate custom fit steel screens and other devices that allow correctional officers to safely control the entry and exit of inmates during transport.

Central Supply Warehouse employees annually ship more than \$30 million in inventory to DOC locations across the state. Drivers log almost a half-million miles a year delivering dry goods, office supplies, inmate and employee clothing, grocery items and numerous other repetitive needs of the department. They also successfully address the challenges of weather and other logistical obstacles.

The warehouse is also a learning center for inmates.

Below, **Mike Williams**, left, radio engineer II/manager; and **Brenda Privott**, program assistant IV. Right, **Deborah Nelson**, processing assistant V.



Keillen Johnson, above, and **Charles Moore**, below, both trades worker III's.



Upper left, **Tony Scott**; left, **Eric Shearin**; and above **Jose Gonzales**, all radio engineer I's.

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Above, **Donnie Matthews**, distribution manager.



Above, **Robert Lee**, left, mechanic II. Upper right, **Donald Mangum** (left), mechanic supervisor I. Right, **Tim Brooks**, vehicular manager.



Right, **Gary Eckles**, shipping/receiving supervisor I.



Right, **Alan Doll**, shipping/receiving supervisor II.



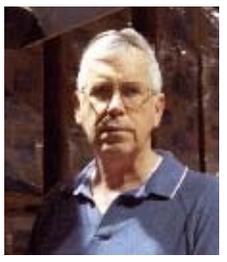
Below, **Glenn Barefoot** and **Tim Whitley**, shipping/receiving supervisor I's.



Upper photo, **Rita Spivey**, accounting clerk V. Upper right, **Monique Carter**, accounting clerk IV. Above, **Pam Ward**, shipping/receiving supervisor III. Right, **Terry Arnett**, accounting clerk III.



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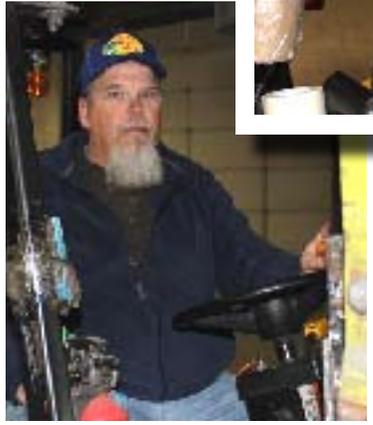
Left, **Robert Corzine**; below, **Denis Healy**, shipping/receiving supervisor I's.



Left, **Milton McLamb**; and right, **Roland White**, shipping/receiving supervisor I's.



Right, **Gary Dudley**, shipping/receiving supervisor II.



Above, **Don Squillini**; left, **Jeff Thornton**; and right, **Roger Jones**, all shipping/receiving supervisor I's.



Mark Hocutt, dispatcher.

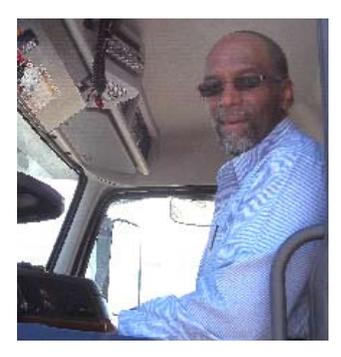


Jarvis Tart and **Marlowe Powell**, shipping/receiving supervisor I's.



Cindy Childress, long distance truck driver.

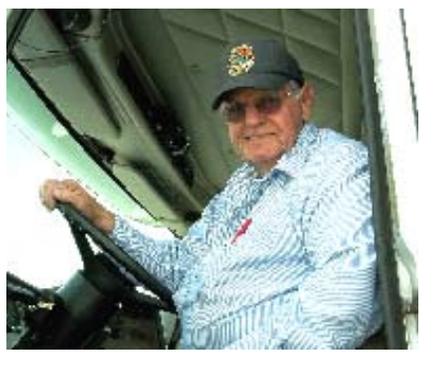
Right, **Michael Parker**; lower right, **Durell Rusher**; and below, **Robert Hopkins**, all long distance truck drivers.



Sidney White, long distance truck driver.



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Upper right, **Ken Wade**; and above, **Ricky Parker**, long distance truck drivers.

Above, **Doug Thornton**, and left, **Hal Childres**, long distance truck drivers.

February 2011 retirements

Name, title, location, service

- Carl Bean**, dentist III, Neuse CI, 24y2m
- V. Dianne Cameron**, professional nurse, Orange CC, 20y6m
- Cheryl Champion**, administrative services assistant V, Durham CC, 34y1m
- Richard Chisholm**, correctional officer, Southern CI, 23y4m
- Bonnie Crocker**, lead worker IV, Combined Records, 6y10m
- Victor Davis**, probation/parole surveillance officer, DCC District 10, 28y3m
- Kenneth Dixon**, surveillance officer, DCC District 3, 15y9m
- Ralph Elledge**, case manager, Wilkes CC, 24y11m
- Gwendolyn Garvin**, licensed practical nurse, Scotland CI, 5y5m
- James Granby**, correctional officer, Tyrrell PWF, 27y1m
- Cheryl Harden**, personnel analyst II, Human Resources, 29y1m
- Melvin Hawkins**, sergeant, Buncombe CC, 29y6m
- William Hodges**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 15, 19y1m
- Lynn Keiler**, professional nurse, Brown Creek CI, 8y9m
- Annette Lowe**, correctional officer, Lanesboro CI, 6y4m
- Walter McCrary**, maintenance mechanic III, DOP Western Region Maintenance Yard, 28y2m
- James McKoy**, sergeant, Craven CI, 30y1m
- Calvin Nixon**, case manager, Western YI, 7y10m
- Sherry Pilkington**, special assistant, Research & Planning, 29y9m
- Anthony Poole**, sergeant, Southern CI, 28y
- Gwen Ray**, staff psychologist II-DF, Central Prison Psychological Services, 32y
- Clara Russell**, professional nurse, Alexander CI, 5y2m
- Teresa Rutherford**, correctional officer, Marion CI, 15y
- Ronnie Shumate**, assistant superintendent, Wilkes CC, 33y7m
- Richard Sicard**, correctional officer, Pender CI, 33y7m
- Hoyt Smith**, correctional officer, Hoke CI, 5y
- Samuel Stallings**, correctional officer, Robeson CI, 30y9m
- Betty Sugg**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 19B, 27y1m
- Philip Thomas**, sergeant, Gaston CC, 20y1m
- Michelle Thornell**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 3, 28y1m
- Tarquintus Walser**, programs supervisor, Central Prison Psychological Services, 28y5m
- Byron Walters**, training coordinator I, OSDT, 27y4m
- Glenn Woodlief**, dentist II, Warren CI, 28y9m

January 2011 retirements previously unreported

- Brenda Beam**, supervisor, Correction Enterprises, 18y9m
- Evonne Long**, correctional officer, Caledonia CI, 9y1m
- Alvin Marriott**, business officer, Central Prison Hospital, 17y2m

November 2010 promotions previously unreported

- Lateisha Thrash**, assistant superintendent/programs I, Wake CC
- Valerie Wilcher Ross**, assistant superintendent/custody & operations II, Craven CI

January 2011 promotion previously unreported

- Tyrome Turman**, food service manager I, Bertie CI

February 2011 promotions

Name, new title, location

- Sammie Brunson**, sergeant, Scotland CI
- Peter Garrison**, medical record manager I, Central Prison
- Yolanda Gause**, assistant unit manager, Scotland CI
- Emily Green**, food service officer, Central Prison
- John Habuda**, deputy prison warden I, NC CIW
- John Herring**, assistant superintendent/custody & operations III, Maury CI
- Troy Honeycutt**, sergeant, Caldwell CI
- Linward James**, sergeant, Bertie CI
- Edward Reagan**, food service officer, Craven CI
- Glenda Smith**, sergeant, Fountain CCW
- Katrina Smith**, sergeant, Bertie CI
- Melvin Williams**, programs supervisor, Tyrrell PWF
- John Andrews**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 20
- Kimbley Carter**, food service officer, Odom CI
- Benjamin Carver**, unit manager, Alexander CI
- Wilburn English**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI
- Neal Lea'kes**, programs director I, Scotland CI
- William Sinclair**, sergeant, Scotland CI
- Esther Smith**, professional nurse, Greene CI
- Modesto Arribas**, dentist III, Neuse CI
- Mark Geouge**, sergeant, Craggy CI
- Alfredo Hernandez**, food service officer, Central Prison
- Timothy Jarvis**, sergeant, Craggy CI
- Jennifer MacNeil**, probation/parole field specialist, DCC District 10
- Alethea McClure McNeill**, food service officer, Central Prison
- Ross Burge**, lead correctional officer, Avery-Mitchell CI
- Yvonne Dunlap**, sergeant, Lanesboro CI
- Russell Green**, food service manager I, Scotland CI
- Kimberly Morris**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 19B
- Jenny Tadie**, sergeant, Charlotte CC
- Melvin Williams**, programs supervisor, Tyrrell PWF

February 2011 death

- Ruth Jones**, correctional officer, Johnston CI, 6y8m