

# INSIDE CORRECTIONS

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## Tornadoes Destroy Homes of 21 DOC Staff

*Outpouring of donations, both monetary and supplies, has been "overwhelming"*

By **Todd Henson**  
Public Information Officer

March 2, 2012 will be a day not soon forgotten by the residents of West Liberty. Deadly storms and tornadoes caused massive devastation to the town and the surrounding areas. While Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC), the Department's prison located in the small community, was not damaged by the storms, there were 21 DOC employees who lost their homes as a result of the tornadoes. They are still trying to pick up the pieces of their lives and return to some sense of "normal."

Although EKCC suffered no physical damage, the effects



Pictured above is all that remains of Correctional Lieutenant Scott Kemplin's house following the aftermath of the March 2nd tornadoes. Kemplin is a 22-year employee at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex. He and his family took shelter in the recently added computer room, which incidentally was the only room still intact after the deadly storm struck.

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## Ballard Named Director of Fayette Co. Jail

Rodney Ballard, the Department's Deputy Commissioner of Community Services since 2008, announced his departure from the DOC earlier this month.

Ballard accepted the position of Director of the Division of Community Corrections for Fayette County and he began his new job on March 15th.

A 30 year veteran of law enforcement and Corrections, Ballard said his goal while Deputy Commissioner was to try and make the Divisions he was a part of "a little better than he found them."

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are on Page 7*



Commissioner LaDonna Thompson presented Rodney Ballard with a plaque and a gold coin, just one of several gifts presented to the outgoing Deputy Commissioner at a reception to say farewell and wish him good luck .

## Legislative Summary

Every legislative session has its own "personality," depending on issues of the day, the state of the economy and pending elections. This year was no different and even included an element that only comes around every ten years: redistricting.

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*P&P, Department Welcome New US Citizen!*

## District 9 Investigator Proud of American Citizenship

**By Eva Smith  
Probation & Parole Investigator  
District 9, Lexington**

I was born and raised in the south of Sweden and moved to Vancouver, Canada in the early 1990s. While living there, I met my now husband, Ron, who lived across the border in Washington State. We were married in 1999 and I began the process of being granted permanent residency status, commonly known as having a "Green Card," which I received in 2002.

After living in the Pacific Northwest for a few years, we went back to Sweden for a year in 2004, returned in 2005, and came to Lexington. I was hired by the Division of Probation & Parole in 2006.

In applying for citizenship a person has to reside in the United States for at least three continuous years (if applying based on being the spouse of a US citizen) or five years if applying solely on the condition of being a legal US resident.

The information I received when I did my original filing for residency in 1999 was that if I left the US for an extended period of time, I would have to start from the beginning counting my time of residency upon returning to the US.

In August 2011 I submitted my Application for Citizenship through Naturalization and was subsequently called for fingerprinting and a photograph at



**Eva Smith is pictured above after the official ceremony during which she was sworn in as a US Citizen. Smith (left) poses for a photograph with her husband Ron Smith and Federal Judge Karen Caldwell (center).**

the Federal Building in Cincinnati, Ohio in September 2011 for the purpose of a background check. At that time I also received the material to study for the final interview. The final interview consists of 100 questions on Civics, US History and Geography, and you are also tested on your proficiency in reading, and writing.

My interview was scheduled for November 3, 2011 at the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Department of Homeland Security in Louisville,

and after the interview I was advised I was being recommended for citizenship.

On Friday January 27th, 2012, I was sworn in as a US Citizen at the Oath Ceremony at the US District Court of Eastern Kentucky in Lexington. It was the second ceremony that day and we were 46 people from 27 different countries.

Among many things I am grateful for is the privilege and responsibility to be able to vote, for the very first time, in the Presidential Election in November.

*Lexington (District 9) Probation & Parole hired Eva Smith as a Probation & Parole Officer in the summer of 2006, after she had been working as a teacher and felt she needed a new challenge. Eva has been one of our most consistently excellent employees since then, and is widely respected by her peers, the Courts, and virtually all who know her. She has used her 'teaching' skills in her most recent role as a trainer for the LS-CMI project, and she continues to work on other related pilot projects as well. Eva won the Employee of the Year award in 2009 for the District, and continues to be an excellent resource for the Division. Our office happily put together a party for her, to celebrate her naturalization - we are grateful to call her one of our own - as an employee, and a new US citizen.*

**- District 9 Supervisor Robin Green**







Above left: Commissioner LaDonna Thompson addresses the staff of Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC) before awarding their CERT team with pins recognizing their outstanding service during the Northpoint Training Center disturbance in 2009. Above right: Warden Gary Beckstrom (back left) and Commissioner Thompson (back right) pictured with the CERT team from EKCC. The Commissioner then traveled to Little Sandy Correctional Complex and presented members of that institution's CERT team with their commemorative lapel pins. Below: Warden Joseph Meko and Commissioner LaDonna Thompson (back right) are pictured with the LSCC CERT team. Bottom Photo: The LSCC honor guard presented the colors prior to the awarding of pins.

## CERT Recognitions



**EKCC CERT:** Senior Captain Keith Helton, Lt. Darren Elam, Lt. John Prater, Lt. Jackie Cantrell, Lt. Charles Roberts, Sgt. Tim Rose, Lt. Marcus Guyn, Sgt. Arthur Fannin, Lt. Ben Howard, Officer Rocky Bolin, Sgt. Ernestine Vanhoose, Officer Rickey Banks, Officer Shena Back, Sgt. Michael Ratliff, Sgt. Matthew Lindon, Officer Tommy Campbell, Officer Trevor Howell, Accountant III Angela Bowman, and Office Support Assistant Rhonda Hatton.

**LSCC CERT:** Mike Finch, Ron Maybry, Gary Waugh (retired), Marsha Rowe, Trish Adkins, Tony Lewis, Darrell Lewis, Becky Lewis, Bradley Prewit, Greg Stacy, David Lowe, Jason Howard, Jeffrey Holbrook and Jeremy Stevens.



## Commissioner's Executive Leadership Class



### Class Graduated on March 30; Mentors A Key To Success Of This Program

Following over a year long process, the current class of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership program graduated on March 30, 2012.

There were a total of 60 employees in the class, comprised of participants from the first three Executive Leadership programs along with new participants that were selected to attend the class.

This particular class participated in several new elements of training above and beyond what the three previous classes experienced.

Some of these new training elements included: Instruction by the Commissioner and all three Deputy Commissioners in reference to their individual areas of responsibility; Individual research projects focusing on what measures could

be taken that would benefit the DOC as well as what specifically they would change if they were the Commissioner for one day; and monthly experientials where the participants were allowed to spend one day a month on any "corrections related" activity in order to become more familiar with all areas of the Department and how they operate.

In addition, a Mentorship Program where each class member selected a mentor who spent time with them to tutor and guide them, was added to this edition of the Executive Leadership Program.

(Note: See the list beginning at right of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program graduates along with their corresponding mentor. The list continues on page 5.)

Participant	Mentor
Amanda Adams	Mark Stonex
Brad Adams	Jim Erwin
Brigid Adams-Morgan	Tom Cannady
Jason Alexander	
Brenda Beehler	Aaron Smith
Jay Bell	Evan Roach
Alreshia Blackmon	Pete Oldham (ret)
David Bradley	John Holloway
Desi Brooks	Kim Whitley
Kenneth Burnett	Mark Davidson
Paulette Carron	
Larry Caudill	Ray Canterbury
Dustin Clark	
Melissa Clark	Michael Bolcas
Debbie Dawson	Mary Godfrey
Amy Douglas	Ron Beck
Leigh Ann Duncan	Ernie Williams
Jonathan Eldridge	Mark Davidson
Kieryn Fannin	Troy Pollock
Sabrina Farris	Cookie Crews
Jessie Ferguson	Gary Beckstrom
Brandon Griffith	Susan Thompson
John Hall	Chris Kleymeyer
James Hamlin	Don Bottom

## *Will Oversee Probation & Parole, Local Facilities*

# Paula Holden Promoted To Deputy Commissioner

A 30-year veteran of the Kentucky Department of Corrections has been promoted to lead the agency's Probation & Parole Division and Local Facilities.

Paula Foree Holden was named Deputy Commissioner of Community Services on March 27th. She replaces Rodney Ballard who accepted a position as Director of the Division of Community Corrections for Fayette County.

Holden most recently served as assistant director and director of classification and population management. In that position, she monitored and coordinated inmate

population and transfer issues within DOC prisons and county jails.

"The skills set and experience that Paula Holden brings to the position makes her an invaluable asset to lead Community Corrections for the Department," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. "Paula has been a mentor throughout most of her career to numerous DOC employees. In addition, she is well respected by jailers and court staffs across the state and has worked with them for many years."

Holden began her DOC employment at the Kentucky

State Reformatory (KSR) in May 1978 where she was employed as a clerical assistant for three summers while attending college. She was then hired as a correctional officer at KSR in April 1982 and a year later was promoted to classification and treatment officer at Luther Lockett Correctional Complex (LLCC).

While at Luther Lockett, Holden also worked as an offender rehabilitation specialist and unit administrator I. She transferred to Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC) and at that prison held a number of positions including unit administrator II and program ad-



ministrator of the Assessment/Classification Center.

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## Executive Leadership Class

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Participant	Mentor
Randy Hargis	Martin Granado
Brandy Harm	Greg Howard
Kristin Harrod	
DeEdra Hart	Alan Brown
Christina Hatton	George Glass
Ronnie Haynes	Don Bottom
Cyndi Heddleston	Liz McKune
Keith Helton	Kathy Litteral
Chad Hockensmith	Rebecca Carter
Craig Hughes	John Dunn
Jeff Hulker	Don Bottom
Tim Lane	Phil Parker
Abby McIntire	Janet Conover
Tricia Meyer	
Fredrick Miller	Mark Stonex
Leasha Mundy	Rickie Williams
Adam Noles	
Rebecca Palmer	Todd Gaunce

Participant	Mentor
Denise Probus	Sharon Veech
Tiffany Ratliff	Phil Bramblett
Tracey Reed	Chuck Hughes(ret)
David Rupard	Dewey Hackworth
Amanda Sayle	Paula Holden
Carlos Schantz	
Megan Schubert	
Martha Slep	Cookie Crews
Kristin Smith	John Dunn
Jesse Stack	Gary Prestigiaco
Ralph Stevens	Steve Faulkner
Gregg Stratton	Larry Chandler
Craig Thatcher	
Anna Valentine	
Don Werner	John Hall
C.A. Wilkerson	Rodney Ballard
Bridget Gilliland	Joseph Meko
Renee Wilson	Amy Kearns



## White Selected for KWIEC

Randy White, Warden at Green River Correctional Complex, has been appointed to serve on the Kentucky Wireless Interoperability Executive Committee (KWIEC).



Randy White

KWIEC is responsible for the evaluation and recommendation of all wireless communications architecture, standards, and strategies in the Commonwealth.

This plan includes the development of required architecture and standards that will ensure that new or upgraded Commonwealth public safety communications systems will be able to communicate with each other.

The Department nominated White to serve on the committee because of his expertise in designing and implementing the DOC's radio communications system.

## Holden

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In December 2003, Holden was promoted to Deputy Warden at Roederer and served in that position until January 2006 when she was promoted to director of population management.

A 1981 graduate of Murray State University, Holden received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and corrections. She graduated summa cum laude and was named the outstanding graduating senior in corrections.

Holden is the 2005 recipient of the Deputy Commissioner's Award for Adult Institutions.

## Farm Managers Keep DOC Operations Running Smooth

The Department of Corrections has four farming operations, each of them unique and each with its own Farm Manager. All the operations fall under Kentucky Correctional Industries and the managers are supervised by Veterinarian/Branch Manager of Farm Operations, Truman Tipton, a 10-year veteran of the DOC.

The DOC farms are doing well, according to Tipton, and in 2011 reported their best year since reopening 19 years ago. This was due in part to the record prices for cattle, corn and beans.

The Department's largest farming operation is located at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex. WKCC has 2,200 acres, with a herd of 800 beef cattle, 405 acres of corn, 300 acres of wheat and 355 acres of soybeans. There is also a 15 acre garden and a 275 tree apple orchard, as well as a composting

operation.

WKCC's Farm Manager is Darrell Todd and he has a five-member staff: Hugh Ward - Assistant Farm Manager; Tom Dyer - Farm Crew Leader; David Litchfield - Farm Crew Leader; Sutton Wagoner - Farm Crew Leader; and Steve Nelson - Farm Mechanic.

At Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC) the Farm Operation utilizes a horse program in which inmates use horses to check cattle, fences and perform various other duties.

Inmates are also instructed in the proper procedures for feeding, grooming and caring for the horses. The Farm Manager developed a curriculum based on Clinton Anderson's Horsemanship philosophy to teach inmates proper horse training methods.

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Kentucky Department of Corrections Farm Managers at a recent training posed for a picture. From left to right: Frank Hoeck, NTC Farm Manager; Jeff Lyons, Assistant Manager at NTC, Darrell Todd, WKCC Farm Manager; Tim Moore, RCC Farm Manager; and Scott Ogden, BCC Farm Manager. Sitting at desk is KCI Farm Branch Manager Truman Tipton.



## Farewell & Good Luck Rodney Ballard!

*Over 100 of his co-workers, friends and family said their goodbyes and wished him well at a reception held in his honor on March 14th.*



**Top:** Outgoing Deputy Commissioner Rodney Ballard rendered a heartfelt goodbye to all his friends and co-workers at a farewell reception in his honor. **Center left:** Mike Simpson, president of the Kentucky Jailers' Association, offered some kind words about what a pleasure it had been to work with Rodney. **Center right:** KACo Executive Director Denny Nunnelley presented Ballard with a plaque of appreciation from the Kentucky Association of Counties. The Jailers' Association and KACo co-sponsored the reception with the Department. **Right:** Chris Kleymeyer (left) and Jeff Burton (right) presented Ballard with a Commonwealth of Kentucky state flag that had flown over the Capitol building.





**Right:** Louisville Corrections Fraternal Order of Police presented a check for \$1,000 to Commissioner LaDonna Thompson to assist the Department of Corrections families that were affected by March 2 tornadoes. “We sincerely appreciate the generosity of the FOP in recognizing the need of a brother agency in a time of crisis,” said Thompson. “Our agencies all work very hard to protect the public and it is gratifying to see how we all come together when a crisis strikes within our ranks. We appreciate your coming forward unsolicited to offer assistance to the families who lost everything.” Pictured left to right: Commissioner LaDonna Thompson, Louisville Corrections FOP Trustee Derek Hale and Louisville Corrections FOP President Mike Goldsmith.



*FOP Makes Donation to DOC Families Hit by Tornadoes*

## Youths' Unselfish Gesture Helps Stock KCIW Library

Last year, while visiting Half Price Books in Louisville, two teenagers, Madeline and Ike Whalen, decided to use their savings to purchase a handful of used books.

When they got home, they told their parents that they bought the books to donate to the library at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) in Pewee Valley. Upon learning this, their parents, Stephen and Kelly, commended them on their unselfish gesture but also pointed out that although this was a great start, the library would need many more books donated in order to make any kind of real impact.

Madeline and Ike thought about what their parents had said and suggested that perhaps the store would be willing to donate their surplus books. They contacted Half Price Books and an associate at the store did in fact agree to donate their surplus inventory to the KCIW library.

What appeared to be a one-time donation turned into a regular weekly event, which continued for over six months.

To date, approximately 4,000 books have been added to the shelves of the KCIW library; all because of the efforts of these two young people who decided to try and make a difference for a group of people they didn't even know.



**Above:** Madeline and Ike Whalen sit atop boxes of surplus books that they were able to get donated to the library at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women. Approximately 4,000 have been added to the prison's library as a result of their efforts.



## Humane Society, Investigator, Others Send Notes of Appreciation for DOC Employees

This edition of Inside Corrections is again filled with several examples of notes of appreciation our staff has received since our previous newsletter.

These samples demonstrate the diversity of our mission and the positive effect we can have on those we come in contact with.

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### OLDHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

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March 19, 2012

Warden James Sweatt  
Roederer Correctional Complex  
P.O. Box 69  
LaGrange, Ky 40031


Dear Warden Sweatt:

Thank you for allowing Tim Moore to assist Oldham County and Jefferson County Animal Control Officers with the horse confiscation last Friday.

Tim Moore and your large trailer were both life savers, literal and figural. The horses were in terrible condition and having an experienced equine expert like Tim really helped the Animal Officers as well as the poor horses.

Thanks again for being such a good neighbor. We really appreciate your assistance and loan of Tim and equipment.

Sincerely,  
  
Barbara Peters Rosenman



**Danville - Boyle County Humane Society**

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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." - Roger Carls

January 31, 2012

Mr. Steve J. Haney  
Warden  
Northpoint Training Center  
P.O. Box 479, Hwy 33  
710 Walter Reed Road  
Burgin, KY 40310

Dear Mr. Haney:


On behalf of the board of directors, staff and volunteers at the Danville-Boyle County Humane Society I would like to thank you for your support of the dog training program at your facility. Northpoint Trained Canines / Mutts with Manners have been underway since 2009, and we are thrilled with the success of the program. Nearly 60 dogs have graduated from the program and have found good, loving homes.

Simply put, this program saves lives. Large adult dogs are the most difficult to find homes for at our shelter, and this program gives each participating animal a much better chance of finding an adoptive family. Basic obedience training is essential for making dogs fit into the home environment.

We have been quite favorably impressed with the way in which the inmates treat and train the dogs. They show great care and affection toward the animals, and they work hard to see that they are properly obedience trained. Additionally, Brandi Peavyhouse has been extremely helpful and effective in working with our volunteers (Cheri Carbone and John Turner) who run the program on our end. We are grateful to you all.

We are so very thankful we all took the risk and ventured forth with this program, and it is extremely satisfying to see it thrive and improve with each passing year.

Special thanks for a job well done!

Warmly,  
  
Kathy Nelsen  
Director

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w-4  
Michelle  
LAMB

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From: XXXXXXXXXXXX  
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 4:37 PM  
To: Holbrook, Paul W (DOC)  
Subject: Thank you

Mr. Holbrook, I'd like to thank you for making sure all our family was able to visit XXXXX at the hospital before he passed away. It meant a lot to us to be able to see and be with him.

We appreciate all the phone calls back and forth to get this all set up.

Good luck to you in your future endeavors.

Thanks again,  
XXXX XXXXX

*(An email received from the sister of an inmate and sent to Deputy Warden Paul Holbrook)*

LaDonna & Jim,

I wanted to share with you the email below that I received from Steve Potts (an investigator with our Office of Investigations) complimenting your staff at Central Office and Green River on their assistance with a recent DJJ investigation. I am also aware that OOI's director, Barney Kinman, was involved with a portion of this investigation and he was also very complimentary of your staff and the good working relationship they had during the investigation. It's always good to hear from someone else that your staff is first-rate. I wanted to make sure I shared this information with you and hope it will be shared with any supervisory staff for use during the upcoming interim evaluation.

Vickie

From: Potts, Steven (Justice)  
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 2:39 PM  
To: Wise, Vickie L (Justice)  
Subject: Department of Correction

During the investigation regarding XXXXXXXXXXX, with DJJ, I had to request assistance from members of the Department of Corrections. My experience with dealing with DOC was great. Jonathan Collett was extremely helpful and readily available to assist with any request that was made. Lt. Michael Robinson, IA Investigator with the Green River Correctional Complex, was also most helpful. Lt. Robinson assisted with the collection of crucial evidence which aided me in my investigation. Warden Randy White was generous in his assistance as well making available his facility staff to assist me in my endeavor. I enjoyed dealing with the members of the Department of Corrections and found them to all be highly professional.

Steven Potts  
Investigator  
Office of Investigations

## Thanks

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From: "Tim Kilburn" <rootabagey@windstream.net>  
Date: January 17, 2012 15:22:03 EST  
To: "Ballard, Rodney (DOC); jeff.burton@ky.gov  
Subject: Letter of appreciation  
Dear Mr. Ballard and Mr. Burton,

On 1-16-2012 the Board of Directors received a complaint concerning our jail not allowing inmates to mix during church services and educational programs.

I was asked by them to contact someone with the Department of Corrections who could help provide some clarification into this matter. I contacted Mr. Mike Coomer who provided us with a letter telling what the problems could be with allowing inmates from different cells to take programs together.

The Kentucky River Regional Jail Board and myself would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Coomer for his assistance and our belief that he is truly an asset to the Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,  
Timothy Kilburn  
Kentucky River Regional Jail

To: Dortch, Jarrod (DOC)  
Jarrod,

As you are aware, I requested an officer to speak to the Green River Chapter of Retired State Employees. We wanted someone to talk about the recent release of state inmates across the Commonwealth.

Officer Zach Woodard spoke to our group today. He did an outstanding job. The group appreciated his knowledge and his ability to explain Corrections program for early releases. In fact, the group requested he return in six months to report on how the program is doing at that time. Officer Woodard and his supervisor Robin Peters, who accompanied him, did an excellent job of "selling" this program to a community group.

After the speakers left, there was a discussion about how they had a better understanding of the program and its goals. Thank you for allowing your staff to be a part of our presentation. Their participation was greatly appreciated.

Joy Horton  
(Retired Branch Manager, Probation and Parole)

From: Chandler, Larry (DOC)  
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:29 AM  
To: Thompson, LaDonna (DOC)  
Subject: FW: XXXX XXXXX

FYI  
Dear Mr. XXXX, thank you for the positive comment, they are indeed rare.

Please keep this in mind; XXXX needs you now more than ever. We wish you and your family well.

Larry D. Chandler, Chair

From: XXXX, XXXX.  
To: Chandler, Larry (DOC)  
Subject: RE: XXXX XXXXX

Just wanted you to know that XXXX, my Wife, and Myself feel that this SAP Program has been the best thing that could have happened For XXXX. Thanks for giving me my son back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

He is due to graduate this month.  
Thought you might want to hear some positive feedback.

Thanks  
XXX XXXXX



Timothy D. Carman  
Director

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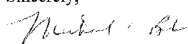
Michael A. Bolcas  
Assistant Director

March 1, 2012

Warden Joseph Meko  
Little Sandy Correctional Complex  
505 Prison Connector  
Sandy Hook, KY 41171

Dear Warden Meko:

On behalf of District Supervisor Ray Canterberry and myself, I want to thank you and your staff for the outstanding sign that was made for the Lancaster P&P Office. I know this is not the first time you have assisted Probation & Parole, and I greatly appreciate it. If we can ever reciprocate, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,  
  
Michael A. Bolcas  
Assistant Director

January 5, 2012

Kevin Pangburn  
SAP Director

RE:   
ID:   
Whitley Co Detention Center

Dear Kevin Pangburn:

As the mother of a son who is incarcerated, it is rare to find someone as kind and caring as you. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the manner in which you listened to my questions, provided careful answers, and for help in his placement into your program. While I am aware that he has made some poor choices in the past, he is still a human being, and I thank you for treating him as such. You would not believe the wealth of individuals who have repeatedly ignored me or declined to assist in my endeavor to ensure that he is treated fairly and that he has the opportunity to get the most out of the time he is spending.



December 19, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to express my extreme gratitude to the staff at the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Center, particularly Warden Gary Beckstrom and Sergeant John Vaught for their courtesy and assistance in covering the release of inmate Kerry Porter on today's date.

As a reporter not familiar with the prison system or West Liberty, they were helpful in telling us what our crew could shoot and hosting us during our time at the facility.

Both demonstrated professionalism and consideration well beyond the call of duty and should be commended for their actions.

Sincerely,

Janelle MacDonald  
Anchor/Reporter



## *Employee Recognition, News*

### **Kraus, Sudduth, Hance Promoted to Branch Manager; Rupard Promoted to District Supervisor, Other Promotions Announced**

#### **Cheri Kraus Promoted to Branch Manager**

Cheri Kraus has been promoted to branch manager at Kentucky Correctional Industries (KCI). Her promotion was effective February 1.

Kraus will oversee the KCI operations at Luther Lockett Correctional Complex (LLCC) and Kentucky Correctional Institutional for Women (KCIW).

A native of Henry County, Kraus is a veteran KCI employee, having worked for that division of Corrections for the past 22 years. She started in the print shop at LLCC in 1990 and two years later, was promoted to printing supervisor. In 1994, she was promoted to KCI operations supervisor and ran the operation at the KCIW until 1997 when she transferred to the Kentucky State Reformatory to run the operation at that prison.

In 2001 Kraus transferred back to LLCC to work again in the printing plant and also oversee the new embroidery plant that KCI started with the release of Kentucky's new branding program, "Unbridled Spirit." The embroidery operation was an instant success.

In 2004 Kraus was again promoted, this time to the position of operations manager, and she became the first woman to occupy that position for KCI. In this role she has had the dual responsibility of ensuring her staff run a profitable industry for the state and coordinating a useful vocational program for inmate employees.



Cheri Kraus

#### **Pat Sudduth Promoted to Branch Manager**

Pat Sudduth has been promoted to branch manager of the Department's Fiscal Branch. Her promotion was effective March 16th.

Sudduth began her career with the Department of Corrections in 1997 as a secretary chief. Before that she had 16 years of experience working for the Department of Revenue, Department of



Pat Sudduth

Labor and the Franklin County Board of Education. Sudduth was promoted to Administrative Specialist III in the Fiscal Branch in 2001. She was again promoted to Internal Policy Analyst II in 2005 and Internal Policy Analyst III in 2006.

Sudduth was the recipient of the Commissioner's Award in 2002 and also received the Deputy Commissioner's Award in 2009.

#### **Glenn Hance Promoted to Branch Manager**

Glenn Hance was promoted to branch manager for the Division of Corrections Training. His promotion was effective January 1st. He will oversee the Eastern Region Training Center (ERTC) in Sandy Hook.

Hance has been with the department for 23 years. He began his career as a correctional officer at the Luther Lockett Correctional Complex in June 1988 and transferred to Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC) in December 1989. He was promoted to sergeant in 1991 and then to lieutenant in 1992. Hance was placed on special assignment as a contract facilities monitor and adjunct instructor in 1994. He was a member of EKCC's Emergency Response Team and served as its co-commander until his promotion to his current position as instructor coordinator II at the ERTC in 2005.

Hance is a 26-year veteran of the United States Army and Army Reserve and currently holds the rank of first sergeant. He was activated for 18 months in 2004 as a drill instructor in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Glenn Hance

#### **David Rupard Promoted to District 8 Supervisor**

David Rupard has been promoted to supervisor of District 8 in Mount Sterling. His promotion was effective March 1st.

District 8 has four field offices, in Campton, Irvine, Morehead and Rich-



David Rupard

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## Employee Recognition, News

### Promoted

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mond, and comprises the 12 counties of Bath, Breathitt, Clark, Estill, Lee, Madison, Menifee, Montgomery, Owsley, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe.

Rupard began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1993 as a correctional officer at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville. He was promoted to classification and treatment officer three months later. In May 1994, he transferred to the District 9 Probation and Parole office in Lexington.

In 2000, Rupard transferred to the District 8 Probation and Parole office in Irvine and went on to transfer to the Mount Sterling office in 2011.

During his tenure with the department, Rupard has performed numerous duties including supervising a regular caseload, supervising intensive supervision offenders, Class D jail duties and presentence investigation preparation. He is a firearms instructor for District 8 and was also a member of the Drug Court Team in Lee and Owsley counties.

Rupard is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in corrections and juvenile services. He is also a recent graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program.

### Brian McGuire Promoted to Section Supervisor

Brian McGuire was promoted to administrative section supervisor of the Property Section.

His promotion was effective on March 16th,

McGuire began his career with the Department of Corrections in April 1997 as a correctional officer at Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC).

While at RCC, he also worked as a farm crew leader. In May 2006 McGuire was promoted to property officer II at RCC and in January 2007 he transferred to central office. He was again promoted to property officer supervisor in December 2007.

McGuire is a 2008 graduate of Kentucky State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is also the recipient of the 2010 Deputy Commissioner's Award.



Brian McGuire

### Kristin Harrod Promoted to District 18 Assistant Supervisor

Kristin Harrod was promoted to assistant supervisor of District 18 in Louisville. District 18 is one of four supervision districts in Jefferson County. Her promotion was effective Jan. 16th.

Harrod began her career as a correctional officer at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex in June 2006. She transferred to the Division of Probation and Parole as an officer in District 19 in August 2006. Since then her duties have included carrying a regular felony caseload and maintaining a Therapeutic Community at the Volunteers of America Halfway Back Program. Harrod also served as a team member of the 2009 American Correctional Association's Compliance Team and has taught the Roederer Correctional Complex Substance Abuse Program Pre-Release class since 2007.

In 2008 she was awarded the District 19 Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency Achievement Award.

Harrod is a graduate of the University of Louisville where she earned a bachelor's degree in justice administration. She is also a current participant of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program.



Kristin Harrod

### Nick Lilly Promoted to District 17 Assistant Supervisor

Nick Lilly has been promoted to assistant supervisor of Louisville's District 17, one of four supervision districts in Jefferson County. His promotion was effective Jan. 16th.

Lilly began his career with the Kentucky Department of Corrections as a classification treatment officer at the Roederer Correctional Complex Assessment Center in June 2005.

He subsequently transferred to the Division of Probation and Parole as an officer in District 17 in November 2005. Lilly previously worked as a corrections officer for the Clark County Indiana Sheriff's Department for eight years and a law enforcement officer with the Federal Reserve Bank-Louisville Branch for five years.



Nick Lilly



## Promotions

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Since coming to work for the Division of Probation and Parole, he has served in many roles. In addition to having covered a regular felony caseload, Lilly has also worked with the Reducing Serious Violence Partnership (RSVP) caseload, a sex offender caseload and the home incarceration program for the district. He also served on the division's ACA Compliance Team in 2005.

Lilly is a 2004 graduate of Indiana University Southeast where he earned a degree in general studies. He is currently working toward a master of science degree in justice administration at the University of Louisville.

### **Kerry Mears Promoted to District 19 Assistant Supervisor**

Kerry Mears was promoted to assistant supervisor of District 19 in Louisville on Jan. 16th. District 19 is one of four supervision districts in Jefferson County.

Mears, who served honorably in the United States Air Force, was stationed in Tokyo for a time serving as a senior airman. She received her discharge in 1994. She started her career with the Division of Probation and Parole as an officer in District 19 in 2008. She transferred to District 12 in 2011. While working for the division Mears assisted in the development of the PORTAL reentry program in District 12. She has also taught motivational interviewing at both in-service and basic academy training.

Mears is a 2007 graduate of the University of North Texas where she earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

### **Andrea Collins Promoted to District 20 Assistant Supervisor**

Andrea Collins has been promoted to assistant supervisor of District 20 in Somerset, effective Feb. 1. District 20 has two field offices in Monticello and Williamsburg and covers eight counties including Clinton, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne and Whitley.

Prior to coming for the Department of Corrections, Collins worked as a social services cli-



**Kerry Mears**



**Andrea Collins**

nician for the Cabinet of Health and Family Services and as a senior paralegal for a law office. She began her career with the Department as a probation and parole officer in Pulaski County in May 2007. She transferred to the Monticello office in August 2007 where she supervised offenders, attended Drug Court and played a vital role in helping the office operate efficiently. Collins was also the recipient of the 2008 Rookie of the Year award for District 10.

Collins is a 2002 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

### **Heather Meredith Promoted to District 5 Assistant Supervisor**

Heather Meredith was promoted to assistant supervisor of District 5 in Elizabethtown, effective Feb. 1st. District 5 has two field offices in Shepherdsville and Leitchfield and covers six counties including Breckinridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Hardin, Hart and Meade.

Meredith began her career with the Department of Corrections in June 2007 as a probation and parole officer in Elizabethtown. During her time with the department, she has been a supervision officer overseeing a caseload in Hardin County. She has also taken on additional tasks to include training staff on the use of the new Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) assessment tool. Due to Meredith's work ethic and dedication, she received the District 5 Employee of Year award for 2011.

### **Rebecca Palmer Promoted to District 15 Assistant Supervisor**

Rebecca Palmer was promoted to assistant supervisor of District 15 in Catlettsburg. District 15 has two field offices in Maysville and Paintsville and covers 12 counties including Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason and Morgan. Her promotion was effective Feb. 16th.

Palmer began her career with the Division of Probation and Parole in 1999 as a research analyst in the District 7 office in Covington.

In November 1999 she was promoted to probation and



**Heather Meredith**



**Rebecca Palmer**

## Spindler Receives ACA Certification In 3 Areas

Michael Spindler, a Classification and Treatment Officer at Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP), has completed over 560 hours of American Correctional Association (ACA) classes and in doing so, became only the third person in the United States to receive ACA certification in three areas; Certified Correctional Officer, Certified Correctional Supervisor, and Certified Correctional Supervisor/Security Threat Group.

Spindler's achievement will be featured in an upcoming issue of ACA's magazine, "Corrections Today." In addition to his ACA certifications, Spindler earned his Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Management – all while working full time at KSP.

Spindler began his career with the Kentucky Department of Corrections as a Correctional Officer

in 1997. He was appointed as a member of the Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) in March of 2000. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2005 and was assigned to Internal Affairs as an Investigator in April of 2006. He was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2007 and was promoted again to his current position as a CTO in August of 2007.

In November 2003, Spindler received a Letter of Commendation from Commissioner Vertner Taylor after he foiled an escape attempt by three inmates at KSP.



Michael Spindler

## McGuire Receives Coin For Exemplary Service



Commissioner LaDonna Thompson presents a Commissioner's Coin to Brian McGuire in recognition of his continued hard work and dedication. McGuire is the Property Section Supervisor for the Department. He oversees the insurance needs of the Department as well as handling matters dealing with fleet, surplus property and inventory. He always goes above and beyond what is required of him and was instrumental in the recovery of millions of dollars in insurance claims that resulted from the Northpoint Training Center disturbance.

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parole officer I. In June 2006 she transferred to the District 15 office in Maysville. She has performed numerous duties including supervising a regular caseload, supervising specialized sex offenders and presentence investigation preparation. She is also an active member of the 19th Judicial Circuit Drug Court Team, Coordinated Community Response Team through the Women's Crisis Center and the Northeast Kentucky Reentry Council.

Palmer is a graduate of Murray State University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She is also a graduate of the 2003 L.E.A.D program and a graduate of the 2006 and 2011 Commissioner's Executive Leadership Programs.

### Ken Burnett Promoted to District 10 Assistant Supervisor

Ken Burnett was promoted to assistant supervisor of District 10 in London on March 16th. District 10 has three field offices in Harlan, Manchester and Pineville and covers seven counties including Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel and Leslie.

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## Brewer Receives Certification



Commissioner LaDonna Thompson presented a Commissioner's Coin to Julie Brewer in recognition of Brewer's recent achievement in obtaining her CPPB (Certified Professional Public Buyer) certification. The certification process is lengthy and requires passing an extensive procurement exam.





## The Team

### Department of Corrections

Angela Alexander  
Jennifer Bowersock  
Willie Bowersock  
Julie Bowles  
Phillip Campbell  
Mike Caudill  
James Conley  
Roger Copher  
Emily Corman-Howard  
Abigail Dillingham  
David Dykes  
Ruth Edwards  
Jack Edwards  
Zyndall Evans  
Dustin Evans  
Brandon Freeman  
Donald Gilliam  
James Green  
David Green  
Ian Hardin  
William Harper  
Todd Henson  
David Higgs  
Paula Holden  
Greg Howard  
Robert Jenkins  
Chris Kleymeyer  
Katy Kleymeyer  
Lisa Lamb  
Ron Mabry  
Robert Mills  
Chris Owens  
Charles Pennington  
Belinda Sanchez  
Malcolm Smith  
LaDonna Thompson  
Joseph Thompson  
Angela Turner  
Zachary Willis

### Kentucky State Police

Brad Bates  
John Blanton  
John Bradley  
Rodney Brewer  
Jimmy Carey  
Josh Clark  
Todd Crip  
Lynn Cross  
Tammy Fannin  
Greg Hatton  
John Holbrook  
Jay Jacobs  
Joilee Jones  
John Lile  
Howard Logue  
Lucille Marshall  
Gary Martin  
Jack Miniard  
Bobby Murray  
Rachael Toftness



### *Lending a Hand*

*Approximately 60 volunteers from the Department of Corrections and the Kentucky State Police traveled to West Liberty to participate in a joint debris clean up detail.*

*The two agencies decided to join forces to assist the victims of the March 2nd tornadoes. The day was a rewarding experience for everyone that participated and the individuals assisted were very appreciative.*





# INSIDE CORRECTIONS *Kentucky* UNBRIDLED SPIRIT





## Tornadoes

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of the tornadoes were immediately felt by the institution and staff. The facility had no electricity and was forced to operate on generators, there was only intermittent phone and internet service which severely hampered communications and travel in the area was greatly diminished due to the enormous amount of debris and downed trees blocking the roadways.

Warden Gary Beckstrom said, "Under the circumstances, operations were as close to normal as humanly possible and the institution is definitely secure."

As stated earlier, 21 employees of the Department fell victim to the tornadoes. They lost their homes and nearly everything they owned. A loss of this magnitude is hard to imagine for most, but even worse than this, one of our employees nearly lost his life.

Correctional Officer Braydan Brickey was struck in the head by flying debris

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**Above: The KCCD Herrington Lake Chapter collected a large amount of supplies to be donated to the DOC families affected by the tornadoes. Items were donated by employees from District 14 of Probation & Parole and Northpoint Training Center Right: Keith Hunter, a 10-year employee at KCI, loads a truck with the donations collected at the DOC Central Office.**



## A Sampling of Donations So Far

### Department of Corrections Central Office

Central Office collected monetary donations in addition to clothing, food, drinking water, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, diapers, baby supplies, paper towels and trash bags.

### Green River Correctional Complex

GRCC set up a barrel in the administration building to collect items that are needed. Employees also gave monetary donations to designated staff to help purchase needed items. GRCC also hosted a sausage/biscuit and homemade baked goods fundraiser on March 16 to benefit the staff at EKCC.

### Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women

KCIW collected over \$400 in monetary donations in addition to collecting hygiene items, canned goods, clothing and diapers.

### Kentucky State Reformatory

KSR collected monetary donations in addition to clothing, food, cleaning supplies, household items, shoes, baby food, diapers and wipes.

### Kentucky State Penitentiary

KSP collected \$620 and used it to purchase Wal-Mart and McDonalds gift cards. Additional items collected include non-perishable food items, clothing, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, towels, wash clothes and trash bags.

### Luther Luckett Correctional Complex - SAP

A check in the amount of \$251.75 was sent to the Red Cross by the residents of the Therapeutic Community at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex.

### Little Sandy Correctional Complex

LSCC organizations made the following cash donations: LSCC Staff Canteen donated \$1000;

LSCC Veteran's Club donated \$250; and the LSCC Lifer's Club donated \$250.

### Roederer Correctional Complex

RCC collected and sent a truck and trailer full of donations. Donations included: non-perishable food items, water, cleaning supplies, diapers, blankets, baby formula, baby food, personal hygiene items, trash bags, shoes, socks, towels, wash clothes, clothing. RCC also held a fundraiser: for a minimum \$1 donation, non-security staff were permitted to wear jeans and an NCAA team shirt in support of their favorite team.

### KCCD State Board

The KCCD state board sent \$2,100 directly to the 21 DOC families that lost their homes in the tornado. They also sent \$300 to DJJ staff members that were affected by the tornadoes. In addition to this direct assistance, they established the KCCD Relief Fund and have collected \$1,529 from various individuals to assist all correctional employ-

ees who were affected by the storms.

### KCCD Bluegrass Chapter

The KCCD Bluegrass Chapter donated \$400 to the Morgan County Christian social services that will go directly to the storm victims for food, gas and other needed items. They also collected clothes, water and non-perishable food items.

### KCCD Capitol Chapter

The KCCD Capitol Chapter donated \$100 to go toward the relief effort of DOC employees.

### KCCD Herrington Lake Chapter

The KCCD Herrington Lake Chapter collected a total of three truck loads of donated items for the tornado victims in Eastern Kentucky. Note: Items were donated by employees from P&P District 14 and Northpoint Training Center.

### Louisville Metro Corrections FOP

Louisville Corrections Fraternal Order of Police presented a check for \$1,000 to Commis-

sioner LaDonna Thompson to assist the Department of Corrections families.

### Arizona Department of Corrections

A donation was received from an anonymous donor with the Arizona Department of Corrections. The note attached said they were praying for us and was signed only "Cathy."

### Alabama Department of Corrections

The Alabama Correctional Employee Support Fund donated a check for \$1,000 to benefit our DOC employees.

### Division of Corrections Training

### Division of Probation & Parole

### And So Many More!

There's simply no way to name all the individual donations (without risk of omission) - we just wanted to give you an overview of the relief efforts thus far and that are continuing!



## Donations

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while trying to seek cover from the approaching tornado. He received numerous injuries including a broken nose, multiple skull fractures and swelling of the brain.

The extent of his injuries required that he be put on a ventilator. He spent approximately two weeks in the University of Kentucky Medical Center before being transferred to Cardinal Hill Hospital where he spent an additional week in rehabilitation therapy.

Brickey was finally released to return home on March 22nd where he will continue to be evaluated to track his progress and recovery.

Beckstrom said the staff at the prison has been incredible.

"We had employees calling in telling me their homes were gone, including all their uniforms, but asking if we could find them a uniform when they got here," said Beckstrom. "This level of commitment and dedication is almost unbelievable. To have lost everything and still have

the desire to show up and help others though this most difficult time is truly inspiring."

In order to be of service to the West Liberty community, Warden Beckstrom sent EKCC inmate work crews to help out where needed.

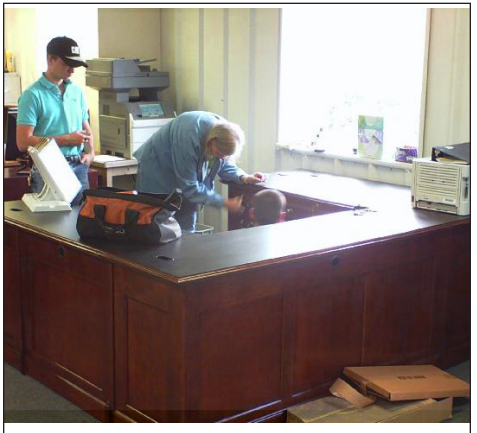
The work crews quickly became heavily involved in numerous aspects of the clean up process. They helped with downed tree and debris removal, assisted in the operation of the relief distribution centers and also helped relocate the West Liberty Elementary School into an empty warehouse that was redesigned so the children would be able to complete the school year with as little disruption as possible.

The outpouring of support for our correctional employees has been phenomenal. Not only from the Department's facilities across the state, but also from other organizations both inside and outside Kentucky. Everything from monetary donations to clothing, food, drinking water, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and baby supplies have been collected and sent to help out our fellow DOC family members in need.

While the initial shock of



**Above: RCC filled a truck and trailer (see inset photo) and transported the goods to West Liberty. Right: Kentucky Correctional Industries donated, delivered and set up two desks to assist with the relocation of the West Liberty Elementary School.**



this event is all but over, we realize the need for assistance continues.

For this reason, the Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Kentucky State Police, organized a volunteer mission that took place on April 4th.

All DOC employees who volunteered traveled to the West Liberty area and assisted with the clean up efforts.

(See photos on pages 15 and 16.)

The effects of this natural disaster will be felt for years to come, but if we continue to pull together and work as a team, as we always do, we can and will overcome this tragedy.

(Note: Anyone wishing to make monetary contributions to benefit our correctional employees may send their donations to the KCCD Relief Fund, c/o KCCD Treasurer James Sweatt, P.O. Box 69, LaGrange, KY 40031.)

LSCC Deputy Warden David Green saw the tornado approaching his home. He said it was as wide as the horizon and he knew there was no way it was going to miss them. He and his wife, Barbara, hunkered down in the hallway and rode out the storm. After the tornado had passed, Mrs. Green said, "We got up and dug our way out. I found the tornado had carried our horse through the roof and into our kitchen. It was lying on its side but it was okay." The remnants of the home are shown at right, and Green is pictured standing in the doorway in the inset.



**Above: Little Sandy Correctional Officer Braydan Brickey who was critically injured during the tornado.**



## *Lest we not forget ...*

On Sunday, May 13th in Washington, D.C., fallen law enforcement officers all across America will be remembered - and honored - for the ultimate sacrifice they gave for their agencies and for their country.

2012 has already claimed the lives of **five** Correctional Officers whose deaths are considered directly related to their occupation. Two died the as a result of brutal attacks by inmates. A third, shortly after a confrontation with an inmate.

As a Department, our prayers and condolences go out to each of these families, and our thoughts are also with the five correctional agencies as they deal with the loss of one of their own.

Take a moment to remember these fallen officers and their families. Stay vigilant as **you** perform your duties each and every day.

Your safety, that of your co-workers, the community, and the offender population you supervise is our No. 1 concern.

*(The prayer at the bottom of the page was written by Lt. Larry Peoples, Florida DOC. On the following page is the list of Kentucky Department of Corrections officers killed in the line of duty whose names are on the memorial wall in Washington, D.C.)*

## 5 Correctional Officers Deaths Attributed to Job Since Jan. 2011

### • **Jan. 29, 2011 - Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl (Washington)**

Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl was found dead in the chapel at the Monroe Correctional Complex on January 29, 2011. Officer Biendl, 34, of Granite Falls, was an eight-year veteran at Monroe and was the 2008 officer of the year. An inmate at the prison, Byron Scherf, is accused of strangling Officer Biendl with a microphone cord. Scherf is a three strikes inmate and was serving a life sentence for rape and assault.

Officer Biendl was solely in charge of securing the prison's chapel. After service that night, at about 9:14 p.m., the inmates were counted in their cells. Scherf was missing. Three minutes later, at 9:17, Scherf was found in the chapel lobby. He said he was trying to escape. It wasn't until 10:25 p.m. that Biendl's body was discovered inside the chapel.

### • **Jan. 14, 2012 - Correctional Officer Clarence Hammond (Michigan)**

Hammond was shot and killed in a botched robbery attempt as he arrived home at an apartment complex in Madison Heights. Officer Hammond, who was still in uniform, and his girlfriend had pulled into a parking spot next to a van with an opened door. A man immediately exited the van and attempted to rob the couple. When he observed Officer Hammond's uniform he struck him in the head with the gun and then shot him.

### • **Jan. 2, 2012 - Corporal Barbara Ester (Arkansas)**

Ester was stabbed to death by an inmate at the East Arkansas Regional Unit in Brickeys. Corporal Ester had observed an inmate in possession of a contraband pair of sneakers and entered the open barracks to confiscate them. As she approached the inmate he suddenly stabbed her twice in the stomach with a shank. The inmate was serving a life sentence for murder. Corporal Ester had served with the Arkansas Department of Correction for 12 years.

### • **Jan. 20, 2012 - Correctional Officer Tracy Hardin (Nevada)**

Hardin died from what is believed to be an injury suffered while struggling with an inmate at the High Desert State Prison. Officer Hardin was speaking to the inmate about disciplinary issues when the inmate assaulted him. During the struggle Officer Hardin was injured.

As Officer Hardin was leaving the prison after his shift, he suddenly pulled to the side of the road outside of the employee parking lot. Officers immediately went to check on him and discovered he wasn't breathing. They initiated CPR but were unable to revive him. The coroner ruled his death a homicide and charges are pending against the inmate.

### • **March 18, 2012 - Sergeant Ruben Thomas (Florida)**

Thomas was stabbed to death by an inmate at the Columbia Correctional Institution Annex. He was checking on an inmate in one of the prison's dorms when he was attacked. He was stabbed in the neck several times by the inmate who was armed with a shank. The inmate, who was serving a life sentence for murdering a college student, then struck another officer in the eye with a sock filled with a heavy item before being taken into custody. Sergeant Thomas had served with the Florida Department of Corrections for six years.

### CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S PRAYER

Lord, when it's time to go inside, that place of steel and stone.  
I pray that you will keep me safe, so I won't walk alone.  
Help me to do my duty, please watch me on my rounds.  
Amongst those perilous places, and slamming steel door sounds.  
God, keep my fellow officers well and free from harm.  
Let them know i'll be there too, whenever there's alarm.  
Above all when I walk my beat, no matter where I roam.  
Let me go back whence I came, to family and home.



## *The Supreme Sacrifice*

Kentucky Department of Corrections

Name: **Hodge Cunningham** Rank: Correctional Officer Age: 43  
Date of Incident: 10/03/1923 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 8-E: 8  
Circumstance: Correctional Officers Cunningham, V. Mattingly and William Gilbert of the Kentucky State Penitentiary were shot and killed by three convicts who were attempting to escape. The convicts barricaded themselves in the dining room. The siege lasted for four days until it was discovered that two of the convicts had committed suicide and the third man had died from gunshot wounds.

Name: **William Gilbert** Rank: Correctional Officer Age: unk  
Date of Incident: 10/03/1923 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 1-W: 4  
Circumstance: Correctional Officers Gilbert, Hodge Cunningham and V. Mattingly of the Kentucky State Penitentiary were shot and killed by three convicts who were attempting to escape. The convicts barricaded themselves in the dining room. The siege lasted for four days until it was discovered that two of the convicts had committed suicide and the third man had died from gunshot wounds.

Name: **V. B. Mattingly** Rank: Correctional Officer Age: unk  
Date of Incident: 10/03/1923 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 41-E: 3  
Circumstance: Correctional Officers Mattingly, Hodge Cunningham and William Gilbert of the Kentucky State Penitentiary were shot and killed by three convicts who were attempting to escape. The convicts barricaded themselves in the dining room. The siege lasted for four days until it was discovered that two of the convicts had committed suicide and the third man had died from gunshot wounds.

Name: **William Moneymaker** Rank: Correctional Officer Age: unk  
Date of Incident: 04/21/1931 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 9-E: 17  
Circumstance: Correctional Officer Moneymaker was attacked at the Kentucky State Penitentiary by an inmate wielding a hatchet. The inmate then took Officer Moneymaker's pistol and committed suicide.

Name: **L. R. Gumm** Rank: Deputy Warden Age: 62  
Date of Incident: 12/17/1945 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 59-E: 6  
Circumstance: Deputy Warden Gumm and Officer L.W. Lewis were shot by an inmate at the Kentucky State Penitentiary. The officers were acting on a tip that the inmate had a concealed weapon in his cell. The inmate shot the officers as they entered the cell. Deputy Gumm was shot in the abdomen and was transported to the hospital where he died. Officer Lewis survived his injuries. The inmate was convicted of murder and sentenced to death via the electric chair.

Name: **Julius Rosemond Cummins** Rank: Correctional Officer Age: 41  
Date of Incident: 07/21/1949 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 15-W: 27  
Circumstance: Correctional Officer Cummins, of the Kentucky State Penitentiary, was a passenger in the prison truck when the vehicle collided with another car that had just pulled into the road from a driveway. Officer Cummins and the inmates, who were transporting produce from the prison farm to the Eddyville facility, were thrown from the cab of the truck to the pavement. Officer Cummins was pronounced dead at the scene.

Name: **Owen Davenport** Rank: Correctional Officer Age: unk  
Date of Incident: 07/13/1956 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 39-E: 10  
Circumstance: Correctional Officer Davenport was fatally stabbed to death by an inmate in the yard of the Kentucky State Penitentiary.

Name: **Patricia Ross** Rank: Corrections Employee Age: 35  
Date of Incident: 03/01/1984 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 49-E: 4  
Circumstance: Patricia Ross was beaten to death with an industrial size can opener by an inmate in the dining room at the Kentucky State Penitentiary. Patricia Ross, who was a Food Service Instructor, had refused the advances made by the inmate. Another inmate who attempted to assist her was also beaten severely. The perpetrator was sentenced to death which was later reduced to life in prison.

Name: **Charles Frederick Cash** Rank: Correctional Officer Age: 35  
Date of Incident: 05/09/1986 Location on Memorial Wall: Panel 55-E: 2  
Circumstance: Correctional Officer Cash was beaten by an inmate at the Western Kentucky Farm Center. The inmate was convicted of murder and sentenced to death.



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## Legislative Session Coming To An End

The General Assembly is required to examine the legislative and congressional districts after each decennial census to ensure that every citizen has equal representation in Frankfort and Washington, a cornerstone to American democracy.

This responsibility was taken on in short order when the General Assembly passed HB 1 dealing with Kentucky's legislative districts. The bill was signed into law by Governor Beshear on January 20th, less than three weeks into the session and in time for the January 31st filing deadline for 2012 candidates.

Any euphoria associated with such speedy action on a difficult issue was soon squelched by court action. The plan was challenged, partly because it moved the district containing central Lexington to the northeastern part of the state and replaced it with a district from the far western part of the state.

The final verdict was the Kentucky Supreme Court concurrence with the lower court's ruling that the newly drawn legislative districts were unconstitutional because too many counties were split and some districts exceeded population limits. The court also ruled that this year's state elections would be based on the old districts.

The General Assembly is not expected to take up the issue again this session. As for the congressional districts, HB 302 was signed into law on February 10th with an emergency clause, meaning that it took effect immediately. The filing deadline was extended for five additional business days so anyone wishing to get in under

the new districts could do so.

In even-numbered years the General Assembly is required to pass revenue and spending plans for all three branches of government. As of this writing, the Judicial (HB 269) and the Executive (HB 265) Branch budgets had passed through both chambers with each making changes to the original versions causing them to be sent to conference committees, which are made up Senators and Representatives who will work out the differences.

Agreement was reached on the Executive Branch budget at approximately 2:40 a.m. on Thursday March 29th, with barely enough time for staffers to prepare the final document to be voted on Friday, day 59 of the 60-day session.

Lawmakers plan to reserve the 60th day to override any vetoes made by the Governor during his 10-day veto period. The Legislative Branch budget, HB 268, passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor for signature on March 23, 2012.

Expanded gambling has been a platform issue for the current governor since his first run for office. Kentucky's constitution does not allow it so a constitutional amendment is required - which can only be done by a majority vote of citizens casting ballots.

In order for that to happen, the legislature must pass a bill through both houses with a vote of three-fifths of all members (60 representatives and 23 senators). SB 151 passed out of the State and Local Government Committee but was defeated in the full Senate by a vote of 16-21, essentially ending the debate and the opportunity for

a popular vote on the issue for this legislative session. Another bill, HB 45, called for a constitutional amendment to allow a local option - counties could decide for themselves to allow expanded gambling within their boundaries. That bill was posted to committee but was not given a hearing.

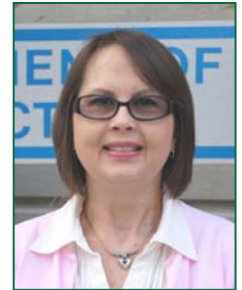
Pain management clinics are in the spotlight this session due in part to the dramatic rise in deaths of Kentuckians blamed on abuse of prescription narcotics. Similar bills were filed, SB 2 and HB 4 - the latter gaining more traction through the legislative process. HB 4 passed both chambers with the Senate imposing changes. As of this writing it had been sent back to the House for concurrence.

A recurring drug-related issue facing the General Assembly is what to do about methamphetamine labs. SB 50 sought to make medicines containing pseudoephedrine available solely by prescription.

As in the past, the pharmaceutical industry waged an expensive and far-reaching campaign against the effort. SB 50 was withdrawn but soon replaced with SB 3 which offered a compromise by permitting the purchase of limited amounts of pseudoephedrine-containing medications without a prescription. The bill also requires electronic tracking of all such purchases and blocks the sale of the drugs to persons previously convicted of methamphetamine-related crimes. As of this writing, SB 3 had passed both chambers and was expected to be sent back to the Senate for concurrence with House changes.

The only bill this session in which DOC is a true stakeholder is HB 299 that would make permanent the DOC/Parole

## Agency Spotlight



*Ruth Thompson is an Internal Policy Analyst III for the Kentucky DOC and she serves as the agency's legislative liaison. In 2008, she received the Deputy Commissioner's Award for creating and managing a tracking system which provides up to date information on all legislation affecting the Department.*

*This career service employee also prepares briefing materials and impact statements on legislation and attends relevant Committee hearings to represent DOC.*

*In addition to her legislative duties, Ruth also coordinates federal reports and cooperative research projects.*

*She is a 2009 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership program.*

Board reorganization, currently being operated under executive order. It also establishes the Kentucky Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision and defines its membership and duties. As of this writing HB 299 had passed the House and was awaiting a hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

To find out how to contact your legislators or get information on legislation and the legislative process go to: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislation.htm>



## KCIW: What A Close Knit Group Can Do

By Wes Dawson  
KCIW Deputy Warden

In mid January, Commissioner Thompson informed Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) Warden Janet Conover of a request from the Special Olympics for knitted scarves for an upcoming event. The event was the 2012 State Winter Games being held at Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg Indiana, January 22-24. The coordinators of the event were asking for donations of scarves for the participants of the games.

Warden Conover contacted Unit Directors Greg Lovie, Mary Hargis and Assistant Unit Director Jenny Noe to find inmates with knitting/crocheting skills that would be willing to volunteer their time and talent to make these scarves. The only concerns were the scarves had to be individually packaged and ready to ship to Special Olympics in only two days.

In all, 20 inmates (photo attached) volunteered eagerly to assist in a worthwhile cause.

Warden Conover enlisted assistance from the Business Office and Melissa Pollock drove to three

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KCIW employees in charge of the project were: left to right: Lisa Lewis, Carol Baker, Yvonne Calhoun, and Kathy Humes.

## Promotion

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Burnett began his career with the Division of Probation and Parole in 1998 as an intensive supervision officer in Covington.

A year later, he transferred to the Pineville office where he has supervised a caseload in Bell County. He currently serves on the Lighthouse Career Training Center Advisory Board that institutes job training programs for at-risk adults and youth in the Bell County area.

Burnett received District 10's nomination for the Commissioner's Award in 2006 and was the recipient of the District's Achievement Award in 2009.

Burnett is a 1997 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in police administration with a minor in traffic safety.



Ken Burnett

In 2011 he participated in the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Development Program.

## Cedric Coleman Promoted to IT Systems Consultant

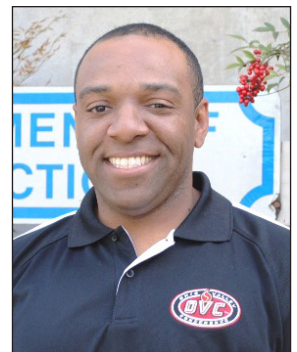
Cedric Coleman has been promoted to Systems Consultant in the Information Technology Branch. Coleman assumed his new duties on February 16.

Coleman began his career with state government in September 2002 with the Department of Housing as a programmer analyst II.

He came to the Department of Corrections in January 2010 as a programmer analyst III.

Coleman is a 2002 graduate of Kentucky State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science.

Coleman is a native of Louisville, but currently resides in Lexington.



Cedric Coleman



## Polar Plungers Raise Over 10K for Special Olympics



The KCCD “Colder Bears” took home the trophy for the largest Law Enforcement team at the Louisville polar plunge. Team members were: (left to right) Cole Morrell, Paula Beauchamp, Nick Daily, Heather Daily (kneeling), Lieutenant James Kelly, Captain Lona Kelly, Ravonne Sims, Bradley Beverley, Jamie Strang, Amanda Dees, Julie Barnes, Russell Williams (kneeling), Christine Browning, James Soeder, Ellen Mims, Patti Ray (kneeling), Sharon Veech and Elijah Soeder. In the photo below: Doing their very best to stay all warm and toasty, Julie Barnes (left) and Christine Browning (right) wrapped themselves in blankets on the chilly day.



“TEAM D.O.C.” comprised of Lexington Division of Probation & Parole District 9 & 19 participated in this year’s Plunge. Back row, left to right: Brooke Ferguson, Brandon Freeman, Ben Ishmeal, Melissa Markwell, and Monty Corbett. Front row, left to right: Derek Ruiz, Keishia Lasley, Robin Green, Mike Caudill, Shauna Doty, and Sarah Navarro.

### SOKY Polar Plungers Go ‘Overboard’ In 2012 Fundraising!

This year’s Polar Bear Plungers for Special Olympics representing the Department and KCCD may have set new records – raising nearly \$11,000 and capturing two trophies for the largest law enforcement team!

Here is the final tally from this year’s 2012 SOKY Polar Bear Plunge:

- Four Rivers Chapter - \$1,581**
- Bluegrass Chapter - \$1,988**
- Louisville Chapter - \$4,116**
- NTC - \$1,500** (David Gilpin raised \$860 individually)
- Lexington P&P - \$1,300**
- Johnathan Hart (GRCC) - \$210**
- Total - \$10,695**

The two teams winning the Law Enforcement award for biggest campaign – KCCD’s Four Rivers & Louisville Chapters!

Congratulations on your fundraising efforts for such a worthwhile cause!





Top Photo: The KCCD Four Rivers Chapter team “Frigid Felons” took the top Law Enforcement team in their Polar Plunge event. Pictured back row, left to right: David Kaminski, William Suits, Vanessa Kennedy, Jacob Bruce, Jessica Mitchell, Blake Morgan, and Rowdy Lax, Front Row: Cole Kaminski, Amanda Dunning and Don Fisher. In the photo at right team members taking the “plunge!”



# 2012 Polar P l u n g e



Photo at left: Bluegrass KCCD members jumped in this year’s SOKY Polar Plunge. Team members were, left to right: Eric Sizemore, Goble Cantrell, Joni Ferguson, Heather Helmburg, and Nick Helmburg.





**FOR A  
GOOD  
CAUSE**

First Lady Jane Beshear began the “Shop and Share” drive to provide domestic violence shelters with needed goods, such as canned foods, toilet paper and soap. This program has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding and supplies. Left: KCCD Bluegrass Chapter members Tim Taulbee and Eric Sizemore met the First Lady at a Shop and Share event recently. Right: In addition to volunteering during the 2012 Shop and Share, the Four Rivers Chapter also purchased and donated a shopping cart full of after school snacks for the children residing at the Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center. Pictured above is Wendy Higgins.

## KCIW

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different stores to find enough of the special colored yarn required for the scarves.

The Unit staff coordinated the inmate effort and the 20 inmates completed 66 scarves to be mailed out prior to the deadline.

Business Manager Lisa Lewis, Accountant Yvonne Calhoun, Deputy Warden Secretary Carol Baker and Internal Affairs Secretary Kathy Humes worked diligently to get all of the scarves packaged and off to the post office.

The project was beneficial to the inmates involved. “It was a blessing, it made everyone pull together as a team, I really enjoyed making the scarves for Special Olympics” said inmate Barbara Gordon. Verona Brinegar added “It was really nice to do something that really matters”.

“I am really proud of the staff and inmates’ hard work on this project.” “It was great to see them work so diligently for a worthwhile cause.” said Warden Janet Conover.



The Polar Plungers from Northpoint Training Center raised \$1,500 for the 2012 SOKY. Front Row (left to right): Correctional Officer Robert Ruger, & Lt. Rick Walls; Second Row: Correctional Officer Robert Bray, Correctional Officer Troy Wiggington, and Deputy Warden David Gilpin; Back Row: Lt. Dan Napier, Correctional Officer Bradley Osbourne, S.O. Polar Bear, Sr. Captain Bridget Gilliland.



## Farm

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After successful completion of the program each inmate receives a certificate of completion. The program is in the final stages of receiving approval through Central Office as an approved DOC inmate program.

Once this program receives final approval, inmates will receive 90 days meritorious good time upon successful completion of the program.

RCC's farm operation also has 800 head of commercial cattle, 150 acres of corn silage, and gardens.

RCC's Farm Manager is Tim Moore and he has a six member staff: Jeff Lyons, Assistant Farm Manager; Joshua Chisholm – Farm Crew Leader; Bryan Ellegood – Farm Crew Leader; Jeremy Mellick – Farm Crew Leader; Joshua McKinney – Farm Crew Leader; and Jason Morris – Farm Crew Leader.

Blackburn Correctional Complex, in the heart of the Bluegrass, also has a farming operation that is operated by the Agriculture and Dietary Branch of the Department of Corrections and a Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation program (TRF).

The BCC farm has a 100 cow Registered Anus herd, gardens and a hay production operation.

The TRF Manager at BCC is Linda Dyer.

The BCC Farm Manager is Scott Ogden.

The NTC farm is a 500-acre operation. NTC also has a 100 cow Registered Angus herd along with gardens and an aquaculture program (two shrimp ponds.)

The Farm Manager is Frank Hoeck.

George Lynch is the Correctional Officer assigned to the farm.



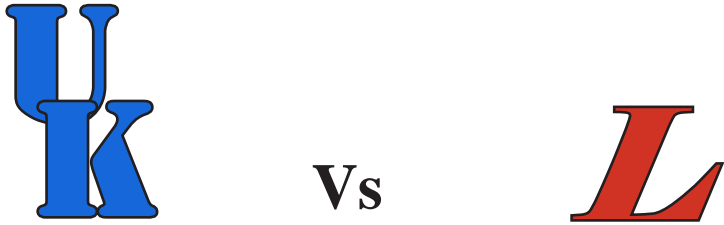
**Top photo: Female inmate being taught how to operate farm implements by WKCC staff. Above: Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation Barn at BCC. Below: Horse program used in farm operations at RCC.**





## Executive Leadership Class Graduation Held

*Graduates Allowed to Wear Favorite Team Colors;  
Room Filled with Wildcat Blue and Cardinal Red*



### *A House Divided*

The DOC Commissioner and Deputies get along quite well and agree on most issues - except when it comes to sports! Obviously, there's a difference of opinion when it comes to basketball anyway. Commissioner LaDonna Thompson (far left) posed with her three deputies at the Executive Leadership graduation ceremonies: Jim Erwin, Kim Potter-Blair and Paula Holden.



### *From Her Head to Her Toes!*

This fan gets the award for being donned from head to toe - literally - in fan gear! Abby McIntire got into the spirit of things with her UK attire.



### *Say What?*

Everybody loves a friendly debate on who reigns king on Kentucky's basketball court and it appears that Jail Consultant Desi Brooks (right) and Probation and Parole Officer James Hamlin just might be having such a discussion. Below: Amanda Sayle and Kiernyn Fannin (Central Office) are for opposing sides but they are all smiles for the camera.







*Showing Off The Accessories!*

It may look like these two Executive Leadership grads were about to come to blows over the Cards and the Cats, but it was really just to display their accessories (nails included) to match their UK and U of L choices. Probation and Parole Officers Renee Wilson and Leasha Mundy displayed their team's colors during the class graduation March 30.



*A Chance to 'Buck the Boss'*

The Department's newest Deputy Commissioner, Paula Holden (left) didn't quite agree with the Commissioner's team choice during the Executive Leadership class graduation on March 30. Participants in the Executive Leadership program were allowed to demonstrate their team spirit by wearing their favorite team color in light of the UK-U of L Final Four game. Even though Commissioner Thompson is a Morehead State University grad, she let her desire for Louisville to win be well known by teasing all the UK fans.



*Pairs of Fans*

KCIW Deputy Warden Janet Conover (top left) and KCIW Senior Captain Randy Hargis (top right) definitely left no room for doubt which team they were pulling for - but neither did KCI Assistant Director C.A. Wilkerson (at right) or Melissa Clark!



*Split*

Deputy Commissioner Jim Erwin and Northpoint Senior Captain Bridget Gilliland may have been on opposing sides for the game but they were all smiles during the Executive Leadership graduation. Gilliland is a graduate of the program.