



On the **Scene**

Brr ... It's cold outside



Crisis intervention conference Feb. 10

North Carolina's 2015 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Conference is scheduled for Feb. 10 at the McKimmon Center on the NC State University Campus in Raleigh.

The N.C. Department of Public Safety currently trains corrections staff in CIT, but it is also recommended for law enforcement officers, court personnel, mental health providers, school resource officers and families affected by mental illness or substance abuse.

The conference is organized by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and DPS Secretary **Frank Perry** will deliver opening remarks around 8:45 am. To obtain registration information ...

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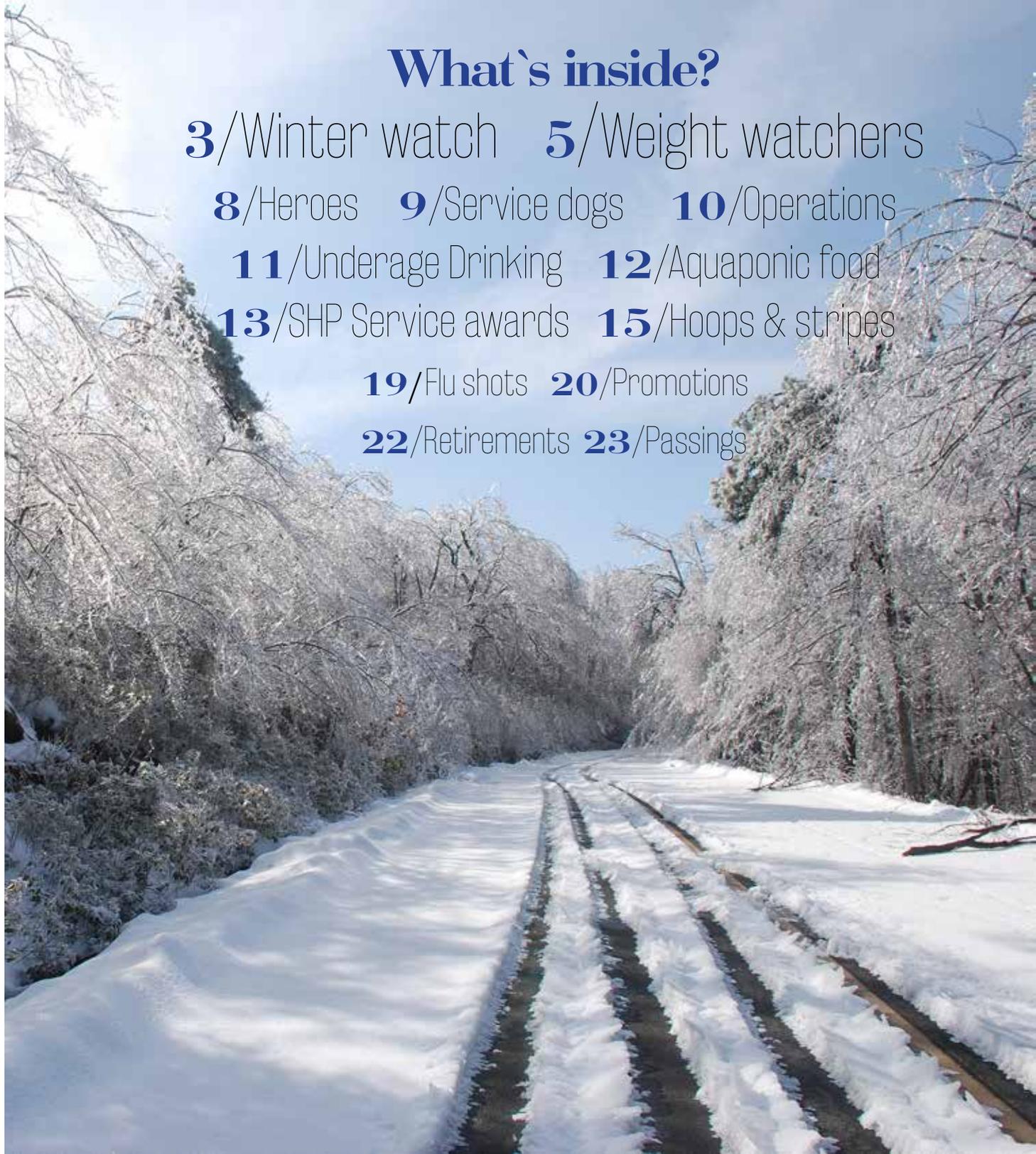
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This was an all-too-familiar sight a year ago.

Don't let winter weather throw you for a loop

Get Ready NC!

Laura J. Leonard

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North Carolina encounters unpredictable weather during the winter months. Early 2014 saw four winter storms within weeks of each other that dumped inches of snow, sleet, freezing rain or ice, causing an unprecedented number of accidents and school cancellations. Single digit temperatures were also reported in many areas of the state.

North Carolina can experience a variety of winter weather patterns that provide a mixed bag of precipitation because of its proximity to the Appalachian Mountains, Atlantic Ocean, Gulf Stream and Gulf of Mexico.

“Winter storms are known as deceptive killers because they cause power outages, downed trees, traffic jams and accidents that leave lasting impacts on the state,” said North Carolina Emergency Management Director **Mike Sprayberry**. “Most deaths are not directly related to the storm, but result from traffic accidents on icy roads or hypothermia from lengthy exposure to cold. Three easy steps will help anyone get ready for an emergency: create a plan, make a kit and stay informed. Following these simple actions will help you be ready before an emergency occurs and help keep you safe.”

The first step is to write a plan, which should be a thought-out list of whom to call, where to meet and any special considerations that may need to be addressed. Once you have a plan in place, build an emergency supplies kit for your home and your car. Besides the standard items — non-perishable food and water for each person for four to seven days, medications, and important papers — you should also include rock salt, sand, snow shovels, extra warm clothes and blankets. Ensure a flash light, battery-operated

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radio, extra batteries and a first-aid kit are on hand. Finally, pay attention to the weather forecast and stay informed about potential storms.

During the cold winter months, be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning that can occur from improper heating. The colorless, odorless carbon monoxide gas can be deadly and is produced from fuel-burning appliances, generators and heaters. Without proper ventilation, carbon monoxide fumes can accumulate, causing headaches, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. While preparing for winter weather, remember to keep charcoal grills and portable camping equipment outdoors.

To prepare your home for winter weather, add insulation to walls and attics, and keep an adequate supply of heating fuel on hand. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows and insulate water pipes to keep them from freezing. Remember to keep generators away from the home and have a trained professional ensure proper wiring. Never run a generator in the garage or other enclosed area.

Drive Safely, Use Caution

Snow and ice can cause hazardous driving conditions which lead to massive traffic delays. Keep in mind that road conditions can quickly change. When driving in winter weather, remember to:

- ▲ Reduce your speed.
- ▲ Leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles.
- ▲ Approach bridges and overpasses with caution because they often become icy prior to roadways. Do not brake while on a bridge.
- ▲ If you begin to slide, take your foot off the gas and turn the steering wheel in the direction of the slide. Do not push the brakes.
- ▲ If you need to pull off the highway, set your directional lights to “flashing.”
- ▲ Do not go out on foot unless you see a building nearby to take shelter.
- ▲ If running the engine to keep warm, crack the window



open to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Never let everyone in the car sleep at once. One person should stay awake to watch for rescue crews. Tie a colored cloth to the antenna or door to make yourself visible.

“North Carolinians need to know what to do during a winter weather emergency as weather conditions can rapidly deteriorate,” Sprayberry said. “The ReadyNC mobile application provides the most current traffic and weather information so you can be safe. You can also go to ReadyNC.org to find a complete list of winter weather preparations.”

The free ReadyNC mobile app also provides real-time information about opened shelters and river flood levels. A list of phone numbers for North Carolina power companies provides a quick reference so you can report outages. The app also provides basic instructions on how to develop an emergency preparedness plan. It is available for both iPhone and Droid devices.

The ReadyNC.org website also provides information to help you prepare for winter storms, including how to make an emergency supplies kit and what to do during and after winter storms. ▲

Weight watchers

Keeping an eye on trucks' loads

By Patty McQuillan, Communications Officer
Overweight trucks rumbling down North Carolina interstate highways can cause excessive wear and tear on the roadways, according to State Highway Patrol First Sgt. **Daniel Barnes**, who oversees the commercial motor vehicle safety operation in nine Triad counties. He said the trucks are also more likely to experience equipment failure from the extra stress of the load — and that can lead to accidents. North Carolina has eight truck weigh-stations in various parts of the state to ensure truckers and their companies stay within authorized weight limits or be penalized.

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The Hillsborough weigh station is the largest in the state and rivals Charlotte in volume. Sensors embedded in the highway send a preliminary weight a mile ahead to the weigh station. Some trucks then sail through an open lane with a green light, while others get a red "X" light and are directed to the weigh station scales.

First Sgt. Barnes explained the difference. A green light to pass through without stopping is for trucks that are either empty, carrying a light load or the company has a good safety rating and has a pre-pass that lets their trucks through automatically. A tractor-trailer truck, for example, that registers below its 80,000-pound maximum weight limit is allowed to proceed. Otherwise, the truck is stopped, weighed and sometimes inspected. Truck drivers who

willfully bypass the weigh station without prior authorization are stopped by a trooper and receive a \$40 fine plus court costs and three points on their driver's license.

Barnes, who has been serving on the Highway Patrol since 2003, oversees 30 sworn officers and seven civilian workers whose primary focus is on commercial motor vehicle safety. They comprise the size and weight enforcement section and the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program, which is responsible for truck inspections. They also check drivers and equipment for safety violations.

"Being in the center of the state and Troop D having so many interstates and main highways, we are constantly adjusting our enforcement strategies to keep our roadways safe," Barnes said. "Failure of equipment can cause accidents and overloaded trucks have a shorter stopping distance — and that is dangerous."

Civilian employees monitor the weigh station computers, and send overweight trucks to a fixed scale for a more accurate measure. If trucks are considered a "super load" and can't be weighed on the fixed scales, they are weighed on portable scales.

Last year, more than \$7.5 million in fines for overweight trucks was assessed at the eight North Carolina weigh stations, and about \$1.1 million of that was in Troop D.

While enforcing laws and regulations pertaining to commercial motor vehicles is the primary mission of his

staff, the troopers are also responsible for enforcing regular motor vehicle laws, investigating accidents and assisting the public as needed. During inclement weather, they help other districts as needed.

Barnes' sense of responsibility doesn't stop at the end of the day.

"First Sgt. Barnes is a very good person and leader," Lt. Ray Gibson of Troop D said. "One of his troopers was seriously injured in a crash on Christmas Eve. First Sgt. Barnes was off duty on holiday leave. He immediately, without hesitation, checked on and responded to the scene of the crash. He also made arrangements to have the trooper's wife transported to the hospital emer-

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gency room to be with her husband. He spent a majority of the day at the hospital making sure the trooper was taken care of. That is a great example of leadership and taking care of your fellow troopers.”

Barnes said his father’s service to his country influenced his career choice. “Being a policeman or a fireman was always in my blood,” he said.

Barnes was born in West Berlin, Germany, while his father was stationed there in the U.S. Army. His family also spent time in Bamberg, Germany, and back in the United

States at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville and Fort Sill in Oklahoma.

He remembers his mother, a German native, taking Army wives shopping in East Berlin and how gray and drab that side of the city was compared to the bright lights of West Berlin. The Berlin Wall, a concrete and wire barrier that separated East Berlin from West Berlin, was torn down in 1989 while Barnes was in high school, and he participated in the razing, using a hammer and chisel to pull off concrete chunks of the wall.

Barnes still has family

in Germany and has fond memories of the local butcher shop and bakery and the unhurried pace. He was fluent in German as a child, but claims he is rusty now. He daydreams about going back to Germany and has returned for several short vacations.

Finished with his Army career, Barnes’ father returned to his hometown of Four Oaks in Johnston County during Barnes’ last year of high school. He graduated in 1991 from South Johnston High School, then earned a criminal justice degree in 1996 from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and took basic law enforcement training at Cape Fear Community College.

His first law enforcement job was in the Brunswick County town of Northwest. Later, he became a New Hanover County sheriff’s deputy.

His German background helped when a suicidal German man drove off an exit ramp and crashed into the woods. Barnes was able to communicate with the man in German and calm him.

When DMV enforcement transferred to the State Highway Patrol, Barnes became an officer with the Highway Patrol and then in 2006, attended transition school to become a state trooper. In 2010, he was promoted to sergeant and was stationed in Mount Airy. He found the people to be warm and welcoming to law enforcement while he was in Surry County. Shortly thereafter, he transferred to Stokes County for two years and then in 2012, made his way back to Greensboro to be part of his original district as a sergeant where he once served as an officer and a trooper. This past December, Barnes was promoted to first sergeant and now oversees the day-to-day commercial motor vehicle enforcement operations of the entire district including the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program.

Barnes and his wife, Becky, have been married since 2006. They have a 7-year-old daughter.

“I cherish time with my family,” Barnes said, “Unfortunately, in this job you see people’s lives taken

Troopers bring their Highway Patrol experience into their new roles in the motor carrier enforcement section.

suddenly and unexpectedly.”

Being one of the original transfers from DMV enforcement, Barnes sees troopers who have previously performed traditional Highway Patrol duties transfer into the motor carrier enforcement section and bring their experience with them into their new role. The enforcement of all motor vehicle laws, including size and weight and federal motor carrier safety regulations, is consistent with the Highway Patrol’s mission by helping to protect the highway infrastructure and make North Carolina’s roads safer.

“There was some tension at first,” Barnes recalls, “but we’ve gotten so mixed that we are one big happy family now.” ▀



‘They are heroes in our midst’

By Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan
 WINTERVILLE | “Attention” rang out over the drill hall at the Capt. Christopher Cash Armed Forces Reserve Center in Winterville on Dec. 7, 2014. North Carolina National Guard sol-

diers of the 514th Military Police Company stood rigidly and about 30 friends, family members and guests looked on in admiration as Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Braxton and Army Sgt. Benjamin Bullard marched to the center of the formation to be honored for valor in Afghanistan.

“They are heroes in our midst,” said Army Col. Eric Kohl, commander of NCNG’s 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, to the crowd during the ceremony.

Several soldiers of the 514th with Afghan Uniformed Police while on patrol were attacked by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan on Oct. 1, 2012. Three soldiers were killed and three others were wounded. During that attack, Braxton and Bullard earned their valorous medals.

“We lost very great soldiers; they should be remembered,” Bullard said.

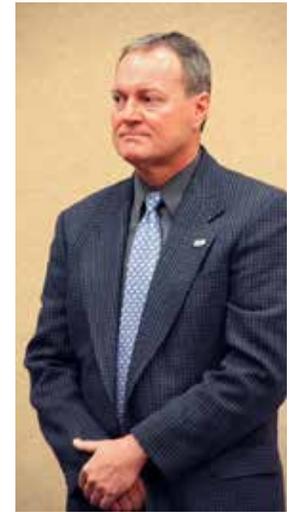
During the brief ceremony, Kohl pinned the medals — an Army Commendation Medal for Bullard and the Bronze Star for Braxton — to the soldiers’ uniforms. Each medal has a small “V” signifying that the medal was awarded for courage in battle.

“The ‘V’ is very humbling, it sets them apart,” Kohl said.

Kohl told the story of how Braxton’s exceptional courage and dedication to mission helped save the lives of three wounded soldiers. Kohl also recounted the heroism and leadership of Bullard’s service. The soldiers have been modest in telling anyone of the event.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, two other N.C. Guardsmen have received valorous awards in support of the Global War on Terror; both Silver Stars. Over 21,200 soldiers and airmen of the N.C. National Guard have mobilized and deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. ▴

North Carolina National Guard Military Police Officers Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Braxton, left, and Army Sgt. Benjamin Bullard, right, after a ceremony held in their honor at the NCNG’s 514th Military Police Company headquarters at Capt. Christopher Cash Armed Forces Reserve Center in Winterville on Dec. 7. Bullard was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Braxton the Bronze Star.
 Courtesy photo.



‘Flame of Bravery’ awards

The North Carolina Correctional Association recognized several Department of Public Safety employees with awards at its annual convention in Raleigh on Nov. 21. The association presented its first “Flame of Bravery” recognitions to employees who were recently assaulted in the line of duty by inmates. These included, above, Sgt. **Lori Diamond** and Administrator **David Mitchell** from Lanesboro Correctional Institution, and **Nicholas Terrigno**, left, of Central Prison. **Alvin Goss**, right in

the photo below, of Greene Correctional Institution was recognized for professional performance for his actions in November that discovered the escape of inmate Jeffrey Olds and allowed the facility to respond quickly and return the inmate to custody later the same day.



Behavior change centers open

RALEIGH | In December, DPS officials cut ribbons to open two new Confinement in Response to Violation (CRV) centers to house and provide intensive behavior modification programs for offenders who have violated probation. These new CRV centers in Burke and Robeson counties are recently closed state prisons which have been repurposed to incarcerate probation violators for 90-day periods of confinement in response to technical violations of probation as provided in the Justice Reinvestment Act of 2011.

The facilities will use dormitory housing similar to a minimum-security prison and offer intensive programming designed to modify behavior of probation violators. Probation officers and case managers are working closely with offenders as they progress through treatment and programming including cognitive behavioral therapy, substance abuse interventions, employment readiness and life skills training.

“We believe this new method of responding to technical violations of probation will result in more successful outcomes, reduce recidivism and create safer communities,” said

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W. David Guice, Commissioner of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice. “Once probationers complete this short incarceration with intensive behavioral treatment, they will return to the community better equipped to complete their supervision and succeed in life.”

The Burke CRV Center is a 248-bed facility with 46 employees, housed in a portion of the former Western Youth Institution in Morganton which closed in January 2014. The Robeson CRV Center is housed in the former Robeson Correctional Center in Lumberton which closed in August 2013. It is a 192-bed facility with a staff of 40 employees. In addition to the NCDPS staff on site, employees of the GEO Group will teach the classes and program sessions that will comprise the majority of the day’s schedule for the offenders confined in both centers.

These first two CRV centers are housing male inmates. The Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice anticipates opening a similar CRV center for females in the future. ▴

Franklin prison launches program to train service dogs

BUNN | Inmates at Franklin Correctional Center are learning and teaching new skills. They are learning to be dog trainers and their students are future service dogs that will one day alert people with medical issues or assist those with mobility impairments.

Through a partnership with Carrboro-based Eyes, Ears, Noses and Paws (EENP), a nonprofit group that trains and places service dogs, the prison is helping inmates learn new skills and give back to the community. EENP provides dogs trained in a variety of service functions, including dogs that can alert when a diabetic owner’s blood sugar is low and dogs that can assist people with mobility impairments by opening doors, retrieving items and even helping people who have fallen to get back on their feet.

“This is a service that’s needed, and these young men can work to provide for in the communities they have come from and the communities where they will return,” said Kenneth Lassiter, deputy director of prisons.

The program titled “At Both Ends of the Leash,” kicked off with a Dec. 19 opening event. Volunteers from EENP introduced the six new inmate trainers to the dogs they will train. Trainers from EENP will work with the inmates and dogs for the 12- to 18-month training period. The dogs will live with the inmates daily while they train, with periodic breaks when the dogs leave the prison with volunteers to become accustomed to other environments.

The program is beginning in a pilot phase. If it succeeds, the number of dogs being trained at Franklin CC may increase and the program may be expanded to other prison facilities. ▴



James O’Brien, left, EENP volunteer, presents a dog to be trained as an assistant to a selected inmate.

Trooper saves AMBER alert victim

RALEIGH | The head of the State Highway Patrol praised the quick action of Trooper **Michael J. Miles** in safely recovering a South Carolina child following an AMBER Alert in early December.

The alert was issued after a Mount Pleasant, S.C., man abducted his 3-year old son in an alleged violent domestic dispute with his wife. Minutes later, motorists traveling north on I-95 noticed the suspect vehicle and contacted South Carolina authorities, who in turn contacted the Elizabeth-town, N.C., Highway Patrol Communication Center.

Robeson County troopers were dispatched, and joined the search when the suspect stopped his car and fled on foot with the child into a wooded area. Trooper Miles used his familiarity with the area to search for the suspect on foot. In a field, Miles encountered the suspect still holding the child against his chest as if the child was being used as a shield.

Fearing for the child, Miles tried to verbally persuade the suspect to release the child, but a struggle ensued. During the struggle, the child was able to break free unharmed, and the suspect was subsequently taken into custody.

Miles gently carried the distraught and shaken child to a fellow trooper who comforted the child.

"Trooper Miles prevented tragedy by finding the suspect," Patrol Commander Col. William Grey said. "The child is now safe because of Trooper Miles' good judgment and quick actions." ▴

Bank robbery suspect cornered, caught by trooper

RALEIGH | State Highway Patrol Master Trooper Chris Pate found and arrested the suspect in a Raleigh bank robbery just before Christmas.

Using the provided description, Pate was canvassing the vicinity of the bank, when he spotted an individual who matched the suspect behind a restaurant about a half mile from the robbery. Pate made an investigative stop, quickly determined that the individual was the suspect and arrested him without incident.

The suspect was turned over to the Raleigh Police Department for further questioning. ▴

DPS law enforcement operations

NCNG team hits drug supplier

SILER CITY | On an early fall morning, local law enforcement partnered with North Carolina National Guard's Counter Drug Support Program and other public safety professionals in Chatham County in the seizure of more than \$138,000 in drug cash, six kilos of cocaine, drug paraphernalia and they made eight arrests.

The success of this drug seizure was due to the teamwork and expertise of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement (OCDE) Task Force. OCDE Task Force was comprised of the Drug Enforcement Agency special agents, N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, Chatham County Sheriff's Department, Siler City Police Department and N.C. guardsmen.

The Counter Drug Support Program helps federal, state and local law enforcement agencies with seasoned professionals who have unique skills that can fill gaps in certain types of operations.

In the Chatham County operation, guardsmen and local law enforcement officials discovered a cache of drug packaging and trafficking paraphernalia at a well cap, where shortly afterward they arrested a suspect. Other law enforcement officers who arrived found \$138,000 in cash and 6 kilograms of cocaine with an estimated street value of at least \$150,000. ▴

3rd car break-in suspect arrested

RALEIGH | State Capitol Police have arrested three suspects in connection with the vandalism of 65 state-owned vehicles and the theft of 23 gas fleet credit cards during September and October 2014.

Most of the vandalism and thefts occurred at seven Department of Public Safety locations in Raleigh and Wake County. The gas credit cards were used at more than a dozen locations across the area. The total

loss from damaged state cars was close to \$20,000 and the illegal use of the gas credit cards was almost \$16,000.

The three suspects, a father and two teenage sons, face scores of felonies, including theft of credit cards, vehicle break-ins and burning property.

A joint investigation was conducted by the Raleigh Police Department, the State Capitol Police, City-County Bureau of Investigation, the State Bureau of Investigation and Alcohol Law Enforcement.

"While this complex investigation continues to unfold, I want to recognize the joint effort and hard work among officers and agents who worked on this case," Chief **Glen Allen** said.

"With their help, State Capitol Police was able to make arrests on the three we believe are responsible for this spree of property crimes." ▴

SBI busts hydrocodone trafficking

DUPLIN COUNTY | Agents of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation charged a former licensed nurse, her husband and their son on Dec. 3 for trafficking in more than 2,000 hydrocodone tablets and Xanax which they obtained by passing forged prescriptions.

The family is accused of passing several fraudulent prescriptions at various Duplin County pharmacies using the names of doctors from a medical practice in Greenville where the nurse was a patient. In addition to the hydrocodone tablets, they also obtained 630 Xanax pills and 120 Ambien tablets.

The arrests and investigation were conducted by the SBI Drug and Environmental Crimes Unit, the Duplin County Sheriff's Department, and the Rose Hill, Wallace and Beulaville police departments. ▴

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Campaign targets underage drinking

RALEIGH | Gov. Pat McCrory and the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission are urging parents and adults to talk to young people about the dangers of underage drinking during the launch of the “Talk-It-Out” campaign.

“We must change the culture that treats underage drinking as a rite of passage or considers it less dangerous than drug abuse,” McCrory said. “The reality is, more teens die as a result of alcohol use than all other illicit drugs combined. Targeting our efforts toward the younger population will hopefully help stop substance abuse before it starts.”

The “Talk-It-Out” campaign is the second major alcohol abuse prevention program developed by the ABC Commission, which is under the Department of Public Safety umbrella and is chaired by former Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner.

Gardner also unveiled an ABC Commission research report titled “The State of Underage Drinking in North Carolina.” Among the findings was that students said the problem would be lessened if parents spoke more often to their children about the hazards of underage drinking.

Research also shows that children who get to age 21 without abusing alcohol are unlikely to do so during their lifetimes.

To help parents talk to their children about underage drinking numerous resources have been placed on the web at talkitoutnc.org.

“It’s time to start the conversation to stop underage drinking,” McCrory said. ▴

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Agencies partner in Triad drug bust

RALEIGH | The State Bureau of Investigation partnered with a dozen local law enforcement agencies in late 2014 to dismantle a major heroin trafficking ring based in the Triad, arresting 15 people on multiple charges including drug trafficking and firearms possession.

The SBI and local detectives believe those arrested are members of the Bando Boys criminal organization. The group is believed to be a major source of heroin in High Point and connected to heroin-related violence and overdoses in the Triad area, according to the SBI.

“This operation was a textbook example of what problem-solving policing is all about,” said **Scott Williams**, SBI special agent in charge of the Northern Piedmont District. “We identified a problem, consulted with impacted law enforcement agencies, and together developed a solution to fight the problem. The result was impeccable cooperation between law enforcement agencies in four counties who seized an unprecedented amount of heroin for this area.”

Law enforcement agencies served 15 search warrants in High Point and Greensboro during the past week, seizing about \$490,000 in cash, nine firearms (including two assault weapons), more than seven kilos of heroin, 29 pounds of marijuana, and 17 vehicles (including late model Mercedes and Jaguar vehicles). Three of the recovered firearms had been reported stolen.

The joint investigation was conducted by police departments from High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Kernersville, Lexington, Thomasville and Archdale, as well as sheriff’s offices from Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson and Randolph counties. The Guilford County District Attorney’s Office, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the N.C. Department of Revenue and N.C. State Bureau of Investigation rounded out the team.

“These agencies not only contributed, but dedicated multiple officers to a variety of tasks throughout this operation,” Williams said. “This operation is a success story for public safety and will serve as a model for future collaborative drug fighting initiatives in the area.” ▴

Multi-agency sting nets nearly 70

From the Rocky Mount Telegram

ROCKY MOUNT | Three Department of Public Safety agencies joined several Edgecombe and Nash county police units in carrying out a 12-month undercover narcotics investigation that culminated in the arrest of nearly 70 people on various drug-related charges in December.

Spearheaded by the Edgecombe-Tarboro Drug Task Force, the operation was named “Checking Our List.”

From DPS were agents from the State Bureau of Investigation and Alcohol Law Enforcement and officers from Community Corrections. Other law enforcement agencies involved were Edgecombe and Nash counties’ sheriff’s offices and the Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Sharpsburg, Pine-tops and Whitaker police departments.

The undercover investigations led to the seizure of at least 24 dosage units of heroin and other scheduled narcotics. More than 100 warrants were served during the operation.

Warrants include violations pertaining to the distribution of heroin, cocaine, marijuana and a variety of other Schedule II and Schedule III controlled substances.

The Tarboro Police Department and Edgecombe County Sheriff’s Office expressed gratitude to officers and agents who assisted in the operation and appreciation to the community for its assistance and patience while the investigations were being conducted. ▴

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Youth center helps feed shut-ins

CONCORD | Produce grown by students at Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center is helping to feed the homebound of Cabarrus County.

A special partnership to donate the vegetables grown as part of the youth development center's horticulture program sprouted in October between Cabarrus County Meals on Wheels, the youth development center and 100 Gardens LLC, a Charlotte-based initiative working to connect the area community to struggling communities in Haiti. Sam Fleming from 100 Gardens modeled this partnership upon a similar collaboration in Charlotte between Friendship Trays and Friendship Gardens.

Weekly donations of vegetables began in October; to date, the YDC has donated 160 pounds of produce to the Cabarrus Meals on Wheels program. Donations will restart in the February/March timeframe, as the growing season gets underway. Terry Thomas, Jackson YDC's career specialist, says that in 2015 the horticulture program aims to donate 2,000 pounds of produce.

"This partnership is a win for everyone," Thomas said. "The horticulture students harvest and package the vegetables for Meals on Wheels, and so they know all their hard work is going to a good cause. The Meals on Wheels program is excited about the quality of our produce, with the

increased nutritional content it provides for their customers."

The aquaponics and horticultural program at Jackson YDC results from a continuing effort to enhance career technical education in the state's youth development centers. The program combines horticulture, food production, microeconomics and science education. The classes began in January 2013 in collaboration with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and 100 Gardens, whose goal is to establish 66 educational aquaponic systems in schools across the Charlotte region and connect them with 33 high-yield versions that are shipped to and installed in Haiti. In March 2014, 100 Gardens took over operation of the program at the YDC.

Aquaponics is a sustainable food production system that creates an interdependent environment for fish and plants. It combines conventional aquaculture (raising fish in tanks) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water). Instead of discarding the tank water after waste from the fish builds up and becomes toxic for the fish, the effluent-laden water is led into a hydroponics system. Bacteria in the system break down the waste, and the byproducts are filtered out by the plants as nutrients. Afterward, the cleaned water is recirculated back for use in the fish tanks. ▴



Some aquaponics plants grow directly in the effluent water, above, while others get their nutrition from the soil irrigated with the water.



SHP applauds service to public, agency



Meritorious Service Group with Col. Bill Grey, left, and Secretary Frank Perry, right.

Meritorious Service Group Award

First Sgts. **J.R. Deardorff, D.B. Wright and R.C. Hester, and Troopers J.R. Brown, D.A. Burgess, M.S. Elrod, R.W. Hamilton, S.F. Lynch, J.R. Moore, G.R. Strader and J.M. Thomas**

Current and former members of Troop D, District 3 (Rockingham County) are helping save teens' lives. The troopers brought to fruition the Teen Drive to Survive Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to graduating seniors at each of the four county high schools. Initial fundraising began in September 2012, and in the 2013-14 school year, District 3 awarded \$9,000 in scholarships, which was distributed among the schools' Students Against Drunk Driving

chapters. Future scholarships will increase to a total of \$10,000. Also, participation in the S.A.D.D. chapters has risen, and District 3 troopers have made dozens of traffic safety presentations specifically targeted to teen driving at the schools.

Meritorious Service Award

Networking Technician **Joshua Utt**, on his own time, developed what he coined the "VIPER Ping" application to more effectively complete an update of the entire VIPER network of 204 sites across the state within a 10-day period. The VIPER Ping reduced a 45-minute task for one site to 30 seconds. The utility also enables technicians to troubleshoot network connectivity of any piece of

equipment at a site without having to drive to the site. During the transition of the VIPER network, Utt's utility saved approximately 150 man-hours, and is expected to save countless more on other projects.



Samaritan Service Award

Troopers **Phillip L. Biggs** and **Trooper William T. Smith**

In January 2014, the troopers witnessed a crash and responded, finding one of the vehicles overturned and the driver unresponsive and suspended by his seatbelt. The troopers broke through a window and unlocked a door, enabling them to unlatch the seatbelt and secure the driver's airway, potentially saving the driver from positional asphyxiation.



Samaritan Service Award

Troopers **Joseph K. Jones** and **Steven P. Ziemba**

While working the main gate at the US Open, the troopers noticed a volunteer worker having a heart attack. Both troopers rushed to help the man, called for an EMS unit and helped transport the man to a first aid station. EMS personnel stated that the troopers' actions saved the man's life.



Samaritan Service Award

Troopers **Nazareth S. Hankins**

Jason B. Casteen

One evening in September 2014, the troopers helped revive an unconscious, non-breathing young man, who they found when responding to an EMS call to a home in Willard. Using their training, the troopers immediately applied

an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which analyzed the victim's condition and advised CPR, which the trooper initiated. A pulse was detected and breathing returned after one round of CPR. The troopers stayed until Pender County EMS arrived for the young man, who may not have survived without the troopers' help.



Samaritan Service Award

Trooper **Mark A. Coyle**

The trooper was on patrol near Kannapolis when he joined a large search for a missing male toddler. He searched roadways, abandoned property and an overgrown field, which he extensively canvassed until he heard the toddler's cries, which led Coyle to the boy. He carried and then walked the lad to his family at his home, where the trooper spoke briefly with the family, returned to his patrol car and continued his patrol.



Samaritan Service Award

First Sgt. **Joseph L. Gaskins**

Gaskins found a man slumped, not breathing and with no pulse in a chair in the Division of Motor Vehicles driver's license office in Henderson. Without hesitation, Gaskins began



CPR as 911 was called. He performed CPR for more than 10 minutes until EMS arrived and a slight pulse was obtained. The man was transported to a hospital where he was expected to recover.

Humanitarian Service Award

Trooper **Cleveland Atkinson Jr.**

Atkinson has created a lengthy legacy of community service, especially for youths: A mentor in Tarheel Challenge; co-founder of Bibles, Badges and Businesses which helps at-risk and unemployed young people find work; chairperson of the Thorne's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Youth Committee; co-founder of T.H.I.N.K., which teaches youths God-focused service as a motivation to succeed in life and the value of journal writing, life skills and exercise to combat obesity in low-income areas; high school football officiating, which gives him direct contact with youths and an opportunity to positively influence their behaviors; annual organizer of a "Bicycle Rodeo" to provide bike safety and awareness; and as a trooper, a regular speaker on motivation and on gang awareness. Atkinson's actions speak to investing in changing the lives of young people, being involved in local issues that affect their lives and being a resource for his community, helping selflessly the needy.



Humanitarian Service Award

Sgt. **Kelly W. Stewart**

Stewart conducted and coordinated the first two NC Troopers 5k Foot-Chase and Fun Runs in 2013 and 2014, applying lessons learned from the first event to improve overall fund raising and community involvement. For the 2014 event he had a significant increase in sponsorships, race participants and volunteers, exceeding the goal of 250 registered participants and presenting a total contribution of more than \$3,200. Stewart's efforts demonstrated his commitment to service and support of the overall wellness philosophy of the NC State Highway Patrol.



Humanitarian Service Award

First Sgt. **Kelly J. Sturgill**

Sturgill created a North Carolina lady troopers softball team, which has annually supported the East Coast Women's State Police Charity Softball Tournament. The 12th tournament, featuring teams from nine states, was played in North Carolina and raised more than \$20,000. The NC Lady Troopers Charity Group Inc. was able to present a check for \$10,000 to the NC Troopers Association Caisson Unit and a check for \$10,000 to Victory Junction, which enriches the lives of children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses by providing life-changing camping experiences.



Present for the award presentations, from left, above left, Zachary and Mitchell; lower left, Jones and Chambers.

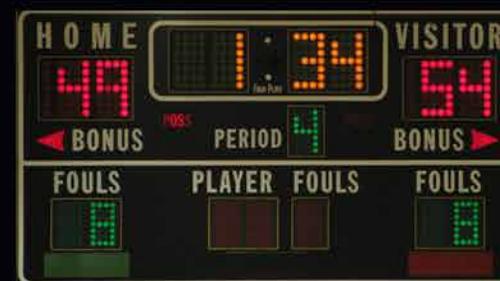
Humanitarian Service Group Award

Sgt. **Joe W. Bright** (not pictured), Troopers **Jeremy R. Zachary, Paul J. Mitchell** and **Michael P. Jones** and retired Trooper **Anthony D. Chambers**

The troopers formed a team that they named Smokey Bears to compete in a plane pull to raise money for the Special Olympics in North Carolina. The challenge was pulling a 15-ton Delta plane 25 feet in the fastest time, an event that required intense physical exertion and months of preparation. Team Smokey Bears was crowned the overall champions with a pull time of 8.64 seconds.



Hoops & stripes



Like life, sports is chaos without rules of behavior and someone to enforce them.

Numerous Department of Public Safety employees are sports referees on the pre-college levels. Because DPS is in the business of officiating rules of civil organization, it's as though employee/referees take their work home with them, helping young people learn the lessons of fair play and consequences.

As a favorite sport, basketball is a slam dunk in North Carolina. As youth and high school hoop seasons are well underway, several DPS employees have shared some of their thoughts about officiating the games.

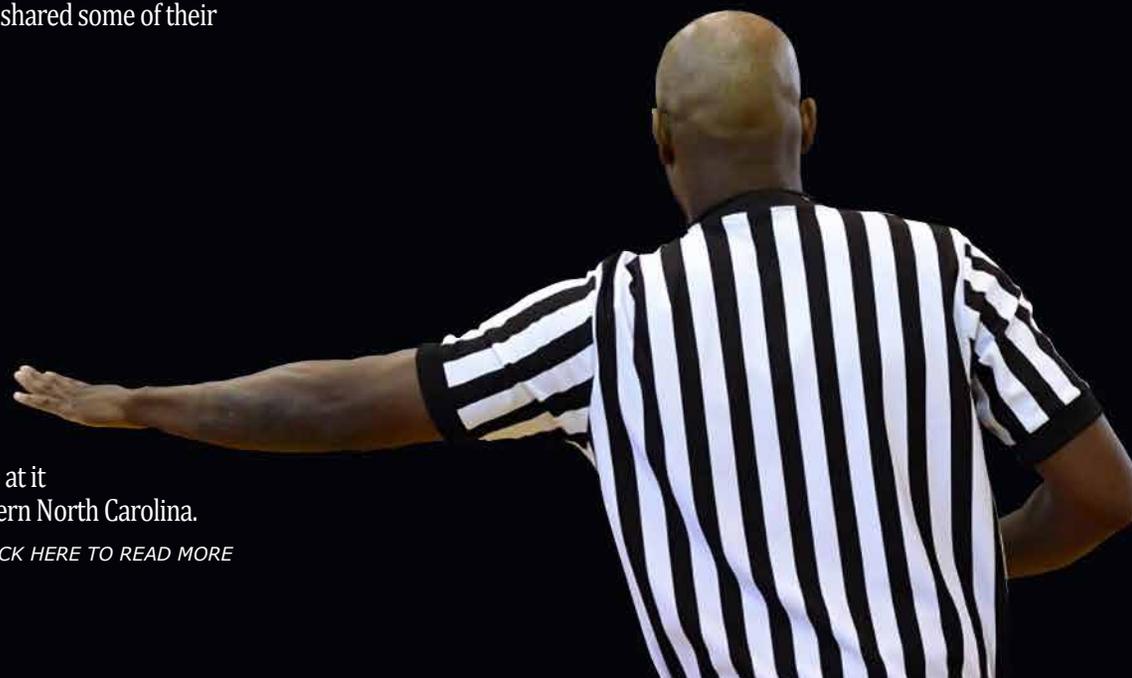
We begin with ...

Vanessa Cherry

Substance Abuse Counselor
Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency
Dan River Prison Work Farm
Columbia, N.C.
Service: 15^{1/2} years combined

Cherry has a heart for youths as she referees games in the area of her hometown, Durham, officiating at Riverside, Person County, Jordan and Kestrel Heights high schools. She's been at it for 15 years, some of them in northeastern North Carolina.

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"It is great exercise!" she said. "It also allows me to promote good sportsmanship in our youths, ensure that fair play, safety and proper spirit are exhibited."

"I also believe that it is good for our youths, especially our young girls, to know that they can continue to be involved when their playing days are over."

Cherry's enthusiasm for officiating has given her opportunities to witness displays of superb basketball skills, including those of Angelo Sharpless, a Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association most valuable player and current Harlem Globetrotter of the West Coast.

"Above all, I truly enjoy it!" she said. "Officiating requires a great deal of preparation, continuing education and commitment of time."

Shawn Garland

Training Specialist II
Adult Corrections
Raleigh, N.C.
Service: 9 years

A resident of Rocky Mount, Garland officiates in Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Halifax and Northampton counties.

He said most fans don't understand that officiating takes a great deal of preparation, continuing education and commitment of time.

"[I officiate] to stay involved in a game I love, to promote sportsmanship in our youths and to ensure games are played fairly, by the rules, within the spirit of the rules and in a safe manner,"



Shawn Garland, center, oversees the action at girls basketball game.

Garland said.

It's fun, too.

"Most every night is humorous," he said. "You always have that one fan who seems to see every call and knows every rule, and they do their best to let you know."

Some of the players he has officiated have gone on to college fame, including Montrez Harrell of the Louisville Cardinals and C.J. Leslie and T.J. Warren, both at N.C. State University.

Michael Jones

Correctional Officer
Craven Correctional Institution
Service: 9 years

Jones, in his 13th season of refereeing high school basketball, has personally witnessed sports history. He was officiating the 2014 1A girls championship game, when two teams battled to a last second shot that would determine the winner. The shot went in, and although the refs declared it had beaten the clock, not everyone was certain.

It led to the first time that an official video replay was used in high school game to confirm the referees' call.

"We got it right, [and] that play made the Top 10 [sports plays] on ESPN," Jones said.

Jones was one of three referees selected out of 140 to officiate at the high school state finals in the Dean Dome in Chapel Hill last year. He previously officiated at regionals in 2012 and 2014. He travels from Goldsboro to Wilmington to call high school hoops.

"Basketball official and correctional officer are two jobs that take special people to do," he said. "We learn that you can't have 'rabbit ears.'"

Jones added that he is grateful for his DPS supervisor's support.

Anthony Morgan

Probation/Parole Officer II
High Point
Service: 27 months

A former high school hoopster himself at North Rowan, Morgan is a 17-year veteran referee and a member of the Triad Basketball Officials Association. Schools where he has officiated include Davie County, East Wilkes, Southwest Guilford, Eastern Alamance, J.M. Morehead, Ronald Reagan, Mount Tabor, Carver, Winston-Salem Prep and Raleigh Word of God

Morgan said he was inspired in part to get into high school officiating by his brother, Timothy, who is a case manager at Piedmont Correctional Institution in Salisbury. The other part: "Giving back to the game that I love is the main reason why I officiate," he said.



Anthony Morgan races along the basketball court sideline to keep a close eye on the action.

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"I enjoy the camaraderie and relationships built amongst officials. Being inside of a packed gym with screaming fans all around is an adrenaline rush. Refereeing, for me, provides the greatest stress relief regardless of the type of day I've had.

"We, as officials are not always going to get every call right, but that's what we strive to do!"

Morgan started early, in high school and recreation league in Salisbury. He has officiated Tyrese Rice of Salisbury, who became a first-team all-ACC player and a tournament MVP for a Tel-Aviv team in Euroleague Basketball. Morgan has also blown his whistle on the likes of Stephon Curry and Chris Paul when Paul has conducted annual basketball camps in Winston-Salem.

Dusty W. Snider

Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor
30th Judicial District
Service: 18 years

Snider, who resides in Sylva, played high school ball at Robbinsville and has officiated for 20 years. He is a member of the Southwestern Officials Association, and has refereed games at Swain County, Murphy and Hayesville high schools.

He appreciates the connections that officiating affords him.

"I do this to stay involved in a game I love, to promote sportsmanship in our youths and to ensure games are safe, by the rules and fair."



Dusty Snider tracks the action at a championship tournament game.



Shane Tharrington recording the points and fouls for the Apex High School team and players.

Shane Tharrington

Programs Director III
Prisons Administration
Raleigh
Service: 22 years 6 months

Tharrington doesn't run the court wearing a striped shirt, but his role in the orderly conduct and outcome of the game is equally important: He's a score keeper.

The Raleigh resident has been keeping all the numbers straight "off and on for 29 years, but continuously at Apex High School for the past three seasons," he said. He has also been at the scorer's table at Louisburg High School.

"It's a great way to stay involved in high school athletics, which I love," Tharrington said. "I have coached, kept statistics or been a scorekeeper continuously since 1999."

A friendship with a former Tar Heel player got him started. David Neal, now Apex head coach, got his first job a coach at Louisburg, where Tharrington

was assistant coach for five year.

"He asked me a few years ago to keep the scorebook for his Apex team, and it has been a great experience. Going to the games, often with my son, and being a part of my friend's program is a lot of fun and great hobby."

It also presents opportunities for memorable moments.

"To me it was especially meaningful to have kept score in the 2014 Class 4A Boys Basketball Championship, which our team, Apex High School, won!" Tharrington said.

Phillip R. Webb Jr.

Sergeant
New Hanover Correctional Center
Wilmington

In his five years of officiating, Webb has mostly refereed middle school games in and around the area of his hometown, Wilmington. He, too, played basketball in his youth, at E.A. Laney High School.

Webb said he likes how officiating helps him stay involved in basketball and helps teach sportsmanship and preserve the game's integrity. He also likes the self-discipline of staying "fit" with commitment, learning and game preparation.

Webb has also coached basketball, and his involvement helped New Hanover High School win the 2012 State 4A Championship. ▴



Phillip Webb helps a young player find where he should line up for a free throw.

Prisons coordinate Christmas projects



Caledonia Service Club

The Caledonia Correctional Institution minimum and medium units Men's Service Clubs donated more than \$850 worth of toys to the Northampton Department of Social Services. In November, the Child Services Department provided the groups a Christmas wish list for each child. Gifts were purchased for three girls and eight boys with ages ranging from newborn through 11 years old. Everyone's wishes were fulfilled including three bikes, a coat for each child, baby dolls, tennis shoes, basketballs, footballs, Tonka trucks, pajamas, remote control cars, board games and clothes. Club members wrapped the gifts before they were delivered by staff members.

Lanesboro

Employees at Lanesboro Correctional Institution joined with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program and concluded their three-week new toy donation drive on Dec. 11, when toys were distributed to the local program coordinators. The facility's campaign received 554 new toys, including dolls, games, air hockey, books and bikes, all going to local families who sign up and been approved for the Toys for Tots program coordinated within Anson County. Prison Administrator **David Mitchell** said, "Moments when employees join together for a common cause increases my pride in the many dedicated employees who routinely protect the state and local communities from some of the most violent offenders within the prison system. The employee effort through the Marine Corps Toys for



Tots programs has been another avenue for our exceptional employees to volunteer and give back to our local communities, and our campaign has allowed us to fulfill an intention of this season which is giving to others." Anson County Toys for Tots coordinators said Lanesboro CI's contribution ensured sufficient toys to accommodate at children



Maury

Maury Correctional Institution again ran its Toys for Tots Drive. From left are: **Dickie Rook**, maintenance; **Gary Parks**, administrative services manager; Lt. **P. Sutton**; Dr. **Linda Nagel**, dentist; **Johnny Joyner**, programs supervisor; **Lee Futrelle**, psychological program manager; **Dale Manning**, processing assistant; Correctional Officers **V. Lawson-Washington** and **W. Barnes**; **LeeAnn Taggart**, staff psychologist; and **Lamont Howell**, assistant unit manager. Also, the Maury Inmate Service Club made two donations during December — \$250 to Toys for Tots and \$250 to the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital in Greenville. (Photo by Selena Knight)

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Craven Service Club

The Craven Correctional Institution Inmate Service Club, participating in the "Angel Tree Program" this year, delivered toys for 30 children. A total of \$872 accumulated during the past year was used to purchase the gifts.

Community Corrections District 1 staff in the spirit

Community Correction Officers in the Dare County Unit individually sponsored several children with the Outer Banks Hotline Program and as a unit sponsored one child.

The officers nicknamed the unit-sponsored child "Mikey," and bought both need and wish items of boxers, a hat, gloves, tennis shoes, pants, shirts, a coat, a two-wheeled scooter, Legos, a bike and a remote-controlled truck.

Probation/Parole Officer Tim Jackson and his family held a fundraiser for Kool Koats for Kids in

Elizabeth City. With the help of friends, they sold chicken and barbecue dinners were sold, with the help of friends, to raise funds to give coats to local area kids. Local churches, schools and other organizations submitted names and sizes of kids in need for the Kool Koats.

Approximately 80 coats for local kids were bought, collected and distributed at a local church.

For the past seven years, unit 5010D in Currituck and Dare counties have participated in

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Flu shots still vital; virus is progressing

N.C. Department of Health and Human Services statistics show a significant increase in flu surveillance activity as well as overall deaths. Important factors to note are:

- ▲ The number of reported flu-associated deaths tends to lag behind other measures of flu activity by a few weeks. This lag is because of several factors, including the time between illness onset and death (sometimes days or weeks); the time required for testing and reporting; and the time required for health departments to complete their investigation of each case.
- ▲ Given the dramatic increase in flu activity that began in mid-December, we expect to see a continued rise in the number of reported flu-associated deaths over the coming weeks.
- ▲ During seasons like this one in which H3N2 is the predom-

inant strain, we expect to see a higher number of deaths among the elderly.

Remember, it is not too late to vaccinate. The flu vaccine protects against three or four strains of flu, depending on which formulation you receive. Although H3N2 is the predominant strain right now and is not covered by the vaccine, other strains could circulate more widely later this season.

DHHS continues to update its flu web page to ensure the most current information is easily available to the public. You are urged to visit the page as an important resource for staying informed during this year's especially difficult flu season. ▲

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operation Santa Claus, which is sponsored by the department of social services.

Instead of exchanging gifts among staff, they make donations to help an underprivileged child in the community. The local social services agency provides the identity of a child to sponsor with the child's personal information, including age, clothing sizes and interests are included. With the information and donated money, staff representatives went shopping spree for the child.

Christmas gifts have included bikes, table hockey, SpongeBob, Ninja Turtles, clothes and school supplies. ▲



Lanesboro prison honors veterans

Lanesboro Correctional Institution, under the leadership of Administrator David Mitchell, held a Veterans Day Luncheon for approximately 50 military veterans. **Melinda Mullis**, medical records administrator, organized and funded the event. She was assisted by **Maudesine Chambers, Melinda Treadaway, Janet White, Donna McAllister, Jennifer Cole, Christina Thompson, Joyce McRae, Maria Frye, Nancy Capel** and **Theresa Honeycutt**, who supported setup, serving and providing desserts. Air National Guard Master Sgt. Bill LaRock II spoke on the significance of Veterans Day. Lanesboro's chaplain, **Steve Bird**, a retired US Navy captain, also spoke. The event was appreciated by the military veterans. *Photo by Becky Warwick.*

PROMOTIONS

In November 2014, unless otherwise noted.

Name, New Job Title, Location

Joseph Allison, networking analyst, SHP VIPER tower group-East Team
Candida Anazia, professional nurse, Prisons Health Services
Barbara Baddour, accounting clerk IV, Carteret Correctional Center
Alfred Bell, training coordinator I, Office of Staff Development & Training (OSDT)
Jane Benfield, office assistant IV, Foothills Correctional Institution
Kendra Brown, food service manager I, New Hanover CC
Renee Burt, behavioral treatment technician, Maury CI
Mark Butler, lead correctional officer, Albemarle CI
Larry Callicutt, assistant superintendent, Randolph CC
Kizzy Campbell, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 12
Stephanie Carter, professional nurse, Central Prison Health Complex
Toya Collins, lieutenant, Scotland CI
Patricia Cook, inmate disciplinary hearing officer, Prisons Support Services
Tarsha Crosson, lieutenant, Polk CI
William Cuthrell, facility maintenance supervisor IV, Hyde CI
Kim Dieffenbach, transfer coordinator III, Prisons - Support Services
Angela Dobbins, probation/parole field specialist, Community Corrections District 29
Ollivia Dye, office assistant IV, Community Corrections District 19A
Sheila Eason, captain, NCCIW
David Eddy, electronics technician III, Facility Management-Electronics
Maurice Fairley, youth center supervisor, Wake Youth Detention Center
William Felton, juvenile court counselor, Juvenile Justice District 14
Phillip Fore, sergeant, Randolph CC
Susan Fowler, personnel technician II, Prisons Human Resources
Elizabeth Frank, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 13
Ramel Freeman, sergeant, Central Prison
Joseph Fuller, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 7B
Christopher Gaaney, lieutenant, Pender CI
Tara Gilbert, case manager, Maury CI
Robert Hamilton, chief administrator, ABC Administration
David Hanna, behavioral specialist, Cabarrus Youth Development Center (YDC)
Wendy Hardy, captain, Nash CI
Jennifer Harris, nurse supervisor, Prisons Health Services
Blane Harrison, programs supervisor, Central Prison
John Herndon, sergeant, Polk CI
Shakeeba Hudson, sergeant, NC Correctional Institution for Women
Allen Huffman, facility maintenance manager I, Alexander CI
Jerry Irving, transfer coordinator III, Prisons Support Services
Rhonda Jackson, programs supervisor, Lanesboro CI
Keisha Jacobs-Jones, court counselor, Community Corrections District 16
Ricky Johnson, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 7B

Daryl Jones, sergeant, Central Prison
Sharon Jones, manager IV, Scotland CI Sewing Plant
Zachary Kendall, career program manager, Prisons Administrative Services
Tommy Kennedy, sergeant, Forsyth CC
Kristin Krajewski, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 18B
Terry Locklear, maintenance mechanic IV, Scotland CI
John Logan, lead correctional officer, Pender CI
Mary Marett, program development coordinator, Burke CRV
Mary McKoy, accounting technician, Controller's Office
Tracey Newburg, administrative officer I, Wake CC
Assa McQueen, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 12
Danny Orders, training coordinator I, OSDT
Jessica Parker, food service manager I, Bertie CI
Jeffrey Perry, facility maintenance manager I, Nash CI
Jessica Pigg, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 20
John Raymond, sergeant, Central Prison
Arthur Reed, training school unit administrator, C.A. Dillon YDC
Christopher Rich, criminal justice specialist/investigator IV, Prisons Security Services
David Richardson, HVAC supervisor I, Southern CI
Gerald Riddle, maintenance mechanic IV, Mountain View CI
Tracie Rhodes, personnel technician III, Human Resources
E'La Saunders, behavioral treatment technician,
Central Prison Health Complex - Mental Health
Andrae Slade, food service officer, Central Prison
Kent Spears, assistant district manager I, Community Corrections District 25
Amanda Teague, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 22
Tiffany Todd, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 14B
Admoria Townes, office assistant IV, Prisons Health Services
George Umahoin, correctional health assistant II, Central Prison Health Complex
Michelle Valentine, assistant judicial district manager II, District 27B
Judy Watson, office assistant IV, Community Corrections District
Ronald West, information processing technician, Central Office
Al Kereen Whichard, sergeant, Scotland CI
Leon Williams, training specialist II, Pasquotank CI
Mark York, maintenance mechanic IV, Albemarle CI

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Name, New Job Title, Location

Scottie Adkins, sergeant, Foothills Correctional Institution
Vivian Agu, nurse supervisor, Central Prison
Timothy Arrowood, assistant unit manager,
Burke Confinement in Response to Violation Center
Wayne Austin, captain, Albemarle CI

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Kimberly Baldwin, programs supervisor, Southern CI
Jonathan Bancroft, sergeant, Maury CI
Anthony Barnes, sergeant, State Highway Patrol Troop H/District 3
Ashleigh Barnes, sergeant, NC CI for Women
Daniel Barnes, first sergeant, SHP Troop D/District 9
Marietta Barr, captain, Scotland CI
Jacqueline Baskerville, classifications coordinator, Polk CI
Alvin Batchelor, captain, SHP Troop B Command
Keyla Bell, first sergeant, SHP Troop E/District 3
Derwin Brayboy, law enforcement agent, Alcohol Law Enforcement
Jeremy Brewington, first sergeant, SHP Troop B/District 7
Kimberley Brown, first sergeant, SHP Troop E/District 4
Lauren Burch, law enforcement agent, ALE
Travis Byrd, assistant unit manager, Burke CRV
Danny Cagle, lead correctional officer, Lumberton CI
Curtis Casper, sergeant, Pasquotank CI
Milton Chambers, youth counselor, Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center
Patricia Chargois, assistant unit manager, Burke CRV
Yiutak Cheung, food service manager i, Brown Creek CI
Joshua Church, sergeant, SHP Troop D/District 5
Cory Collins, lieutenant, Tabor CI
Charles Condrey, sergeant, Troop F/District 9
Charlie Cone, maintenance mechanic V, Nash CI
Thomas Cooper, auto body shop supervisor, Troop B Garage
Derrick Copeland, sergeant, Alexander CI
Joshua Crisp, programs director I, Gaston CI
Steven Dail, sergeant, SHP Troop A/District 7
Michael Daniska, assistant director, Emergency Management Info/Planning Section
Jaalisa Darden, behavioral specialist II, Maury CI
Derek Dawson, first sergeant, SHP Troop G/District 1
Donte Denning, food service officer, Orange CI
Andreas Dietrich, lieutenant, SHP Troop E Motor Carrier Enforcement
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Marc Dunn, unit manager, Foothills CI
Tymica Dunn, purchasing agent II, Purchasing & Logistics
Harris Enzor, captain, Craven CI
Woodrow Everette, sergeant, Troop A/District 2
Brian Falconer, assistant director, Emergency Management Logistics Section
Rachel Farnsworth, youth services behavioral specialist,
Chatham Youth Development Center
Wayne Finch, first sergeant, SHP Troop C/District 5
Jason Fleming, sergeant, SHP Troop D/District 9
Heidi Galetschky, administrative assistant III, Combined Records
Michael Galleo, first sergeant, SHP Basic Training & Operations
Susan Garvey, psychological services coord, Craven CI
Brian Greisiger, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 1
Cesar Gutierrez, criminal specialist, State Bureau of Investigation Special Operations
Robert Haddock, sergeant, SHP Troop B/District 3
Thomas Hamilton, assistant unit manager, Marion CI
Bradley Hammond, assistant unit manager, Tabor CI
Cathy Hanks, administrative officer III, Southern CI

Jerry Hayes, sergeant, Sampson CI
Dorothy Henderson, community development specialist II, Emergency Management
Wesley Hester, lieutenant, Alexander CI
Eric Hicks, special unit supervisor, SBI Special Operations
Lamon Hill, sergeant, SHP Troop A/District 6
Richard Hogue, sergeant, SHP Troop H/District 3
Jeffrey Holmes, captain, SHP Troop C Command
Fredrick Honeycutt, manager V, Correction Enterprises – Meat Processing
Mark Honhart, career coordinator, Prisons - Central Region
James Hosbrough, captain, Harnett CI
Larry Houpe, law enforcement agent, Alcohol Law Enforcement
Jeffrey Huneycutt, sergeant, Albemarle CI
Ardeen Hunt, lieutenant, SHP Investigative Team A
Angela Hunter, juvenile court counselor, Juvenile Justice District 8
Russell Jackson, probation/parole field specialist, Community Corrections
Teresa Jardon, manager, Prisons – Western Region
Daniel Jenkins, sergeant, SHP Troop D/District 5
Martin Jones, lieutenant, SHP Troop A Motor Carrier Enforcement
Lois Jongberg, assistant unit manager, Burke CRV
Marion Kersey, captain, Brown Creek CI
Ross Kevlin, radio engineer I, SHP Troop G/Radio Engineering
Steven Kirby, first sergeant, SHP Troop C/District 9
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Sharla Lewis, processing assistant IV, Burke CRV
Norvell Long, lieutenant, Sampson CI
Amber Lund, professional nurse, Neuse CI
Tyler Mabe, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 19A
Christie Maddrey, parole revocation hearings officer,
Post Release Supervision & Parole Commission
Shane Manuel, captain, SHP Training Academy
Antonio McCain, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 26B
Robert McGowen, sergeant, Troop B/District 7
Stevie McMillan, sergeant, SHP In-Service Training
Joseph Memory, sergeant, SHP Emergency Operations
Donna marie Mewhorter, nurse supervisor, Alexander CI
Danny Mills, sergeant, SHP Emergency Operations
John Mitchell, captain, SHP Troop F Command
Brent Morgan, first sergeant, SHP Troop F/District 9
Dwight Morgan, sergeant, Marion CI
Josephine Mulili, professional nurse, Prisons – Health Services
Matthew Mullis, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 3
Tyre Needham, lieutenant, SHP Size & Weight Office
Pamphylia Odom, lieutenant, Lumberton CI
Christopher Owens, first sergeant, SHP Troop A/District 3
Paula Page, assistant superintendent - programs II, Harnett CI
Monica Parker, fingerprint identification technical supervisor, SBI Special Operations
Michael Parsons, captain, Southern CI
Wendy Patterson, pharmacy technician, Central Prison Pharmacy
John Porter, law enforcement agent, ALE
Sonia Porter, sergeant, Central Prison
Lisa Price, sergeant, Caswell CC

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RETIREMENTS

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Name, Job Title, Location, Length of Service

Donna Andrews, nurse supervisor, Caswell Correctional Center, 18y
James Bange, correctional officer, Piedmont Correctional Institution, 13y5m
Audrey Berry, programs director I, Caldwell CC, 22y6m
Melvyn Blackwell, housing unit supervisor, Dobbs Youth Development Center, 28y3m
Gloria Blount, office assistant IV, Alcohol Law Enforcement, 36y2m
Don Boone, correctional officer, Southern CI, 18y
Tamera Boswell, judicial services coordinator, Community Corrections District 5, 11y8m
Kathy Campbell, professional nurse, Mountain View CI, 14y2m
Jay Carver, correctional officer, Avery/Mitchell CI, 13y
Stephen Cobb, correctional officer, Harnett CI, 14y5m
John Crowder, chief probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 11, 24y9m
Lottie Crowell, processing assistant III, Nash CI, 16y5m
Robert Fisher, chief probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 19A, 28y10m
Samuel Davis, facility maintenance supervisor III, Facility Management, 29y
John Dodson, correctional officer, Orange CC, 24y9m
Gerald Donatien, correctional officer, Sampson CI, 14y4m
Fred Durham, correctional officer, Craggy CC, 9y
Joe Dykes, sergeant, Central Prison, 27y5m
Adolph Gray, maintenance mechanic III, Facility Management, 28y8m
Donald Guffey, correctional officer, Buncombe CC, 20y1m
Debra Hall, health assistant II, Scotland CI, 20y1m
George Harris, sergeant, Foothills CI, 8y7m
Thelma Harris, correctional officer, Polk CI, 12y5m
Carolyn Henkle, professional nurse, Caldwell CC, 25y5m
Billy Honeycutt, correctional officer, Central Prison, 14y1m
Eric Jackson, lieutenant, X3/Motor Carrier, 26y5m
Donald Johnson, master trooper, SHP Troop H/District 1, 28y1m
Robin Kelly, food service manager I, Forsyth CC, 29y
James Lacy, sergeant, Alexander CI, 8y5m
Sarah Ligon, school educator I, Foothills CI, 7y1m
Ronnie Mellon, correctional officer, Lincoln CC, 24y10m

Brenda Mickens-Powers, professional nurse, Neuse CI, 13y1m
Stanley Morris, correctional officer, Tabor CI, 6y6m
Sonja Moscoffian, food service officer, Piedmont CI, 9y11m
Emanuel Moten, correctional officer, Sampson CI, 19y2m
Douglas Nelson, master trooper, SHP Troop C/District 5, 24y5m
Ernest Nixon, correctional officer, Tyrrell Prison Work Farm, 10y1m
Mitchell Owen, agency/university HR director I, Human Resources, 20y2m
Bonita Perkins, processing assistant III, Bertie CI, 9y1m
Kenneth Pernel, correctional officer, Odom CI, 30y1m
Jerry Poteat, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 20y3m
Robert Raper, master trooper, SHP Troop F/District 5, 27y8m
William Ray, correctional officer, Avery/Mitchell CI, 20y1m
Landric Reid, master trooper, SHP Troop H/District 3, 23y8m
Pearlie Rogers, correctional officer, Scotland CI, 8y10m
Donald Rowell, maintenance mechanic IV, Correction Enterprises Warren Janitorial Plant, 8y
Lucy Sapp, office assistant IV, Central Prison Health Complex, 14y8m
Kenneth Sanders, engineer, NC National Guard Design & Project Management, 28y3m
John Seitz, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 11y2m
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SECURITY SENSE

Public wi-fi hotspots: 4 ways to stay secure

Most computer users know by now that public Wi-Fi hotspots can be dangerous, but that doesn't mean you must avoid them entirely. What's important, experts say, is to know the risks before you connect, and adjust your behavior accordingly.

With that in mind, here are some tips:

- ▲ For starters, keep in mind that all the advice here assumes you have covered the security basics. That means checking the legitimacy of the hotspot, protecting yourself with strong passwords, and keeping your device up to date with security software and patches.
- ▲ For passive information-consuming activities, public hotspots are okay. So if, for example, you're in the lobby of a hotel, don't be paranoid about checking all your favorite news websites and blogs.

We all need to keep up with our social media feeds these days, right? Here there is both good news and bad:

Experts say that if you're using a laptop and can see the "https" in its browser bar, checking Facebook is most likely safe. The bad news is that smartphones and tablets tend to be less secure in this regard, so if you possibly can, use that PC.

The other lifeblood of communication these days is email, and it falls into the same category as social media: If you're using a well-protected PC, you're probably in good shape, but your phone is less secure. Keep in mind also that much depends on the content of that email. You should never transmit highly sensitive information, be it a credit-card number or a business plan, over a public Wi-Fi hotspot. ▾