ADC pays tribute to correctional employees

The Arkansas Department of Correction honored employees across the state for their service as correctional officers, nurses and teachers in conjunction with the National Correctional Officers and Employees Week and Nurses and Teacher’s Appreciation Week May 5-9.

Units celebrated with breakfasts, luncheons, cookouts, pizzas, barbecues, cakes and awards.

Among the many celebrations, here are some we heard about:

- Northwest Arkansas Work Release Center enjoyed pizza.
- At the Pine Bluff Unit catfish from Dorey’s was enjoyed along with fun and fellowship.
- In addition, at Delta Regional Unit several officers were recognized and spotlighted for their commitment and dedication to the ADC as well as the Unit. Throughout the week they received donuts, juice, coffee, and catfish with the trimmings.
- Central Office held a barbecue luncheon.
- The Ouachita River Unit provided donuts, juice, and coffee and later honored staff with a meal consisting of tacos, rice, refried beans, and dessert.

Photos on pages 8 and 9

Evans: 40 years of service in corrections

From growing up in the small community of Knowlton, Arkansas, as a son of a sharecropper who was killed when he was 11-years-old, to becoming the Deputy Director of the Arkansas Department of Correction, Marvin Evans has seen a lifetime of turns and twists that he says makes him humble and thankful.

Evans celebrates his 40-year anniversary with the ADC this month. But it has been a career that he never envisioned.

“When I was a little kid, my aspirations were to just get away from that farm,” said Evans, although now he has complete appreciation for what he calls “my raising.”

After a farming accident claimed the life of his father, his mother who had an eight-day-old baby at the time overcame many difficulties, according to Evans. He thanks God he still has his mother, who he calls “a great woman.”

Fortunately for Evans, his maternal grandfather was in the picture and became his father image.

“He was solely responsible for me going to college,” Evans recalled. “Because he mandated it!”

“Whatever he said, you did. He was family law. And he was always right. He wasn’t an educated man, but was probably as smart a man as I ever knew. Where he got that wisdom, I want to say, I don’t know - but I do know. It was divine wis-

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Word to know: De-escalation

De-escalation. We’re starting to hear that word a lot around ADC, and I like the way it sounds. De-escalation techniques were not an emphasis for ADC until earlier this year when CORPS training was rolled out.

CORPS training -- Culture of Respect and Professionalism in Service -- is making its way through the ranks. This new training focuses on having a winning mindset and calming the storms (de-escalating) that arise in the prison system.

When confronted or afraid, most will freeze, fight or flee. De-escalation requires none of these actions or inactions. Reasoning with an angry or agitated person is not possible, typically, so the objective should be to reduce the level of arousal so that discussion becomes possible. Sometimes it means ignoring taunts and not attempting to have a discussion at all.

We have seen incidents recently where officers have been assaulted due to poor responses to what I call minor mouthing. There are things that should not be ignored, but there are plenty of things that should roll off your backs. That’s where discretion and good judgment come into play.

CORPS training is meant to serve as another tool in the belt designed to get you home safely at the end of the day. Training and adhering to policies make up the fabric of that belt.

ADC is an agency built on policies and those policies are in place because of things that have happened and lessons that were learned from them. There have been some incidents recently where officers strayed from policies and endured the consequences. Fortunately, no one’s life was lost.

All officers need to read and re-read the policy on Use of Restraints: AR 403 and AD 14-15. There should be no exception to cuffing inmates in the rear – NONE. In addition to this policy, prior to moving an inmate out of any max cell or administrative segregation/punitive/isolation area, a hand-held metal detector should be used to wand the inmate’s body front and back to detect metal objects. When appropriate, tether belts and leg irons should be used. Two officers are ALWAYS present prior to removing a max inmate from his cell.

These safety and security measures should never be compromised. The life that is saved by following them may be your own, so take them seriously. Our agency’s top priority is for you to get home to your family at shift’s end. Please do your part to make sure that happens.
Ball & Chain Golf raises funds for scholarships, special programs

The 2014 ADC Ball and Chain Challenge golf tournament swung into action on May 19. The 10th annual event, sponsored by the employee Associations of the Arkansas Department of Correction and Arkansas Association of Correctional Employees Trust, was held at the Harbor Oaks Golf Course in Pine Bluff. Proceeds from the event help to support scholarship programs, special events for AACET members and disaster relief services.

Kevin Murphy, executive director of AACET, said that it is too early for a final recap, but estimates that the event raised well over $30,000.
2014 Red Ribbon scholarships awarded to four seniors

The 24th annual Red Ribbon Scholarships were awarded this year to four Arkansas high school seniors across the state. Each scholarships totaled $750.

These scholarship are intended for employee’s children who are 2014 high school graduates. Those awarded were Armorer High School’s Joshua Tye, son of Anita Tye of Mississippi County; Salem High School’s Courtney Smith, daughter of Sgt. Michael Smith of North Central Unit; Watson Chapel High School’s Eric S. Williams; and Pine Bluff High School’s Kalycya Hawkins.

In left photo, Eric S. Williams (left) is presented the scholarship by ADC’s Shirley Lowe, and in middle photo, Kalycya Hawkins is presented the scholarship by Lowe. In above photo Mississippi County Work Release Center Supervisor John Herrington (left) presents the scholarship to Joshua Tye. And in photo at right, NCU Warden David White presents award to Courtney Smith.

Glover new superintendent of Arkansas Correctional School

Dr. Bill Glover will be the new Superintendent of the Arkansas Correctional School, effective July 1. He replaces Dr. Dubs Byers, who is retiring after 39 years of service.

Glover has been the deputy superintendent for the past nine years. He began with the agency 38 years ago as a teacher at the Cummins Unit. He held that position for 14 years. He held the position of principal at three units: at the Varner Unit for five years, at the Cummins Unit for eight years, and at the Pine Bluff Unit for two years.

Glover holds a BA from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, BSE from the University of Central Arkansas, and an EdD from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

“Please join me in expressing our confidence in his success and for the continuing progress for our Correction School System,” said Charles F. Allen, CAO, Arkansas Corrections School System.
You don't have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body.

C.S. Lewis
ADC, law enforcement teams carry torch for Special Olympics

In the predawn hours of May 22, runners from the Pine Bluff, Wrightsville and Max Units gathered at Sarcen Landing in Pine Bluff to begin the Jefferson County leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arkansas. Although it was a relay, one runner from the PBU, Kathy Berry, began the race and ran for 8.5 miles! The 25-mile relay continued until the Pulaski County line, with escorts from the Arkansas State Police, the Jefferson County Sheriff Office, and the White Hall Police Department.

Runners then traveled to the State Capitol for the lighting of the torch ceremony. The final journey of the torch left Little Rock State Capitol heading towards Harding University in Searcy where 2,000 athletes awaited the flame of hope to kick off the summer games for Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Arkansas recognized the Arkansas Department of Correction for being a state sponsor at the Capitol. A plaque was presented to Director Ray Hobbs, Ayn Freygang and Sherry Glover.

“Our agency is proud to be a part of this grassroots worldwide movement of law enforcement agencies raising money and awareness for Special Olympics,” said Glover.

Special events such as Denim Days, Boots and Badges, Tip a Cop and the Torch Run are ways money is raised throughout the year for Special Olympics. Future fund raising events for Special Olympics will be scheduled later this year.

Glover said it is truly an honor for our agency to be Guardians of the Flame of Hope.

Donation for ORCU Chapel

Ouachita River Correctional Unit Chaplain Norma Gil-lom, center, was a happy woman on May 19. CCS Chairman and CEO Jerry Boyle brought a check for $12,000 when he came to play in the Ball and Chain Challenge. Boyle presented the check to Gillom and Director Ray Hobbs before the tournament began. The money will be used to help build a chapel at ORCU.
The Emergency Response Team Competition was held at the newly named Ester Unit in Pine Bluff on May 12-16. And Emergency Response Teams from the North Central, Cummins, Tucker Units made it to the top three, first through third respectively.

“This is a fun way to evaluate, re-evaluate and improve,” said Randy Shores, Emergency Preparedness Administrator. “To me, they are all winners.”

The winners, North Central Unit.

The “inmates.”

The Arkansas Correctional School Class of 2014 graduation ceremony was held at the Ouachita Regional Correctional Unit on May 22.

Superintendent Dr. William C. Byers assured the attendees that Arkansas ranks among the top in the nation in education in corrections.

The keynote speaker was University of Arkansas Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Community who stressed the importance of not trying to just be differ-
The Wrightsville Unit and the Maximum Security Unit competed in a softball game on May 4 to kick off the week. The game was played in England.

“Of course, at the end of the day the scores were not in favor of Wrightsville,” said Max Unit Warden William Straughn. “The second game played, the score did not change in their favor either.”
Officers, Teachers & Nurses May 5-9

Delta Regional Unit

Central Office

Northwest Arkansas Work Release Center

Wrightsville Complex
Getting the right amount of water is important

Basics
Getting enough water every day is important for your health. Healthy people meet their fluid needs by drinking when thirsty and drinking with meals. Most of your fluid needs are met through the water and beverages you drink. However, you can get some fluids through the foods that you eat. For example, broth soups and foods with high water content such as celery, tomatoes, or melons can contribute to fluid intake.

Water helps your body:
- Keep your temperature normal
- Lubricate and cushion joints
- Protect your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues
- Get rid of wastes through urination, perspiration, and bowel movements

Your body needs more water when you are:
- In hot climates
- More physically active
- Running a fever
- Having diarrhea or vomiting

If you think you are not getting enough water, these tips may help:
- Carry a water bottle for easy access when you are at work or running errands.
- Freeze some freezer safe water bottles. Take one with you for ice-cold water all day long.
- Choose water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages. This can also help with weight management. Substituting water for one 20-ounce sugar sweetened soda will save you about 240 calories. For example, during the school day students should have access to drinking water, giving them a healthy alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages.
- Choose water when eating out. Generally, you will save money and reduce calories.
- Add a wedge of lime or lemon to your water. This can help improve the taste and help you drink more water than you usually do.

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Delta Regional Employee Awards

Sgt. Carrie Swayze, from left, Correctional Officer of the Year, Lt. Kim Lum, Correctional Supervisor of the Year, Matthew Hudgens, Employee of the Year, Sgt. Debra Scott, Supervisor of the Year and Sgt. Johnnie Harris, Warden’s Citation of Excellence Award.
Farm visit generates a few squeals

The farm staff had to shake me down May 27 when I left the Cummins Unit to make sure I didn’t have a piglet in my pocket. I was escorting a photographer from AETN who was finishing up filming for a program on prison farming set to air in August.

The photographer had a list of shots he needed to round out the piece, including shooting a finished meal and some of the livestock. I have been to the farm many times and we receive lots of positive media coverage for what happens there. BUT, those farm guys have been holding out on me. I did not know there were houses of nothing but piglets.

I literally squealed with delight. I love most baby animals, but puppies and piglets are my absolute favorites. The spotted pigs are my favorite.

Thanks to Board of Corrections member and farm liaison Buddy Chadick, Wendell Taylor, Michel May, Keith Leopard and the rest of the farm crew who helped welcome AETN and made sure this project was a success.

And while we’re talking animals …

Y’all know I love a good dog story, so I couldn’t resist sharing this one for those who don’t see incident reports.

An armed suspect wanted for murder in Missouri is behind bars thanks to the assistance of the Ouachita River Correctional Unit K-9 Team. The team, consisting of Major Darren Threlkeld, Lt. Ray Anderson, Sgt. Adam Helm and Sgt. Michael McLelland, responded to a request for assistance by the Dallas County Sheriff’s Office on May 11.

The murder suspect, who was armed with a shotgun, had fled from a home into a wooded area. The dogs were placed on the ground and began making a drag in some pine trees beside the home and a track was struck. I’m guessing the pack of hounds on his heels made the suspect consider his options.

The team was soon informed that the suspect had circled back to the house. After several minutes, the suspect dropped the shotgun and was taken into custody.

The team arrived on the scene a little after noon, the suspect was taken into custody before 1 p.m. and the guys and dogs were back at the unit by 2:20 p.m. How’s that for taking care of your business?

ADC retirees to meet June 12

The next meeting of the ADC Retirees Association will be at 10:30 a.m. on June 12. The meeting will be held at the McPherson Unit in Newport and will be followed by lunch. Deputy Warden Nurzuhal Faust will be the guest speaker.
Collection for tornado victims
The Benton Unit staff (in photo at right) recently held a drive to collect items to send to recent tornado victims in Arkansas. In addition, the Varner Unit Employee Corporation donated $1,000 worth of Walmart gift cards and Varner’s Inmate Council donated $500 worth of Walmart gift cards.

Gleaning
Lt. Cameron Wood supervised the Newport Complex Regional Maintenance crew as they gleaned strawberries from Berries by Bill, Inc. in Newport on May 9 for the Arkansas Food Bank. Eighty-five flats — 4,250 pounds — were received.

Cinco de Mayo
Members of the Central Office Employee Association enjoy a Cinco de Mayo Mexican food-luncheon celebration on May 5 at the Central Office.
Tier Plan – Certain classifications have been assigned to a salary tier schedule based on the classification of the unit. Transfers to units of a different tier level will result in an adjustment in the employee’s salary (Increase or Decrease).

Payday – Paydays are scheduled every other Friday. If you lose or do not receive a paycheck, contact your Unit Human Resources Manager.

Direct Deposit – New Employees are required to have their paycheck deposited automatically into their bank or other financial institution account.

Career Recognition Payments – All employees of the Department shall become eligible for annual career service recognition payments upon completion of ten or more years of state service in a regular, full-time position or positions. Payment amounts vary based on years of service and are made on the employee’s anniversary date, which may not be the same as the date of hire. These payments will only be made if funding is available as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Listed below are the amounts and years of service.

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*Authority for amount of payments are subject to change by Administrative and Legislative authority*

Concurrent Employment – Employees may be allowed to draw salary or compensation from more than one state agency under certain circumstances. Employees may be compensated by another agency for actual expenses. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the state may approve compensation if there is written certification that:

- The work performed for the other agency does not interfere with the proper required performance of the person’s duties in the primary position.
- The combined salary payments from the agencies do not exceed the larger maximum annual salary of the line-item position authorized for either agency from which the employee is being paid.

Willis H. Sargent Outstanding Student Achievement Award

The winner of the Willis H. Sargent Outstanding Student Award for Class 2014-E is James Duke. Pictured (in photo at left) are TA Administrator Fred Campbell, Duke, Max Unit Major Maurice Williams, and Capt. Randy Callas.

Phillips welcomed at Texarkana

The Texarkana Regional Correction Center welcomed Captain Lillie Phillips with a pinning by Lt. Robert Morgan and Sgt. Melvin Scoggins with other staff members attending on May 12.
## Promotions & New Hires

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