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To promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior.

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Directors' Message

To the employees of the Oregon Department of Corrections and Oregon Corrections Enterprises:

In honor of all those who work in corrections, Governor Kulongoski has proclaimed May 3—9 to be National Correctional Employees Week, recognizing the many services we provide. It is with great pleasure we share in the honor of recognizing all of you.

All of you are a vital component of the state's criminal justice system. As Correctional employees, you are highly trained, committed and productive members of Oregon's workforce. We carry out the department's mission, values and goals with enthusiasm, innovation and pride. Correctional employees implement the Oregon Accountability Model by modeling pro-social behavior while holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior.

Each facility will be hosting a week long appreciation with staff activities with the highlight being the awards presentation.

We are proud of what you do.

Sincerely,

Max Williams
Director

Mitch Morrow
Deputy Director



Director Max Williams



CRCI counselor wins wellness motto contest

As you may know, one of the Department's strategic initiatives for the 2007-09 biennium is Employee Safety and Wellness. The wellness component focuses on four areas: nutrition, fitness, stress management and financial health.

The Employee Safety and Wellness (ESaW) team recently conducted a contest for a safety and wellness motto. We received many entries, but there could only be one winner.

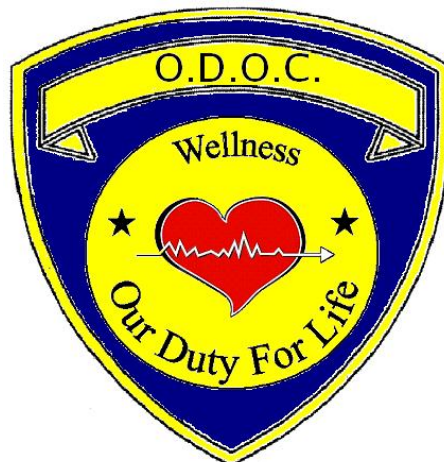
Congratulations to CRCI Counselor Blake Hasley for submitting the winning motto—**Wellness: Our Duty for Life**. The motto will now become part of our strategic initiative and will be used with all future DOC wellness information. Congratulations Blake!



Hasley accepts his award certificate from Safety Manager Greg Smith (left) and Transitional Services Manager Jeff Boyer (right).

Be sure to check out DOC's new wellness Web page—

www.oregon.gov/DOC/HR/staff_wellness.shtml





Ten things parents can do to prevent their children from smoking

The following is an editorial resource from Your Total Health.

1. **Be a role model.** If you don't smoke, that sets a strong example for your children. Research shows that children of parents who smoke are more likely to smoke themselves.
2. **Designate your house as a smoke-free zone.** If you are a smoker or have friends or relatives who smoke, avoid exposing your children to smoke. It is estimated that secondhand smoke exposure causes approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 22,700–69,600 heart disease deaths annually among adult nonsmokers in the United States. Young children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are at a higher risk of developing asthma, ear infections and cavities. Infants are at a higher risk of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). The effects of secondhand smoke are serious and should not be minimized.
3. **Keep trying to quit.** If you are a smoker who's tried to quit, you're not alone. Seventy percent (70%) of smokers report wanting to quit, but only about five percent of those who try are successful in the long term. Try to quit for your health and for the health of your children. Enlist your family's support in your cessation efforts and their support will help you quit. When they realize how difficult it is for you to quit, it might influence them to never start.
4. **Don't smoke around your children, even in the car.** 77.6% of US households prohibit smoking anywhere inside of the family vehicle. Joining in this practice by making your car a smoke-free zone will protect your passengers, including your children, from the harms of secondhand smoke.
5. **Educate Your Children To Be Savvy Consumers of Media.** The tobacco industry spent \$13.11 billion in 2005 in the United States marketing their products and its widespread campaigns glamorize tobacco use. Be careful that these messages don't influence your kids. One way to do this would be to reduce your children's exposure to smoking in movies. A recent federal government report concluded that smoking in movies causes youth to start smoking, and we know that smoking in youth-rated movies account for nearly 200,000 new youth smokers each year. The motion picture ratings system only alerts parents to smoking content some of the time, so be on the look out for movies that contain smoking on www.scenesmoking.org.
6. **Inform your children about the health risks associated with smoking.** This is for both adults and kids. Smoking will impact their ability to play sports successfully and may have potentially long-term negative effects on their good health and their appearance. In





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addition to the way it smells, smoking causes premature facial aging and stained teeth.

7. **Know your children's friends.** Peer pressure is a powerful factor in children choosing to smoke, drink alcohol and take drugs. Find out if they have friends who smoke. Encourage them to be role models for their siblings and friends by making informed choices not to smoke and set an example with their peers that could set a trend. Teach children that it is okay to go against the group when their health and safety is at risk. In fact, if they have taken a stand, based on an informed position, it is likely that their friends will respect them for it and follow suit.
8. **Listen carefully to your children and be a sounding board for them.** When parents create an atmosphere in their home that encourages discussion and debate about controversial topics that all teens confront and must learn to deal with, empowering your child with the facts will help them stay smoke-free. Start the dialogue about tobacco at an early age (5 and 6) and continue to provide them with age-appropriate information on smoking as they grow older.
9. **Build skills early on.** By practicing decision-making early in life, your child will later be able to make smart choices when it comes to more important things like smoking.
10. **If they start to smoke, encourage them in an attempt to quit.** By quitting, people can add years to their lives. Quitting is a life-saving decision that can impact the lives of everyone you love. It isn't easy, but every quit attempt should be considered a success.

AIP screeners receive praise from ICE

A representative from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) recently took the time to let Director Williams know of the great work that Alternative Incarceration Program (AIP) screeners Morgan Declercque and Debbie Wade are doing.

Over the past year Morgan and Debbie have provided ICE officials at the intake center at CCCF with many referrals of foreign-born inmates who have applied for AIP. Upon investigation, ICE officials found most of these inmates had been overlooked for ICE screening.

Due to Morgan and Debbie's attention to detail, ICE has been able to place detainers on inmates who may otherwise have been overlooked, thus making them ineligible to attend AIP and ensuring these convicted foreign nationals are not released back into U.S. communities. The result of these combined actions is a decrease in the number of criminals placed under community supervision, saving the tax payers of Oregon thousands of dollars and creating safer communities.

Kudos to Morgan and Debbie! In the words of the ICE agent— you are truly an asset to our team.



CCCF officer sets two state bench press records

CCCF Officer Lundin set two state bench press records on April 11 at the Northwest Regional Bench Press and Dead Lift Championships in Medford. The competition is sponsored by the World Association of Benchers and Deadlifters.

Officer Lundin benched 540 pounds to set new bench press records in both the Class 1 Open and the Law and Fire Masters categories.

Also representing CCCF, Sgt. Berriman received a first place plaque for his participation in the competition. This was the first competition for both Lundin and Berriman.

Congratulations Officer Lundin and Sergeant Berriman for your achievements.



Sgt. Berriman (left) and Officer Lundin (right) both take home awards from the Northwest Regional Bench Press and Dead Lift Championships.

Off-duty safety tip: Put your car keys beside your bed at night

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will go off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or someone from becoming a victim.



WCCF garden creates more than produce

The WCCF Garden Program was established in January of 2006 with a diverse vision and huge potential. The following provides a summary of program accomplishments to date.

- **Strengthened partnerships with community organizations—**
WCCF provided plants for Lake County’s Community Garden, which is part of Lake County Rotary’s “First Harvest” gardening program. The rotary distributed produce harvested from these plants to the Lake County Senior Center and the Lake County Food Bank.

WCCF has partnered with the BLM to germinate native plant seed that was harvested from an area that was scheduled for complete plant eradication to control noxious weeds. This allows BLM to reintroduce native plants once the noxious weeds have been eradicated.

WCCF provided vegetable and weather data to Oregon State University’s (OSU) Lake County extension office for development of an information source for local gardeners. OSU is interested in the possibility of WCCF growing test plots of particular plants.

- **Increased educational opportunities—**
OSU is currently developing a “Master Gardener” certification and Treasure Valley Community College is currently developing a horticulture certification program.

- **Produce—**
All of the vegetables produced in the WCCF gardens goes to the institution’s kitchen.

Vegetables are consumed fresh or are frozen or dehydrated for later use.

Vegetarian trays have the freshest vegetables possible and inmate work crew lunches include fresh produce daily.

According to USDA National Fruit and Vegetable Report dated Oct. 4 to Oct. 16, 2008, the retail value of vegetables produced at WCCF would amount to approximately \$20,688. This price does not include 3,087 lbs. of produce for which there was no price quote available.

WCCF’s garden, yield to date:

	<u>Lbs.</u>
1. Asst. hot peppers	713
2. Asst. red tomatoes	2,318
3. Green zucchini	1,841
4. Yellow zucchini	642
5. Crook Neck	135
6. Acorn	1,304
7. Butter Cup	315
8. Butter Nut	77
9. Green Habacha	40
10. Blue Hubbard	282
11. Pumpkin	931
12. Giant Pumpkin	493
13. Spinach	147
14. Lettuce	394
15. Mustard greens	11
16. Asst. radishes	409
17. Broccoli	40
18. Lemon cucumbers	547
19. Asst. green cucumbers	1,039
20. Asst. carrots	431
21. Beets	22
22. Bush beans	228
23. Mild peppers	528
24. Cilantro	36
25. Basil	26
26. Garlic	160
27. Turnips	100
28. Snow peas	405
29. Chives	53
30. Strawberries	6
31. Yellow Taxi tomatoes	1,060
32. Red cherry tomatoes	232
33. Yellow cherry tomatoes	72
Total:	15,663



Gold Star Award for DOC's Accounting Unit

From left to right

Back row:

*Max Williams, Steve Preson, Nok Smith,
Lori Arvin, Richard Spoonheim, Matt
Berg, Cindy Howard, Tami Dohrman,
Mitch Morrow*

Middle row:

*Greg Nash, Gina Lathrop, Cydni Thrapp,
Don Mathews, Joan Brooks, Dena Query,
Brenda Thurau, Corinna Hutchens,
Belinda Dunn*

Front row:

*Cheryl Simar, Maureen Mills, Delia
Jenkins, Kami Gammon*



For the fourth year in a row, the DOC Accounting team has won a Gold Star Award from the State Controller's Division for financial reporting every fiscal year since June 30, 2005.

The Accounting unit not only do DOC's financial statement reports, but Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision and the Criminal Justice Commission reports.

DAS deadlines have become tighter and tighter the last few years. The requirements for disclosures have increased, causing work loads to be heavier.

The team has endured several staff changes and positions have been left vacant, which just increases the value of this statewide award for the Department..

They have to rely on information from all over the Department and at times can be a challenge to obtain. The other cool thing is that 2005 also was the first year that our findings from Division of Audits started to decrease and in the last few years DOC has had no reportable findings.

This group has helped DOC's reputation in the fiscal community. Congratulations!



Comings and Goings

New Hire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Institution/Unit</u>
Nielsen, Angela	Central Pharmacy
Dorgan, Cole	Officer - OSCI
Neet, Tammy	Pharmacy Tech - CCCF
Gordon, Dustin	Institution RN - CCCF
Herrera, Laura	Institution RN - CCCF
Cutting, William	Supply Specialist - CDC
Green, Sondra	Medical Records - OISC
Aikens, Lisa	Institution RN - CCCF
Glenn, Julie	Institution RN - TRCI
Hughes, Aimee	Institution RN - SRCI
Robb, Tyler	Dentist - SRCI
Eanni, Rafael	Food Services - CCCF
Gonzales, Cynthia	Institution RN - SRCI
McGovern, Elizabeth	Institution RN - CCCF
Thayer, Jeff	Dentist - DRCI
Pierce, Paula	MH Specialist - DRCI
Schain, Lori	Institution RN - CCCF
McKnight, Tami Jo	MH Specialist - DRCI

Reemployment

Hohn, Jeanine	Public Affairs - DOME
Villagomez, Wesley	Officer - CCCF
Johnson, Edward	Lieutenant - WCCF

Military Leave

Burton, Michael	Officer - CCCF
Cruse, Cornell	Corporal - CCCF
Rumney, Joshua	Officer - OSP

Promotion

Akana, Ben	Corporal - TRCI
Alvarez, Tammy	Accounting Tech 2 - Central Trust
Smith, Kristina	Parole Officer - Linn County
McNulty, Dean	Asst. Superintendent - CCCF
Lyons, Forrest	Physical Plant Manager - CCCF
Mitchell, Steve	Physical Plant Manager - OSP
McGraw, Richard	Asst. Superintendent - EOCI
Lemens, Thomas	Asst. Superintendent - EOCI
O'Brien, Richard	Nurse Manager - CCCF
Wolery, Cally	Nurse Manager - CCCF
Gilbertson, Roger	Physical Plant Manager - SCI
Amsberry, Brigitte	Asst. Superintendent - EOCI

Transfer from Other Agency

Stevens, Jennicer	Nurse Manager - OSP
Alborg, Pamela	Institution RN - CCCF

Retirement

Thompson, Brian	Officer - SRCI
Denton, David	Officer - TRCI
Clement, Michael	Automotive Tech - OSCI
Myers, James	Food Services - SFFC
Keizur, Sharon	Officer - EOCI
Dodson, Michael	Discrimination Coordinator - OSP
Lundgren, Richard	Officer - SCI
Watts, Patricia	Officer - SCI



Legislative Update

With the legislative session continuing on, we'd like to provide you with updates on those issues affecting the Department.

As you may know, we presented our budget to the Ways & Means Public Safety Subcommittee for seven days, with one day of public testimony. Due to legislative scheduling challenges, we have not yet finished our presentation; we expect to resume sometime after the May revenue forecast comes out. We will let you know as soon as we are scheduled.

DOC has two policy bills that have both passed the Senate and are working their way through the House. SB 99 would allow community corrections to use different methods of drug and alcohol testing, and SB 100 would require DOC to conduct a cost-study for community corrections every six years. We don't expect any significant opposition on these bills.

Some discussions have surfaced at the capitol around releasing guidelines and sentencing guidelines. These continue to be just that: conversations. Changing the way offenders are sentenced and/or changing the way that we release offenders is a complicated process involving constitutionality issues.

We will continue to provide updates as we work through session. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Jennifer Black at jennifer.black@doc.state.or.us.



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For more information, to submit story ideas or to write an article, please contact Liz Craig at (503) 945-0925 or e-mail: elizabeth.craig@doc.state.or.us.

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