



This Week In Correction

A weekly update of events in the Tennessee Department of Correction

VICTIMS RIGHTS CHAMPION:



TDOD Victims Services Director Sheryl DeMott has been honored with the 2008 Champion of Victims Rights Award. The Healing Hearts of Homicide Survivor's Support Group in Jackson presented the award. The organization held its first annual commemorative walk for homicide-loss survivors last week and presented Sheryl with their first award. Congratulations!

RMSI Warden Ricky Bell presented CCO Gwendolyn Childress with a check from the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. CCO Childress was injured recently during an assault by an inmate. Funds from the CPO will help with expenses while she was away on leave. **CBCX** IRC William Northam submitted Ms. Childress' name to the foundation.



RIVERBEND RETIREMENT:



With over 100 years of service combined, several **RMSI** staff members decided it's time to retire. Warden Ricky Bell and staff paused to send best wishes to the long-time Riverbend employees

Husband and wife team Joyce and Richard Hatley joined the TDOC together 19 years ago and decided to retire together. She worked as an Account Tech, while Mr. Hatley ran the carpentry shop.



Former Warden Mike Dutton also stopped by to wish the group well.



Other retirees include Capt. Early Frierson, CO Richard Kovalik and CO Charlie Winters.

NWCX FIND:



Thanks to diligent **NWCX** staff, a suspicious package delivered to the institution didn't get far.

Officer Bill Rogers, Officer Althea Swift and Corporal Johnny Freeman discovered that the package contained markers stuffed with tobacco.



The property room staff noticed that the package didn't feel right and began investigating right away.

AN OPEN INVITATION FROM MLCC:

A Holiday
Inaugural Reception



With Special Honors
For

Warden Lolie Jones, Jr. and Deputy Warden Dwight Barbee



Mark H. Luttrell Correctional Center
6000 State Road Memphis, Tn
Friday, December 12, 2008
At 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones was appointed as the Warden of the Mark Luttrell Correctional Center in April 2008. He is the sixth appointee at this institution since the facility opened its doors. He has worked for the department for 31 years. He began his career as a Correctional Officer and worked his way up through the ranks.

Mr. Barbee was promoted to Deputy Warden of the Mark Luttrell Correctional Center in August 2008. He is the second Deputy Warden at this institution since the reorganization of the Associate Warden of Operation's classification. He has 30 years of service. He began his career as a Correctional Officer and worked his way up through the ranks.

MLCC takes pride in announcing the inauguration of our two "TOPS" during our seasonal celebration. We cordially invite you to join us in this event as we honor our accomplished leaders.

Please RSVP by November 14th to:
Nancy Warren (531-1805) – Warden Secretary

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:



The Tennessee Prison for Women held its 2008 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and Annual Training this week.

Approximately 200 hundred volunteers attended. Mrs. Vicky Harvey, Founder of Leaving the Cocoon, was named “Volunteer of the Year” by inmates at the Annex.



Mrs. Tina Hutchison, Director of the Inmate Choir, was named “Volunteer of the Year” for the main compound.

RADIO SHOW AT TPW:



Actor-Comedian David Allen Grier stopped by the Tennessee Prison for Women last week as local radio station 92Q taped its Thanksgiving special with inmates.

Grier is best known for his role on the show *In Living Color* and has appeared in movies with Robin Williams and Eddie Murphy.



Before he spoke to inmates, Grier spent some time talking to **TPW** staff.

BOO!



If there's one holiday we know how to celebrate in the TDOC, it's Halloween. Institutions across the state held Halloween/Chili Cook-off parties.

At **RMSI**, Deputy Warden Mike Crutcher and Desiree Andrews took part in a friendly arm wrestle as they competed for the best chili prize.



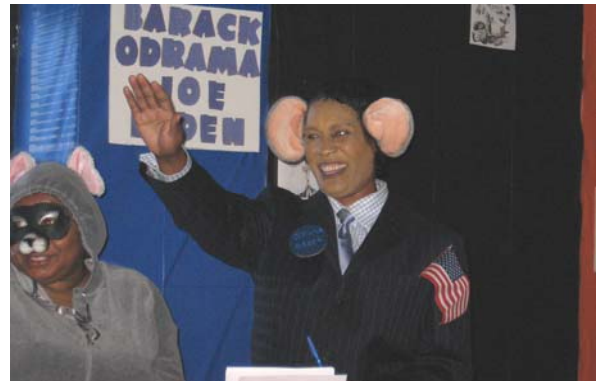
Warden Ricky Bell searched for a Halloween treat before he and staff tasted 11 different varieties of chili.

BOO!



Central Office held its annual chili cook-off on Halloween with each floor competing for the top prize.

Presidential Candidates John McCain and Barack Obama both took a break from the campaign trail to make appearances at Central Office.



Judy Lambert (right) won Best Overall costume



Tim Oliver was most out of Character.

Tom Robinson won the Funniest Award

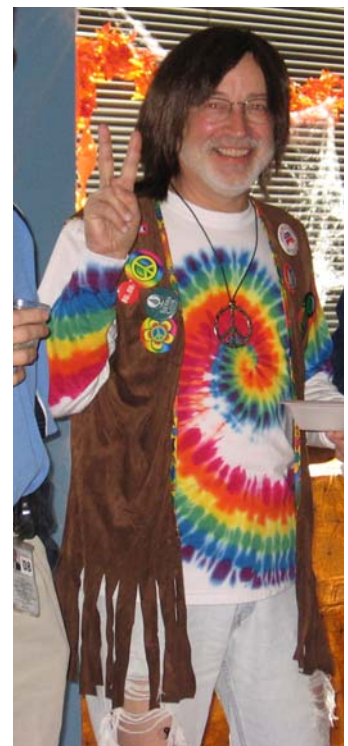


PHOTO OF THE WEEK:



For years, there have been tales of a witch lurking around the grounds of the Tennessee Prison for Women. Now, she has been captured on film. Behind the fall lawn display, the witch posed for a picture. Some say, she looks a lot like Inmate Jobs Coordinator Venita Zavala.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."

-Helen Keller

-Submitted by Alayna D. Duffel (Strickland), DSNF