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Norton Correctional Facility honors employees

Facility honors
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Special to the Telegram

Norton Correctional Facility has chosen their employees of the quarter for the third quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009.

Congratulations to Terry Chisham, Sharon Olsen and John Garwood for their selection as non-uniform, contract and uniform employees of the third quarter of 2008.

Facilities Specialist Doug Gill, COI Martin Kalick and Greenbush Vocational Education program instructor Philip Jansonius were selected as the employees of the first quarter in 2009.

Terry Chisham, facilities specialist, began his employment with Norton Correctional Facility on Sept 16, 1990 as a storekeeper II before transferring to the maintenance department on Feb 27, 2000 as a power plant operator II.

Mr. Chisham is recognized for being a steady and dependable worker who takes the time to ensure his areas of responsibility are completed accurately and in a timely manner.

He has ensured the facility maintains power during severe weather, once braving the elements to switch over to generator power so normal operations could continue. Mr. Chisham maintains

a high level of efficiency and is commended for his positive attitude

Sharon Olsen, mental health secretary, began her employment on Jan 21, 2003. Mrs. Olsen is described as an excellent secretary, who maintains a positive attitude and has proven herself to be flexible as well as an integral part of the mental health department. She has developed new methods of tracking documentation and services rendered in order to comply with accreditation standards as well as the health services contract. She efficiently manages the flow of information into, through and out of her office.

Mrs. Olsen effectively oversees and manages numerous lists for tracking and statistical purposes. She completes her assignments on time, continually striving to streamline her work processes and asks for additional duties as time allows.

Mrs. Olsen maintains a good attitude, and is always willing to pitch in and help. She is the hub of the mental health department.

Without her often-unseen contributions, the mental health department would not run as smoothly and successfully as it does.

John Garwood, uniform employee, began his employment with Norton Correctional Facility on Sept 25, 2005 as a COI, and

promoted to his current position as a COII on June 10, 2007. Officer Garwood is currently assigned to the 4-12 Shift OIC post in D-Unit.

He offers leadership to new staff assigned to the unit, and has shown that he can be a team player contributing to team building.

He has become a trusted leader at Norton Correctional Facility with good reason.

Officer Garwood's security presence has contributed to the finding and removal of drugs and other contraband within our facility. This officer's diligence also contributes to the tracking and control of critical tools needed to maintain the unit.

He is successful in dealing with inmates and staff because he is patient and communicates expectations in a manner that is easily understood.

Officer Garwood's attention to detail and professional manner have made him an asset to the Facility.

On Aug 12, 2008, Officer Garwood assisted with the life saving procedures administered during a medical emergency in D-Unit. Although attempts to resuscitate the individual were unsuccessful, Officer Garwood was on the scene and performed CPR without hesitation. Officer Garwood's dedication to his work and his

ability to implement and follow procedures learned through training is commendable and should be recognized.

The first quarter of 2009 employees of the quarter included Facilities Specialist Doug Gill, COI Martin Kalick, and Greenbush Vocational Education Instructor Phillip Jansonius.

Non-Uniform Employee Doug Gill, facilities specialist, began his employment with Norton Correctional Facility as a facilities specialist on June 29, 1994.

"When you think of the ideal employee, Doug Gill comes to mind," said his coworkers. Mr. Gill is always early for work and does not abuse his leave.

Doug's work ethic goes above what is expected by working on his days off and coming in when someone is ill.

Mr. Gill is a man of principle, the kind of person who will stay until the job is done and done right, his supervisors said.

When items are needed by the various crews he knows exactly where to find them and distributes them as quickly as possible. Staff have made the comment that many times he knows what you need before you do. Mr. Gill keeps immaculate records of all chemicals and paint maintained in his area, and by doing so never runs out of any of the necessary items needed

to keep things running smoothly.

Mr. Gill's personality makes working with him enjoyable, coworkers agree. He is quick to lighten anyone's mood. His attention to detail and willingness to do whatever is asked of him makes it a privilege to call him a coworker. Mr. Gill is always patient and willing to offer helpful tips rather than let people learn the hard way. It is hard to find a man of his caliber in today's world.

Uniform Employee COI Martin Kalick began his employment at Norton Correctional Facility as a COIA on Oct. 14, 2007. Officer Kalick's attendance is exceptional. His uniform is neat, clean and worn properly, and he is always neat, trim and clean in his appearance. Any job assigned to him will be completed to the highest level.

He does not just do a job, but he strives to do it as well as he can. As the 3rd D Unit Officer, he runs the chow very smoothly. Officer Kalick assists in the responsibility that D Unit shakedown are completed at least twice monthly, which averages out to five shakedowns per day. Over the past year he has never failed to meet or exceed this requirement.

Officer Kalick's initiative, energy, and team spirit raise the level of performance of those around him. He has the respect of

fellow staff as well as the inmates he deals with. He also has good skills; is firm, fair, consistent and often practices progressive discipline.

Officer Kalick is noted by his supervisor as a humble and teachable officer who is open to change, advice and instruction from other staff members. It is apparent that he cares about Norton Correctional Facility and strives to be the best he can be.

Contract employee Philip Jansonius currently serves as a vocational education instructor for Greenbush SEKESC. He formerly served as a corrections officer at Norton Correctional Facility in 2004 and brings a sound security background to the job.

Mr. Jansonius has been instrumental in the implementation and construction of the cabins for the Norton Correctional Facility cabin building program. He has done an outstanding job not only in the development of the program but also with the instruction of offenders participating in the program.

Norton Correctional Facility officially celebrated the completion of the first cabin in April and among the many Kansas officials attending, former Governor Mike Hayden praised Mr. Jansonius and his staff for the hard work and dedication to the program.

Accidents

July 4

Christopher Harting was driving south bound on K-283 when a deer ran onto the highway. Mr. Harting was unable to avoid hitting the deer.

July 5

Andrew Black was driving south bound on Road W5 when he swerved to miss a mud hole. He entered the ditch and struck a fence, causing damage to his vehicle.

July 6

Jessica Enfield backed into a vehicle parked behind her in her driveway, causing damage to the other vehicle.

July 8

Patty Fisher was traveling east-bound on K-9 when her vehicle struck a deer.

FYI

Miriam Slipke will celebrate her 80th birthday on July 13. Written congratulations would be appreciated and can be sent to Miriam Slipke at P.O. Box 986, Hoxie, Kan. 67740.

Families Together, Inc. is a statewide non-profit organization that serves families with a son or daughter with disabilities. Families Together is planning a Family Fun Day in Garden City on July 25. Fun Day is an event for families that include a child, birth through 21, who has a disability and is still attending school. Parents attend workshops and discussion groups while the kids participate in fun, age-appropriate activities.

Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Families will be placed on a waiting list after the first 30 applications are issued. There is no charge for the event and lunch will be provided.

On Wednesday four tables met at the Norton Manor.

First place went to Myron Veh and Jerry Moritz, second was won by Jake Durham and Jack Graham. There was a three way tie for third—Dewain Stapp and Charlotte Meints, Norman Walter and Claudia Bridges and Joyce Sumner and Jackie Porter won.

Celtic Thunder among TV station's motorcoach events

Smoky Hills Public Television said today the station's *Come Along Travel Club* will host a motor coach trip to Kansas City in October for a live Celtic Thunder concert at the Midland Theatre.

The announcement was made

Correction

Prairie Dog State Park actually sold 211 daily vehicle permits on July 4, rather than the 1,777 stated in the Tuesday edition covering the July 4 fireworks display. Most of the 1,777 vehicles entering the park on July 4 had previously purchased annual vehicle permits. The mistake was a reporting error.

by Jayne Heller, director of development.

The Oct. 27-29 outing also will include a performance of the musical comedy "Church Basement Ladies 2" at the New Theatre on Oct. 28 and a visit to the Arabia Steamboat Museum.

The Celtic Thunder performance is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 27.

"Smoky Hills hosted a trip to Denver last December to hear Celtic Thunder, and the response was wonderful," Heller said. "When we were given the opportunity to have priority tickets for their Kansas City performance in October, we jumped at the chance."

"Whether folks have watched

them on Smoky Hills, or heard them in Denver, or have yet to experience their powerful presentation," Heller said, "they won't want to miss this incredible opportunity to enjoy Celtic Thunder from a reserved seat in Kansas City's Midland Theatre."

Celtic Thunder burst on to the American music scene in March of 2008 with a concert special on public television. From rousing ensemble numbers to solos showcasing each member's vocal style and personality, the all-male group performs powerful ballads, popular hits, and heartwarming songs of love and loss from across the Celtic music spectrum — Irish, Scottish, traditional and contemporary.

Since their U.S. debut, Celtic Thunder has spent more than 45 weeks at the top of the Billboard World Music Charts, and played in front of more than 200,000 people on their North American tours.

"Their fans are known as Thunderheads," Heller said, "and just can't get enough."

Smoky Hills' *Come Along Travel Club* also has a number of other trips planned for the future, said Heller,

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Lordy, Lordy!
Look Whose Baby
Sister Just Turned 40!

Love, Your Big Brother
and Big Sister

Lordy, Lordy,
Look Who's 40!
Happy Birthday, Mom!

Love, Your Daughters'
Lynnette, Kayla
and Hannah

Community Calendar

Please submit your events for the Community Calendar which is printed in the Monday EXTRA.
Events may be e-mailed to:
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