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The First Thanksgiving The Commissioner's Corner

As we approach the holiday season, with Thanksgiving being weeks away, I find myself looking back to the origins of these celebrations. Tales of the origins of Thanksgiving range from beautiful to barbaric. As with most things, I believe the truth probably lies somewhere in the middle. Since I am Commissioner of Corrections and not a historian, I'll leave the debates over cultural history to others.

I want to use this column this month to share with you some of the information I have encountered while reading about the approaching holiday; to paint a picture of the food, the way it was eaten and who participated. I hope such words will help us all to keep the upcoming days in perspective as we race to the grocery stores and spend hours in front of electric appliances and other modern cooking devices.

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast which is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. This harvest meal has become a symbol of cooperation and interaction between English colonists and Native Americans. Although this feast is considered by many to be the very first Thanksgiving celebration, it was actually in keeping with a long tradition of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a successful bounty of crops. Native American groups throughout the Americas, including the Pueblo, Cherokee, Creek and many others organized harvest festivals, ceremonial dances, and other celebrations of thanks for centuries before the arrival of Europeans in North America.

Historians have also recorded other ceremonies of thanks among European settlers in North America, including British colonists in Berkeley Plantation, Virginia. At this site near the Charles River in December of 1619, a group of British settlers led by Captain John Woodlief knelt in prayer and pledged "Thanksgiving" to God for their healthy arrival after a long voyage across the Atlantic. This event has been acknowledged by some scholars and writers as the official first Thanksgiving among European settlers on record. Whether at Plymouth, Berkeley Plantation, or throughout the Americas, celebrations of thanks have held great meaning and importance over time. The legacy of thanks, and particularly of the feast, have survived the centuries as people throughout the United States gather family, friends, and enormous amounts of food for their yearly Thanksgiving meal.

What foods topped the table at the first harvest feast? Historians aren't completely certain about the full bounty, but it's safe to say the pilgrims weren't gobbling up pumpkin pie or playing with their mashed potatoes. Following is a list of the foods that were available to the colonists at the time of the 1621 feast. However, the only two items that historians know for sure were on the menu are venison and wild fowl, which are mentioned in primary sources. The most detailed description of the "First Thanksgiving" comes from Edward Winslow from A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, in 1621:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, among other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed upon our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

The pilgrims didn't use forks; they ate with spoons, knives, and their fingers. They wiped their hands on large cloth napkins which they also used to pick up hot morsels of food. Salt would have been on the table at the harvest feast, and people would have sprinkled it on their food. Pepper, however, was something that they used for cooking but wasn't available on the table.

In the seventeenth century, a person's social standing determined what he or she ate. The best food was placed next to the most important people. People didn't tend to sample everything that was on the table (as we do today), they just ate what was closest to them.



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Serving in the seventeenth century was very different from serving today. People weren't served their meals individually. Foods were served onto the table and then people took the food from the table and ate it. All the servers had to do was move the food from the place where it was cooked onto the table.

Pilgrims didn't eat in courses as we do today. All of the different types of foods were placed on the table at the same time and people ate in any order they chose. Sometimes there were two courses, but each of them would contain both meat dishes, puddings, and sweets.

Our modern Thanksgiving repast is centered around the turkey, but that certainly wasn't the case at the pilgrims's feasts. Their meals included many different meats. Vegetable dishes, one of the main components of our modern celebration, didn't really play a large part in the feast mentality of the seventeenth century. Depending on the time of year, many vegetables weren't available to the colonists.

The pilgrims probably didn't have pies or anything sweet at the harvest feast. They had brought some sugar with them on the Mayflower but by the time of the feast, the supply had dwindled. Also, they didn't have an oven so pies and cakes and breads were not possible at all. The food that was eaten at the harvest feast would have seemed fatty by today's standards, but it was probably more healthy for the pilgrims than it would be for people today. The colonists were more active and needed more protein. Heart attack was the least of their worries. They were more concerned about the plague and pox.

People tend to think of English food as bland, but, in fact, the pilgrims used many spices, including cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, pepper, and dried fruit, in sauces for meats. In the seventeenth century, cooks did not use proportions or talk about teaspoons and tablespoons. Instead, they just improvised. The best way to cook things in the seventeenth century was to roast them. Among the pilgrims, someone was assigned to sit for hours at a time and turn the spit to make sure the meat was evenly done.

Since the pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians had no refrigeration in the seventeenth century, they tended to dry a lot of their foods to preserve them. They dried Indian corn, hams, fish, and herbs.

The biggest meal of the day for the colonists was eaten at noon and it was called noonmeat or dinner. The housewives would spend part of their morning cooking that meal. Supper was a smaller meal that they had at the end of the day. Breakfast tended to be leftovers from the previous day's noonmeat.

In a pilgrim household, the adults sat down to eat and the children and servants waited on them. The foods that the colonists and Wampanoag Indians ate were very similar, but their eating patterns were different. While the colonists had set eating patterns—breakfast, dinner, and supper—the Wampanoags tended to eat when they were hungry and to have pots cooking throughout the day.

Thank you to Kathleen Curtin, Food Historian at Plimoth Plantation and on History.com, for the information I used herein.

A NOTE OF INSPIRATION

Author Unknown

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend... He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, 'If I could only see the world, I will marry you.'

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, 'Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?' The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: 'Take good care of your eyes, my dear; for before they were yours, they were mine.'

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Life Is a Gift.

Today before you say an unkind word, think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food, think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife, think of someone who's crying out to GOD for a companion.

Today before you complain about your life, think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before whining about the distance you drive, think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job, think of the disabled, unemployed, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down, put a smile on your face and think: You're alive and still around.....

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2009 Commissioners Christmas Gala



Saturday, December 12th
7:30 p.m. to midnight

The Jackson Convention Complex
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Begin the Winter Celebrations by joining us for a lovely evening

**\$20 per person which includes dinner, cocktails, entry for exciting door prizes,
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☞ Sabrina Lawson - Tracey Sanders, Central Office (Dickson)	☞ Maud Irby, Central MS Correctional Facility
☞ Evelyn Dixon, Central Records (Pascagoula Street)	☞ Regina Reed, South MS Correctional Institute
☞ Stacy Lewis, Community Corrections	☞ Melanie Townsend, MS State Penitentiary

With a full dinner menu this year, it is extremely important that tickets be purchased in advance for accurate count.
Checks payable to MDOC. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the listed individuals above.



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<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/JANJHHF-MSDC-20091211/index.ihtml>

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

By Audrey Matthews

The Personnel Services Division would like to recognize one of our interns who was hired as an MDOC employee. Ms. Kamekia Adams was a student attending the University of Southern MS where she earned her Bachelors degree in Administration of Justice with a minor in Forensic Science. During the fall semester of 2008, Ms. Adams began her internship with the Hattiesburg Probation & Parole office under the supervision of James Johnson, FO III.

On February 3, 2009, Ms. Adams attended the Rapid Hire Interview/Screening at the SMCI and was hired on April 6, 2009 as a Correctional Officer Trainee. On June 1, 2009, Ms. Adams was promoted to Corr-Field Worker in the Hattiesburg Probation & Parole office. Field Worker Adams was enrolled in a law enforcement training academy in April 2009 at Southern Regional Public Safety Institute. During the academy Officer Adams did serve in a leadership position as the 1st Squad – Squad Leader and did an excellent job says, Lt. Scott Hoefflich. She graduated on September 11, 2009, 8th out of a class of 21 and was half a point short of Honor Graduate status; her academic average was 94.5.

We asked Field Worker Adams if she had any comments pertaining to her experience with the MDOC. Here is what she said:

Question: Why did you choose Administration of Justice as your major?

FW Adams: The reason I chose A of J is simply because that's where



my heart found its way to. I'm a person who likes to help individuals and this major offers a wide range of careers in which I can provide help. Eventually, I plan on becoming an administrator.

Question: Why did you choose MDOC to complete your internship?

FW Adams - Well, I was in class one day listening to my professor lecture about community corrections and corrections period and it seemed very interesting and I figured that I would give it a try to see if I would like it. After class I spoke with my professor Dr. Kelly Dial, about my interest in her subject of choice and she said that she could help me with an internship. Once she offered to help me and the opportunity to intern with MDOC came about and I jumped on board.

Question: What are your long-term goals, if any?

FW Adams – My long term goal, honestly I really haven't thought about it due to everything happening so fast but, ultimately I just want to be successful in all that I do. Maybe I'll work towards being in the commissioner's headquarters.

Officer Adams is just one of many intern students hired with the agency. We encourage more students to participate in the program for they too can have a promising career with the MDOC.

Personnel Services would also like to thank the many offices across the state in working so diligently with us in providing placement for our interns. We are proud to see the positive results that reflect our program and the accomplishments of our intern students.

BILL TO PREVENT INMATES FROM USING CELL PHONES

By Joe Brenckle, U.S. Senate Republican Press Office

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Hutchison-backed legislation allowing prisons to block calls from contraband cellular phones has unanimously passed the Senate. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), Ranking Member on the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, introduced the legislation to prevent prison inmates from using smuggled cellular phones by allowing states to petition to operate wireless jamming devices in particular correctional facilities. The bill will now move to the House of Representatives for consideration.

"This legislation will disconnect the communications networks that prisoners and criminal enterprises have patched together using smuggled cell phones," said Senator Hutchison. "With innocent lives on the line, Congress has a responsibility to give the nation's law enforcement community the tools necessary to effectively fight this growing problem. By adding cell jamming technology to the tools our corrections professionals can deploy, we can prevent criminals from terrorizing Americans from behind bars – even when phones evade detection and discovery and fall into convicts' hands. I urge my colleagues in the House to swiftly pass this legislation."

Last year, a death row inmate used a smuggled cell phone to harass and make threats against Texas State Senator John Whitmire. When officers discovered the cell phone that was used to terrorize Sen. Whitmire and his family, they also uncovered eleven additional

phones belonging to other death row inmates in the same facility.

Cell phones are being smuggled into prisons nationwide. In 2008, corrections systems across the country reported large numbers of confiscated phones. California reported nearly 3,000 phones found with inmates, while Mississippi had nearly 2,000, while the Federal Bureau of Prisons reported they confiscated more than 1,600 phones.

The Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009 (S. 251), is cosponsored by Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Diane Feinstein (D-Calif.), Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), Mark Pryor (D-Ark.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Mark Begich (D-Alaska), John Thune (R-S.D.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Thad Cochran (R-Miss.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), David Vitter (R-La.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Jim DeMint (R-S.C.).

The legislation has gained the support of Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and nineteen other governors, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the Washington, D.C. Department of Corrections, the Association of State Correctional Administrators, the American Jail Association, the American Correctional Association, the National Sheriffs Association, the American Federation of State, the County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Governors Association, and the Council of State Governments.

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MDOC EMPLOYEES ACTIVATED FOR MILITARY DUTY

The MDOC currently has 40 of its family activated for military duty (19 from MSP, 10 from CMCF, 7 from Headquarters/Community Corrections and 4 from SMCI). The agency is thankful for the safe return of 42 fellow employees from active service. Below are the names of those currently activated and those that have returned to us. Please keep each of them in your thoughts and prayers. Those wishing to provide support to individuals that are activated can do so through a variety of resources. The Department of Defense operates <http://www.americasupportsyou.mil> for this purpose.

CURRENTLY ACTIVATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Activated</u>
Alexander, Donnell	MSP	COT	1/15/2009
Bounds, Stevon A.	SMCI	Chaplain II	7/1/2008
Brown, Shakena	MSP	COT	4/25/2009
Cathey, Max	CO/Records	Div. Dir. II	8/14/2009
Cole, Jerry	CMCF	CO II	4/13/2009
Coleman, Edward	MSP	COT	6/1/2007
Cooper, Matthew	Harrison CWC	COT	3/1/2009
Crews Jr., Sidney T.	SMCI	CO II	8/25/2008
Crossgrove, Arnetha	MSP	COT	2/1/2009
Cullom, Robert	Rankin P/P	FO II	3/1/2009
Davis, Clyde	MSP	CO IV	3/1/2009
Dean, Peter	CMCF	Corr. Supv.	11/18/2005
Diaz, Eduardo	SMCI	CO I	5/1/2009
Erkhart, Vicky	George P/P	FO I	2/1/2009
Golden, Jermenica	MSP	COT	12/29/2008
Green, Cedric	MSP	CO I	3/1/2009
Hale, Chanita	MSP	COT	2/10/2009
Harris, Katrina	CMCF	CO IV	5/1/2009
Henderson, Richard	MSP	CO IV	1/22/2003
Henson, Eric	CMCF	CO T	2/1/2005
Hilson, Melvin	MSP	CO IV	4/18/2009
Jenning, Charles	MSP	CO I	3/1/2009
Khon, Odiss	MSP	COT	3/1/2009
Lewis, Daryl	MSP	COIV	10/13/2008
Little, Marvin	CMCF	Corr. Supv.	3/1/2009
Love, Von	MSP	CO II	3/1/2009
Magee, Williestine	CMCF	CO I	5/1/2009
Mays, Ashley	CMCF	CO T	5/1/2009
McCray, Shonari	MSP	CO I	3/11/2009
McMillian, David K	Lincoln P/P	FO III	4/1/2009
MCNeal, Willie	MSP	CO T	3/11/2009
Mills, Andrew C.	SMCI	Corr. Supv.	3/1/2009
Rusell, William	CMCF	CO I	5/1/2009
Sago, Vernell	CMCF	CO II	7/10/2009
Scott, Kenny	MSP	CO IV	4/1/2009
Thomas, Ronnie	CMCF	CO I	7/9/2009
Thompson, Domonique	MSP	COT	5/2/2007
Thompson, Tarelle	MSP	CO I	3/1/2009
Tucker, Samuel	Central Office	Integrity	5/1/2009
Young, Arthur	Yazoo P/P	FO III	11/1/2005

RETURNED HOME

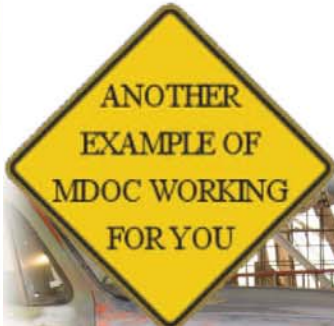
<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Returned</u>	<u>Activated</u>	<u>Returned</u>
Bailey, Otis	CO/CC	10/19/2005		
Bounds, Stevon	SMCI	6/1/2006		
Brown, Keith	CO/CC	3/27/2006		
Calvin, William	CO/CC	4/18/2005	9/6/2005	9/13/2005
Cashaw, Timothy	MSP	7/15/2004		
Cathey, Max	CO/CC	5/1/2008		
Cole, Larry	CMCF	1/24/2005	8/29/2005	10/19/2005
Coleman, Edward	MSP	4/3/2007		
Crews, Sidney	SMCI	10/29/2003	6/2/2004	8/19/2008
Diaz, Eduardo	SMCI	1/27/2009		
Garrison, Steve	CO/CC	8/30/2004		
Green, Cedric	MSP	11/2/2000		
Greer, Willie	CMCF	5/12/2004		
Harvey, Ray	CMCF	7/21/2009		
Hicks, Carlester	MSP	9/13/2005		
Hill, Plez	CO/CC	11/10/2004		
Hilson, Melvin	MSP	5/17/2004	8/27/2005	10/24/2005
Hoeflich, Albert	SMCI	6/14/2004	9/6/2005	12/5/2005
Irving, Norris	MSP	12/3/2003		
Keys, Adrian	SMCI	3/15/2005	9/6/2005	9/21/2005
Lee, Earnest	SMCI	8/8/2008		
Lewis, Roger	MSP	1/17/2006		
Little, Marvin	CO/CC	3/1/2005	9/6/2005	9/19/2005
Love, Von	MSP	5/20/2006		
Lyles, Marcus	CMCF	7/25/2004		
McCray, Clintis	CO/CC	1/12/2005	9/6/2005	10/20/2005
			4/23/2008	5/12/2008
Mills, Andrew	SMCI	10/16/2008		
Moore, Calvin	MSP	6/3/2005	9/6/2005	9/13/2005
Morris, Timothy	MSP	4/30/2004		
Newsome, Marcus	CMCF	7/4/2006	4/21/2008	7/27/2009
Pruitt, Darron	MSP	12/3/2007		
Roach, Curtis	CMCF	7/12/2006		
Roberts, John	SMCI	10/1/2003		
Ruffin, David	MSP	6/15/2009		
Scarborough, Charles	SMCI	8/30/2004	1/3/2005	5/16/2006
Smith, Arthur	CO/CC	10/25/2004		
Smith, Edwin	MSP	9/5/2006		
Smith, Melvin	CMCF	10/18/2005		
Smith, Melvin N.	CMCF	4/30/2006		
Taylor, Carol	MSP	10/6/2003		
Thomas, Clarence	CO/CC	11/5/2003		
Thomas, Henderson	MSP	8/15/2006		

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YAZOO COUNTY CWC AND

By Shon

This group of talented inmate workers from Yazoo CWC along with the work supervisor, Fire Chief Gary Taylor, have saved the city of Bentonia over \$13,000.00. The inmates reconstructed a donated truck to be used by the local volunteer fire department in Bentonia, MS.



The project saved taxpayers money by building and creating needed fire safety equipment for the community.



The water tank saved taxpayers over \$11,000.00 for construction and labor.

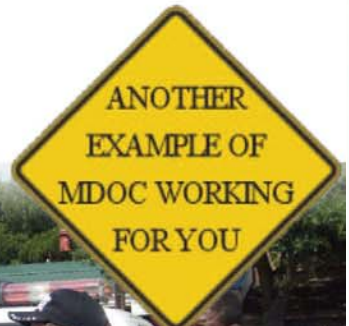


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END THE DRAGON SLAYER Dra Bell

The "Dragon Slayer" will cut the city gas expense almost in half.

It will be used to put out small brush fires, to assist in rescues and other emergencies.



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MUSTANG MARACLES By Nancy Brannon, Ph.D.



Mention Parchman Prison, in the Mississippi Delta, and its reputation evokes a plethora of negative images. But a new program at Parchman offsets the bad reputation, where good things are happening. "By the Grace of God," Scott Biggers put it, "Miracles happen here every day." These miracles happen to both horses and people in the Parchman Animal Care and Training (P.A.C.T.)

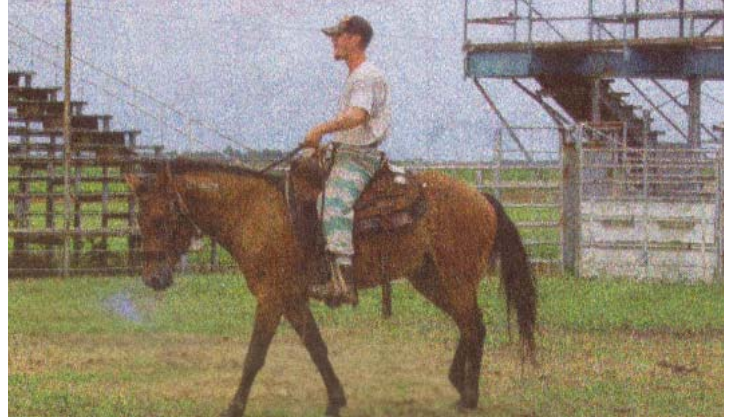
program.

Parchman is a 18,000-acre prison farm that produces nearly all the food consumed there. "We produce three million pounds of vegetables each year. We have 36,000 layer hens who produce over 550,000 dozen eggs a year," said Director of Prison Agricultural Enterprises Stanley Brooks. Beginning this year, a new "product" of the prison farm is rehabilitated rescued horses and rideable Mustangs that are ready for adoption.

The P.A.C.T. program was started by brothers Scott and Rob



Rob Biggers on New Frontier, a rescued horse who was hauled in a trailer with barbed wire. His wounds were treated for six months, but the healing still left numerous scars on his side. Rob's brother Scott is in the background.



Biggers in 2008. The program takes in selected rescue horses from the Mississippi Animal Rescue League and Mustangs from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and provides care and training for these "misfit" horses. The horses provide equine therapy to rehabilitate inmates, who are the trainers and riders of the horses. Rob is the barn manager, who does the daily coaching and training. Scott is the program manager. The program is supervised by Stanley Brooks, Director of the Mississippi Prison Agricultural Enterprises. The planning phase began in April 2008 and Rob was hired in November 2008. They got their first rescue horses in early 2009. Recently they have constructed a new barn and put in new pasture fence. They utilize the old rodeo arena for basic training and breaking of the horses. Brooks believes the program is highly successful so far and sees even greater potential for it.

P.A.C.T. is similar to other prison programs around the country, utilizing inmates to train horses. The PBS documentary "Homestretch: Racehorse Rescue" showed inmates working with rescued Thoroughbred racehorses. An episode of ABC's "Primetime: The Outsiders" examined the Wild Horse Inmate Program at a Colorado prison.

The P.A.C.T. program inmates work with the horses five days a week, under daily training supervision of Rob Biggers. Scott comes in several days a week and Professional Trainer Rick Wheat comes in regularly to provide training instruction. "We got 21 head of Mustangs on August 3rd, and by August 20th we've had our hands on 15, grooming and handling, and five are saddled and you can ride them anywhere you want to go. The rest have had saddles on them and been ridden. All this has been done in 14 working days with four working people!" Scott said.

"The inmates do all the work with the horses," Scott explained. "They groom them, pet them, love on them and desensitize them. These guys gentle the horses, bond with them, teach them to lead, and eventually saddle and ride them. They truly care about horses. They do all they can to bring the horse from fear of man to friend of man. These guys are as good as the 'horse whisperers.' The four guys we have working here now are high quality horsemen that I would hire at my ranch tomorrow. They earn respect," Scott continued. Training these Mustangs takes "time and effort," Scott said. "Quick fixes just don't happen. It takes a lot of gentleness and patience with these horses. We've got a miracle working here."

The day's work begins with Bible study and devotional. "We do everything a person needs: spiritual, physical training, vocational,

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AT PARCHMAN PRISON - Mid-South Horse Review



and academic work." The program teaches the inmates marketable job skills. "We teach farrier science, horse training, basic veterinary care and first aid. When the inmates leave here, they are certified trainers and farriers," Scott said, who is a certified farrier himself. They mainly use the Noavel Headstall, developed by Rick Wheat, in their program, although some horses are fitted with a regular snaffle bridle. "We do what each horse needs to work," said Scott.

Scott had lots of stories to tell about the horses they'd rescued: "We've done rescues from five states." New Frontier is a Quarter Horse who was hauled in a trailer with barbed wire. Consequently, he has numerous scars on his left side from contact with the barbed wire. "We doctored him for six months before bringing him here. Now he is sound. He is a sweet horse and rides everywhere." Robbin, a handsome grey, is another rescued horse. "He was abused and run through barbed wire. Now he's a fantastic riding horse," Scott said. Then there's the Spotted American Saddlebred that got out and couldn't be caught. The police had tried everything to catch him and couldn't. "They were ready to shoot him, in front of small children!" Scott recalled. "So they called me and I spent about two hours trying to catch him and eventually caught him. Now the horse rides is a good trail horse and you can even hunt off him." Another horse was abandoned by his owners, and left haltered and chained to a tree. The horse worked a long time trying to free himself and eventually broke the halter. Unfortunately, the struggle with the halter left a huge hole in the side of his head, "so deep you could see his brain," Scott said. After he got loose, he ran along the highways. Scott tracked the horse for three days and eventually caught up with him. To catch him, Scott rode his own horse into the trailer and the loose horse followed him in. After he got him home, "we worked with him, gentled him and rode him. We worked him in harness, too."

"This upsets me – people not taking care of their horses and not training properly," Scott said. Scott had stories of other "incurable" horses that are now good riding, safe horses thanks to the training done through the program. The variety of rescued animals includes a draft horse, Quarter Horses, an Appaloosa, Ditto the mule and Lucky the blue heeler.

Currently, P.A.C.T. has a contract with the BLM to train Mustangs. "By the time our guys finish with these horses, they ride, load, can be handled, and you can trust them. They are good, productive horses. The key to the Mustang program is to send the horses to us, let us make them into safe, rideable mounts, and that will make adoptions more successful. At the same time, our program makes productive citizens of the inmates. It's a win-win situation. We have

ranches from three states that want to hire them. We produce good horsemen here, by the Grace of God. We're high on serving the Lord here."

P.A.C.T. has a new barn, with high quality, safe stalls manufactured by the metal working facility (MPIC) on the property. The program has received donations from churches, some private individuals, veterinary clinics, and businesses. The main funding source is the Inmate Welfare Fund, from canteen sales and telephone call revenues. P.A.C.T. also has a \$50,000 grant over 5 years from the BLM to train Mustangs sent from their western pens. Saddles for the program are custom made by J & M Saddlery of Hazelhurst, MS. "We started from the grass roots and we've come a long way," Scott said. Still, the program has lacked basic necessities, like safe boots for the guys to wear when riding. "Safety for the horses and inmates is paramount," Scott emphasized. The program could use additional donations of money, feed, hay, tack, brushes and halters.

Scott rodeoed for over 25 years, was a PRCA rodeo judge, and is a certified trainer and farrier. Scott has learned from trainers such as John Lyons and Ray Hunt, from his dad and his brother Rob. Scott is retired from the Bureau of Narcotics. "I used to help put people in prison. Now I'm helping rehabilitate them and help them get hired when they leave here. Everyone makes mistakes in life. The guys do their time, but when they get out, many can't find work. Through this program, there are ranches where they can get hired, get a home, and have a good life. We want to help them stay on the right side of the fence." Scott and Rob would like to see more inmates join the program.

Rob and Scott can't say enough good things about the success of the program for both horses and humans. "We use the gentlest methods with these horses and get amazing results with the Mustangs," Scott said. He believes all this happens with the help of God, who makes miracles happen every day.



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MSP TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	COURSE	TIME	HRS	DATE	COURSE	TIME	HRS
November				December			
2	New Employee Orientation	8:00-5:00	40	1	Shotgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
2	Annual Refresher	8:00-5:00	40	1	Shotgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
2	Rifle Qualification - Refresher Makeup	8:00-12:00	4	2	Standard First Aid	8:30-12:30	4
3	Rifle Qualification - Annual Refresher	8:00-12:00	4	2	Shotgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
4	Disciplinary Procedures	9:00-11:00	2	2	Shotgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
4	Shotgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4	3	Shotgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
4	Shotgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4	3	Shotgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
5	CPR Re-certification	8:30-12:30	3	4	Remedial Training	8:00-5:00	8
5	Shotgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4	7	New Employee Orientation	8:00-5:00	40
5	Shotgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4	7	Rifle Qualification - Refresher Makeup	8:00-12:00	4
6	Remedial Training	8:00-5:00	8	8	Emergency Plans	9:00-10:00	1
9	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40	8	NIMS ICS 100a	1:00-4:00	3
9	Rifle Qualification - Refresher Makeup	8:00-12:00	4	8	Handgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
10	Religious Program Review	9:00-10:00	1	8	Handgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
10	Handgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4	9	PREA	1:00-2:00	1
10	Handgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4	9	Handgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
11	HIV/AIDS/Bloodborne Pathogens	8:30-12:30	4	9	Handgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
12	Handgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4	10	Emergency Plans	9:00-10:00	1
13	Remedial Training	8:00-5:00	8	11	Remedial Training	8:00-5:00	8
16	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40	14	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40
16	Rifle Qualification - Refresher Makeup	8:00-12:00	4	14	Rifle Qualification - Refresher Makeup	8:00-12:00	4
17	Signs of a Disturbance	9:00-10:30	1.5	15	HIV/AIDS/Bloodborne Pathogens	8:30-12:30	4
17	Shotgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4	15	Shotgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
18	If You are Taken Hostage	9:00-10:00	1	15	Shotgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
18	ERT Tactical	8:00-5:00	8	16	CPR Re-certification	8:30-12:30	4
18	Shotgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4	16	Handgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
19	Standard First Aid	8:30-12:30	4	16	Handgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
19	Handgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4	17	Critical Stress Management	1:00-2:00	1
19	Handgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4	17	Handgun Qualification	8:00-12:00	4
20	Remedial Training	8:00-5:00	8	17	Handgun Qualification	1:00-5:00	4
23	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40	18	Remedial Training	8:00-5:00	8
25	ERT Support	8:00-5:00	8	21	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40
				28	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40

CMCF TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	COURSE	TIME	HRS	DATE	COURSE	TIME	HRS
November				December			
3	New Employee Orientation	8:00-5:00	40	1	New Employee Orientation	8:00-5:00	40
10	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40	8	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40
9	Supervisory Management Training	8:00-5:00	40	8	40-Hour Block Training TBA	8:00-5:00	40
17	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40	15	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40
16	Annual Refresher Class		40	14	Annual Refresher	8:00-5:00	40
24	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40	22	Correctional Officer Academy	8:00-5:00	40

SMCI TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	COURSE	TIME	HRS	DATE	COURSE	TIME	HRS
November				December			
2	New Employee Orientation	7:00-5:30	40	19	HIV/AIDS Awareness	7:00-8:00	1
9	Correctional Officer Academy	7:00-5:30	40	19	Blood borne Pathogens	8:00-9:00	1
9	Pre-Supervisory Management	7:00-5:30	40	19	Standard First Aid/CPR	9:00-3:00	6
16	Correctional Officer Academy	7:00-5:30	40	19	PREA	3:00-4:00	1
16	Annual Refresher	7:00-5:30	40	23	Correctional Officer Academy	7:00-5:30	40
16	Purpose & Goals of ACA	7:00-8:00	1	30	Handgun/Shotgun	8:00-5:00	8
16	Ethics & Professionalism	3:30-4:30	1				
17	Classification/Disciplinary Procedures	7:00-8:00	1	7	New Employee Orientation	7:00-5:30	40
17	Emergency Actions/Procedures	9:00-10:00	1	14	Correctional Officer Academy	7:00-5:30	40
17	Stress Management	10:00-11:00	1	14	Supervisory Management Training	7:00-5:30	40
17	Chemical Agents	4:30-5:30	1	21	Correctional Officer Academy	7:00-5:30	40
18	Rifle Qualification*	7:00-11:00	4	28	Correctional Officer Academy	7:00-5:30	40

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MDOC Policy 03-01: General Standards of Professional Conduct

Any employee who violates the General Standards of Professional Conduct policy or any portion thereof, whether the infraction results in the employee's termination or resignation, is subject to having his/her picture and the MDOC policy violation posted in a visible area within the MDOC facility.

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Correctional Facility



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Fraternization
With Inmate

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Of Contraband

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Correctional Facility



Ryan Minor
Fraternization With Inmates
Introduction Of Contraband

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Penitentiary



Florence Jones
Theft Of State Property
Providing False Information

Mississippi State
Penitentiary



Kevin Jones
Introduction
Of Contraband

Mississippi State
Penitentiary



Tony Jones
Theft Of State
Property

South Mississippi
Correctional Institution



Don Lewis
Assault On Inmate

Quitman County
Community Work Center



Cavotta Pryor
Fraternization With Inmate's Family
Providing False Information

South Mississippi
Correctional Institution



Victoria Kirkland
Fraternization
With Inmate

Pike County
Community Work Center



Joshua Gary
Fraternization
With Inmate

Mississippi State
Penitentiary



James Timothy Allen
Attempted Theft
Of Evidence

As a result of an Agreed Order, the Mississippi Department of Corrections has agreed to reduce the termination of Roy Whittle to a thirty (30) day suspension without pay and a written reprimand for failing to follow MDOC policy.

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