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For All NCDOL Employees

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From the Commissioner

On Oct. 5, I observed a mine emergency rescue drill at Harrison Construction's Dillsboro Quarry. I attended the drill with William Gerringer and Allen Greene with our Mine and Quarry Bureau. This was an impressive drill that was coordinated with mine employees and local emergency medical services. A mannequin was used to play out the scenario involving a worker who slips and falls and is hanging in mid air. The rescue mission forced the employees and local EMS to think through how they would respond should this actually happen. Drills like this prepare the rescue team to react quickly during a crisis, so that their actions become second nature. So much of what we do in our jobs involves preparation and planning for a crisis that may never come. It is hard to measure the effectiveness of preparedness until a life

is spared because of it. I commend William and his

staff for the work they are doing to help the mining industry prepare. One of the highlights of that visit was the opportunity to drive a Cat-769.

Thanks to so many of you, the N.C. State Fair was a success. The NCDOL booth was well staffed, the Apprentice contests were well attended, and 109 rides were inspected and ready for the public to enjoy by opening day. Our booth at the N.C. State Fair provides an opportunity to get our message out to the general public. While I was visiting the booth, a lot of children were measured and our safety tips were being picked up and handed out. I'd like to thank everyone that volunteered to work a shift at the booth to help with this effort.

The Apprenticeship and Training Bureau launched a Facebook page prior to the opening of the N.C. State Fair to help promote the

Apprentice Contests. The Facebook page is a pilot program that will be used to gauge the benefits of social media networking. I know that many of you have a personal Facebook page. You can pull up the site by typing in "NCDOL Apprenticeship" if you'd like to see videos and photos of the winners.

You have received two emails regarding the Employee Appreciation Program: One, kicking off the program and the second announcing the first batch of recipients of the five-year incremental service awards and the Commissioner's Award for Excellence in Service. If you have not had an opportunity to view the videos, please take a minute to log onto the intranet page for the Employee Appreciation Program [*here*](#).

Cherie



A mannequin hangs from a line in this rescue drill at Harrison Construction's Dillsboro Quarry.



Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry gets ready to enter the cab of the Cat-769.

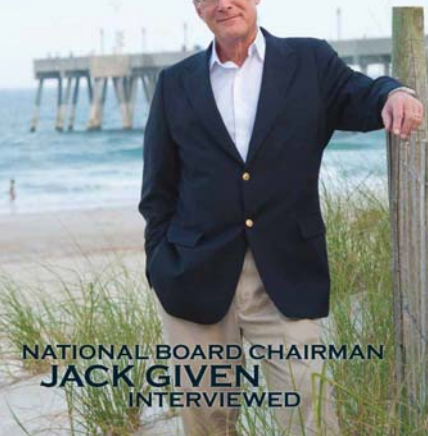
Employee News

- Congratulations to Dean Strickland, Boiler Safety, who passed the exam to qualify as a National Board Team Leader. He will soon be auditing R Stamp holders for the National Board. An R Stamp is required to repair boilers and pressure vessels in North Carolina.

- Congratulations to Andrew Gunto, Boiler Safety, who passed the exam for his A endorsement and will soon be fully qualified as an authorized inspector in shops that build ASME Code vessels. We have contracts with several as the authorized inspection agency.



- Jack Given, Boiler Safety, is featured in the current National Board Bulletin. Click [here](#) to read the article.



Boiler Bureau Chief Jack Given is featured in the cover story of the National Board Bulletin. Jack was elected to a full three-year term as chairman of the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors in May. He was first elected chairman in October 2010 to fill the remaining term of his predecessor.

- Congratulations to Kevin O'Barr (ETTA) and Kathryn Castellones (Apprenticeship), who completed all requirements of the Certified Public Manager Program and were awarded their certificates at a graduation ceremony on Oct. 3 at the N.C. Museum of History.
- Congratulations to Johnny Grindstaff, Elevator, on the birth of his grandson. Miles Dillon Grindstaff was born Oct. 20 to Hunter and Amanda Grindstaff. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

New Hire

- Elizabeth Cruz, W&H investigator I, Wage and Hour, Wilmington.

Job Change

- Lamont Baldwin, safety compliance officer I, from OSH Complaint Desk, Raleigh, to Compliance West, Winston-Salem.



Kevin O'Barr and Kathryn Castellones celebrate completing the Certified Public Manager Program.

Upcoming Birthdays

11-1 Marisol Suarez	11-17 Johnny Grindstaff	11-23 Don Johnson
11-3 Diedrik Lewis	11-17 Nicole Ingram	11-25 Susan Rose
11-4 Ted Wall	11-17 Brenda Couch	11-26 Leonard Mangum
11-5 Cliff Dautrich	11-18 Nancy Carpenter	11-27 Doug Jones
11-5 Barry Wilson	11-19 Gary Franks	11-27 Chris Moore
11-6 Rex Edwards	11-19 Bill Best	11-27 Jiles Manning
11-8 Rod Wilce	11-20 Lee White	11-28 Alan Fortner
11-9 Bruce Pearson	11-21 Hollis Yelverton	11-28 Kathy Ragan
11-11 Cohen Elgin	11-22 Allison Jay	11-29 Julian Blumenfeld
11-13 Nancy Wooten	11-22 Eddie Reeves	11-30 Margie Jones
11-15 Charlene Cross	11-22 Harold Wagner	

What's New @ Your Library

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New Titles

- *Bowen EHS Book of Ventilation Practice Problems: 60 Questions*. Bowen EHS, 2009. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *CIH Science Flash Cards*. Bowen EHS, 2000? Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Certified Hazardous Materials Manager Self Study Workbook*. Span International, 2011. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Construction Health Safety Technician Home Study Workbook*. Span International, 2011. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Federal Labor Laws* (2011 edition). West Pub., 2011.
- *Industrial Hygiene Reference and Study Guide*. American Industrial Hygiene Association, 2011. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Industrial-Occupational Hygiene Calculations: A Professional Reference*. Millennium Assoc., 2005. Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.
- *Standard Specification for Portable Gasoline Containers for Consumer Use* (ASTM F852-08). ASTM, 2008.
- *Toxicology I Flash Cards*. Bowen EHS, 2000? Donated by Wanda Lagoe/ETTA.

Online FYIs

- *Laboratory Safety Guidance*
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/laboratory/OSHA3404laboratory-safety-guidance.pdf>
- *A Laborer Dies When He Is Struck by an Exploding Forklift Multi-Piece Rim*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/face/stateface/ca/10CA001.html>
- *Nail Gun Safety: A Guide for Construction Contractors*
http://www.osha.gov/Publications/NailgunFinal_508_02_optimized.pdf
- *OSHA's Fall Protection Policies for Residential Construction* (online video)
<http://www.dol.gov/dol/media/webcast/20110812-osh/>
- *STOP STICKS Campaign*
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/stopsticks/>
- *Seasonal Flu*
<http://www.osha.gov/dts/guidance/flu/index.html>



Donald Kidd, Boiler, displays his blue ribbon winning elephant garlic. The garlic won in the unusual edible vegetable category at the N.C. State Fair.

Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo

Bob O'Neal and Leighton Dowdle took Labor One to the Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo in Selma on Oct. 7 and 8. The new OSH resource CD was a big hit, with people from all over stopping by just to get one of them.

Bobby Goodson, star of the Discovery Channel's *Swamp Loggers*, and his crew stopped by Labor One at the expo. The series is filmed in Pender County and follows Goodson's All Terrain Logging business.

The cast and crew of Swamp Loggers pose in front of Labor One at the Mid-Atlantic Logging and Biomass Expo in Selma.

