

# Wasco County Community Corrections

## Newsletter - Fall 2016



### NEW PAROLE & PROBATION DEPUTY

Shandie Johnson is our newest Parole & Probation Deputy.

Shandie most recently worked with the Sherman County Prevention Program and for Tri-County Community Corrections. She will be attending the DPSST academy early next year. Shandie lives on a ranch with cows, horses, and five dogs. She loves being outdoors and is enthusiastic about riding horses, barrel racing and rodeo.



### COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TREATMENT COUNSELOR



Anne Webber is our office's first in-house Alcohol & Drug Treatment Counselor. As a CADC II she has twelve years of experience working with our supervised population and their addictions. This position greatly improves our ability to deliver direct and immediate service to these individuals. By intervening quickly, we hope to fill in the gaps commonly experienced when trying to get in to treatment. This will reduce abuse, arrests, and jail time. Ultimately we have a better opportunity to positively impact people's lives.



## Newest Addition to the Jauken Family

This past spring, Jessica Jauken and her husband Jay welcomed a new addition to their family, Finley Joel Jauken. He was born March 8, 2016. He currently enjoys scooting around, army crawling across the floor, and shoving everything into his mouth. Jessica reports that he is a well behaved baby and loves to be held by everyone. He is continually smiling and even has a favorite book, "Are you my mother?" He has just started eating baby food and enjoys his mushy apples.

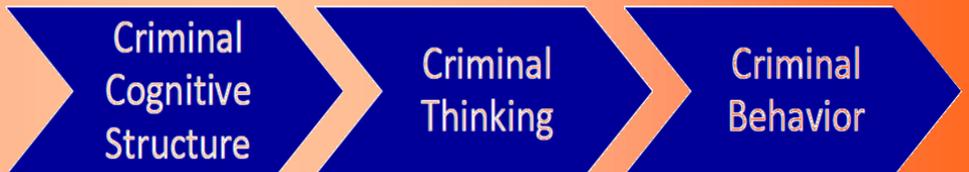
The office threw an "after baby, baby shower" for Jessica and Finn where he was well received by everyone including staff from the Sheriff's Office, Administrative Services, and Human Resources. Gifts, cake and baby holding were thoroughly enjoyed and Finn definitely loved all of the extra attention he received.



## New Cognitive Programs

Research shows that Cognitive Behavioral Programming that follows social learning models are the most effective interactions with clients on supervision. These programs consists of the following:

- A set of structured techniques
- Aimed at building skills
- Aimed at restructuring cognition
- Increases awareness of self and others



While it is critical to have a trained provider delivering evidence-based curriculum, these programs are relatively inexpensive to implement. In addition, a wide variety of proven methods have been



developed to target specific criminogenic needs. Research shows that on average a cognitive behavioral approach reduces recidivism by 25%. The most effective programs show over 50% reduction in recidivism. These programs are well worth the money spent and improve people's lives. Ron Webber has provided us with cognitive classes in the form of Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) for 8 years. His rapport with individuals and groups is outstanding. We are expanding his role by increasing the variety of programs. In addition to MRT our new classes include: High-Resistance Criminal Thinking, Trauma Informed Approach, Sex Offender Relapse Prevention, Property & Identity Theft, Anger Management, Domestic Violence, Employment Motivation, and Aftercare Maintenance.

# Employee Spotlight

## ELLIE THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DOG

Ellie is a 10 year old female Schnoodle. What's that you say? A miniature Schnauzer/Toy poodle.

Ellie's purpose as a therapy dog is to offer emotional support to offenders during office visits as well as provide much needed relief to staff and law enforcement officers. Her presence also fits with Wasco County's culture of "100% Love"

There are plenty of stories to tell about Ellie and here is a typical example. An evasive client was talking with his PO but was not being honest about a recent violation. Under the circumstances, and given the client's history, the PO was inclined to take him to jail and normally probably would have. The client was struggling to explain himself when Ellie walked in, jumped up on the chair next to him and put her paw

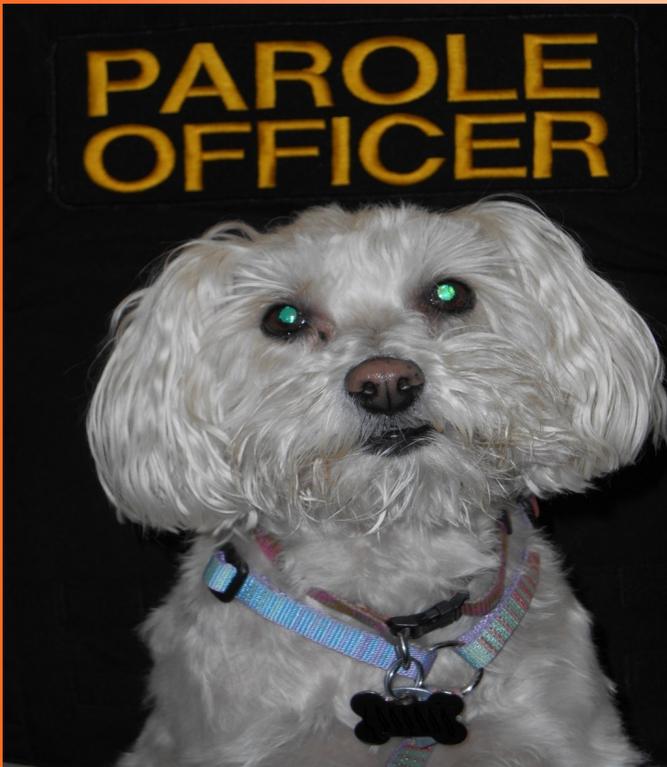
on his leg. The client started petting Ellie and began to cry. It changed the whole direction of the conversation. The PO decided not to take him to jail, opting for a non-jail sanction only because the client opened up and got very real and honest - something he had been struggling with and may not have done without Ellie. His probation ended in July and he is maintaining success.

In addition to working the floor, Ellie is also sometimes utilized in our substance abuse treatment groups. She is well received and helps reduce the anxiety and stress that comes up.

Ellie does not require any benefit package or wages. She enjoys merely being a reserve dog for Wasco County. We pay her with Scooby Snacks and "100% Love" from her co-workers and the offenders.

Ellie has been a positive morale boost for our department.

**Welcome Aboard Ellie!**



**FROM ALL OF US AT ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS,  
HAVE AN EXCELLENT FALL SEASON!**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To create a safer community and reduce criminal behavior and drug & alcohol addiction and abuse by promoting positive change in individuals through a combination of program services, supervision, and sanctions.

**Thank you for your support of Wasco Community Corrections and the Sheriff's Office!**

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