



## Heck Appointed HRMD Deputy Director

Donnita Heck has been named Deputy Director of the OKDHS Human Resources Management Division.

Heck began her OKDHS career 21 years ago as a temporary emergency 60-day appointment in Oklahoma County 55C. She was then hired full-time and worked in the Division of Children and Youth Services. She joined HRMD in 1991 and has served as the division's budget officer, staff development office manager, personnel manager, and programs administrator.

Heck received her bachelor's degree in human resources and organizational leadership from Southern Nazarene University and was graduated magna cum laude. Heck is a certified personnel professional and holds the designation of Professional in Human Resources from the Society for Human Resource Management.

Heck will continue her present duties with added emphasis on expanding the E-Learning program and Learning Management System, as well as increasing her involvement with county offices.



## Three Named to County Director Posts in Area II

Three OKDHS long-time, frontline workers have been named to county director positions in Area II.

Pat Bean has been named director of the Department's Murray County office; Marie Wiles was named director of the Grady County office; and Karen

Moses has been named director of the Kiowa County office.

### *Pat Bean*

Bean started with OKDHS in McCurtain County 17 years ago and has served as a social worker and social services supervisor.

I am both excited and grateful for this opportunity, said Bean. I will work hard to maintain and build upon the high standard of service that Murray County has come to expect from its OKDHS staff.

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*Pat Bean*



*Marie Wiles*



*Karen Moses*

# Lucky and Chance Come Alive for Academy Members

*In the photo at right, Graphic Artist Tony Hennigh, Office Support Services Publications Section, and two of his pals discuss the making of a recent video. That's Tony in the middle. Lucky, the newspaper delivery boy in the video, talks with The Boss. (Lucky, who is pretty smart for a kid, says anybody who can erase you with a couple a keystrokes, you gotta call The Boss.) And, lapping up Tony's attention is Lucky's helper and best pal, Chance.*

*Lucky and Chance came to live with The Boss as two drawings (courtesy of artist Lance Moorehead) who were sent to Tony by the members of the OKDHS County Directors Academy 4. A sticky note attached to the drawings told what the academy members wanted. (At that point, Lucky couldn't yet talk and explain the deal.)*

*The 13 academy members had discussed a number of ideas to develop as their class project. (Lucky says every academy class has to turn out a class project whether they want to or not.) What the class decided was to produce an animated video that would illustrate OKDHS programs and services.*

*The gimmick was that a kid and his dog delivering newspapers would introduce folks in the neighborhood who use different OKDHS programs and services. (Oops, Lucky and Chance object to being called a gimmick.)*



*Anyway . . . to make a very good project really great, the class wanted the video to be web-based, for viewing on a PC or Mac, and interactive. They wanted a web-based video that could be used by anyone with access to a computer who wanted to learn about OKDHS programs and services.*

*That's what the OKDHS folks in County Directors Academy wanted, and they always get what they want.*

*Tony hunkered down in his cube, researched images and software information, pounded on his Macintosh keyboard, and pretty soon Lucky and Chance were*

*jumping around and mouthing like they were talking and barking. But that was just the beginning.*

*Tony spent two full months working with the class exclusively on this project. He developed a storyboard and 177 stills and illustrations. SATTRN added the script and audio files, and Lucky and Chance are now talking and barking.*

*What came out of all this was a really happy academy class and an interactive video that can connect to the websites of various OKDHS units by clicking on icons at the bottom of the screen while still involved in the video.*

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# Ops Director Lives Double Life as Triathlete



Richard Davidson

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Richard Davidson, Area VI operations director, had a rather unusual summer vacation. He traveled to Boulder, Colorado, and participated in the 5430 Ironman Triathlon. It is so named because Boulder is 5,430 feet above sea level.

Those of us who are couch potato types need to understand that a competitor in an ironman triathlon must first complete a 2.4-mile swim, then a 112-mile bike ride and then run 26.2 miles. Whew that makes some of us tired just to contemplate.

Davidson not only did all that, but did it fast enough to win his age division (50-54) competing against the best on a very tough course.

This race was held August 26, and began with the swim at Boulder Reservoir. The bike course proceeded north along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains before returning to Boulder Reservoir. The run course was on both dirt and paved roads, taking the Boulder Creek path into downtown Boulder.

Richard's times broke down as follows: 1:20:54 for the 2.4 mile swim; 6:38:00 for the 112-mile bike ride; 4:36:59 for the 26.2-mile marathon run. Fifteen minutes and 50 seconds were used for transition for a total time of 12 hours, 58 minutes, and 41 seconds.

Congratulations to Richard on this truly great accomplishment. This feat puts him in a very small group of elite athletes. By the way, is that a big red S on the front of Richard's shirt?



**Just Doing This for the Kids, Right?** Ready for Halloween little ones are Rogers County staffers, from left, Holly Casey, social work aide; Kristy Gibbs, social services supervisor; Sandi Williams, social services supervisor; Jeril Norvel, administrative assistant; Jennifer Payne, administrative technician; and Donna Riggs, customer service representative. County office workers invited kindergarten classes from local schools to visit the office to Trick or Treat in a safe environment. The staff decorated the interview offices and themselves and handed out candy to the Trick or Treaters. Children and grandchildren of the staff were also invited.



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Bean graduated from Weleetka High School and earned her bachelor's degree in political science from East Central University. She is a graduate of the State Certified Public Managers Program and has served on the board of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Managers.

During her tenure in McCurtain County, Bean was involved with the McCurtain County Christmas Council, the Toys for Tots program and the Idabel Chamber of Commerce.

Bean's husband of 22 years, Ricky, works as a customer representative for Motion Industries, Lawton. Their daughter, Stephanie, 21, is a student at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

## *Marie Wiles*

Wiles began her OKDHS career 16 years ago as a family support worker in Cotton County. She served in Cleveland County as a family support programs supervisor; child welfare supervisor, and as county director II. She recently served as acting county director for Love County.

This is a big responsibility, but one I'm looking forward to it, said Wiles. I've found that the best way to take on a big task is to set goals and work hard. That's exactly what I plan to do for the people of Grady County.

Wiles graduated from Spearman High School, Spearman, Texas, and received her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Cameron University, Lawton. She received her master's degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma.

Wiles has three children: Becky, 26, who works for the state Office of Juvenile Affairs; Tyler, 25, a restaurant manager; and Trevor, 14.

## *Karen Moses*

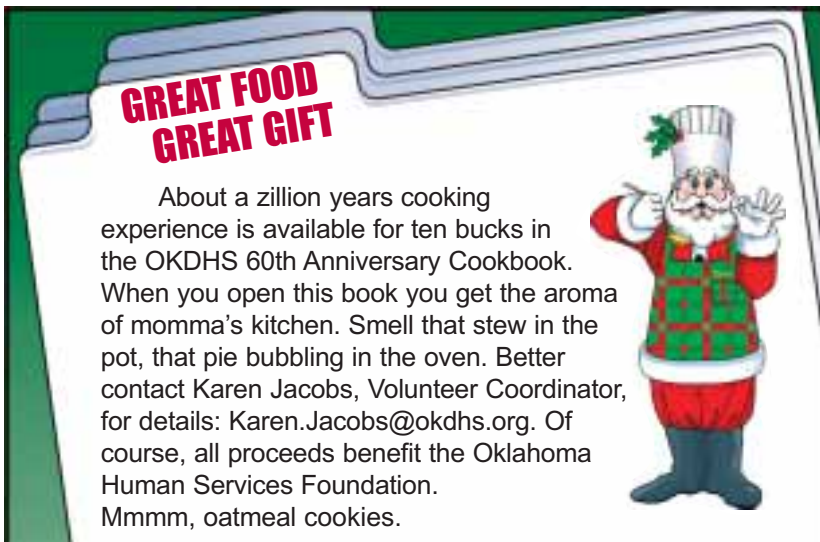
Moses, a 28-year veteran of the Department, has served as a social worker and social services specialist. Prior to joining the Department, she was a reporter for the Hobart Democrat-Chief and a teacher at Hobart High School.

This is an exciting time for OKDHS as we are entering into some important community partner-

ships which we believe will lead to improved family relationships and employability for our clients, said Moses. I believe Kiowa County has a great staff committed to serving the needs of the county, and we look forward to working with county organizations and service providers to help our clients achieve healthy, satisfying and productive lives.

Moses graduated from Edmond High School and earned a secondary education degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. She is a past president of the Southwest Oklahoma Health and Welfare Association and has chaired the Area Organization of Adult Protective Services Staff.

Moses husband, Max, runs the family's farm in Greer County. Their son, Michael, 30, is a consultant for J.M. Moran Inc. and lives in Norman with his wife, Cheryl, and daughter, Nancy Anne, 2.



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