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Snake River Correctional Institution hosts annual summer luncheon

Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI) held its annual summer luncheon on Friday, August 7. The event was attended by 55 inmates and 113 friends and family members.

This is the eighth year SRCI has hosted quarterly luncheons, which are designed to bring inmates and their friends and family members together for a unique visit. Slightly different from regular visiting sessions, these luncheons offer activities, as well as a chance for loved ones to share a meal together. This setting has made the summer luncheon something families look forward to attending.

"The opportunity to be together and do something as normal and routine as enjoying a meal with their families and friends is like a special occasion to those attending the luncheon," said Judy Gilmore, Acting SRCI Superintendent. "This is confirmation that we are helping to strengthen family bonds, which will be critical when these men release back to their families and communities."

SRCI's quarterly luncheons are part of an overall effort to increase visiting and family engagement at all 14 Oregon Department of Corrections prisons. Research shows that those who stay connected and receive visits while incarcerated are more likely to be successful when they release.

SRCI is a multi-custody prison in Ontario that houses approximately 3,000 male inmates. It has multiple special housing units including disciplinary segregation, intensive management, infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care, and an administrative segregation unit. SRCI participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including a contact center, laundry, and sign shop. The facility opened in 1991 and is the largest correctional institution in the state.



Raymond Schuette enjoying the SRCI Summer Luncheon with his visitors Glenna Becker, Burl Becker, Shannon Schuette, and Brian Schuette.



Marvin Lambert with his visitor Shantel Lambert.

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