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LIFESAVING, CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
RECOGNIZE EXEMPLARY
EMPLOYEE ACTIONS

Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) employees do great things every day. Whether it's breaking up a fight in the chow hall, providing first aid at a accident scene, finding a lost citizen or helping a charitable group, our employees are at their best helping others. The MDOC is proud of their efforts and enjoys sharing their acts of selflessness, sometimes even in the face of great personal danger.

Few acts are more worthy of recognition than saving another person's life, something our staff do on a regular basis. Their training and duty compel them to act both on and off duty. Here are the most recent awardees:

- On February 21, 2011, a prisoner at Saginaw Correctional Facility (SRF) appeared to attempt suicide by deeply slashing both forearms, causing arterial bleeding and significant blood loss. Four employees were recognized for their efforts in responding to the emergency. Officer Linda Bock was working in the housing unit on third shift when she found the prisoner in his cell bleeding from the self-inflicted injuries. Bock immediately radioed for assistance. Upon arrival of back-up staff, Officer Bock entered the cell and initiated emergency first aid, applying direct pressure to both wounds. She was joined in the efforts to control bleeding by Lieutenant Ken Shemanski, who assisted in applying pressure and pressure bandages to the wounds. Two nurses, Sarah Alton and Tamara Jacobs, arrived in the unit to take over medical care. Their actions stabilized the prisoner and prepared him for transport. His injuries were so significant that he was airlifted to a level one trauma center where he ultimately survived his injuries. Their collective actions saved the prisoner's life.
- On February 22, 2011, Officer Jeffrey Faulkner of Lakeland Correctional Facility was on rounds in the unit when he found an unconscious prisoner in a unit common area. Faulkner called for assistance, ensured the scene was safe, and began emergency first aid. Officer Brian Clemens arrived and started CPR on the prisoner. While applying pads for the AED, the prisoner began to breathe on his own. Health care staff evaluated the prisoner and he was transported to a local health center for treatment. The actions of Officers Faulkner and Clemens saved the prisoner's life.

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- On February 25, 2011, while conducting rounds, Officer Paul Jones of Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center discovered a prisoner who had apparently attempted suicide. The prisoner was hanging from the cell door bars. Officer Jones used his radio to call for help and unlocked the cell door. Once he entered the cell, he broke the shoe laces loose from around the prisoner's neck. The prisoner started breathing again; however, he was convulsing and disoriented. The prisoner was provided with more advanced health care, which determined he had also taken 15-20 pills in an attempt to overdose prior to the hanging attempt. Officer Jones' quick actions that day saved the prisoner's life.
- On March 14, 2011, Parole Agent Matthew Roznowski, while conducting a routine home call in the city of Ferndale, heard noises in the home but did not receive an answer. Agent Roznowski continued knocking and finally was greeted by an elderly woman. He detected the smell of something burning and observed a thick heavy smoke inside the home. The elderly female asked for help and indicated her kitchen was on fire. The 84-year-old woman was disorientated and confused and very resistant to leaving her home. Agent Roznowski stated after several attempts, he finally convinced her to leave the

home. He called 911 and The police and fire departments responded immediately to the scene. Both the elderly woman and Agent Roznowski were cleared medically at the scene. Ferndale Fire Marshal Brian Batten said they are convinced Agent Roznowski's actions saved the elderly woman's life. Roznowski received a *Life Saving Award* from Ferndale Chief of Police Timothy D. Collins for his actions that day.

- Officer Deborah Jimerson of the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility was in her housing unit on March 12, 2011, when she saw a wheelchair-bound prisoner having difficulty breathing. Jimerson responded and found that the prisoner was choking on popcorn. She immediately called for assistance, then performed abdominal thrusts on the prisoner, dislodging the obstruction. The prisoner then started breathing normally again.
- On March 30, 2011, Officer John Miner of Lakeland Correctional Facility was working in a housing unit when he saw two prisoners fighting just outside the unit. One prisoner was stabbing the other with what appeared to be an eight inch piece of sharpened metal. Miner responded and restrained the prisoner with the shank. Other staff responded to assist in controlling the situation. The prisoner being stabbed received several lacerations requiring treatment, but survived the incident. Officer Miner's quick response in controlling the situation likely saved the prisoner's life and controlled what could have been a much different outcome to the incident.



From Left: Area Manager Cheryl Braxton, Supervisor Carolynn Wilson, PPO Matthew Roznowski and Supervisor Damon Hawkins.

Citizenship Awards are given to those who make a positive impact on the community and demonstrate the professional qualities that the Michigan Department of Corrections has to offer as a community partner. In that spirit, two employees from Alger Correctional Facility have been recognized for their efforts to assist those in need during the holidays. Peggy Carberry and Denise Gerth have been co-chairs of the Christmas

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SAYING FAREWELL TO AN OLD FRIEND

BY JOHN C. CORDELL



My wife sometimes accuses me of being an emotionless automaton who rarely shows even a hint of change in my daily demeanor. While I choose to control my emotions and level of enthusiasm in any given situation, I am actually moved to a variety of emotions by a great many things here on our little rock.

So, this morning as I watched the Space Shuttle Atlantis drop out of orbit and touch down perfectly through the dark of night onto a runway at Kennedy Space Center on Florida's Space Coast, I let my emotions run free. Like so many people my age, the Space Shuttle has been our generation's technological icon. My parents had moon landings and the space race. But we had exploration into space science and global cooperation toward finding answers that will drive forward our ability to explore and colonize new planets throughout our solar system and eventually beyond. For 30 years, five of the most technologically advanced craft ever devised by man ferried hundreds of humans into low Earth orbit. We built a scientific orbiting platform like no other - The International Space Station. We placed a telescope into space that has given us tantalizing images of what lies beyond our world, even out to the farthest reaches of our Universe. We simply achieved.



Like many, I hoped it would last for ever, but knew it would come to an end. That end came this morning when Atlantis began its de-orbit burn. Through the atmosphere it descended, slowing from 16,000 MPH to just over 200 MPH before the wheels touched down for the final time and it rolled to a stop, closing the longest, most comprehensive, and most productive space program in NASA's history.

As I watched those final moments this morning, I realized that the Space Shuttle has been here for three quarters of my life. For 134 flights, I have watched in wonderment. I remember Challenger's failed launch and Columbia's failed re-entry like they were yesterday. I remember how fast the shuttle gets into orbit compared with the lumbering Saturn rockets. I remember the wary smiles of the astronauts as they leave us and the jubilant ones that greet us after returning safely home. So for those few moments, as I watched history unfold and a true testament to human achievement come to a majestic rest on 12,000 feet of concrete in central Florida, I cried. They were tears of sadness, joy, pride, achievement, consolation and uncertainty. They were emotions of triumph and tragedy, loss and success, human spirit and ingenuity. They were genuine and uncontrolled. They were the reason we are human. Today I said farewell to an old friend...and it was hard to do.

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Giving Program, an effort to provide food baskets and gifts to needy families throughout the Alger County. Over the past 10 years, they have raised nearly \$10,000 to support this program by having 100 dozen cookie raffles. Denise ensures that the raffle nets \$1,000 each year. Additionally the program fills "gift wish" tags for local families, ensuring that each child with a "gift wish" tag receives a gift. This effort has sometimes included nearly 100 children.

Additionally, Peggy and her sisters, known as the "Cooking Carberrys," purchased a bread oven for the city of Munising. Every Tuesday evening throughout the summer, they cook pizzas for donations at Bayshore Park in Munising. All of the collected monies are given to various charities. Peggy and her sisters also make homemade soup, bread, and cookies with the monies going to Valley Spur Ski Trails, have raised over \$1,000 for the ski area so far this year. Alger Correctional Facility is very proud of the accomplishments of these two women and of their efforts to support the community in a variety of ways that make a difference in the lives of the citizens throughout Alger County.

**REENTRY ROUNDTABLE:
SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS &
BETTER CITIZENS**

ReEntry Roundtable is a continuing column that provides news, facts, and program successes within the prisoner reentry program.

**NORTHWEST PRISONER REENTRY RECOGNIZES
SUCCESES AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

On April 15, 2011 the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG), administrative agency for the Northwest Prisoner Re-Entry, held its annual Awards Luncheon. NWMCOG recognized more than 20 individuals, businesses and local units of government for their success and contributions to the region. Those recognized received awards for demonstrating initiative, originality, innovation, effectiveness, quality, and leadership and for being a part of the success in our communities.

Prisoner Re-Entry received three awards, including a Participant Success Award and two Community Partner Awards.

Misti, a Prisoner Re-Entry participant from Wexford County, received the Participant Success Award for 2011. Misti returned to the community in October 2009 and participated in Transitional Employment at the Goodwill Cadillac Thrift Store. Goodwill hired Misti and she was soon promoted to team leader. According to her employer, she is doing a "phenomenal job," and on April 20, 2011, Misti successfully discharged from parole supervision! For many returning citizens, finding meaningful employment is one of the largest barriers to overcome. Misti is an excellent example for other Prisoner Re-Entry participants of how to overcome this hurdle and succeed.

Norwood Township, in Charlevoix County was also honored, and received the Community Partner Award. The township partnered with one of

NMMCOG's transitional employment programs that just getting off the ground. In doing so, they provided Prisoner Re-Entry participants with a great experience, as well as an opportunity to develop hard and soft skills transferrable to unsubsidized employment.

The NWMCOG also recognized Catholic Human Services (CHS) of Northern Lower Michigan with a Community Partner Award. CHS has been an invaluable member of the Northwest Prisoner Re-Entry team since 2005. Since then, they have provided services such as substance abuse treatment, individual counseling, and family reunification for returning citizens and their families. Throughout the past six years CHS has always been at the table, willing and able to collaborate however possible towards our shared vision of a safer community. Without community partners such as CHS, Prisoner Re-Entry would not be a reality in Northwest Michigan, making them truly deserving of the Community Partner Award.

This article was submitted by the Northwest Area Prisoner Re-Entry Program and edited by Ryan Powell of the Offender Re-Entry Services Section.



WCC FAMILY DAY GAVE FAMILIES A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEIR LOVED-ONES DO

On Saturday, June 18, 2011, Woodland Center Correctional Facility (WCC) held an Open House for our staff and family. The event was spearheaded by Warden Joan Roggenbuck. Upon receiving approval from the RPA and CFA, a planning committee went straight to work.

The planning committee for the event was chaired by Deputy Warden Patrick Warren. The other committee members were Penny Smith, Jim Mullins, Jeff Houpt, Dave Siler, Marianne Sears, Diane Kneffel, Dan Godfrey, Jason Grundy, Kevin Nota and Darrell Monday.

The team came up with a game plan that included popcorn, pop, ice cream, a moon walk/bounce house, and a video overview of the facility put together by Kevin Nota. The children received an unofficial Face Sheet with the children's picture and sanctions. Some of the facilities Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.) demonstrated a cell extraction scenario which was a huge hit with the family visitors and staff. There was also a perimeter security vehicle (PSV), transportation van and a transportation sedan for staff and their family members to see.

The day started with volunteer staff showing up about 8:30 a.m. and exiting the facility about 4

p.m. The day was sunny from beginning to end. Over 80 staff and their family members toured through the yet to be opened Huron housing unit. One family group spanning five generations walked through the facility. WCC-Michigan Corrections Organization (MCO) Chapter President Dave Siler and MCO Field Organizer, Dustin Drabek passed out bottles and bumper stickers, and MCO also donated \$300 to cover some of the expenses incurred. The WCC Employee Club donated another \$340 to cover Lanyards that will be given to each person attending the Open House. This special event was provided at no cost to the Department. The time was donated by the staff and the cost of the smiles and a better understanding for our family's in the jobs we do on a daily basis was priceless.



Jim Mullins with family members

PRISON BUILD CREATES COUNTY PARK CABINS

The Saginaw Correctional Facility (SRF) Prison Build program recently completed a cabin for the Newaygo County Parks system. The cabin is installed at a park in White Cloud and will be used as the park office. This is the third cabin to be built for the Newaygo County Parks. The first two are already on site and available for rent. The supervisor for the SRF Prison Build program is Arthur (Jack) Adam.



The cabin exterior (above) and interior (at left) - specifically designed as the park office.



C.O.P.S. DAY AT THE IONIA FREE FAIR

The Ionia Free Fairs is celebrating the 23rd Annual C.O.P.S. Day on Wednesday July 27, 2011. The annual event recognizes corrections, police, fire, and public safety employees with a hospitality center and a \$12 all-day wristband for rides.

Those interested in attending the Ionia Free Fair need to bring a valid work identification. Family members of employees also receive the same benefit and can attend on the family member's ID. Make sure you buy your wristband at the hospitality center (fair Administration Building) to get the discount.

Thanks to the Michigan Corrections Organization and Michigan One Credit Union for their sponsorship of C.O.P.S. Day this year.



WHAT WAS CORRECTIONS LIKE IN 1965?

F.Y.I. recently had a chance to look at the January, April, and June 1965 issues of the Michigan Department of Corrections *Newsletter*, a pre-historic version of F.Y.I. It's an interesting look into the past.

In 1965, the Department had eight facilities, the Camp Program (14 camps lumped into one entity), Cassidy Lake (the current location of Special Alternative Incarceration), Marquette Branch Prison, the Michigan Reformatory, the Michigan Training Unit, the Psychiatric Unit, the Reception Diagnostic Center, and the State Prison of Southern Michigan including the Trustee Division. DeHoCo was a facility for female offenders in Wayne County and not considered an MDOC facility at the time.

There were six divisions of the Department - General Administration, Parole Board, Parole Bureau, Prison Industries, Probation Bureau, and the Youth Bureau.

The Correction Commission was comprised of seven people, some of whom have facilities named after them today. Members were C.J. Farley - Chairman, Max Biber - Vice-Chairman, Earnest C. Brooks, Florence R. Crane, Joseph J. Gross, Duane L. Waters, and Director Gus Harrison. They reported to Governor George Romney.

The newsletters were divided by division, with each reporting their most important news. The following excerpts are taken from the newsletters:

January 1965

Parole:

A Central Office employee returned to work on schedule after his operation. He is in fine health, although he maintains he is still a little 'groggy.'

Mrs. Tobin presented P.O. (Parole Officer) Tobin with a fine new year's present named Mary Katherine. Congratulations to the parents.

Probation:

Mrs. Francis Dean has been appointed new legal stenographer in the Muskegon Office.

Thomas Bell and Mary Lawrence of the Oakland Office, were married in early November.



Roy Babb is the new Treasurer of the Michigan State Employee's Association.

Camp Program:

S. J. Gilman, Assistant Director in charge of the Camp Program, was recently appointed permanent Chairman of the Camp Program Committee of the American Correctional Association.

Marquette:

A varsity team (employees?) is entered in the Marquette Industrial Hockey League.

Michigan Reformatory:

Lloyd is recovering from a broken leg.

Joseph Wittebols joins the staff as a counselor. He comes from Genesee County Probation Office.

SPSM:

The vocational school repaired and painted 2,700 toys for the Junior Dorcas toy drive.

Leonard Keeper was promoted from Corrections Officer to Corporal.

John Burch retired from the guard force in November.

Trusty Division:

Eighteen members of the Detroit Eastside Lawn Bowling Club visited to show local bowlers the finer points of lawn bowling.

Ten boxers are training for the winter boxing session.

April 1965**Probation:**

Richard Lane has been appointed Assistant District Scout Commissioner for the Boy Scouts.

Robert Pickell of the Flint Office met a group of 15 boys to acquaint them with the work of a probation officer.

Marquette:

The varsity team placed third in the Marquette Industrial League.

Michigan Reformatory:

Dwight Brooks joined the staff as a corrections officer.

Michigan Training Unit:

Captain Thomas Alexander was promoted to Inspector. Lieutenant Whoseth was promoted to Captain, and Sergeant Kenneth Reynolds was promoted to Lieutenant.

SPSM:

The Braille Transcribing Service transcribed 533,900 pages last year, twice the previous year.

Trusty Division:

Maintenance installed four bowling alleys. Trusty now has eight alleys and 18 teams can compete.

**EMPLOYEE'S SON HONORED AS 2011 MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIER OF THE YEAR**

Matthew Kosloski, son of Becky Kosloski, Record Office Supervisor at Pugsley Correctional Facility, has competed and won the Michigan Army National Guard Soldier of the Year Award for 2010. He is a member of 126th Network Signal Company out of Kalamazoo.

Last summer Matthew was chosen to represent his unit in the 507th Engineering Battalion competition. After winning the Battalion competition, Matthew competed and claimed his title in the statewide competition held at Camp Grayling in September 2010.

Events for both competitions consisted of land navigation (day and night), AWT Lanes (obstacle course), PT (2 mile run, push ups and sit ups), essay writing, uniform inspection, ruck march and marksmanship.

Matthew competed in the regional competition held in Iowa in May where he finished second to a Wisconsin soldier who will represent the region in the national competition in late July. Kosloski will be the alternate should the regional winner from Wisconsin not be able to compete in the national competition.

*PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE***ERT FINDS MISSING GLADWIN WOMAN**

On July 14, 2011 an 84-year-old Gladwin area woman went missing from her home. Michigan State Police (MSP) and local law enforcement searched late into the evening in hopes of finding the woman, but called off the search until daybreak. The next morning, the Department received a request from MSP's Gladwin Post to assist in locating the woman.

ERT members from Saginaw Correctional Facility were approved for deployment and a total of 10 members responded, arriving on the scene at approximately 10:20 a.m. The ERT search unit began searching immediately after receiving instructions, and located the woman at about 11:35 a.m. in a wooded area about 500 yards from where her family last saw her. She was disoriented and exhausted from the weather, but otherwise appeared okay.

Commander Kennelly praised his ERT members and all of the law enforcement officers, fire department personnel, and volunteer searchers that assisted in the search. Their efforts resulted in a bright ending to what could have been a grim outcome.

