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## FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL LOCKERS BUILT BY SAGINAW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PRISON BUILD PROGRAM

The locker room at Ferris State University has a new look thanks to the SCORE/Prison Build Program at the Saginaw Correctional Facility. SCORE (State Correctional Opportunities for Rehabilitation and Education) offers prisoners the opportunity to receive vocational education instruction while participating in service learning projects where they gain valuable hands-on experience and are giving back to the community.

In May 2014, Prison Build Instructor Jared Ayres was approached by the Athletic Department at Ferris State University with a request to replace their dilapidated football lockers. The SCORE/Prison Build Program took advantage of the opportunity and completed the beautiful lockers pictured. Ferris State Athletic Director Perk Weisenburger expressed how much they love the new look and sent a note of thanks to all who helped with the project.

Under the umbrella of the Prisoner Reentry Administration, the SCORE program is an integral part of the Michigan Department of Corrections prisoner education system. Prisoners that participate in this program also build beds for children in collaboration with the Department of Human Services and cabins for the Department of Natural Resources. For more information on how the SCORE program may be able to positively affect your organization or community, please contact Robert McGeorge, SCORE/Prison Build Program Coordinator, at 517-373-7074 or [mcgeorger1@michigan.gov](mailto:mcgeorger1@michigan.gov).



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## FIELD OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Russ Marlan is now officially the Deputy Director for the Field Operations Administration, after serving in that role on an interim basis since October.

Prior to his interim role, Deputy Director Marlan was appointed as FOA Nine-Region Operations Administrator in July. He also served as executive bureau administrator since 2010 and worked as the department's public information officer for more than a decade.

Deputy Director Marlan began his career with the department more than 22 years ago as a parole agent in Detroit.

Please join us in congratulating Russ Marlan on his promotion.



## PAROLE BOARD MEMBER



Sandra Wilson will replace Charles "Charlie" Brown on the Michigan Parole Board, effective Jan. 18, 2015. She will fulfill the remainder of Brown's term which expires April 15, 2017.

She has worked for the department since 1994, beginning as probation agent. She worked her way up to supervisor of the Eastern District Probation Office and then the Chrysler District Probation Office. Sandra Wilson has since worked in a variety of supervisory positions in the department, most recently as supervisor of the Oakland County Court Unit, a role she has served in since November 2013.

She is a graduate of Wayne State University, with a major in criminal justice.

Brown had served on the parole board since 2009, and his retirement caps a 45-year career as a criminal justice professional, which included time with the Michigan State Police, the Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office and as the Saginaw County Sheriff.



## HARVEST GATHERING CAMPAIGN 2014

The Harvest Gathering campaign was a huge success. Central Office managed to raise \$1,896.25 in monetary donations. That will provide 9,480 meals.

Although totals were not received from all the facilities and Field Operations Administration offices, the total from those that did report is \$9,223.96. Add to that the amount Central Office raised and we have \$11,120.21. That will provide 55,600 meals! The Michigan Department of Corrections also donated over 4,376.43 pounds of food and toiletry items.

As part of the Harvest Gathering fund-raising at Central Office, a silent auction was held. Of the many items donated, one was a License Plate Bird House made of 100% recycled materials manufactured at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility through the Michigan State Industries program. The exterior of the house is encased with a variety of recycled plates, and wooden pallets make up the roof shingles and simulated chimney. The bird-house was bought by a high bid of \$60.

This new product was recently introduced and joins the specialty plate family including School fund-raising booster plates, clocks and coasters. Visit the MSI website at [www.michigan.gov/msi](http://www.michigan.gov/msi) for more information.



## GUS HARRISON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY HARVEST GATHERING

Gus Harrison Correctional Facility staff hosted a "Tailgate Party" for the Michigan vs Michigan State football game where the employee club purchased items for a raffle and staff was able to purchase tickets or bring in canned goods or toiletry items for tickets to win. The raffle items were three very large pumpkins grown by prisoners at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility. The staff also had a



cookout consisting of hot dogs, brats, burgers and chili. The monetary donations were used to purchase canned goods and toiletry items at Aldi Market and The Dollar Tree. A total of 2,019 pounds of food and personal items were donated to the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, a Ministry of the Lenawee County Mission.

*Pictured: Fishes and Loaves staff, RUM Brian Evers, Psychologist Christine Wurm, and Clinical Social Worker Mariam Deland.*



## PUGSLEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY GRADUATION CEREMONY

Pugsley Correctional Facility held their 2014 graduation ceremony on November 20, to recognize the academic and vocational achievements of its most recent prisoner graduates. The ceremony was held in the Taggart Chapel and included Warden Shirlee Harry, facility prisoner education staff and guest speaker Christina Luckey-Nelson, Coordinator of Adult Education for Northwest Michigan.

Warden Shirlee Harry welcomed staff and graduates with opening remarks encouraging prisoners to continue to work hard toward reaching their goals. Ms. Nelson used her time at the podium to review well-known American success stories throughout history that had not been without setbacks in addition to stressing the value of perseverance in achieving individual goals.

Pugsley Correctional Facility had over 110 graduates in the 2013-2014 school years between the Building Trades, Business Education Technology, and GED Programs.



## LAKELAND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY HARVEST GATHERING



The Lakeland Correctional Facility staff recently participated in the annual Harvest Gathering event. Lakeland Facility employees held a tailgate party to raise funds and collect canned goods for those in need by placing boxes throughout the facility. Three hundred pounds of non-perishables and over \$300 was raised for the Branch County Food Pantry.

*Pictured: Pat Straw, Branch County Food Pantry and Corrections Officer Jim Knaack, President of the LCF Employee Club*

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## MAKING STRIDES Against Breast Cancer®



On October 11, over 40 Parole/Probation Agents, Field Service assistants, and clerical staff from Metro Lawton Parole Office along with family and friends participated in the Annual 5k Making Strides to End Breast Cancer Walk at Ford Field in Detroit raising over \$1,500.

The Sole Steppers committee consisted of Agent Melissa Washington, Willie Johnson, Supervisor Gary Salwin and Deena Robarge. Supervisor Brock Dietrich raised over \$750 alone.

Prior to the walk, the Sole Steppers attended a kickoff luncheon at Metro Lawton Parole Office where raffles took place for a variety of gifts. In addition, the team also took time to remember loved ones and survivors as well.

The Metro Lawton staff wanted to participate in this great event so women over the age of 40 will make sure they take preventive measures by getting annual mammograms. Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer affecting women in the United States, excluding cancers of the skin. If the current rate stays the same, women born today have about a 1 in 8 chance of developing breast cancer at some point during their lives.

Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990, due to screening and early detection, increased awareness, and continually improving treatment options. Please visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) for more walks in your area.



## WOODLAND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY STAFF PARTICIPATE IN ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Each year since Woodland Center Correctional Facility opened in 2009, staff has partnered with the local Department of Human Services for the annual Adopt-a-Family program. The employees at Woodland Correctional held fund-raisers to purchase items for the two families that were adopted this year and all of the employees generously donated to ensure that the two local families will have a happy holiday season.

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## TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

In October 2014, the Michigan Department of Corrections started a Toastmasters in Central Office. Toastmasters is an international organization that helps members develop and improve their speaking and leadership skills.

A Toastmaster meeting is a learn-by-doing atmosphere where participants work on their speaking and leadership skills in a no pressure setting. Members evaluate one another as they speak and provide feedback, both positive and constructive in areas in which to improve, to help each individual grow.

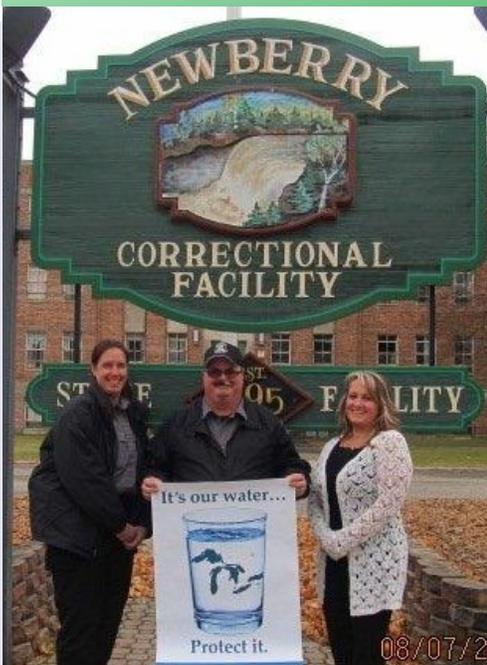
The MDOC club is made up of staff from the Field Operations Administration, the Correctional Facilities Administration, the Bureau of Health Care Services, the EPIC Administration, Reentry Services and the Budget and Operations Administration.

Not only is this a chance for the Toastmasters to hone their skills, it is an opportunity for staff to work with individuals from other administrations and to help develop relationships.

The MDOC club is led by Ingham Parole Supervisor Greg Straub, who is serving as the President. Interstate Supervisor Joseph Beaman and EPIC Administrator Mike Green are Co-Vice Presidents of Education. Julie Goldman, Marti Kay Sherry, Lisa Schaible, Daryn Cobb and Don Matson are also serving in leadership roles.



## GREAT LAKES ADOPT-A-BEACH



Each year, the Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach program holds a national beach cleanup event. Staff from Newberry Correctional Facility participated in the beach cleanup at Hog Island State Forest Campground and Muskallonge Lake State Park. The Adopt-a-Beach teams clear litter, monitor shorelines and complete a beach health assessment that includes science-based observations and testing.

To learn more about the Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach program, visit <http://www.greatlakes.org/ADOPTABEACH>.

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## CITIZENSHIP AWARDS AT MACOMB CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Officers Shawn McIntyre and Michael Gadzinski received Citizenship Awards for their heroic actions on May 24, 2014. Both officers came upon an accident involving a motorcycle and a minivan, arriving within seconds of the collision. The driver of the minivan was injured and trapped in her vehicle so Michael pried the door open and Shawn began providing emergency first aid to the woman. Michael then began directing traffic while Shawn continued first aid until emergency medical staff arrived and transported the woman from the accident scene. Michael continued to direct traffic until relieved by local fire and law enforcement staff.



*Pictured Left to Right: Director Dan Heyns, Warden Ken Romanowski, Officer Shawn McIntyre, Officer Michael Gadzinski, and Deputy Warden Darrell Steward*

## PARTNERSHIP WITH DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY AND STATE OF MICHIGAN AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BRIAN CALLEY

I am pleased to announce a partnership between Davenport University and the State of Michigan to allow employees to pursue an Associates, Bachelor's or Master's Degree at a significantly reduced tuition rate. The program is an expansion of the partnership the Department of Treasury initially developed with Davenport University in 2013 and is in response to State of Michigan employees who communicated a desire for more opportunities for continued learning and career development.

The results of the statewide employee survey have indicated that only about half of our employees report that they could achieve their career goals by working for the State. It is our hope that this program will help eliminate or reduce some of the obstacles, such as cost and convenience that may prevent employees from pursuing higher education opportunities that will assist them in achieving their career goals. Additionally, this opportunity allows state employees to continue to engage in their pursuit of lifelong learning.

You will find a Frequently Asked Questions document that provides greater information on the program, including eligibility, costs, degree programs offered, and registration information via the following link: <http://www.davenport.edu/admissions/prospective-students/state-michigan-degree-employees>. Also, please note that dependents will receive a 25% discount. The winter semester begins January 5, 2015.

The program is after business hours and students are responsible for all costs and fees associated with the program. This means that the State of Michigan will not be funding employee participation in the partnership.

Regards,

Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley

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**CORRECTIONS OFFICER GRADUATING CLASSES**



*Lake Superior  
State University*

*Muskegon  
Community  
College*



*Jackson  
Community  
College*

*Bay  
Community  
College*





## OCTOBER 2014 RETIREMENTS

Adams, Robert.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Allen, Kenneth .....	Detroit Reentry Center
Almli, Amy.....	Baraga Correctional Facility
Austin, Alvin.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Baynton, Christopher.....	Alger Correctional Facility
Bennett, Edna.....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Bouknight, Phillip.....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Butler, David.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Chaney, Gary.....	Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Clark, Leonard.....	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Cress, Carl.....	Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Crews, Jacqueline.....	West Shoreline Correctional Facility
Davis, Jeffrey.....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Decker, Roxann.....	Michigan Reformatory
Donahue, Lawrence.....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Eboh, Silas.....	Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Fitzmaurice, Richard.....	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Grady, Tammy.....	Pugsley Correctional Facility
Haney, Gary.....	Marquette Branch Prison
Hansen, Gordon.....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Harker, Trudy.....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Horvath, Carl.....	Parnall Correctional Facility
Howell, Tonya.....	Detroit Reentry Center
Kennedy, Kathleen.....	St. Clair County Parole/Probation
Kipp, Timothy.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Lacoursiere, Stephen.....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Lake, Jane.....	Baraga Correctional Facility
Landers, Timothy.....	Baraga Correctional Facility
Leland, Douglas.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Lindemuth, Tammy.....	Alger Correctional Facility



## October Retirements cont'd.

Love, Edward.....	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Marshall, Renard .....	Grandview Plaza
McQuillan, Patrick.....	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Mills, Rodney .....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Minton, Roger .....	Kinross Correctional Facility
Mitchell, Rose .....	Detroit Reentry Center
Navarre, Bryan .....	Carson City Correctional Facility
Oexler, Jeffrey .....	Michigan Reformatory
Ostrander, Robert.....	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Perilloux, Michael .....	Oakland County Parole/Probation
Peterson, Scott .....	Lake County Parole/Probation
Piippo, Terry .....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Powers, Theodore .....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Rice, Danny .....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Rodenbo, Cheryl.....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Rowley, Kim.....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Schultz, Jason .....	Baraga Correctional Facility
Selbig, Ann .....	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Sherlund, Martin .....	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Sinclair, Charles .....	Grandview Plaza
Snook, Curtis .....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Sprague, Timothy .....	St. Louis Correctional Facility
Stine, Daniel .....	Ionia Correctional Facility
Templeton, Allan.....	Saginaw Correctional Facility
Vertanen, William .....	Baraga Correctional Facility
Winch, Duane .....	Lakeland Correctional Facility
Wright, Robert .....	Richard Handlon Correctional Facility
Wright, Ronald.....	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Zischke, Brian.....	Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center