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That's a WRAP

Wayne County Residential Alternative to Prison provides probation violators with an opportunity to make a change

Innovative, distinctive, unique, and extraordinary are words that are not usually used by offenders when describing a sanction for probation violations.

That notion is rapidly changing.

A new program called the Wayne County Residential Alternative to Prison program, or WRAP, has generated excitement because it is the first of its kind to offer probation violators that would have been prison-bound another opportunity to make a change in their lives and

learn marketable skills.

The WRAP pilot program provides vocational and cognitive behavior programming in a secure, highly-structured setting at the Detroit Reentry Center.

Offenders participating in the WRAP program have an opportunity to earn nationally-recognized career and technical certifications, in the areas of hospitality management and food technology, as well as hi-lo driving, while completing two cognitive-behavioral curriculums designed to change criminal thinking and attitudes.

All probationers in the program have or are currently receiving hi-lo driving certifications. Given the employment opportunities in southern Michigan, this is a useful skill to possess in a workforce that has a history of welcoming prior offenders in this area of employment. The participants have also been involved in hospitality management where their training focuses on the hotel and lodging industry.

Through the skills, tasks and results training and ServSafe classes, they *Continued on [Page 4](#)*



Probationer Joshua Totty practices using the hi-lo machine.

are gaining experience on food and beverage attendant responsibilities, house cleaning and general management of a hotel.

Through assigned reading and practical exercises, the participants are tasked with creating their own hotel and convey what they have learned in a group setting by discussing what each position entails within the hotel they have established.

There are currently 41

probationers in the program and they are all making great strides toward positively changing their lives and learning how to be productive members of society. The participants are currently enrolled in Moral Reconciliation Therapy, which is a systematic cognitive-behavioral, step-by-step treatment strategy

designed to enhance self-image, promote growth of a positive, productive identity, and facilitate development of higher stages of moral reasoning.

The program teaches core values such as honesty, trust, acceptance, helping others, self-evaluation,

commitment and maintenance of positive change. The participants are also responsible for keeping journals while in the Courage to Change program. Through use of this interactive journaling system, participants address

their individual problem areas by personalizing the information presented in the journals to their own circumstances.

This helps them develop a roadmap to success in their efforts to change.

Finally, the Prison Deterrent Program, also referred to as the lifer program, is designed to deter

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probationers from reoffending and empower them with tools and resources that will assist them in successfully completing probation and living productive lives.

Prisoners that are sentenced to terms of lifetime incarceration are the leaders in this program and they provide mentorship to the WRAP participants.

The program looks to bridge the gap between probationers and parolees, probation and parole agents, and law enforcement.

In addition, it works with community-based organizations to help probationers obtain education, skills training, job placement, clothing, housing, counseling, health services, transportation, residential treatment, and licensing and identification.

Tutoring is also provided through the program for each probationer that needs additional assistance while in the WRAP program. Probationer Joshua Totty offered his take on how the program is changing the participants' mindsets and ultimately their lives.

Totty was sentenced to the WRAP program in March after violating his probation term with new criminal activity and began his module training just days later. Totty expressed that WRAP is a great program, encouraging a positive change as well as building skills for success.

“(Moral Reconciliation Therapy) helps you realize that the way we are living isn’t the way you should be living and helps you recognize your negative behavior,” he said. The WRAP program successfully combines practical life skills enhancement along with creating useful job skills for the participants.

“These courses combined make the WRAP program a unique,

but effective program to help probation violators make a change for the better,” Totty said.

Totty added that while at the program participants are able to sit down with inmates who have been incarcerated for many years.

While meeting with the inmates, they discuss keys to decision making, anger management, goal setting, conflict resolution, and responsible thinking. The WRAP participants and inmates are both benefiting from this interaction and they are able to reflect on the occurrences and poor decisions they have made in their past.

The WRAP program has been in existence for approximately four months and by all accounts has been very successful since its implementation. There have been major differences noted in the participants of the program and there is a level of excitement that has not been experienced previously by probationers that could have possibly been sent



to prison. Instead of prison, they now have hope. They are hopeful that tomorrow is not a prison sentence that could be a “wrap” for their freedom and possible future, instead they can see WRAP as a positive endeavor and opportunity for change. It’s a change that others can already see.

Story by Program Manager Kaunda Gray, Supervisor Ursula Williams and Agent Verlynda Winston

Agent takes mental health to court

In March 2015, the Ingham County Probation Office launched its mental health court. In a year’s time, the program has grown to 24 participants that are closely monitored by an MDOC agent, a 30th Circuit Court case manager, community mental health staff, and the presiding judge, the Honorable James Jamo. On June 7, 2016, the Ingham County Mental Health Court had its first two successful graduates. Ingham County Agent Phyllis Lewis has been supervising the mental health caseload since its inception and has been instrumental in the program’s success.

Lewis said she volunteered to supervise the caseload

due to her own experiences with mentally-challenged individuals that have been close to her, as well as her educational background, which was focused on psychology and mental health disorders.

Lewis said putting her educational background to use in her job as a probation agent has been exciting and challenging.

She said working with a multidisciplinary team in order to promote probationer success has been difficult at times but extremely important especially when discussing violation behavior and a probationer’s individual needs. Overall, Lewis has found the mental health caseload assignment very

rewarding and she has enjoyed witnessing the positive outcomes.

On July 8, Agent Lewis was presented with a Good Government Teamwork coin in recognition of all her hard work as the mental health court agent. Additionally, Agent Lewis received her 30-year pin for continued service with the MDOC.



Above: Mental health court graduates Sarah Wood and Anitra Smith-Harris with Judge Jamo and Supreme Court Justice David Viviano. Left: Phyllis Lewis and Deputy Director Russ Marlan.

Story by Ingham County Probation Supervisor Jacqueline Straub

“Backing the Blue”

Parole Board executive secretary helps organize event to support law enforcement personnel

Last year, Parole Board Executive Secretary Jennifer Keller and a group of acquaintances were looking for a way to show their gratitude to law enforcement officers.



Keller (second from right) with the “Blue Crew,” who organized last year’s event.

They discussed distributing baskets of cookies or hosting a barbeque for officers. But what began as a conversation about a small gesture of thanks to law enforcement, morphed into the organization of a large-scale “Backing the Blue” event on the Capitol lawn that brought together both officers and area residents. “I thought, let’s go big,” Keller said of the 2015 event that included guest speakers, a balloon release for fallen officers and activities for children. “It grew really fast.” The event was so successful, that Keller and a group that calls itself the “Blue Crew,” plan to host another “Backing the Blue” event from noon to 4 p.m. on Sept. 18 on the Capitol lawn. “There’s so much negativity out there ... we just wanted to do something to show our gratitude,” Keller said. “We wanted to show we care. It’s been nice to be able to give back.” The event will feature a barbeque lunch, a thank you station where attendees can write notes of gratitude to officers, a balloon release for fallen law enforcement

personnel and several guest speakers. The Michigan Department of Corrections Honor Guard will also attend this year’s event.

Proceeds from a raffle, silent auction and the sale of “Backing the Blue” T-shirts will go to the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the Thin Blue Line of Michigan, which helps support the families of fallen or injured members of the law enforcement community, including corrections officers.

Keller said last year’s release of 116 balloons for law enforcement and K-9 officers killed in the line of duty, as well as one red balloon for fallen Lansing Firefighter Dennis Rodeman, was the most emotional part of the day for many attendees.

“It has a really big impact,” Keller said. “You hear about these officers being killed, but you never really realize how many there are. You look up and there are all these balloons.” Keller said volunteers are needed to help the day run smoothly and donations are being accepted for the silent auction.

For more information about the event, visit www.backingthebluemichigan.org or contact Keller at KellerJ1@michigan.gov to volunteer or donate.



Balloons released for fallen law enforcement officers during the 2015 event float above the Capitol building.

Daughter of Ojibway Lt. earns Susan M. Hunter scholarship award

Destinee Rosemurgy, a 2016 graduate of A.D. Johnson High School in Bessemer, Mich. was one of 50 students nationwide to be awarded the Susan M. Hunter Scholarship through the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) organization. She is the daughter of Lieutenant Chris Rosemurgy of the Ojibway Correctional Facility. The scholarship is named in honor of Susan Hunter, a former Chief of the Prisons Division at the National Institute of Corrections who passed away in 2004.

Destinee Rosemurgy was required to submit an essay describing her career goals, noting what receiving the scholarship would mean for the completion of her undergraduate education.

Scholarship applicants are required to have a minimum 3.3 grade point average, provide two letters of recommendation and be a child of a current, retired or deceased employee who is or was a full-time employee of a corrections agency that is a member of the ASCA. Destinee will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, majoring in Clinical Laboratory Science with a concentration in Anatomic Pathology.

Submitted by Micki Sorensen, administrative assistant at Ojibway Correctional Facility



Lt. Chris Rosemurgy, Destinee Rosemurgy and Ojibway Warden Kathy Olson.

Pugsley Correctional Facility update

Staff and administrators at Pugsley Correctional Facility are continuing to take steps to prepare for the facility's closure this September.

So far, 24 employees have been transferred to other institutions and 18 more are transferring out by the end of the month.

The Michigan Works! mobile center has been on site at the facility providing information to staff. Employees continue to clean, consolidate and inventory items and equipment.

Inmates at Pugsley are also being gradually transferred out to other facilities.

There are two housing units left

open, including one with a reduced population.

On the day of the closure announcement on May 31, the prisoner count stood at 1,321, and was 833 in July.

It now stands at 539.

Prisoners are expected to transfer out at a rate of 300-400 prisoners per month until closure.

Throughout the summer, we will provide regular updates about the closure through the Corrections Connection newsletter. For employees that will be affected by the closure, you can continue to send any questions you may have to mdoc-questions@michigan.gov.

Training Academy graduates 61 new corrections officers

The Michigan Department of Corrections' newest crew of officers graduated July 29 as members of the Barry Wickman Officer Recruit

- Corrections Officer Phillip Morgan — Academic Achievement Award

Officer Kimberle Stevenson was also honored with the department's Lifesaving Award during the graduation ceremony.

Stevenson was driving along Waverly Road in Lansing in June while attending the academy and noticed a person lying unconscious at the roadside. She immediately pulled over to help and began performing CPR when she could not locate a pulse. Stevenson was able to revive the individual and stayed with them until emergency medical services arrived.



Training Class.

The 61 graduates were sworn in following eight weeks of instruction at the academy and will now transition to eight weeks of on-the-job training. New officers were also honored for academic excellence and personal conduct.

Award recipients included:

- Corrections Officer Bret Welch — Josephine B. MacCallum Award
- Corrections Officer John Russell — Jack L. Budd Award



Pictured from left to right: Officer Kimberle Stevenson, Officer John Russell, Officer Bret Welch, Director Heidi Washington and Officer Phillip Morgan.

Sign up now for Relentless Positive Traction 5K

There is still time to sign up for the Relentless Positive Traction State Employee 5K run and walk in Lansing. Corrections employees can join the "[MDOC is #1](#)" team to participate with their colleagues across the department.

The 5K run and walk begins at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the state Capitol.

Registration closes at 5 p.m. Aug. 31.

For more information about the event, visit

runsignup.com/relentlesspositivetraction



Remembering Agent Brett Eardley

Kent County Probation



Agent Brett Eardley passed away at his home in July. He was a graduate of

Michigan State University and a Spartan fan.

He is survived by his wife, two children, brother, sister and parents.

Funeral services were held July 26 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Ada.

Agents and parolees renovate Detroit neighborhood during Life Remodeled event

Wayne County probation and parole offices helped restore a Detroit neighborhood over three days in August as part of Life Remodeled, a nonprofit that aims to



revitalize pockets of the city. The 17 MDOC staff and 63 offenders who participated worked to clean vacant and overgrown lots in Detroit's Denby neighborhood.

"The heat was challenging, the work was rewarding, and we had an awesome time," said Carol Davenport, a prisoner reentry lead agent who has been coordinating community service work in Detroit. "It was a tremendous effort made by everyone."

The 2016 Life Remodeled project tackled blight in 303 city blocks with the help of more than 10,000 volunteers. [Click here](#) for a video about MDOC involvement in the project.



Column: Staff giving makes a difference in the lives of domestic violence victims

Every now and then someone asks the question: "Do you really think that we are making a difference?" Most people think about a huge impact or a grand gesture. But, sometimes it is just about taking the time to help someone in need or to provide the belief that change is possible. The Program Development Unit has been conducting the Building Responsible Individual Dynamics Gaining Essential Safety (BRIDGES) Batterer Intervention Program training for staff for more than four years now. The training is intense, but it changes how people

view domestic violence and those affected by it. The staff that have attended the training have not only been actively facilitating the program inside institutions with our male offenders, but they have also taken their knowledge outside the classroom and have become involved in their communities. Several employees now volunteer at their local women's and children's shelters, have become advocates in their communities and judicial system, volunteer their time to staff the domestic violence hotline, and have helped organize charity events for nonprofit organizations that provide services for men, women and children.

For the last two years, the staff attending the five-day training have put a new twist on "Casual Friday." They are given the option to pay \$1 to wear jeans or they can bring in an item to donate to a women's and

children's shelter. The response and generosity of staff has been overwhelming.

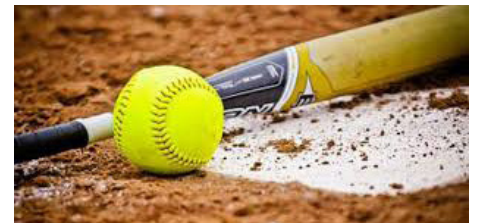
They have donated case after case of items including hygiene items, children's clothing, school supplies, books, games, formula, diapers, and more. They have contributed so much that we have been able to serve several shelters including those in the Marquette, Calumet, Midland, Lansing, Adrian, Mount Pleasant, and Jackson areas. While we see a table of everyday items, for those immersed in the cycle of violence it represents faith, hope, love, and safety. So to answer the question above: "Do you really think that we are making a difference?" Yes! We absolutely make a difference! Thank you to the MDOC staff for all of your efforts and generosity.

By Chris Cryslar, Reentry Division Program Development administrator



Softball fundraiser to benefit families of fallen Berrien County bailiffs

A softball tournament to benefit the families of the bailiffs killed in Berrien County will be held on Aug. 27 at the Harbor Springs Baseball Complex. The fee to join is \$50 per team and \$20 per player. A barbeque lunch will be provided and an additional donation toward the meal of at least \$5 is recommended. All proceeds will go to the families of the fallen bailiffs. The tournament will be held in round-robin style and is currently expected to start at 10 a.m. Organizers are looking for about four more teams to sign up. For more information, or to sign up, contact Emmet County Agent Jake Kanine at (231) 348-0674 or kaninej@michigan.gov.



It's a Retirement Cookout in honor of
ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR
BRUCE L. CURTIS 42 YEARS WITH
THE MDOC

TUESDAY – AUGUST 23, 2016

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

3955 COOPER STREET,

JACKSON, MI 49201



Please bring a dish to pass OR contribute \$5 in advance **(by August 18)** in lieu of a passing dish. Hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill will be the main dish. Please RSVP your attendance to either Robin Bennett (BennettR1@michigan.gov) or Kim Walbrook (Walbrookk@michigan.gov) so we can estimate how many hot dogs/hamburgers are needed.

If you are bringing a passing dish, please also let Robin or Kim know what dish you plan on bringing.

We are collecting for a gift as well if you would like to contribute.



Emergency Response Team hosts training



In June, the MDOC's Emergency Response Team participated in a training at Fort Custer near Battle Creek.

Emergency Response Team members from across the state participated in the training. Team members receive 64 hours of annual in-service training





Potluck



For Former State Prison of Southern Michigan Employees (Central, North and South Complexes)

- Date:** **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**
- Time:** **11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
- Location:** **7 Block Prison Museum**, 3455 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49201 (Parking available in Dirt Lot – Follow 7 Block Prison Museum Signs)
- Invited:** Currently working or retired former SPSM Central, North or South Complex Employees
- Cost:** No charge. Gift shop will be open.
- Bring:** Passing Dish, Pictures and Stories to Share

Please sign up to bring a passing dish by contacting either Kim Walbrook at walbrookk@michigan.gov, Barb Gwizdala-Patterson at tylishamarie@att.net or Jennifer Breslin at breslinj@michigan.gov OR members of Facebook Site - **Anyone that works, has worked in Michigan Prisons** may do so on that site. *When signing up for your passing dish; if possible, please sign up for a dish that starts with your last name.* We thought this would make it a little more creative and fun.

DHHS and Children’s Trust Fund staff visit license plate factory

Employees with the Children’s Trust Fund and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services got a first-hand look at how specialty license plates are made during a guided tour of the license plate operations at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility.

A Children’s Trust Fund plate was added to the line of specialty plates offered by the Michigan Secretary of State and promoted in April for Child Abuse Prevention month.

The Children’s Trust Fund supports more than 73 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils in addition to 20 community nonprofits.

To order a Children’s Trust Fund specialty plate, [click here](#).

Story by Tujauna White, marketing specialist for Michigan State Industries



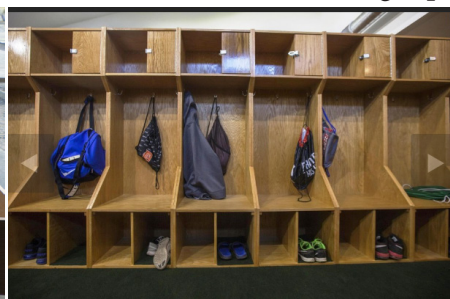
Saginaw Correctional Facility builds new lockers for Freeland High School

Freeland High School is enjoying a set of new oak lockers in their boys and girls locker rooms, and for the football team thanks to the Prison Build Program at Saginaw Correctional Facility.

Freeland partnered with the facility and private community donors to fund and help build the lockers.

Ten prisoners in the program spent three months constructing 219 new lockers for the high school.

The project allowed the program to showcase the skill sets and high quality of work performed by prisoners involved.



Prisoners in the program took great pride in their work creating the new lockers.

[Click here](#) to read a news story highlighting the facility’s involvement in the project.

The Extra Mile

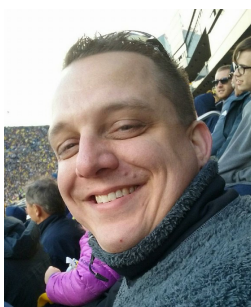
MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



Warden Robert Napel, Budget Operations Administration Deputy Director Jeri-Ann Sherry, Capt. Al Makela, Sgt. Chet Baldini and Director Heidi Washington.

In October, staff at Marquette Branch Prison found a prisoner had tied a bedsheet around his neck and was attempting to commit suicide. Capt. Alan Makela immediately responded and lifted the prisoner up to relieve tension on his neck while other employees retrieved a knife to cut him down. Makela lowered the prisoner to the floor and Sgt. Chet Baldini began performing chest compressions to restore the prisoner's breathing. Staff were able to revive the prisoner, who was transported to the hospital for treatment where he recovered. Makela and Baldini's quick actions to help the prisoner earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.

In the early morning hours of Aug. 20, 2015, a prisoner at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility alerted Corrections Officer Paul Lamse and other corrections staff that his cellmate was attempting suicide. Staff immediately responded and cut the prisoner down, lowering him to the floor. Officers, including Lamse, began performing CPR, while a defibrillator was applied to help revive the prisoner. The prisoner's breathing was restored and he was transported to the hospital. Lamse's decisive response in aiding the prisoner earned him the department's Lifesaving Award.



In September 2015, Jeremy Smith, a corrections officer at Ionia Correctional Facility, responded to a call for assistance regarding an unresponsive prisoner. Officers had been alerted to an inmate in distress and were performing chest compressions on the prisoner when Smith arrived with a defibrillator. Smith administered shocks with the defibrillator, then helped roll the prisoner to his side once he was revived to help keep his airway clear. The actions earned Smith the department's Lifesaving Award. Smith passed away in March.

Corrections Officer Daniel Lindlbauer was working at Baraga Correctional Facility in October, when he found a prisoner had attempted to hang himself in his cell. Lindlbauer immediately ran to retrieve a knife to cut the prisoner down and called for assistance from all available staff. Once the prisoner had been lowered to the ground, Lindlbauer began performing CPR until paramedics arrived and took over the prisoner's care. Lindlbauer's swift response to help the prisoner earned him the department's Meritorious Service Award. Lindlbauer retired from the department in May.

“You did a great job, he is proof of that.”



The Michigan State Industries factory at Gus Harrison Correctional facility made this picture frame for Linda.

Has your office or facility received recognition for its work? Share your letters of thanks with us by sending them to Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov.

To Apollo's Puppy Raisers,

I am so sorry I have not written to you sooner, the time has been going so fast. Everyday is an adventure with a new dog, and it is so wonderful getting to know Apollo.

I think it was love right away for both of us. He came into the room and put his paws on my shoulders and started kissing me and I knew he had so much love. I know that you must have loved him a lot because he is such a loving dog.

My last dog, Disney, died just a year ago on June 30, 2015, and it was so very hard. We had been together for ten years. When I lost him I lost a lot of confidence in myself. When you are with a dog for that long you learn to trust him and you wonder if you could ever trust another dog. I knew I could love another dog, that was not the problem at all. I knew it would take time, but it was so fast with Apollo.

As part of my training at Leader Dogs I participated in a program called Urban Training. My third week of training was spent in downtown Chicago. I am from a small town but I do travel a lot so I thought this would be a good training situation for me. While in Chicago Apollo and I went on the L trains. This was a new experience for both of us. We were on the platform about three flights up when the trainer said I was facing the edge and for me to tell Apollo forward. I hesitated because I knew how high we were, but I knew I had to trust Apollo. We walked to about a foot away from the edge and Apollo stopped put his body in front of me and gently turned me around and brought me away from the edge. It was amazing. I knew after that I could trust him with my life and I actually was so happy I cried.

It is so amazing that a dog can be trained to make our lives so safe and independent. Apollo is everything I dreamed of and more. We have been traveling already. We have been to two Lions Conventions the first was in WE, Apollo took his first plane ride and was at four elementary schools and the convention center and he was perfect. I demonstrated what he could do by finding my chair and the door, and the children clapped and Apollo smiled at them. He was so proud of himself, as he should have been.

At the second convention, which was my district, he was inducted as a Lions member. He was the first Leader Dog in our district to be a real Lion. He even has his own Lions pin.

He is such a wonderful dog, as you already know. Thank you so much for raising him so that I could have him as my guide. You did a great job, he is proof of that. I look forward to many years with him and many trips for Leader Dogs. I want to show him off. The gift you gave me was so very special thank you for being so kind. Apollo's chew toy is about half the size it used to be. He chews it all the time. He has a toy box full of toys, my church family has seen to that, but he always takes that chew toy out first. In fact one day I was looking for my cell phone and could not find it, so I called the number to hear the ring. I followed the sound and found my cell phone in Apollo's toy box. While looking for my phone I found a missing sock, a comb, and a pot holder. So now I check his box once in a while to find what I have missing.

Thank you again for loving Apollo and making him the dog that he is. I love him so much, we even have cuddle times when we sit together and just cuddle. Of course you have already heard that he has worked his way into my bed. But I feel so safe and secure with him cuddled up with me. I will miss him terribly the week he will spend away from me, but I feel confident that he will be loved and taken care of and that was my number one concern. I will count the days when we will be together again.

Corrections Quiz

What former major league baseball player launched his career while incarcerated at the State Prison of Southern Michigan?

Send your answer to Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov. The first person to answer correctly will receive a congratulatory shout out on MDOC social media, and the answer and winner will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

July Quiz Recap

Question: In 1953, the administration comparable to Field Operations Administration was called the Michigan's division of _____, parole and probation. Fill in the blank.

Answer: Pardon

Congratulations to **Jennifer Kaminski**, Ingham County Parole Office secretary, and **Mike Walczak**, administrative assistant at Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, for being the first to correctly answer the July Corrections Quiz. Great job!

Snapshots

A look at life around the MDOC



Michigan Reformatory staff congratulated Corrections Officer Wayne Sipperley on his retirement after he spent 27 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Pictured left to right: Capt. Michael May, Officer Sipperley, Deputy Warden Scott Schooley, Lt. Rawle Henry and Lt. Ryan Bowne.



A bountiful growing season has brought plenty of fresh food to hungry families near Kinross and Pugsley correctional facilities.

More than 800 pounds of vegetables from Kinross gardens (pictured left) were donated to a community food bank on July 25.

On July 29, more than 2,000 pounds of produce, including zucchini, radishes, turnips, onions, beans and collard greens, were loaded up from Pugsley (pictured right) and donated to the Food Rescue of Northwest Michigan. Corrections Officer Eric Bielas, who is transferring to Oaks Correctional Facility, oversaw the effort and has assisted with the donation of more than 30,000 pounds of produce in the last few years.



An offender that Macomb Probation Agent Tawana Powell supervised more than 12 years ago returned to thank her for her dedication and hard work regarding his sobriety. He gave her his sobriety token which has his clean date of 3/18/2004. He thanked her and attributed his sobriety to her role in his life as a probation agent. He said he often speaks of how she helped him get clean and stay clean at his Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

Corrections in the News

[Michigan colleges leaders in offering Pell Grants to prisoners](#) — Crain's Detroit Business

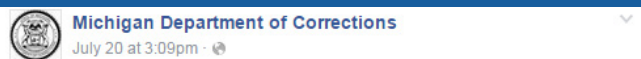
[Guitarist in Alice Cooper band rocks out with inmates](#) — MLive

[Vocational Village skilled trades training to be offered at second state prison](#) — Crain's Detroit Business

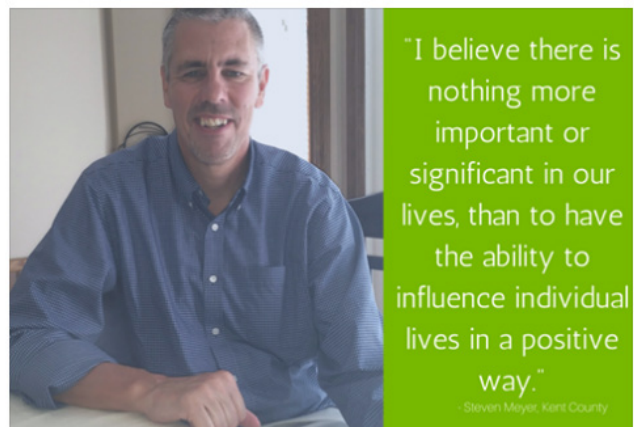
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Spread the word about some of the great things happening at the MDOC and share these stories with friends, family and coworkers.

Seen on Facebook...



Our supervision staff play a key role in improving the lives of offenders. Probation agent Steven Meyer seems to agree.



To see more, like the MDOC on [Facebook](#)

Committed to Protect, Dedicated to Success

June New Hires

Belevender, Kelly	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Black, Devin	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Bollinger, Chris	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Bolt, Darren	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Bowen, Loyd	Corrections Officer, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Bower, Adam	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Bumstead, Dorothy	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Caldwell, Jasmine	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Carruth, Justin	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Casey, Jason	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Chambers, Jackie	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Clisch, Jim	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Cobb, Tomas	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Cole, Eric	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Cook, Steven	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Coppage-Risner, Christopher	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Currie, Ieeia	Clinical Social Worker, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Dusci, Eric	Probation Agent, Pontiac Probation Office
Eavey, Cody	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Edison, Robert	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Fitzpatrick, Sean	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Froberg, Tyler	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Greene, Shaquille	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Hahn, Seth	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Hanner, David	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Harris, Antonio	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Husted, Paul	Corrections Officer, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Keely, Rebecca	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Lamaire, Joshua	Teacher Aide, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Lapham, Jason	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Lee, John	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Lintemuth, Dustin	Corrections Officer, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Manalel, Sabeena	Clinical Social Worker, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Mason, James	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
McMaster, Kayla	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Meehan, Joseph	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Mendoza, Dominick	Corrections Officer, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Monger, Anarris	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Moore, Thomas	Corrections Officer, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Morgan, Phillip	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Nelson, Oliver	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Nicolson, Samantha	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Pelmear, Rebecca	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Perry, Paul	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Pollard, Brett	Corrections Officer, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Price, Niya	Teacher Aide, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Quezada, Michelle	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Ramirez, Arthur	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Reedy, Ralph	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility

June New Hires

Rivard, Jonathan	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Robinson, Dustin	Corrections Officer, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Russell, John	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Serritos, Derek	Corrections Officer, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Stevenson, Kimberle	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Sullenberger, Robert	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Sutliff, Anthony	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Teeple, Daniel	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Tefft, Colten	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Thayer, Jason	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Tompkins, Bobby	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Trowbridge, Beth	Librarian, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Vrabel, Andrew	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Walls, Katie	Probation Agent, Washtenaw County Probation Office
Walters, Taylor	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Ward, Christopher	Corrections Officer, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Watts, Heather	Registered Nurse, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Welch, Bret	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
West, Fred	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Woolfork Jr., Gary	Probation Agent, Troy Probation Office
Yore, Mykel	Corrections Officer, Muskegon Correctional Facility

June Retirements

Abbott, Phillip	Baraga Correctional Facility
Ash, Michael	Newberry Correctional Facility
Beard, Jeff	Michigan Reformatory
Bell, Brandon	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Bertram, John	Chippewa Correctional Facility
Bisson, Timothy	Muskegon Correctional Facility
Bolan, Scott	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Brown, Cartessa	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Caldwell, Brenda	Detroit Reentry Center
Case, Cathy	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Clements, Latasha	Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Colley, Debra	Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Dake, Joseph	Kinross Correctional Facility
Danielson, George	Baraga Correctional Facility
Davis, Michael	Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Dhondt, Aloysius	Marquette Branch Prison
Dudash, Jaime	Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Eaton, James	Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Eaton, Keith	G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Egbuchulam, Goulden	Parnall Correctional Facility
Elmer, Mark	Thumb Correctional Facility
Ervin, Chad	Central Michigan Correctional Facility

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Faverman, Paul
 Foreman, Bryon
 Fritz, Donna
 Galloway, Ellen
 Geary, Ann
 Gentges, John
 Gochett, Felicia
 Gonsler, Kelley
 Graber, Gary
 Gransden, Glen
 Hardville, Timothy
 Hicks, Patricia
 Hightower, Edward
 Holsworth, Bonnie
 Horton, Rhonda
 Jones, Jaqueline
 Joseph, Libby
 Kangas, Timothy
 Karr, Howard
 Kidder, Robert
 Kikendall, Kathleen
 King, Donald
 Klunder, Tiffany
 Krisel, Dorothy
 Lalonde, Glenn
 Lamarche, Gary
 Lamb, Peter
 Larkins, Gregory
 Leazier, Stephen
 Lewis, Angela
 MacEachern, Kenneth
 Madison, David
 Malek, Mary
 Marinich, Michael
 Mills, John
 Montgomery, Porshia
 Montgomery, Shanon
 Morrow, Shermanstine
 Nunlee, Harold
 Okubanjo, Yewande
 Pavitt, Jon
 Rocker, Nina
 Ruhlman, William
 Sabin, Lawrence
 Salisbury, Brent
 Saller, Mark
 Sampson, Shama
 Sandvig, Paula
 Schmits, Jeff

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 Thumb Correctional Facility
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 Troy Probation Office
 Macomb County Probation Office
 Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Livingston County Parole and Probation Office
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Saginaw Correctional Facility
 Corrections Central Office
 Macomb Correctional Facility
 Macomb Correctional Facility
 Budget, Accounting and Projections
 Office of the Parole Board
 Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Bureau of Health Care Services
 Alger Correctional Facility
 Central Michigan Correctional Facility
 Correctional Facilities Administration
 Correctional Facilities Administration Southern Region
 Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
 Chrysler District Probation Office
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Marquette Branch Prison
 Kinross Correctional Facility
 Cooper Street Correctional Facility
 Newberry Correctional Facility
 Ionia Correctional Facility
 Internal Affairs
 Parnall Correctional Facility
 Reentry Administration
 Baraga Correctional Facility
 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Marquette Branch Prison
 Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Michigan Reformatory
 Macomb Correctional Facility
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 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
 Pugsley Correctional Facility
 Macomb County Probation Office
 Pugsley Correctional Facility
 Cooper Street Correctional Facility

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Schnick, Michael
 Seppanen, Allen
 Shaw, John
 Skrodenis, Richard
 Slater, Ronald
 Smith, Laurie
 Smith, Peter
 Smith, Shawna
 Smock, Michelle
 Snyder, Brent
 Solomon, Mitchell
 Steele, Rickie
 Stoerman, Kelice
 Strong, Denis
 Stuhler, David
 Suter, Brian
 Thelen, Gwen
 Thompson, Peter
 Tolliver, Leo
 Udell, Frederick
 Underwood, Marlo
 Upston, Brenda
 Weisgerber, David
 Wilson-Parrish, Joy
 Young, Bruce
 Zuidema, Michael

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 Pugsley Correctional Facility
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 Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
 Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
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 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Substance Abuse Services
 Baraga Correctional Facility
 Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
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 Lakeland Correctional Facility
 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
 Lakeland Correctional Facility
 Central Michigan Correctional Facility
 Newberry Correctional Facility