

Michigan Department of Corrections

Corrections Connection

Working toward the future

How one program is helping parolees find jobs 3

Also inside:

Director Heidi Washington takes the helm 4

Supervision recognition 7

Aiming for a win 10

Law Enforcement Torch Ride 11

And more...

Volume 27, Issue 10

July 2015



Marquette Branch Prison held its annual Warden’s Cup Pistol Shoot in June. Find out who took a shot at the trophy and who took it home. Page 10

In this issue:

Working toward the future	3
Taking the helm	4
CFA deputy director	5
New wardens	5
Food service	6
ERT assists in search	6
Supervision recognition	7
Staff profile	8
Cell Block 7 museum	8
EPIC	9
Pathways to Potential	9
MBP Pistol Shoot	10
Ionia Free Fair	10
Torch Ride	11
Positive Traction 5K	11
Staff awards	12
LCF donation	13
With thanks	13
Walleye update	13
Ford Go Further video	14
Corrections in the News	14
Seen on social media	14
New hires	15
Retirements	16

Corrections Quiz

What year did Marquette Branch Prison open?

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.

June Quiz Recap

Question: The MDOC supervises what percentage of the state’s population?

Answer: 1%

Congratulations to **Shannon Pike**, budget and projections administrator for the MDOC, for being the first to correctly answer the June quiz question.



Corrections Connection is a publication of the Office of Public Information and Communications. Story ideas and comments can be submitted to Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov.

Like MDOC on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

The image on the cover was taken at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore by **David Gilbert**, a corrections officer at Chippewa Correctional Facility. For the chance to have your photo featured on the cover of the newsletter, email a high-resolution version of the image and a description of where it was taken to Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov.

Working toward the future

Program helps train parolees for new careers



Parolee Louis Wilson talks with Parole Agent Rick O'Connell at Kellogg Community College's Regional Manufacturing Technology Center

Standing before classmates, instructors, and Calhoun County business representatives, Louis Wilson spoke about the merits of hard work. Less than six months earlier, he was in prison awaiting release on parole and was uncertain of his future on the other side of the fence. Now, he was days away from starting a job at DENSO Manufacturing after completing an eight-week workforce development training that focuses on preparing participants for skilled trades.

"It's overwhelming, especially where I just came from, to be in the position I am in now," said Wilson, who paroled in February and was tapped to speak during the Essential Skills Demanded by Great Employers (or EDGE) program's culminating achievement ceremony

in June. "My goal was to come out and be a productive member of society, and guess what? I'm on my way."

The program, which operates as a partnership between a number of community organizations including Battle Creek Unlimited, Goodwill Industries, Kellogg Community College and Michigan Works!, helps participants change financial behaviors, learn soft skills, such as punctuality and conflict resolution, in addition to providing them with specialized job training.

All participants have received job offers after completing the program, which is funded with the help of a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant. Job coaches work with participants for a year to help ensure their continued success once they land a position with an area company.

Continued on Page 4

Help Make Things Right

Continued from Page 3

The goal is to help struggling individuals, including parolees, find stable work that leads them out of poverty, said EDGE Program Director Teresa Osborne.

Since its start in 2013, 32 parolees have completed the program, said Jerry Mainstone, vice president of workforce development for Goodwill Industries of Central Michigan's Heartland.

At first, EDGE officials were leery of accepting Wilson into the training program. He was sentenced to prison in 2009 after shooting a man during an argument, and had a history of trouble with the law that stemmed from substance abuse issues. They decided to give him a chance after speaking with him, his parole agent and his defense attorney.

"I saw the motivation he had to give back to the community by being a productive member of society," said Parole Agent Rick O'Connell. "He saw people giving him an opportunity and he didn't want to let anyone down, including himself."

Ultimately, Wilson impressed his instructors and EDGE program leaders.

He had nearly perfect attendance, scored high on tests, regularly participated in classroom discussions, and "excelled in every portion of the program," Osborne said.

Most parolees who participate in the program have been respectful, responsive and punctual, said Casey Holbrook, career coordinator for the Regional Manufacturing Technology Center at Kellogg Community College – an EDGE partner.

She hoped the program would help break down barriers that have prevented parolees from finding work and encourage more employers to give them a chance.

That's all Wilson said he could ask for. "I just wanted a second chance," Wilson said. "I'm so grateful for the help."

Taking the Helm

Director Heidi Washington focuses on breaking the cycle of criminal behavior, building partnerships

Corrections Director Heidi Washington began leading the MDOC this month and outlined her vision for the department, which includes a focus on breaking the cycle of criminal behavior for offenders who enter the corrections system.



Director Heidi Washington

In her first weeks at the helm, Washington has already started managing the transition to a new food service vendor and has spoken about her goals for the department before a state Senate committee.

Washington plans to emphasize improving educational and employment opportunities for prisoners and offenders under supervision to help break patterns of criminal behavior and improve their chances for success in the community. She hopes to use creative methods to meet the challenge of changing offender behavior and is expanding the scope of corrections from "reentry" to "offender success." This expanded scope means intervention will begin as early as possible for offenders. For some, these focused efforts will begin during their time on probation to put those that are taking their first steps in the wrong direction

back on the right track.

Under Washington's leadership, the department will strengthen relationships with lawmakers and the law enforcement community, and will enhance efforts to engage community and state partners to connect offenders with resources that can help.

The department will also increase its use of technology to improve safety and efficiency and will explore alternative placements for sick and terminally ill prisoners. Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Washington to the role in May. Her appointment was effective July 1, and as director, she is responsible for overseeing the administration of the correctional system, in addition to managing a \$1.9 billion budget.

Washington has been with the MDOC for 17 years and has served in a number of leadership positions during her career with the department, including warden of the Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center and the Duane L. Waters Health Center and Robert Scott Correctional Facility. She has also served as administrative assistant to the department's executive bureau and director, acting assistant deputy director, overseeing the 19 prison facilities in the southern region of the state, and acting operations administrator for the Correctional Facilities Administration.

Kenneth McKee named CFA deputy director

Kenneth McKee, who served as warden of Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, is overseeing operations of the state's correctional institutions as the new deputy director for the Correctional Facilities Administration. McKee started July 6 and his responsibilities include oversight of the Bureau of Health Care Services, which



Deputy Director Kenneth McKee

moved under CFA management.

McKee is a 32-year veteran of the department, who started his career with the MDOC in 1983 as a corrections athletic director at the former Riverside Correctional Facility. He went on to serve as assistant deputy warden and deputy warden at Carson City Correctional Facility.

In 2001, McKee became warden of Michigan Reformatory and then moved to serve as warden of Bellamy Creek in 2002.

McKee is a graduate of Ionia High School and holds a degree in psychology from Central Michigan University.

He enjoys golfing, traveling to Disney World and spending time with his family.

Bellamy Creek Deputy Warden Tony Trierweiler will serve as acting warden of the facility with McKee's move to lead CFA.

New wardens named for prison facilities

Jeremy Bush, who has been with the MDOC for 15 years, has been named warden of the Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center (RGC). Bush had previously served as inspector at RGC, and also held positions



Warden Jeremy Bush

as captain and acting deputy warden at RGC, lieutenant at Parnall Correctional Facility, and sergeant at Southern Michigan Correctional Facility. He started his career with the department in 2000 as a corrections officer at the State Prison of Southern Michigan. Bush holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Baker College and is a member of the Jackson Area Career Center Law Enforcement Advisory Committee.

Jodi DeAngelo will lead Woodland Center Correctional Facility as its new warden. DeAngelo began her career with the MDOC in 1993 as a corrections officer at Scott Correctional Facility. She went on to serve as sergeant, assistant resident unit supervisor,



Warden Jodi DeAngelo

administrative assistant and assistant deputy warden. She was then appointed to serve on the Michigan Parole and Commutation Board, and also held positions as deputy warden at two separate facilities. She most recently served as deputy warden of Thumb Correctional Facility. DeAngelo is a member of the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents and holds a degree in management and organizational development from Spring Arbor University.

Sherman Campbell, a 20-year veteran of the department, has been named warden of Carson City Correctional Facility. Campbell, who previously served as deputy warden of Gus Harrison Correctional Facility, started his career with the department in 1995



Warden Sherman Campbell

as a corrections officer at the State Prison of Southern Michigan. He went on to hold positions as captain, lieutenant and sergeant at Southern Michigan Correctional Facility, inspector and captain at G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility, and acting deputy warden of Cooper Street Correctional Facility. Campbell holds a degree in criminal justice from Northern Michigan University. He served on the Regional Mobilization Critique Team from 2005-10 and was chair of the department's policy review workgroup.

Additionally, **Bryon Foreman**, who was deputy warden at Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility, will serve as acting warden of Thumb Correctional Facility.

MDOC transitions to Trinity Services Group for prisoner food service operations

The Michigan Department of Corrections will begin transitioning to a new food service provider for its prison facilities this month, under agreements reached between the state, Aramark Correctional Services and new provider— Trinity

TRINITY SERVICES
GROUP



Services Group. After evaluating the terms of Aramark's contract with the state, a mutual

agreement was made to end the relationship with Aramark and pursue work with another vendor. Aramark will continue to fulfill their food service duties during the transition to Trinity Services Group to ensure uninterrupted food service in the state's correctional facilities. The planned effective date for the completion of the transition is Sept. 9.

Current food service employees will have an opportunity to retain their jobs by reapplying, and must pass a background and reference check, and complete Trinity's job training program to continue working in facility kitchens.

Trinity has plans in place to ensure a smooth transition, and the MDOC will work in cooperation with them to maintain a high level of safety and security at the state's facilities. Department leadership is prepared to work with Trinity to make sure they

are using the proper security checks and supervision of employees, as well as adhering to established guidelines for food handling and preparation.

"Prison food service is integral to the safe and secure operations of Michigan's prison system," said MDOC Director Heidi Washington. "I look forward to working with our new partners at Trinity and am confident in their commitment to provide quality services for the residents of this state."

Legislation first approved in 2012 required competitive bidding of food service operations to help reduce correctional costs. Since then, more than 10 percent savings has been realized each year, and those savings will continue with the new contract. The three-year, \$158 million contract with Trinity, with future option years at the state's discretion, was approved by the State Administrative Board.

Trinity has a strong management and oversight plan and ranked well when food service was first bid out. They currently operate prison food service in 44 states, serving more than 300,000 inmates daily. MDOC and DTMB leaders have talked with Trinity representatives and corrections officials in other states to learn more about their operations, and are satisfied that the terms of the contract will lead to a high quality of service while saving taxpayer dollars and maintaining security of the state's prisons.

Emergency Response Team assists with search for missing boy

Almost 70 members of the Michigan Department of Corrections' Emergency Response Team assisted with the search for a 9-year-old autistic boy who went missing on the Fourth of July at a Davison Township park.

The Davison Township Police Department requested assistance from MDOC's Emergency Response Team in the search for Omarion Humphrey about six hours after he went missing. He was last seen at Lake Callis Recreational Complex in Davison.

Emergency Response Team members from districts 1, 2, and 3 were activated to assist in the search and rescue mission, which lasted five days and included a combined, multi-jurisdictional response effort from more than 30 law enforcement agencies and specialty search and rescue groups.

The investigation ended tragically when the boy's body was found in Lake Callis on July 10.

ERT members performed search and recovery, canvassed residential areas, passed information to citizens, assisted in the command post, and teamed up with volunteer searchers and K-9 units. They also helped with perimeter control and crime scene preservation.

Team members operated with professionalism and determination, and local law enforcement officials commented that they were grateful for their assistance.

News stories about the search effort are available [here](#).

Supervision Recognition

Department honors staff for Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

The Michigan Department of Corrections took an opportunity to honor the hard work and dedication of its field agents during Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week July 12-18.

The recognition week is meant to pay tribute to agents for their contributions to public safety, and their efforts to guide Michigan's more than 66,000 parolees and probationers to more productive lives in their communities. The MDOC's field staff has also shown they are focused on improving their communities, and in June alone they led 239 charitable or community service efforts, in addition to working with offenders to ensure they are successful.

We asked agents across the state to share what they enjoy about their work and what makes their career with the MDOC rewarding.



Heidi McMurphy

“Working as an agent for the MDOC is challenging as well as rewarding. For me I have been lucky enough to work in two great counties (Isabella and Gratiot) with awesome supervisors. During my time working in Isabella I have formed life-long friendships with other agents. These are the people you count on to keep you safe, have your back, and make sure you make it safely home to your family. I work in Gratiot County with great co-workers, who have also had an impact on my life. I have always worked hard to have a positive relationship with local law enforcement, county staff, Judges, Correctional Facilities Administration staff, other Field Operations Administration staff, the Absconder Recovery Unit, and community resources to ensure that the probationers and parolees that I supervise have adequate tools to be successful in the community, if they cho

— Heidi McMurphy

Gratiot County parole/probation agent



Stephen Salladay

“The biggest thing I love about being a field agent is all of the different aspects of the job. I work in a relatively small community and field office, so we have to be well versed in probation, parole, electronic monitoring, and the specialized caseloads. I especially enjoy the court work and the interaction with the judges, prosecutors, lawyers, and local law enforcement. This job gives us the ability to interact with all sorts of people and really gives us the opportunity to have an impact on the community. I get a real sense of accomplishment by doing this job.”

— Stephen Salladay

Osceola County parole/probation agent



Kevin Mattord

“I enjoy the diversity of the job functions most of all. I am a multi-function agent so every day is a different experience. It involves time in the court room dealing with attorneys, judges, prosecutors and crime victims; so we have to be able to communicate effectively with all groups of people. It also involves counseling offenders and enforcing court orders and parole orders. There are also instances of teaming with law enforcement and other community members to better the community and to assist crime victims.

What I have found most rewarding is changing attitudes of the offenders to help them have a better life if they choose to.”

— Kevin Mattord

Marquette County parole/probation agent



Todd Assante

“There are always opportunities to make a difference in this career. Across the board, being a field agent has definite rewarding moments. The rewards come in various ways, such as effecting positive change amongst the offenders I supervise, or being a person whom crime victim(s) can approach for help both pre and post sentence. Having an impact on the criminal justice system shows the importance of this job. I think all field agents recognize on some level the differences they make each and every day. When I first started as a field agent, I didn't really realize how big of a role this job has in the community I serve. Interactions with the courts, law enforcement, service providers and co-workers both on and off duty make this job for me truly worthwhile.”

— Todd Assante

Charlevoix parole/probation agent

Help Make Things Right

Taking charge for change

Pugsley clinical social worker takes action in the community to make a difference

When it comes to community service, Jennifer Strange jokes that she is an overachiever.

The Pugsley Correctional Facility clinical social worker can rattle off a long list of organizations she is involved in and dedicates her time to a number of charitable efforts.

She is on the board of directors for three organizations including

the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the Pop Warner Football Association and a local addiction treatment facility.

She volunteers with the Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run, teaches at Baker College, Spring Arbor University, and Grand Valley State University, and is also on the MDOC's Bureau of Health Care Services training council.



Jennifer Strange

In April, she was appointed to Gov. Rick Snyder's 17-member Criminal Justice

Policy Commission, which is responsible for reviewing sentencing guidelines, exploring alternatives to incarceration, promoting rehabilitation programs and making recommendations to the Legislature. She serves as the mental or behavioral health field representative on the commission and said she hopes to help better address the needs of mental health clients in the criminal justice system during her three-year term.

"I see a lot of community need," Strange said.

Many people recognize issues in the community, but don't understand that they can make a difference if they take action, she said.

When she notices a need, she tries to find out how she can help meet it and enjoys seeing the results of her efforts.

"I get recharged just from being active ... and seeing change happen," Strange said. "Either I'm going to step forward and do something, or I'm going to let it go. I don't see anything positive in griping about something and not doing anything about it."

She said she is also motivated by the enthusiasm and excitement she sees from her students at Baker, Spring Arbor and Grand Valley, where she teaches social work and human services courses.

Strange, who has been with the MDOC for five years, said fitting mental health treatment into a custody setting can be challenging, but it is rewarding to see the positive impact treatment can have on inmates.

"It can be a really rewarding career path," she said. "It's very unique."

Cell Block 7 Museum seeking volunteers

Those interested in volunteering with the Cell Block 7 Museum in Jackson can sign up now to help provide tours and share information with museum visitors.

Volunteers are needed to serve as guides or docents in the museum who can answer questions, or to be interviewed about their job experiences for the museum blog. The museum is also seeking objects or materials related to the prison system that can be used in displays.

Museum staff has been working hard to learn the history and happenings of Jackson-area prisons, and want visitors to walk away with a true understanding of how the Michigan prison system works.

The museum, 3455 Cooper St. in Jackson, is open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday this summer.

Group tours for 20 or more people are available by appointment.

Admission is \$15 for adults 17 and older and \$10 for seniors, MDOC employees and their spouses, military personnel, police officers, college students and Ella Sharp Museum members. Admission is \$8 for children 5 to 16 years old and free to children younger than 5.

The museum is owned and operated by the Ella Sharp Museum of Jackson. Those interested in volunteering can contact Museum Manager Elizabeth Palmer at elizabethp@ellasharp.org, or (517) 745-6813.

CELL BLOCK 7
SEVEN

EPIC Development Team charts path toward improvement

One of EPIC's first teams can consider their mission accomplished after facilitating the establishment of the EPIC Office and structure of the initiative as it is known today.

In early 2013, a cross-functional team of MDOC employees met to help with efforts to increase employee participation in the department's decision-making process and provide an outlet for staff to share their ideas for improvements.

The group, which would be known as the EPIC Development Team, was also tasked with leading change by promoting communication, employee enrichment, and inclusion of staff at all levels and establishing a structured method of collecting employee suggestions. Two years later, they marked those goals as completed, and the group held their last meeting on March 24.

"We were trying to create a culture of continuous improvement," said Initiative Manager Trever LeBarre, who helped guide the team along with team leads Lori Gidley and Penny Mickel.

The improvement process had been known as Corrections, Operations,

Systems Transformation when the team started its work, but members later decided to change the name to Effective Process Improvement and Communication to emphasize a more comprehensive approach to operational effectiveness and improvement.

The team was a major catalyst in the development of the EPIC office, which was established in June 2014 and now includes four staff members that help train employees on EPIC processes and facilitate local and statewide teams.

The team also defined EPIC's structure and created EPIC's policy directives, manual and training modules for new team member orientation, in addition to collaborating with the Michigan Department of Transportation to create videos describing the importance of the initiative. Team members included James Blakley, R Cole Bouck, Karmen Bussell, Todd Butler, Duncan Howard, Matthew Macauley, Destinie Shipman, Beverly Smith, Willie Smith, Anthony Stewart, Leonard Mervenne, Tamara Lewis, Brandi Sones and Dana Gonzales, in addition to LeBarre, Gidley and Mickel.

Prisoners donate more than \$53K to Pathways to Potential program

Michigan prisoners have donated more than \$53,000 to a program that provides school essentials to children in need. Prisoners donated the money to the Dress Them for Success program, which benefits students in Pathways to Potential schools and provides them with needed items such as uniforms, backpacks and school supplies. Pathways to Potential focuses on improving school attendance, education, health, safety and self-sufficiency for children and their families to combat generational poverty and help prevent students from becoming involved in crime.

Prisoners at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility donated \$20,000 to the program, and expressed that they were proud to invest in an effort that promotes education and helps keep children in school. Inmates at 23 other facilities also made donations.

Some prisoners wrote letters to students encouraging them to make good choices, and you can read excerpts from them [here](#).

Donations are needed now as the upcoming school year approaches.

Employees and the public can donate on the Pathways to Potential site, [here](#).

Checks can be made out to the Michigan Association of United Ways.



Aiming for a Win

Marquette Branch Prison's annual Warden's Cup Pistol Shoot in June drew participation from a number of facilities and area law enforcement agencies that were all aiming for a shot at the trophy. The event included about 100 observers and 120 shooters from Baraga, Alger, Chippewa, Kinross and Ojibway correctional facilities, in addition to Marquette Branch Prison and other law enforcement agencies.



Above: Marquette Branch Prison Emergency Response Team 2015 Warden's Cup recipients

It required participants to hit three staggered clay pigeons and a scorable paper target from 10 yards within 30 seconds with 20 rounds and a mandatory magazine change.

This year's event also included a revolver class that permitted shooters a minute to complete the course. A 15-point bonus disc was also optional in both classes.

"The event is a great opportunity for establishing continuing partnerships in corrections and law enforcement," said Marquette Branch Prison Warden Robert Napel.

Marquette Branch Prison's Emergency Response Team No. 1, which included Sgt. Eugene Sebaly, Capt. Al Makela and Corrections Officer Richard Uren, took first place and the annual trophy with a score of 544 of 645. Second place went to Marquette Branch Prison ERT team members Lt. Rick Hartzell, ITO Matt Cody and Sgt. Jeremy Smith and third place went to Capt. Daniel Colvin and Sgt. Michael Jones of Chippewa Correctional Facility, and Corrections Officer Kim Miller of Kinross Correctional Facility.

Other winners included:

Pistol shoot

- 1st - Marquette Branch Prison
- 2nd - Chippewa Correctional Facility
- 3rd - Luce County Sheriff's Office

Top Shooter in Individual Service Class

- 1st - Corrections Officer John Balbierz
- 2nd - Sgt. Eugene Sebaly
- 3rd - Capt. Al Makela

Top Shooter in Open Class

- 1st - Sgt. Eugene Sebaly
- 2nd - Warden Robert Napel
- 3rd - Capt. Tim Dahl

Top Shooter Revolver

- 1st- Corrections Officer Rich Uren
- 2nd - Capt. Tim Dahl
- 3rd - Greg Schultz, Luce County Sheriff's Office

COPS Day at Ionia Free Fair offers reduced price rides, refreshments

Michigan Department of Corrections employees and their families can enjoy reduced ride prices and free refreshments as part of COPS Day at the Ionia Free Fair on July 22.

Reduced price ride wristbands and entrance to the hospitality tent will be available to custody and non-custody corrections staff, police, fire, court and other public safety employees, as well as military personnel. Retirees from these groups are also eligible. Ride wristbands will be available at the hospitality center from noon to 8 p.m. for \$12, and are good from 1 p.m. until the midway closes.

An identification card, badge, or paycheck stub identifying you as an employee of one of the above groups is required in order to enter the hospitality tent, which will also offer free popcorn, pop, and items from the Michigan Corrections Organization.

The event is made possible, in part, with the support of the Michigan Corrections Organization, Michigan One Community Credit Union, and the employees of Bellamy Creek, Ionia and Carson City correctional facilities, Michigan Reformatory and the Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility.



Start Your Engines

10th annual Law Enforcement Torch Ride scheduled for July 25

Motorcycle enthusiasts can hit the road to help support a good cause. The 10th annual Law Enforcement Torch Ride and Poker Run to benefit the Special Olympics will be held July 25 at Planet Powersports in Coldwater.

The ride begins at 11 a.m. and the last bike must leave by 2:30 p.m. All riders must be to the Holiday Inn in Howe, Ind. by 5 p.m.



Registration is open now, and includes a T-shirt and breakfast. Participants can also register the day of the ride starting at 10:30 a.m. Registration costs \$25 for each rider of \$35 per couple per bike or car, and registration closes at 2:30 p.m. July 25.

Poker hands are \$5 each.

A limited number of rooms are available at the Hampton Inn in Sturgis and the Holiday Inn in Howe, Ind. You must mention "Victory Riders Li'l Sturgis" to secure discounted room pricing. For more information or to register, contact Carl White at (517) 230-7339 or mitochride@gmail.com.

Sign up now | Relentless
5K Positive
Traction

State of Michigan employees and their guests can run, walk, or volunteer to help benefit a number of charities for this year's Relentless Positive Traction 5K.

The Sept. 3 event begins at 5:30 p.m. in Lansing and participants can choose to run or walk the course.

Registration is open now through Aug. 28 for employees and up to two guests, and is only available for the first 1,000 participants. Groups can also now sign up as a team.

T-shirts are guaranteed to those registered by Aug. 14. Participating employees will also be entered into a raffle for a celebratory lunch with the lieutenant governor, director of their department and the director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Registration is \$12 per person (\$10 race fee and \$2 sign-up fee), and includes your spot in the 5K, a T-shirt, participation medallion, refreshments and a post-race reception on the lawn of the Capitol.

All proceeds from the \$10 race fee will go to the following charity of your choice: American Red Cross, Special Olympics Michigan, United Way, Pathways to Potential.

Those interested in volunteering can also sign up to help with the event.

To register, or to explore volunteer opportunities, [click here](#).



Kudos to **Judith Dennis**, housing and programs secretary at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility, for creating one of the top 10 logo designs for the event (pictured above). The design received the 5th most votes in the Bureaucracy Busters contest.

Officer honored for lifesaving actions

Sean Markus, a corrections officer at the Detroit Detention Center, received the department's



Officer Sean Markus

Lifesaving Award for his efforts to prevent a man from taking his life.

On Dec. 15, Markus observed a detainee who was attempting to commit suicide in his cell by strangling himself with a pant leg. Markus immediately called for assistance, opened the cell door

and untied the pant leg. Officers Steven Canty and Michael Broderick and Registered Nurse Teri Johnson responded to the scene to assist, and an ambulance was called to transport the detainee to the hospital.

Markus' quick response was credited with helping to save the detainee's life.

Officer recognized for act of valor

Amy Rivera, a corrections officer at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility, received the



Officer Amy Rivera

department's Valor Award for her efforts to stop a prisoner from attacking a coworker.

On Oct. 23, Rivera saw a prisoner yelling at an officer while he was making rounds. The prisoner then began striking the officer and they fell into an open cell. Rivera immediately called for assistance

and ran to help the officer, attempting to pull the prisoner off him. Additional staff arrived to help and an Electronic Control Device was deployed to stop the attack. The officer was then sent to the hospital to treat cuts to his face. Rivera's quick response helped prevent the officer from sustaining further injury.

Agent awarded for collaborative case management, contributions to gender-specific caseload



Tylene Porter

Tylene Porter, an agent with the Lahser District Probation office, has made it her mission to assist probationers with their goals. Porter recently received the department's Meritorious Service Award for her efforts to assist offenders in completing probation as scheduled, and helping them find the determination to succeed. Porter has sought out and developed relationships with a number of outside agencies that can assist agents and offenders, including police departments, substance abuse providers and educational facilities, and she readily shares her knowledge and resources with other agents.

She also mentors new staff members and has served as an excellent role model through her energetic and positive demeanor.

Porter has worked for the department since 2006 and supervises the gender-specific caseload. Porter is also very active in her church and is an EPIC team member.

High School Seniors receive gift cards courtesy of LCF employees



Eleven graduating high school seniors received \$100 Visa gift cards from the Lakeland Correctional Facility Employee Club.

The students were children of facility employees Scott Summitt, Mike Leo, Bill Heffner, Cheryl Reincke, Susan Mittelstadt, Dennis Randall, David Karney, Darrell Carr, Wesley Yates, Brian Clemens and Scott Griffiths.

With Thanks

Sheriff expresses gratitude for MDOC's work



June 22, 2015

Commander Allan Makela
Emergency Response Team
Marquette Branch Prison
196-0 US41 South
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Commander Makela,

Thank you so very much for your teams work and rapid response regarding our escaped inmate, John Saatio this past Friday June 19th. Your officers responded and mustered in numbers far more than we alone could put together and this is resource that is extremely valuable to our local agencies.

Your officers were very professional and were well equipped and prepared to help in any way possible. Plus they were willing to stay as long as necessary. We can't let you know enough how much we appreciate your team but I sure wanted to let you know that we do. I have heard lots of positive comments from the people that live in that area how much better they felt about the situation when they saw all the officers holding their posts on the perimeter as we searched the area. Some even stopped as they were leaving or coming home to t/t the officers offering water or food – all impressed with the positive interactive work your team had with local law enforcement.

Once again a big thank you and I'm hoping sometime we can return the favor. Please pass on to the team members our appreciation. Thanks, and have a great week.

Regards,

Brian J. McLean
Sheriff

If you have letters of thanks from outside agencies that you would like to share, send them to Holly Kramer at KramerH@michigan.gov.

Final Jackson pond walleye count exceeds 400,000

It was a good year for walleye.

After releasing 500,000 fry into a pond at the Michigan Department of Corrections' Jackson prison complex this spring, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources noted an "all time high" in the number of fish pulled from



the water to help stock lakes and streams. The DNR ultimately removed 429,258

walleye from the pond between May 27 and May 29. The fish, which were about the size of a mosquito when they were initially released into the pond in April, were over an inch long when they were removed.

The fish were distributed to the St. Joseph, Galien, Grand and Black rivers, as well as Magician, Duck, Matterson, Fish, Cedar, Portage and Union lakes. The MDOC and DNR have partnered for years to raise walleye to stock fisheries and help the state maintain a healthy population in its lakes.

The Shakespeare in Prison program at Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility was recently highlighted in a video by Ford Motor Co. as a part of its Ford Go Further campaign. The campaign focuses on Ford owners who are “everyday heroes,” and the video features Frannie Shepherd-Bates, founder of the Shakespeare in Prison program. It also includes program facilitator Sarah Winkler, Warden Anthony Stewart, and Deputy Warden Karri Osterhout. Incarcerated participants meet twice a week to analyze, rehearse and perform Shakespeare productions.



To see the video, [click here.](#)

Corrections in the News

[Detroit wins grant to help ex-prisoners find jobs](#)— The Detroit Free Press

[Michigan court system videoconferencing cuts costs, adds safety factor](#)— Daily Globe

[Digital logs to save time in Michigan prisons](#)— Lansing State Journal

[U.P. man runs in Special Olympics Torch Run](#)— UPMatters.com

[Department of Corrections holding job fairs in the U.P.](#)— UpperMichigansSource.com/ TV 6

[EXIT program’s non-violent felons ‘embrace family’ at fun day outside jail](#)— Muskegon Chronicle

[New MDOC director gets amicable response at Senate advice and consent hearing](#)— MLive Lansing

Seen on Twitter...

 MichiganDOC @MichiganDOC · Jun 26
Well, it looks like Ingham Parole's 1st ever "Dressing for Success" was in fact a success!

 Ingham Parole-MDOC



4 13 View photo

MichiganDOC retweeted

 MCSC Career Services @SOMCareers · Jun 25
Word Processing Assistant 5-E7 needed @MichiganDOC in Ann Arbor. View more details on the State Jobs website.

2 1

To see more, follow the MDOC on Twitter 

May New Hires

Agapiou, Stylianos	Parole/Probation Agent, Mason County
Akers, Anthony	Maintenance Mechanic, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Baldino, Stephanie	Dental Aide, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Bodell, Karen	Secretary, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Boulette, Leslie	Accounting Assistant, Northern Region Administration and Support
Cappella, Adam	Maintenance Mechanic, Lakeland Correctional Facility
DeBruler, Joellyn	Registered Nurse, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Elsass, Christina	Word Processing Assistant, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Gleason, Karen	Registered Nurse, Ionia Correctional Facility
Green, April	Dental Aide, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Hale, Joseph	Maintenance Mechanic, Parnall Correctional Facility
Hansen, Amy	Licensed Practical Nurse, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Henry, Shelby	General Office Assistant, Pugsley Correctional Facility
Lang, Garrion	Departmental Technician, Corrections Central Office
Maguire, Daniel	Maintenance Mechanic, Parnall Correctional Facility
Muhammad, Wesley	Licensed Electrician, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Northrup, Michelle	Registered Nurse, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Oviedo, Nannette	Resident Care Aide, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Pant, Deborah	General Office Assistant, Pugsley Correctional Facility
Plowman, Alissa	Departmental Technician, Corrections Central Office
Redovich, Peter	Departmental Analyst, Corrections Central Office
Rowe, Adam	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Ruckel, Eric	Plumber, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Selby, Steven	Building Trades Crew Leader, Northern Region Administration
Smith, Susan	Trades Instructor, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Stephens, Lindsey	Dental Aide, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Sturgeon, Michael	Registered Nurse, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Taylor, Lindsey	Registered Nurse, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Taylor, Theresa	Employment Counselor, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Thomas, Cameo	Resident Care Aide, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Thompson, Wayne	Trades Instructor, Marquette Branch Prison
Wasilkowski, Amy	Registered Nurse, Macomb Correctional Facility
Wright, Anne	Dental Hygienist, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Young, Charles	School Teacher, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility

May Retirements

Abdul-Basir, Isa
 Anderson, Todd A.
 Applekamp, William D.
 Badder, Kurtis W.
 Bolda, James F.
 Clase, Michael E.
 Davey, Kay L.
 Eddins, Timothy J.
 Elkin, Edwin E.
 Ellis, Anthony T.
 Esson, Wesley C.
 Fhlug, Dean H.
 Fuller-Clark, Dawn
 Goetz, Corey A.
 Gray, William
 Hekkema, James
 Heydlauff, David J.
 Hoffman, Ann R.
 Holmstrom, Gary R.
 Hoseth, Brian T.
 Jackson, Harlan
 Jones, Lesley M.
 Keilen, William M.
 Kichak, Charles J.
 Kleinhardt, Mary E.
 Kronberg, Steven E.
 Myers, Keven J.
 Nguyen, Hung K.
 Nicewander, Russell W.
 Pohl, Charles D.
 Pohl, Lawrence
 Quigley, Daniel F.
 Robinson, Michael M.
 Rosenzweig, Cynthia
 Russell, Kelly E.
 Savela, Douglas S.
 Setlak, Barbara A.
 Smith, Calvin
 Strickland, Althea L.
 Thomsen, Terry S.
 Walter, Mark
 Weber, Keith A.
 Wilcox, Mark S.
 Wiser, Erick F.
 Wolfe, Kathrine
 Wurmlinger, Mark S.
 Zorza, Kevin J.

Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
 Kinross Correctional Facility
 Ojibway Correctional Facility
 Newberry Correctional Facility
 Newberry Correctional Facility
 Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
 Cooper Street Correctional Facility
 Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
 Pugsley Correctional Facility
 Carson City Correctional Facility
 Kinross Correctional Facility
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
 Kinross Correctional Facility
 Michigan Reformatory
 Muskegon Correctional Facility
 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Saginaw Correctional Facility
 Lake County Residential Reentry
 West Shoreline Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Jackson Human Resources
 Carson City Correctional Facility
 Ojibway Correctional Facility
 Jackson Central Region
 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Woodland Center Correctional Facility
 Oaks Correctional Facility
 G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
 Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
 Ojibway Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
 Central Michigan Correctional Facility
 Oaks Correctional Facility
 Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
 Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
 Chippewa Correctional Facility
 Michigan Reformatory
 Pugsley Correctional Facility
 Carson City Correctional Facility
 Thumb Correctional Facility
 Central Michigan Correctional Facility
 Ingham County Probation
 Parnall Correctional Facility
 Marquette Branch Prison