

Corrections Connection





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Positive Partnership

State agencies and the MDOC work together to move Michigan forward

In July, a rare round of severe storms swept through Gogebic County in the western Upper Peninsula, leaving a wide trail of damage in its wake.

The storm produced a tornado with wind speeds estimated at 90 miles per hour and flash flooding with more than 10 inches of rain falling in the area.

Roads were washed away, trees blocked paths and buildings and parks were left marred by high winds and flood waters.

The severity and extent of the damage lead Gov. Rick Snyder to declare a state of disaster for the county,

activating the National Guard and drawing upon all state resources to help.

As agencies statewide rallied to assist, so did the Michigan Department of Corrections.

It wasn't the first time the department has stepped up to help in a time of need, and it is an example of one of the many ways the MDOC works together with other state agencies to move Michigan forward.

Road to repairs

With damage to Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park following July's storms, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requested help from the MDOC's Emergency Management Section.

Assistance was needed repairing and rebuilding several bridges, walkways and trail railings that had been mangled by the storm.

A crew of seven prisoners was ultimately approved to assist park staff with clean up and construction efforts for 75 days and has continued to work on bridge repairs and installing earthen steps in areas where bridges were washed out and access to Lake Superior was cut off. The crew also worked to block off areas where erosion from wash outs created safety hazards for park visitors.



An Ojibway Correctional Facility prisoner looks over work to build earthen steps at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. A work crew of seven prisoners have been assigned to help with clean up at the park.

“The clean up in the Porkies is a great opportunity for OCF to give back to the community,” said Ojibway Correctional Facility Warden Kathy Olson. Prisoners and staff assigned to the project worked in remote areas of the park that could not be accessed by vehicles and the crew needed to carry materials to the work site each day. Some work areas were remote enough that materials needed to be shipped in and dropped off at the lake shore for the crew to pick up and carry to the job site. “The crew has been a fantastic asset for us during this time of clean up,” said Jeff Gaertner, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Unit Manager at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. “The work that has been completed is greatly appreciated by our visitors and the park staff.” The project gave prisoners involved valuable work experience and the opportunity to learn new skills, Olson said. It also helped reduce the overall cost of repairs to Michigan’s taxpayers. “It has been an excellent opportunity for all those involved with the project,” Olson said.

Building for benefit

In 2003, volunteers with the Children’s Trust Fund reached out to the MDOC with a simple request for donated items for the trust fund’s first auction to support its mission to fight child abuse and neglect. Though the first event was attended by 150 guests, it raised \$50,000, and featured several high-quality wood items from the department’s Prison Build Program that were popular with auction attendees. The department’s involvement with the auction has continued ever since, and Trust Fund officials said the dedication and enthusiasm of Director Heidi Washington – an early member of its Advisory Committee – and other MDOC staff has played a key role in the event’s success. The money raised is significant to the Children’s Trust Fund to support child abuse prevention programs throughout the state, said Mike Foley, executive director of the Children’s Trust Fund. Since 2010, items donated by the MDOC’s Prison Build Program have helped raise almost \$38,000 for the

Children’s Trust Fund, according to figures available from the nonprofit. “It often feels like Christmas at the Children’s Trust Fund when MDOC staff deliver the wood products to our office in preparation for the auction,” said Tricia Headley, fund development manager. “Just when we don’t think they can top the previous year, we are always in awe that they do. The craftsmanship is and has always been very professional.” Money raised from items donated by the MDOC has usually exceeded \$5,000 in each auction since the event began, Headley said.

The next auction in May 2017 will mark the 15th year of the Children’s Trust Fund annual Signature Auction Event, and the MDOC’s involvement in it. “CTF is happy to promote the work the Prison Build Program does and proud to showcase the products annually at our CTF event,” Foley said. “We are both proud and grateful to have MDOC represented on our event Advisory Committee and to have the ongoing opportunity to highlight a number of silent and live auction items that are products of the MDOC’s Prison Build Program.” The Children’s Trust Fund, a nonprofit housed within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, also works



A hand-crafted rocking chair donated to the Children’s Trust Fund Auction by the MDOC Prison Build Program.



Children's Trust Fund Executive Director Mike Foley and Fund Development Manager Tricia Headley hold Children's Trust Fund bird houses made by prisoners at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility.

with the Michigan State Industries license plate factory at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility to produce specialty, fundraising license plates. The plates cost \$35, and \$25 of that goes to the Children's Trust Fund to help battle child abuse and neglect by funding service and outreach programs, and supporting local councils at work in communities across the state.

For more information, or to purchase a Children's Trust Fund license plate, [click here](#).

Foley, Headley and Children's Trust Fund staff visited the license plate factory at Gus Harrison Correctional

Facility earlier this year and Headley said they were impressed by its operations. The license plates raise about \$120,000 annually for the Children's Trust Fund, Headley said. "It's an important fundraiser for us," she said. "It all goes to our core mission of preventing child abuse in Michigan." The MDOC has also partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services to help raise money for underprivileged students. Prisoners have been the biggest contributors to the Dress Them for Success project offered by DHHS' Pathways to Potential program,

which helps students prepare for school by providing them with uniforms, school supplies and personal care products. Inmates statewide have donated more than \$53,000 to the project since it began in 2012.

Going mobile

Ensuring prisoners have proper identification prior to returning to the community can be an important factor in their success as they seek employment and work to connect with other resources.

On July 28, a Michigan Department of State mobile office visited Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility to help 25 prisoners obtain state identification cards or a driver's license.

It was part of a years-long effort by both the MDOC and Department of State to help inmates obtain IDs through on-site visits to facilities, and staff with both departments reported a positive experience working together on the project. To be eligible to apply for an ID with the mobile office, prisoners needed to be within two years of their earliest release date, paroling to a Michigan community and have an address the Department of State could verify, said James Fults, an employment counselor at Handlon Correctional Facility. Prisoners could apply for a new driver's license if their license had not been suspended prior to their incarceration.

Fults said one prisoner expressed

excitement to have the opportunity to obtain a state ID prior to release because it is necessary to have when applying for jobs and to receive community services.

The mobile office will return to Handlon on a rotational basis and is expected to visit G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility on Nov. 30. "Identification is vital for all Michigan residents so they can find work and perform the day-to-day tasks others may take for granted," Secretary of State Ruth Johnson said. "I'm pleased that our Mobile Office has been able to assist people in need of ID and I look forward to being able to help many more."

Plentiful pond

Each spring, a pond on MDOC grounds in Jackson becomes a nursery of sorts to new residents, who later land in lakes and streams across Michigan.

For years, the MDOC has partnered with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to provide a temporary home to thousands of young walleye until they are large enough to be transplanted in other waterways. The work helps the state maintain a healthy fish population. This year the DNR drew more than 67,000 walleye from the Jackson complex pond. The fish were planted in the Grand River in Jackson, the St. Joseph River in Branch County, Sturgeon and Klinger lakes in St. Joseph County and Selkirk Lake in Allegan County.



DNR Fisheries Technician Supervisor Ed Pearce holds a bag of walleye fry ready to be planted in the pond on MDOC grounds in Jackson.

Detroit Mayor praises job training program for Michigan prisoners

As Detroit’s economic turnaround accelerates, no one should be left behind — including former offenders.



That’s a message Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan brought to the Detroit Reentry Center on Oct.

20 as he praised a new job training program designed to help paroling offenders land careers in high-demand fields.

“In order for Detroit’s turnaround to be successful or complete, it has to include all Detroiters,” Duggan said. “That means our returning citizens have to know there is a path for them to start over and become productive members of our community.” The programs provide training in environmental clean-up, culinary arts and hi-lo operation and are funded by grants from the Michigan Talent Investment Agency and the Department of Labor. “We are happy to be able to offer these new programs here at DRC,” said Warden Ken Romanowski. “The ability for offenders who are preparing to return to

the community to direct energy towards a program that will truly benefit them upon their release is invaluable, and I’m delighted that the Mayor’s Office and the State of Michigan have been able to partner with us in making this opportunity available.”

Groups of about 25 offenders are expected to receive training through the programs every month.

Offenders involved in the program said it offered a good opportunity to make a positive change in their lives and use their time while incarcerated to better themselves.

“I’m excited about the job possibilities that will come from this training,” said Joseph Gratiot, who is training in asbestos abatement. “The idea of being released is something you look forward to, but you still worry about what you’re going to do when you get out. Once I earn my credentials I will really have something to show employers that proves I can get the job done.”

The program’s One-Stop Service Centers have been in place at the Reentry Center since 2015.



Field Days podcast features MDOC Director Heidi Washington

Michigan Department of Corrections Director Heidi Washington discussed leadership, the direction of the department and answered questions from staff in the latest episode of the Field Days podcast.



To tune in or subscribe to the podcast, [click here.](#)

Know a student looking for great work experience in communications? Check out our latest internship

The department’s Public Information Office is offering a new internship opportunity for students seeking experience in communications. Those interested in applying for the internship for the winter/spring 2017 semester can [click here](#) to submit their resume and learn more.



Teacher of the Year focuses on helping students achieve goals

When Jim Evans first set out in his career, he didn't intend to be an educator and never considered a job in corrections.



Kinross school Principal Kim Corcoran, Teacher Jim Evans and MDOC Education Manager Heather Gay

But more than 25 years later, the Kinross Correctional Facility teacher couldn't imagine being anywhere else. "It was kind of a godsend," said Evans, who was named the Michigan Department of Corrections' Teacher of the Year for 2016. "I'm highly a man of faith and in one sense it was my destiny to be teaching in the position I'm in." Evans started his career in the mental health field, working on programs and education at a group home. While there, he felt driven to do more to help improve the learning experience for the home's residents and returned to school to pursue an education degree. When he later moved to Sault Ste. Marie, a friend told him about an opening for a teacher at Kinross. Evans was surprised to learn about the academic programs the department offered to prisoners, and landed the job that he said felt like a perfect fit. "I really enjoy what I do," Evans said and added that he considers it

the best job in corrections. He said watching inmates, who may have come to prison with little education and confidence in their abilities, succeed academically has been a highlight of his career. "When you're able to see a guy get their high school credentials, it's rewarding," Evans said. "It's pretty cool when they finally reach that." He said his background in mental health prepared him to help tackle the struggles and challenges some prisoners face. "Many have had difficulties with learning, and haven't had great experiences," said Evans, who teaches Adult Basic Education and GED classes. "It really was the best role for me to take." Evans, who has served as acting principal at Kinross and is on the department's academic advisory committee, is also active in the community and continues teaching when he leaves the facility. He coached youth soccer for 16 years, is involved with his church and teaches adult education classes to area residents after work. Though his career might not have started with a focus on teaching, Evans said he always wanted to work with individuals who needed a role model. "I try to teach the men with respect and dignity," he said. "I don't pity them or feel sorry for them. I'm responsible to help rehabilitate them, and I think education is the key. I really believe in what I do."

Remembering Deputy Warden Kelly Barnett

Kelly Barnett, deputy warden at St. Louis Correctional Facility, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 30. Barnett served with the Mich-



igan Department of Corrections for 21 years, and started her career

as a prison counselor at Southern Michigan Correctional Facility in 1995. She went on to serve as a corrections program coordinator, resident unit manager and departmental specialist. In 2006, she was named deputy warden at St. Louis Correctional Facility. She was born in Detroit and was a graduate of Michigan State University. Memorial services were held at the Tabernacle of David Church in Lansing on Oct. 8. She leaves her husband, Bud Barnett, children Tiffany and Christopher and two grandchildren.

Does your office or facility have a unique holiday tradition?

Share it with us, to feature in the December edition of Corrections Connection. Contact Denna Fleming at FlemingD8@michigan.gov to share your story.

Embedded agent keeps an eye on details to help solve crimes

Staff donate almost \$92K through SECC

It's all about putting the pieces together. That's how Nancy Hamilton approaches each case she works as an embedded agent with the Lansing Police Department, and it has



Nancy Hamilton

helped take dangerous offenders off the street. "You put the puzzle together and it's extremely rewarding," said Hamilton, who has

served as an embedded agent since 2013.

Hamilton, a former East Lansing police officer, joined the MDOC about 10 years ago and was supervising offenders who had been involved in gangs when she was approached about becoming an embedded agent.

"It was a natural transition," she said. Embedded agents help partners in law enforcement tackle crime in the community by providing information, expertise and open communication about offenders under supervision.

The partnership has perks for both sides, Hamilton said.

"Both the (Lansing Police Department) and MDOC gain a lot of information by collaborating," Hamilton said. "We're dealing with the same people and the information sharing has been a huge benefit."

She often works closely with law enforcement on cases that can sometimes take years and countless hours of investigation to break. In September, Hamilton's assistance with a case landed a Lansing-area gang leader in prison.

Hamilton listened to hours of recorded phone calls from the jail and learned about an area gang activity involving drugs and guns. Though callers are notified that calls from the jail are recorded, many still include critical information that can help solve crimes.

"It takes a long time, a lot of surveillance and a lot of digging," she said. "To see the indictments and sentencing come down, it makes all the hard work worthwhile."

The offender, Kenton Taylor, was sentenced to federal prison for running a heroin distribution ring that began operating in Lansing in 2012. He was considered the highest ranking member of the Chicago-based Black P Stone Nation gang in Michigan.

He and three other gang members were indicted in 2015 for conspiracy to distribute more than 100 grams of heroin, and for other heroin distribution and firearms charges.

"It is through united vigilance and unyielding determination that the law enforcement community in Michigan was able to significantly disrupt the Black P Stone Nation gang, which was engaged in the distribution of heroin in the Lansing area," David Gelios, special agent in charge of the FBI's Detroit Field Office, said following Taylor's sentencing.

In addition to the Lansing Police Department, Hamilton worked with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Drug Enforcement Administration, the FBI, Michigan State Police and Ingham County Sheriff and Michigan State University Police on the case.

"If I can make a little difference each day to make the community safer, I feel satisfied," she said.

Every year, contributions from the State Employees Charitable Campaign help support more than 1,000 outstanding charities at work across the state and across the country.

Michigan Department of Corrections employees have shown tremendous generosity each year and are projected to contribute almost \$92,000 in 2017 through pledges made during this campaign.

Department staff pledged \$11,689 in new payroll contributions during the 2016-17 campaign. Almost 700 MDOC employees give through payroll contributions.

This year's campaign, which ran from Sept. 12 to Oct. 14, raised more than \$750,000 overall.

By contributing just a few dollars a week, you can help those organizations provide crucial services and benefits for those in need all year long.

Donating just \$2 per pay period can provide school supplies to underprivileged students and allow food pantries to purchase more than 300 pounds of food to feed hungry families.

Payroll deductions begin the first pay day in January.

More information on the State Employees Charitable Campaign is available at

www.misecc.org.



MDOC Honor Guard pays tribute to fallen corrections officers

In 1987, the death of Corrections Officer Josephine McCallum lead Michigan Department of Corrections staff members to create an Honor Guard to pay tribute to fallen corrections and law enforcement personnel. Since then, almost 100 MDOC employees have provided support and a moving presence at memorial services for fallen officers and special ceremonies statewide and nationwide. On Oct. 5, two Honor Guard members, Lakeland Correctional Facility Lt. Christianna Borst and Ionia Correctional Facility Sgt. Brandon Wenzel, attended the memorial for fallen Alabama Department of Corrections Officer Kenneth Bettis. On the same day, Marquette Branch Prison Corrections Officer Patrick Lay and Baraga Correctional Facility Lt. Shawn Minerick attended a funeral for a retired corrections officer.

The details took place 1,084 miles apart. On July 26, the Honor Guard also provided a two-member detail for funeral services for Luzerne County, Penn. Corrections Officer Christopher Moules, who was killed in a prisoner assault. The MDOC Honor Guard has attended 22 funeral or memorial services in 2016, including the National Memorial Services in Washington, D.C. for fallen officers. The Honor Guard will hold its 10th annual holiday

fundraiser at 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing. The cost is \$30 and includes dinner, dessert and entertainment. For more information or to RSVP contact Edna Plath at plathe@michigan.gov.



Honor Guard member and Lakeland Correctional Facility Lt. Christianna Borst lays a rose at the foot of a memorial for fallen Alabama Corrections Officer Kenneth Bettis during a ceremony in October.

New corrections officers headed to Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility following latest academy

A group of the Michigan Department of Corrections’ newest officers are headed to Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility following the completion of a specialized academy in October. The academy was intended to prepare recruits

to work at the state’s only facility for women and graduated 33 new officers. Class namesake Marsha Foresman, Director Heidi Washington and Corrections Officer of the Year Craig Altoft addressed new officers during the ceremony and discussed the unique challenges and rewards of the job.



Graduates also received awards for academic achievement and personal conduct. Award recipients included: Corrections Officer Lereatha Burrell — Jack L. Budd Award
Corrections Officer Kimberly McKenzie — Josephine B. McCallum Award and
Corrections Officer Bridget Star— Academic Excellence Award.

Committed to Protect, Dedicated to Success

Oaks Correctional Facility team notches another win at annual Police Pistol Match

Oaks Correctional Facility took first place for the 8th consecutive year among corrections teams, and third place overall in the Michigan Police Pistol Match in September.

The 79th annual event at Grey Pistol Range in Jackson was open to any current or former law enforcement officer including corrections officers, sheriff staff and state and local police.

A team from Oaks Correctional Facility has participated for more than 20 years and this year's team included team captain Deanne Holden, shooters Dana Skytta, Brian Majerczyk, Brian Mullins and Victor Baker and alternate Colleen Rouse. The department teams participate in the AA class which includes agencies with more than 300 employees.

The competition includes a Chief Match, Individual Match and many classes.

Teams from Duane Waters Health Center, Macomb Correctional Facility and Parnall Correctional Facility, and four individual shooters and six Michigan Department of Corrections retirees also participated.

The competition is one-handed shooting at a bullseye 25 yards away with three relays. There are also slow, timed and rapid rounds.

Holden said the competition is a lot of fun for participants.

The Oaks Correctional Facility team is challenging all other correctional facilities to send a team of five to compete in future events and boost participation from the MDOC.



Oaks Correctional Facility team with their trophy



Match participants from the MDOC, along with Director Heidi Washington and Assistant Deputy Director Steve Rivard.

Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center Prisoners receive ServSafe certification

In August, the Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center and Trinity Services Group collaboratively held the second prisoner graduation ceremony for the ServSafe program.

ServSafe is a food and beverage safety training and certification program administered by the National Restaurant Association.

The program is accredited by the American Standards Institute and the Conference for Food Protection. ServSafe training and certification is recognized by federal, state and local jurisdictions. Classroom training consists of food safety and regulations methods of thawing, cooking, cooling and reheating food, cleaning and sanitizing, safe food

preparation, preventing cross contamination, good hygiene and receiving and storing food, among other areas.

The certification is valid for five years.

The ServSafe program at RGC started Feb. 12 and classes are instructed by the food service director, who teaches the course over five weeks.

When the training is complete, participating prisoners take a practice exam then a final exam and test results are sent to the National Restaurant Association. The certification gives prisoners an extra tool to gain employment following release.

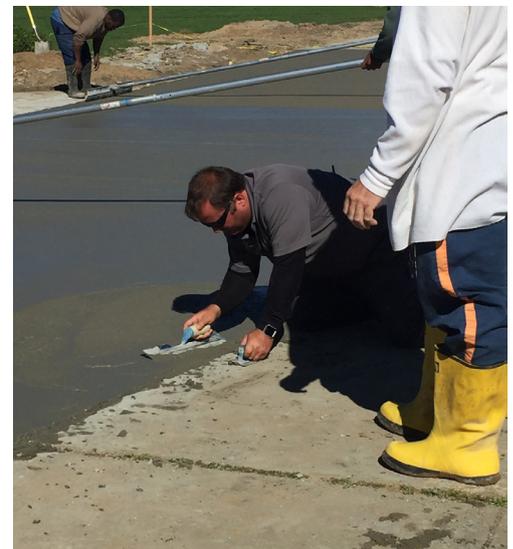
Submitted by Danielle Pietrangelo on behalf of RGC

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Central Michigan Correctional Facility prisoners receive hands-on experience during facility project

Central Michigan Correctional Facility launched a large-scale project to replace worn walkways with the help of the facility's vocational programs. Prisoners in the Concrete Masonry Vocational Program helped repair 680 feet of walkway at the facility, and prisoners training in the plumbing and electrical trades assisted with repairing drainage tiles and storm drains as part of the project. Initially, about 10 prisoners showed an interest in assisting with the project, but that quickly grew to 20 as the work commenced, said Warden Lori Gidley. The much-needed repairs restored a walkway leading

from food service to the facility's school that had become riddled with cracks and potholes over the years, Gidley said. Prisoners in the program who assisted with the work received hands-on experience and also helped lower the cost of the project. Instructor Devin Elsea said prisoners working on the project learned what it is like to work a true eight-hour day, outside under various weather conditions. Gidley also credited the guidance of the facility's maintenance crew, which provided direct oversight of the work, for helping the project run smoothly.



Gus Harrison Correctional Facility grows heavy-weight pumpkins



Gus Harrison Correctional Facility grew pumpkins weighing 269 and 427 pounds this year and donated them to Carpenter Farms. Other donated pumpkins were painted cartoon characters by Michigan State Industries.

MDOC staff selected to participate in annual Mackinac Bridge Run

Four Michigan Department of Corrections employees from the Field Operations Administration and Correctional Facilities Administration were selected to participate in the 2016 Mackinac Bridge Run in September.

Participating staff included Lakeland Correctional Facility Inspector Matt Huntley, Parnall Correctional Facility Corrections Program Coordinator Brad Budzynski, Parole Board member Abigail Callejas, and Interstate Compact Unit Supervisor Joseph Beaman.

"It was a very pleasant experience and wonderful seeing all state agencies come together to show their work ethic on Labor Day," Huntley said.

Callejas said she had never participated in the bridge run before and was honored to have the opportunity to participate in the event. She said she had a great time during the run, enjoyed the views and would definitely accept if asked to participate again.



Lakeland Correctional Facility Inspector Matt Huntley participates in the Bridge Run.

The Extra Mile

MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Warden Dewayne Burton, Nurse Practitioner
Joshua Schad and Director Heidi Washington

Nurse practitioner Joshua Schad was working at Ionia Correctional Facility in November 2015, when a prisoner being assessed in healthcare for shortness of breath began turning blue. Schad immediately requested a defibrillator and was unable to find a pulse when he checked the prisoner’s vital signs. He and a coworker began performing CPR, while another administered oxygen and the prisoner began breathing again. Schad’s decisive response earned him the department’s Lifesaving Award.

In November 2015, Muskegon Correctional Facility Officer Carlos Rios noticed a prisoner in distress and called for medical assistance. Registered Nurse Luke Rexford arrived and was evaluating the prisoner when he stopped breathing and showed no signs of a pulse. Rexford began performing chest compressions with the help of Officer Trey Mitchell-Keyes and Sgt. Darick Hill, while Officer Edwardo Rodriguez performed rescue breathing. Staff continued performing CPR until the prisoner began breathing on his own. Rios, Rexford, Mitchell-Keyes, Hill and Rodriguez received the department’s Lifesaving Award for their efforts to help the prisoner.



Pictured: Registered Nurse Luke Rexford, Lt. Darick Hill, Director Heidi Washington, Officers Trey Mitchell-Keyes, Edwardo Rodriguez and Carlos Rios



Director Heidi Washington and Department Analyst Mary Mitchell

Mary Mitchell, a department analyst with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Unit, was at the American Correctional Association’s conference in New Orleans when she saw a woman trip and fall on the sidewalk, hitting her head. Mitchell immediately stopped to assist the woman and ensure she was OK. The woman said she did not want medical treatment, but asked Mitchell to contact her son. Mitchell stayed with the woman until her son arrived. Mitchell’s quick assistance and concern for the woman earned her the department’s Citizenship Award.

Jessica Kunik, corrections program coordinator at Central Michigan Correctional Facility, has been a long-time supporter of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics. Her enthusiasm inspired others to get involved and she has worked hard to actively organize and promote events that benefitted Special Olympics athletes. Her outstanding support for the organization earned her the department’s Citizenship Award.



Director Heidi Washington and Corrections Program Coordinator Jessica Kunik

The Extra Mile continued...



Pictured: Warden Shirlee Harry, Officer Kevin Prince, Officer Ryan Fare, Officer John Farrell, Officer Colin Yonker, Director Heidi Washington and Officer Robert Charles

In February, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility Officers Ryan Fare, Kevin Prince, John Farrell, Colin Yonkers and Mary Duncan responded to a call regarding an unresponsive prisoner. The prisoner had no pulse and was not breathing, and they moved him to the hallway to begin performing CPR until healthcare staff arrived. They continued to perform CPR after emergency medical responders arrived and began evaluating the prisoner's condition. The efforts of Fare, Prince, Farrell, Yonkers and Duncan earned them the department's Lifesaving Award.

Another Brooks Correctional Facility employee, Officer Robert Charles, was on the road in August 2015 when he saw a minivan carrying six occupants that had smashed into a utility pole. He immediately stopped to help each of the occupants exit the vehicle, and worked to provide aid and keep them calm until emergency services arrived. His quick actions and concern for the vehicle's passengers earned him the department's Lifesaving Award.

Staff in the Michigan Department of Corrections Internal Affairs Section was recognized with the Good Government Symbol of Teamwork Coin for their incredible commitment and teamwork efforts during a time of transition. Staff members exceeded expectations while being asked to do more following the retirements of two employees and military leave for another. They rose to the challenge and tackled it in a positive and professional way.



Pictured: Lesley Schneider, Yolanda Perez, Russell Byrne, Sunshine Lloyd, Nick Cusack and LaChelle Fuller

Corrections Quiz

When did the Michigan Department of Corrections begin using electronic monitoring as a method to help supervise offenders in the community?

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.

September Quiz Recap

Question: True or False? Offenders supervised by the Michigan Department of Corrections grew and donated more than 100,000 pounds of fresh produce to their communities in 2015.

Answer: True
Check out next month's newsletter for details on the 2016 harvest.

Congratulations to **Cheyenne Bollinger**, psychologist at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility, for being the first to correctly answer the September Corrections Quiz. Great job!

Snapshots

A look at life around the MDOC



Capt. Kevin Wood and Lt. Delan Howard hold two of Ionia Correctional Facility's newest leader dogs in training. The puppies, Comet and Dexter, are the second set of Leader Dogs for the Blind trainees to be sent to the facility.



In September, Alger Correctional Facility Staff cleaned a 3-mile stretch of highway along the Seney stretch that they have been taking care of since 2005. Pictured are Jason Hubble, Karin Gollinger, Dean Potila, Jessica Lundquist and Jeff Lancour.



Field staff from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, and central office participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Hart Plaza in Detroit on Oct. 8. The event raised more than \$1.2 million total.

Corrections in the News

[Michigan inmates get job training in 'vocational village'](#) — Associated Press

[Recalling the Red Wings vs. Marquette prisoners](#) — NBC Sports

[Cell Block 7: A prison museum in a prison](#) — Lansing State Journal

[U.S. Attorney encourages employers to consider hiring people coming out of prison](#) — WXYZ TV

[Habitat transitions to interior work at first complete build in 5 years](#) — MLive

[New training programs get inmates job ready](#) — Detroit News

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August New Hires

Bradford, Ayana	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Briner, Suzanne	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Brown, Alexander	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Burrell, Lereatha	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Centilli, Kristie	Registered Nurse, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Connell, Samantha	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Cretens, Ryan	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Downey, Robert	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Dunham, David	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Flinchum, Larry	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Follis, Kristi	Registered Nurse, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Garza, Jordan	General Office Assistant, Corrections Central Office
Harmon, Melinda	General Office Assistant, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Haynes, Christopher	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Heid, Christopher	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Hilliard, Terria	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Hinton, Geraldreese	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Jackson, Sarah	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Juranek, Steven	Registered Nurse, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Kaufmann, Rebecca	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Kerr, Dannielle	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Kessler, Lori	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
King, Coretta	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Knapp, Nathaniel	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Marsiglio, Samantha	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
McAdory, Beatrissa	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
McKenzie, Kimberly	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Morris, Nihena	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Nelson, Jeffrey	Industries Production Leader, Michigan State Industries
Peek, Chloe	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Porcaro, Amanda	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Schmidt, Alexis	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Shaw, Ebony	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Smith, Anderson	Field Agent, Oakland County
Smith, Susan	Registered Nurse, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Stapleton, Carolyn	Field Agent, Eastern District Probation Office
Star, Bridget	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Starks, Kordney	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Sweeny, Nastassia	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Traver, Nicole	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Viars, David	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Wilson, Angela	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Wood, Kristy	Recreational Therapist, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Young, Paul	Corrections Officer, Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility

August Retirements

Bartle, Terry	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Betts, David	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Black, Bryan	Shift Supervisor, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Court, Robert	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Cryderman, Catherine	Shift Supervisor, Kinross Correctional Facility
Curtis, Bruce	Assistant Deputy Director, Correctional Facilities Administration Southern Region
Dennis, James	Shift Supervisor, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Elmore, Arthur	Corrections Officer, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Emmons, Gregory	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Ford, William	Corrections Officer, Oaks Correctional Facility
Hatt, Mark	Maintenance Mechanic, Correctional Facilities Administration Southern Region
Hoffman-Prusi, Celeste	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Hutchins, Janice	Word Processing Assistant, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Johnson, John	Corrections Officer, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Larson, Howard	Field Agent, Wexford County
McHenry, James	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Milks, Gary	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Carson City Correctional Facility
Mitchell, Minnie	Field Agent, Lawton Parole Office
Monroe, Gary	Corrections Resident Representative, Pugsley Correctional Facility
Nokes, Michael	Departmental Technician, Corrections Central Office
Russell-Winston, Deborah	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Shreve, Sheryl	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Speaker, Robert	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Stebbins, Daniel	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Thelen, Marti	Shift Supervisor, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Walker, Elton	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Thumb Correctional Facility
Waun, Karen	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Woodliff, Bernice	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility