



## ***EPIC News – October 2019 EDITION***

### ***Inaugural Employee Recreation Day in the Upper Peninsula is a Success!***

Approximately 450 employees, retirees and their guests spent the day enjoying a variety of activities at the Bay Mills Resort & Casino and the Wild Bluff Golf Course for the first ever UP Employee Recreation Day event. Despite the rainy weather, staff from around the state gathered to enjoy a day of fellowship and friendly competition. A special thank you to the Employee Engagement EPIC Team who spent countless hours coordinating the details, and to all the attendees and volunteers who made the day special!

### ***Volunteers***



**Golf**



**Softball Tournament**





**Corn Hole Tournament**



**Chalk Art**



**Jenga**



**Silent Auction**



Dinner



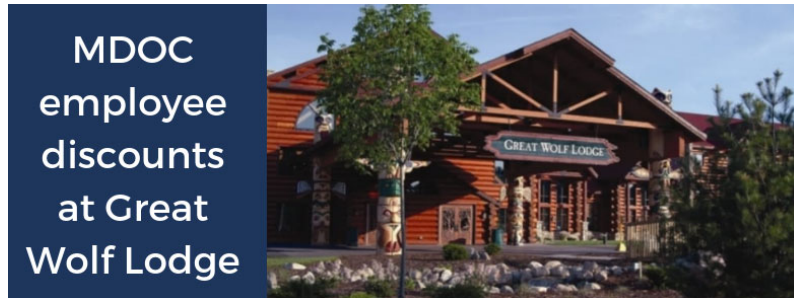
Congratulations to our 2019 Employee Recreation Day Event Winners. For a list of event winners, please click [here](#).

We would like to thank Busy Bee's for attending Employee Recreation Day and displaying such a wonderful variety of MDOC items for purchase. They offered a 10% discount to anyone who purchased an item from them that day, whether they attended the event or purchased online.



# Upcoming Employee Engagement Events:

## Schedule a Get Away to the Great Wolf Lodge



We are excited to announce MDOC employees and their families will again be eligible for discounted rates on a one-night stay and four water park passes at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.

Rates will be reduced to \$109 per room and resort fees will be reduced to \$14.99. The offer includes a one-night stay in a family suite and four water park passes for adults or children ages three and older. There is no cost for water park passes for children two and younger. Up to two additional water park passes may be added for \$50 each.

The offer is valid for stays on **Sunday, January 12, 2020** and rooms must be booked by Thursday, December 12, 2019. Rooms at the discounted rate are limited.

Each room must be booked individually by calling the toll-free reservations line at **1-866-962-9653** by **December 12th**. Callers should use the group code **2001MDOC**. Family members of MDOC employees can also utilize this code.

Great Wolf Lodge is located at 3575 N. US Highway 31 S. in Traverse City. For more details on the hotel and water park, visit <https://www.greatwolf.com/traverse-city>.

*Detroit Pistons Basketball – MDOC Outing at Little Caesars Arena*



**SUN, DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup> - 5:00PM**

**DETROIT PISTONS vs. SAN ANTONIO SPURS**

UPPER LEVEL CORNER **\$30** (\$45 VALUE)

MEZZANINE LEVEL CORNER **\$42** (\$57 VALUE)

LOWER LEVEL BASELINE **\$52** (\$67 VALUE)

The Detroit Pistons and the Michigan Department of Corrections have partnered to offer a special game night of discounted tickets for staff, family, and friends. Additionally, each ticket will include a post-game free throw shot on the court and a Pistons gift item. Plus, the **first 20 to purchase** will be invited on the court pre-game to make a **High 5 Tunnel for players!**

ORDER TICKETS AT:

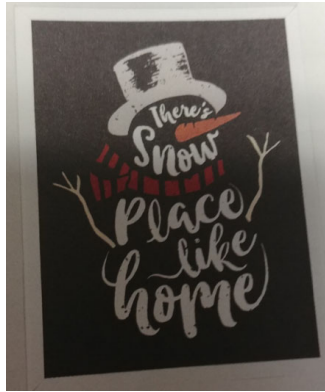
[PISTONS.COM/MDOC](http://PISTONS.COM/MDOC) (due to SOM internet restrictions, tickets must be purchased from a non-SOM computer to prevent being blocked from accessing this site)

\*For questions, please contact SCOTT TIMMERMAN at 248.377.8368 or at [STIMMERMAN@pistons.com](mailto:STIMMERMAN@pistons.com).

The Detroit Pistons Basketball logo is centered on a solid black rectangular background. The word "DETROIT" is in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The letter "O" is replaced by a red and white basketball with the words "DETROIT PISTONS" written on it. Below "DETROIT" is the word "BASKETBALL" in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters.

## Chalk Art Session

If you didn't get a chance to participate in the Chalk Art Session at the UP Employee Recreation Day event, you will have another opportunity to create one of three customizable shadow box designs, just in time for the holidays. The Chalk Art Session will be held on November 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Barbeau Sportsman's Club. Please contact Jennifer Metro at [Metroj@michigan.gov](mailto:Metroj@michigan.gov) for more information.



## New EPIC Team

The **Mental Health EPIC Team** kicked off on October 17, 2019. This team has been charged with the following objectives:

1. Devise a new process within Mental Health for the management of prisoners going into and out of RTP and Acute Care.
2. Review how prisoners who are seriously mentally ill are identified so that they are not kept in segregation.
3. Identify what policy updates are necessary regarding seriously mentally ill prisoners.
4. Develop a means for early identification of potential mental health disorders or exacerbation and improve the referral and communication process.

We look forward to sharing the accomplishments of this team upon its completion.

## 2020 Employee Engagement Team

The EPIC Section is now accepting applications for the 2020 Employee Engagement Team. This team is responsible for engagement activities throughout Michigan to include Employee Recreation Day Events, Dogs of the MDOC Calendar, the SOM Employee Survey, and other special incentives for MDOC staff and their families. Interested employees should complete the EPIC Team Membership Application (CSJ-569) and submit it to the EPIC Mailbox ([MDOC-EPIC@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOC-EPIC@michigan.gov)) by Monday, November 25th. If you are selected for this team, you will be notified by the EPIC Section.



## *MDOC Shooting Team News*



The Michigan Department of Corrections was again a top competitor at the Michigan Police Pistol Match. The department took second place in the 82nd annual competition. Deanne Bodnar was the top female shooter at the competition and MDOC Team 1, which included Chris Ward, Deanne Bodnar, Brian Majerczyk, Matthew Robertson, Jim Loxton and Jeremy Heinze, was the top corrections team. The department sponsored three shooting teams at the competition. Three other teams from MDOC facilities across the state, as well as individual shooters from the department, also participated in this event. Employees across the state and across department administrations could try out for a spot on one of the MDOC-sponsored teams. This year, the department had the largest group of competitors to date to attempt to qualify for a spot on one of the department sponsored teams. Congratulations to all of our shooters!



In addition, the department sent four competitors to the National Police Shooting Championship in Mississippi that took place Sept. 22-25. Competitors included Al Makela, Gene Sebaly, Jacob Poindexter, and Aaron Patrick. These gentlemen did a great job representing the MDOC at this event and brought home some great awards:

Gene Sebaly – 2nd Place Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol

Jake Poindexter – 1st Place Iron Sight Duty Rifle

Jake Poindexter/Aaron Patrick – 2nd Place Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Team

Gene Sebaly/Al Makela – 3rd Place Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Team

Congratulations to our National Police Shooting Championship competitors!



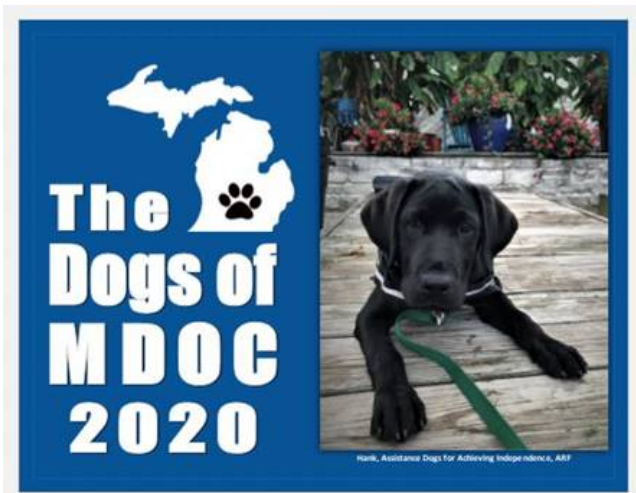
Looking to join a shooting team chapter, or to start a new chapter at your work location? Please email the MDOC Shooting Team Organization for more information at [MDOC-Competitive-Shooting-Team@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOC-Competitive-Shooting-Team@michigan.gov)



Interested in purchasing an MDOC Shooting Team Challenge Coin? Email your request to Jo Meyers @ [meyersJ4@michigan.gov](mailto:meyersJ4@michigan.gov). For \$15, a coin will be shipped to your home address. Profits will be used to sponsor and to support membership participation in approved shooting team events.

## *Coming Soon - 2020 Dogs of the MDOC Calendar*

Back by popular demand is the Dogs of the MDOC Calendar. The 2020 Calendar features numerous dogs from many of the Department's dog programs. Calendars will be sold for \$10 and will be available soon.



## *Employee Recognition Coins: The Department honors staff for their outstanding service to the Department.*

The Office of Good Government symbols of **Excellence**, **Leadership**, **Teamwork** and **Customer Service** are designed to recognize state employees who go above and beyond normal expectations. For a list of employees who have received these coins during the months of August and September, along with a list of those who have received Warden's coins for exemplary service, please click [here](#). Congratulations to all who have been recognized!



Remember to check out the MDOC on-line store! You'll find great merchandise available for purchase with an easy to navigate website.

- Access the store via the following link: <http://cvsdbusybees.com>
- You can also follow the store's Facebook page at [facebook.com/cvsdbusybee](https://facebook.com/cvsdbusybee)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the EPIC Section by telephone, email, or through the EPIC mailbox.

## We want to hear from you!

*What would you like to see featured in future editions of the EPIC News? Do you have any suggestions for improving processes at your worksite or Department-wide? Send us your ideas via the EPIC mailbox at [MDOC-EPIC@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOC-EPIC@michigan.gov)*

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