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The image on the cover was taken in Ludington by **Ray Closson**, a corrections officer at Parnall 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](mailto:KramerH@michigan.gov).





# Girls on the RISE

## Program helps at-risk girls make positive choices, improve their self-esteem

Looking across the room, prisoner Machel Pearson said she could see some of herself in the faces of the seven young girls shifting nervously on plastic chairs at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility. Some had been in trouble for fighting in school. Others had run away from home. All had been brought to the facility for Girls on the Rise, a program that focuses on helping at-risk girls improve their self-esteem, change their behavior and divert their path from one that could lead them to

trouble with the law.

"We're trying to promote self-esteem, self-respect and respect for authority," said Corrections Program Coordinator Donna Butler, who oversees the program. "We're trying to change their behavior and we let them know the realities of living in prison."

### *Sharing their story*

Standing in front of the group of girls on a late July morning, Jennifer Pruitt told them about the serious consequences that can come with some mistakes. "Some of us were your age when we came here," said Pruitt, gesturing to the prisoners around her. "We hope that what we have to say will touch one of you. We hope that one of us will be able to reach you." Pruitt was incarcerated at 17 after she participated in a robbery that led to the death of a man. The prisoners beside her had similar stories, and all faced long-term or life sentences.

"It took me five minutes to commit my crime and I've been paying for it for the last 16 years," said





Pictured: Machelle Pearson talks with a group of girls in late July at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility for the Girls on the Rise program.

India Porter, who was sentenced to serve 23 to 40 years in prison for her involvement in a shooting. "Our life is all about the decisions we make. If I gave my fears and insecurities a voice, my life would be completely different today." Debra Smith, who was sentenced to life in prison for open murder, encouraged the girls to consider the possible repercussions of their actions and decisions.

"All of us robbed society of one precious thing, and that's safety," Smith said. "It's bad decisions that will get you here."

To be involved, prisoner mentors in the program go through an extensive interview process and nine-month training, which includes instruction on conflict resolution, effective communication, healthy coping skills, and parenting skills, among other areas. The program offers a gender-responsive curriculum that helps prisoners educate young participants on a variety of topics, while using their own personal experiences as examples. The girls sat wide-eyed as they listened to the prisoners' stories. Some wiped away tears as prisoners asked them to respect

themselves enough to make good choices, take pride in their grades and not let others take advantage of them.

"Someone brought you here because they care about you," Pearson told the girls. "No matter what you're going through, there's someone out there who cares about you."

#### *Getting involved*

Girls who participate in the program can range in age from 11 to 18 years old. The girls attending the program's session in late July were 12 to 16 and were brought there by neighborhood police

officers with the Detroit Police Department.

"I hope they take away some insight to not make mistakes and to make better decisions, especially when they get into a confrontation," said Neighborhood Police Officer Colette Burks-Weathers, who brought the girls to the facility for the program. "I hope this sinks in and it touches them for the rest of their lives."

Many of the program's participants are identified by community police officers or school officials as good candidates for participation, but parents can also choose to get their daughters involved, Butler said.

She hopes more schools, organizations and parents will see the benefit the program can have for at-risk youth.

While the program began with anxious fidgeting, it ended with smiles and nods from the girls. As it concluded, each girl and each prisoner took turns looking into a mirror and saying something positive about themselves.

"You are our future," Smith told them. "So make the best of your future."

For more information about Girls on the Rise, contact Donna Butler at [ButlerD7@michigan.gov](mailto:ButlerD7@michigan.gov).



Pictured: Debra Smith, Machelle Pearson, Jennifer Pruitt, India Porter and Dawn Duvall talk to at-risk girls about their personal experiences, prison life and the importance of making positive choices as part of the Girls on the Rise program.

# Ojibway Correctional Facility closure announcement

On Aug. 14, the department announced that Ojibway Correctional Facility would close by December. The 2019 fiscal year state budget included a more than \$19 million reduction in spending for the MDOC through an additional prison closure, as the state's prisoner population has continued to decline.

The department understands closures are challenging for affected staff and is working to support those impacted.

The department is working with employees, union leadership and the Office of the State Employer on

bumping chains and transfer options for employees, and is also seeking the assistance of the Department of Talent and Economic Development and Michigan Works! The MDOC and Michigan Corrections Organization agreed to designate Ojibway and Baraga correctional facilities as the layoff unit.

The department will attempt to absorb as many staff as possible into vacancies throughout the system, including approximately 700 corrections officer vacancies.

There was no single determining factor that led to the decision to close the facility, and the department weighed a variety of issues, including bed space vacancies, security level and programming availability.

The facility is expected to close its doors on Dec. 1.

Those affected by the closure can send any questions to [AskMDOC@michigan.gov](mailto:AskMDOC@michigan.gov).



[Click here to listen to a special edition of the Field Days podcast on the announcement and what staff can expect going forward.](#)

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

Check out the latest episodes of the Field Days podcast

- In this two-part podcast, hear Pennsylvania Corrections Secretary John Wetzel talk about criminal justice reform, recruiting in corrections and successes in both Michigan and Pennsylvania. Listen to [part 1 here](#), and [part 2 here](#).
- [Lynn Sullivan, a corrections officer and platoon leader for the department's corrections officer training academies, talks about guiding the next generation of corrections officers in this edition of the podcast.](#)
- [Listen to the Executive Director of the American Parole and Probation Association talk about field supervision and how Michigan is making impressive strides.](#)



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# Employee Recreation Day draws nearly 400

To say this year's Employee Recreation Day was a big event, might be an understatement. The 2018 event drew nearly 400 attendees, almost double the number who attended in 2017.

This year's Employee Recreation Day at Royal Scot in Lansing was organized by the Employee Engagement EPIC Team.

It included golf, bowling, bingo, canvas painting, a free-throw and 3-point basketball contest, 3-on-3 basketball, bubble ball, euchre, bag toss, Jeopardy, billiards, a raffle, silent auction, door prizes and dinner. In total, 375 employees, retirees and their family members registered for the day-long event on Aug. 10 and participated in a variety of games and activities.

Employee Recreation Day was first held in 1987 to give department employees a chance to relax and unwind together. The event returned last year for the first time since 2005. The Employee Engagement EPIC Team will soon begin work on next year's event and will be launching a survey to gather feedback and help make future events even more successful.

2018 Employee Recreation Day event winners included:

3 Point/Free Throw Contest:

Cathy Bauman, Warden, LMF

Chris Sherrill, Corrections Officer, MTU

3 on 3 Basketball:

First Place —

Team: Wolverines

Sherman Campbell, Warden, ARF

Antonio Griffin, Corrections Officer, ARF

Jalen Jarrett, Corrections Officer, JCS

Jimmy Jarrett, ADW, RGC

50/50 Raffle:

Tom Blair, technician, DWH — \$533

John Spencley, Inspector, ECF — \$385

Bowling:

First Place —

Teri Corey-Spiker

Howard Schweikert, MDOC retiree

Trip Raffle:

Two-night stay at the Grand Hotel —

Sandra Rayner, Management Assistant, ICF

Chicago/Amtrak package — Chris

Sherrill, Corrections Officer, MTU

Two-night stay and play in Detroit —

Nancy Davids, Departmental Technician, IBC

Two-night Crystal Mountain stay —

Kevin Lindsey, Warden, JCF

Glock:

Aaron Hunter, Field Services Assistant,

Berrien County Parole

Golf:

Morning Outing:

First Place —

Robert Allen, Corrections Officer, IBC

Brian Foreback, MDOC retiree

Adam Houghton, CPC, IBC

Craig Ritter, Corrections Officer, IBC

Afternoon Outing:

First Place —

Hayden Fouts, MDOC retiree

CJ Lott, Corrections Officer, DRF

[Click here to see more photos from Employee Recreation Day.](#)



## Thanks to Employee Recreation Day volunteers and sponsors

The success of 2018 Employee Recreation Day would not have been possible without the work of the Employee Engagement EPIC Team, the many volunteers who assisted, and all participants.

A special thanks goes out to all who helped sponsor the event, or who committed their time to helping Recreation Day run smoothly.

### Volunteers included:

Clinton Auer	Shelly Lawson
Mary Baker	Camara Lewis
Rob Batho	Lyvette Manns
Rebekah Bemister	Lisa Marquette
Christianna Borst	Benny Mercier
Gerald Brown	Jennifer Metro
Kevin Brown	Stephanie Musser
John Cordell	Christine Navarro
Terri Corey-Spiker	Pam Nelson
Joelle Craddy	Yolanda Perez
Paul Davis	Todd Powers
Peter Formolo Jr.	Stephanie Reger
Cheryl Groves	Scott Schooley
Kelly Grygiel	Chris Schweikert
Steve Halliwill	Ron Sellers
Jimmy Jarrett	Brad Simmonds
Chad Johnson	Will Smith
Kathy Keiffer	Thomas Tessmer
Jennifer Kenney	Merle Vollick
James Knaack	Brittany Wahr
Nicholas Knebl	Tiara Warren
Jessica Kunik	Rosann Wulff
Chris Lamentola	

### Golf sponsors included:

Kinross Correctional Facility staff  
MDOC executive staff  
Thumb Correctional Facility staff  
Matt Mates and Brandon Hall  
City Limits East  
Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center staff  
Friends of Sgt. Les Haataga  
Chippewa Correctional Facility Leader  
Dog program  
Michigan State Industries  
Lansing Uniform  
Carson City Correctional Facility staff  
Gus Harrison Correctional Facility  
Employee Club  
Office of Legal Affairs  
Causeway Bay Hotel & Convention Center  
Wil Alexander

# Offering Hope

Macomb County agent passionate about helping others overcome substance abuse issues

Bonnie Phillips cringes at the word “junkie.” It’s a slur that tears down those struggling with a disease that’s so often misunderstood, she said.

Helping individuals overcome



Agent Bonnie Phillips

substance abuse issues is a constant focus for Phillips through her work as a Macomb County drug court agent with the Michigan Department of Corrections and her involvement in Families Against Narcotics.

“We educate people and try to erase the stigma of addiction,” Phillips said. “People have this belief that this is not a disease and people deserve what they get for using drugs in the first place, but it is a disease and people can achieve recovery with treatment.”

Phillips has fueled her passion for helping others through her own personal experience watching a loved one struggle with substance abuse.

Five years ago, her husband passed away due his use of alcohol and doctor-prescribed opiates while battling serious health issues.

She said he wasn’t someone you could picture as a drug

addict, and it’s important for people to be compassionate and recognize that substance abuse could affect anyone. “I’ve never met a person struggling with an active addiction who wants to be an addict,” Phillips said. “People suffering from addiction could be anyone — the kid next door, neighbors or colleagues. It’s someone’s child or someone’s father. It’s very important to work together to wipe out this problem.”

Phillips has been involved in Families Against Narcotics for two years and was elected to its advisory board earlier this year. The group focuses on educating the community and offering resources to both those struggling with substance abuse and their families, Phillips said.

She also helped launch Hope Not Handcuffs, a Families Against Narcotics initiative and partnership with local service providers and law enforcement. Through Hope Not Handcuffs, individuals can walk into a police station and ask for help overcoming their addiction without the threat of arrest. More than 1,600 individuals have received assistance since Hope Not Handcuffs began in early 2017.

“To me, people tear down this population,” she said. “But if we could help one person, then we’re helping dozens of people.”

For more information about Families Against Narcotics and Hope Not Handcuffs, visit [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org)

## State Employees Charitable Campaign to begin in September

Every year, the State Employees Charitable Campaign supports more than 1,000 outstanding charities that serve communities across the state and nationwide.

This year’s campaign runs from Sept. 10 to Oct. 12 and gives you an efficient and consistent avenue for annual giving to the organizations you care about.

You can check out each of the charities supported by the SECC by clicking [here](#). Donating through payroll deduction is one of the best ways to give because it provides organizations with the consistent funding they need to support their mission.

Even a small amount donated per paycheck makes a big difference for nonprofits hard at work in your community.

For example: Just \$2 per pay period can provide school supplies to students whose families cannot afford them. Contributing \$5 a week can help provide shelter for victims of domestic violence or buy three weeks of food for a child in an orphanage.

You can use your MI HR Self-Service account to set up biweekly payroll deductions any time during the campaign, and choose a specific number of pay periods to contribute or choose to give continuously throughout the year.

Payroll deductions for the 2018 campaign begin the first pay period in 2019. To make changes to your payroll deduction after the campaign ends, call the MI HR Service Center directly at (877) 766-6447. You can find more information about the State Employees Charitable Campaign [here](#).







## 17 new recruits in the Upper Peninsula graduate from the Bonita Hoffner Academy class

A group of 17 new corrections officers joined the ranks of facilities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula following their graduation from the Bonita Hoffner Academy class.

The officers completed eight weeks of classroom instruction and are now working at their assigned facilities for eight weeks of on the job training. The graduation ceremony at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie included remarks from class namesake Bonita Hoffner, Correctional Facilities Administration Deputy Director Ken McKee and Officer Adam Maynard, who was selected as the class representative.

Hoffner retired as warden of Lakeland Correctional Facility in 2017

Graduates also received awards for academic achievement and personal conduct.

Award winners included:

- Adam Maynard — Marquette Branch Prison
- Jade Chaudier — Baraga Correctional Facility
- Raymond Bressette — Marquette Branch Prison
- Ryan Hemming — Chippewa Correctional Facility
- Anthony Ringuette — Kinross Correctional Facility
- Thomas Michaels — Baraga Correctional Facility

## New officer is fourth generation in family to work at Marquette Branch Prison

Four generations of Adam Maynard's family have worked at Marquette Branch Prison.

His great-grandfather worked in the facility's boiler room, his grandfather was the facility administrative assistant and his father worked in procurement. He is the first to work as a corrections officer and it's



Corrections Officer Adam Maynard

something he takes pride in.

Maynard joined the facility following his graduation from the Bonita Hoffner Academy class, where he was selected to speak as the class representative.

Maynard, who previously worked as a police officer before joining the MDOC, said he was looking for a new experience in the criminal justice field and became interested in a career in corrections.

He said he is looking forward to learning more about facility operations at Marquette Branch Prison and added that his work as a police officer helped give him a good foundation in communication. That foundation should help when communicating with the prisoner population, he said.

Cultivating good communication skills is important for anyone considering a career with the department to keep in mind, Maynard said.

"Communication plays such a huge role in what we do," he said. "If you can listen and choose your words wisely, it can help you handle any situation in the safest way possible."





## 2018 Employee Engagement Survey kicks off Sept. 10

The 2018 Employee Engagement Survey will begin in coming weeks in an effort to continue to measure the department's progress in creating an environment that supports employees and their job growth. The survey will run Sept. 10 through Oct. 1.

It gives employees an opportunity to share their input in a completely anonymous way.

That input is extremely valuable. The feedback staff provide helps the department identify strengths and areas that need improvement to determine the department's direction moving forward.

Leaders are focused on making changes that improve the work environment, and many changes have already been made as a result of previous surveys.

This will be the state's fifth Employee Engagement Survey. The last survey was in 2017, and previous surveys were done in 2012, 2013 and 2015.

The MDOC had its highest-ever participation rate in the 2017

survey. Engagement among employees also increased from 60 to 65 percent between the 2015 and 2017 surveys.

You can see the results of past surveys [here](#).

Employees will begin to see posters and communications promoting the Employee Engagement Survey in the near future.

A big thanks to MDOC employees Kelly Gorham, Laurel Marshall, Michele Perry, Kelly Grygiel, Dawn McCune, Jacob Erickson, Marquay Smith and Francescia Takala who submitted poster designs for the 2018 Employee Engagement Survey poster contest.

Winning posters were submitted by Rajita Dnyate with the Department of Health and Human Services, Amy Plante with the Michigan Department of Transportation, Cathleen Simlar with the Department of State and Brittany Pierce with the Department of Insurance and Financial Services.

## Column: What I've learned from Collaborative Case Management

I spent my first couple of years as an agent with the MDOC working much harder than I needed



Supervisor Janell Freeman

to, stressed out and questioning if I made the right career choice.

In hindsight, this was because I was taking my clients non-

compliance personally, trying to fix them and do the heavy lifting of change for them. I wanted change for some of them more than they wanted it for themselves. It was not until I attended CCM training that the light bulb clicked on. I realized that I was epitomizing the "Righting Reflex". I'd done it for as long as I could remember personally and professionally. In the words of HRD-Training Specialist, Teresa Chandler, "Stop Theft", meaning stop robbing others of the opportunity to do what they can do for themselves. We can guide, encourage and even offer support where appropriate, but our clients must do the heavy lifting for themselves. This concept changed my life and career.

I have much more energy, optimism and job satisfaction, not to mention I sleep much better at night knowing that I've done my job professionally while being supportive where needed without robbing my clients the opportunity for personal growth, development and achievement.

**Submitted by Kent County Parole Supervisor Janell Freeman.**

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## Employee Survey 2018

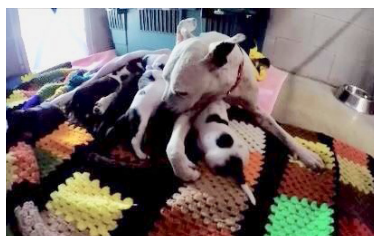
My Voice, MI Future



## Alger prisoners help rescue dogs

Alger Correctional Facility helped a dog and her puppies find a better life.

The dog, Sugar, was in a puppy mill for more than 10 years when she was rescued after having a litter of seven puppies. She needed numerous surgeries and prisoners at Alger donated \$353 to help pay for her medical



procedures. In addition, prisoners in Alger Correctional Facility's dog program helped care for four of the puppies, while three went to Newberry Correctional Facility's program.

Both the puppies and mother are healthy and doing well.



## Parnall Correctional Facility Employee Club awards scholarships to students

The Parnall Correctional Facility Employee Club awarded scholarships to eight students of employees who were graduating in 2018.

A scholarship award ceremony was held on Aug. 1 at the Roadhouse in Jackson.

The proud parents and the graduates enjoyed a celebratory luncheon with the facility Employee Club Board and facility administrators. Meals were provided by the Employee Club.

The recipients of the scholarships, and their parents who are employees at the facility, included: Haley Campbell (Kevin Campbell); Jacob Lienhart (Joseph Lienhart); Madelyn Kidder (Daniel Kidder); Zachary Burnham (Shane Gray); Dorrior Williams (Stephanie Thompson-Stoner); Alice Baxter (Amy Baxter); Parker Piepkow (Gavin Piepkow, SMT Ret.); Megan Whitford (Chris Whitford).

Parnall Correctional Facility Warden Melinda Braman and her administration would like to congratulate the 2018 graduates and recipients of the Employee Club Scholarship. Warden Braman would also

like to extend a sincere thank you to the Parnall Correctional Facility Employee Club for the effort that goes into planning, preparing, and executing all of the events that they sponsor.

*Submitted by Shane Gray,  
administrative assistant at  
Parnall Correctional Facility*



## Dogs of MDOC calendars available for purchase

The new "Dogs of MDOC" 2019 calendar is available for purchase for anyone who wishes to place an order.

Calendars are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting the EPIC Section including, Kathy Keiffer (KeifferK@michigan.gov), Yolanda Perez (PerezY@michigan.gov), and Cheryl Groves (GrovesC@michigan.gov).



The calendars feature dogs from programs at MDOC facilities around the state.

Proceeds from the calendar support the MDOC Employee Engagement Committee. No tax dollars were used in the creation of the calendar.

## Reminder on email correspondence

MDOC employees are reminded to take steps to help improve communication through email.

Email is the most common form of communication for many state employees and, therefore, is an integral part of each day.

An EPIC Team was established to set guidelines for email correspondence and made the following recommendations last year, which were supported by leadership.

- Avoid Elaborate E-Mail Signatures. Signatures should be professional, kept short and to the point. Use signatures only when appropriate, especially when communication is going back and forth. Do not use large pictures, banners, mottos and seals (unless it has received prior authorization, e.g., employee engagement activities, open insurance, employee survey, etc). These can cause issues when being read on mobile devices and make e-mail chains even longer. They also increase the cost of printing and production of documents for litigation and FOIA, if needed. Confidentiality notices do not guarantee confidentiality and are not needed in most cases. Please check with the Office of Legal Affairs if your correspondence requires a confidentiality notice prior to including them.

- Do not use themes, color backgrounds and rich text formatted e-mails. These are harder to read, take up additional space and more time to download.

- Include only those people that need to be included.

- Never respond to an e-mail when you are angry or upset.

These guidelines are meant to help ensure email communication is more effective, efficient and manageable.



# The Extra Mile

MDOC staff go beyond the call of duty to help others



Registered Nurse Manager Bonnie Viles received a Good Government Symbol of Customer Service Coin from Woodland Center Correctional Facility Warden Jodi DeAngelo for the outstanding care and attention she provides to prisoners with medical needs. A prisoner's family member sent a letter to the facility recognizing Viles and describing her as "conscientious, diligent and pleasant."

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Trevor Paradise received a Warden's Coin from St. Louis Correctional Facility Acting Warden Mark McCullick for his hard work assisting in the transition to state-run food service. Paradise formerly worked as a corrections officer at St. Louis Correctional Facility and recently was named prison counselor at Central Michigan Correctional Facility.



Students and staff at the department's Central Office received Good Government Symbol of Teamwork Coins for their assistance working on a last-minute request for materials. Shelly Lawson with the Correctional Facilities Administration led the project and participating staff and students included Deb Bemister, Andrea Watters, Bernie Scott, Tory Boccaccio, Bailey Yabs, Diego Ruiz, Nick Kissane, Freddie Thomas, Alyssia Sandborn, Bailey Slater, Sarah Eller, Morgan Gum and Lauryn Nelson.



# Corrections Quiz

## July Quiz Recap

What year was the State Employees Charitable Campaign created?

Who was the first guest interviewed on the Field Days podcast?

**Answer: Erin DeLoof**

Send your answer to Holly Kramer at [KramerH@michigan.gov](mailto: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.

Congratulations to **Ken Dimoff**, statistician specialist with the Office of Research & Planning, for being the first to answer the Corrections Quiz. Great job!

## With Thanks

Food Pantry shows gratitude for Lakeland Correctional Facility donations



### Branch Area Food Pantry



At the Deacon Al Provot Distribution Center

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#### Officers:

*President:*  
Greg Miller

July 11, 2018

*Treasurer:*  
Greg Miller

Lakeland Correctional Facility  
Warden Noah Nagy  
141 First Street  
Coldwater, MI 49036

*Secretary:*  
Patrice Daoud

Dear Warden Nagy,

#### Board Members:

Ken Delaney  
Chuck Tippmann  
Tim Hart  
Carolyn Morrison  
Earnest A Meily, Jr.  
David Jarzynka

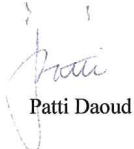
We would like to thank the Lakeland Correctional Facility for the recent donation of flats of zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, watermelon, chocolate mint and peppers, in addition to some seeds. Please extend our special thanks to Kristen Losinski, Horticulture Specialist, and Jan Houtz, Resident Maintenance Manager, for their roles in providing these flats to the Food Pantry. These plants will provide ongoing food for people who need it very much.

Unfortunately demand continues to grow, and our work is only possible because of contributions from thoughtful people like you. As you know, each and every donation is shared with local individuals, and we could not manage without the generosity of facilities such as Lakeland Correctional Facility. Please share our thanks with all the employees and prisoners; their generosity is truly appreciated.

We look forward to your continued support and we, and those we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity. Thank you so much.

Yours truly,

  
Terri Huffman

  
Patti Daoud

  
Renate Brenneke

Branch Area Food Pantry

Have your colleagues done an outstanding job giving back to the community? Send thank you letters you have received to [KramerH@michigan.gov](mailto:KramerH@michigan.gov) and they could be included in a future edition of the Corrections Connection.



# SNAPSHOTS

## A look at life around the MDOC



Budget Operations Administration staff volunteered at the Capital Area Humane Society in August. The group assisted with cleaning rooms, bathing puppies and taking dogs for a walk. The group also presented the organization with a \$150 donation and supplies.



Kalamazoo Parole and Probation Office staff helped officials in the City of Parchment deliver informational materials to residents on PFAS contamination discovered in the water supply, and how to flush water systems. About 13 employees from the office spent a day delivering important informational materials to 1,100 homes.



Ionia Correctional Facility Warden John Davids recently presented Zion Food Pantry with a \$631 donation from facility staff.



Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center Warden Jeremy Bush met with the facility's newest corrections officers, who had just graduated from the Bonita Hoffner Academy class. The officers received valuable information about the facility, including a personal tour from Warden Bush.

## Corrections in the News

[Former inmate turns life around as optician, starts Detroit business](#) — FOX 2 Detroit

[Police credit group violence work with downward trend of Kalamazoo homicides](#) — MLive.com

[Michigan Department of Corrections Training Academy honors 60 new graduates](#) — WILX TV

[GV Laker Effect-Rob Howard](#) — Grand Valley State University

[Michigan Department of Corrections chaplain helps provide dignity to terminally ill inmates](#) — Office of Performance and Transformation

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

## Seen on Facebook...



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

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# June New Hires

Acosta, Jose	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Aikens, Andrea	Food Services Supervisor, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Allen, Destiny	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Anderson, Christopher	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Bennett, Ryan	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Biddle, Dakota	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Bigelow, Christy	Licensed Practical Nurse, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Boik, Wyatt	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Bostwick, Stephanie	Corrections Qualified Mental Health Professional, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Braley, Brian	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Braman, Chase	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Bressette, Raymond	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Brown, Raekwon	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Bryant, Kortney	Resident Care Aide, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Burgess, Kristine	Field Agent, Macomb County Probation Office
Burgess, Mark	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Callentine, Mary	Food Services Supervisor, Baraga Correctional Facility
Carlson, Kristine	Field Agent, Macomb County Probation Office
Chaudier, Jade	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Chinn, Steven	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Colley, Dracy	Corrections Qualified Mental Health Professional, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Cullimore, Kendrick	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
D'Agostino, Roberta	Food Services Supervisor, Ojibway Correctional Facility
D'Agostino, Kristen	Food Services Supervisor, Baraga Correctional Facility
Dailey, Lindsey	Student Assistant, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Dalton, Allen	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Dalton, Jacob	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Davis, Deandrew	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Deluca, Tiffany	Licensed Practical Nurse, Macomb Correctional Facility
Ebersberger, Daniel	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Eiseler, Abby	General Office Assistant, Corrections Central Office
Eldred, Laurie	Corrections Qualified Mental Health Professional, Michigan Reformatory
Ellenburg, Talara	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Emanuelson, Courtney	Cook, Marquette Branch Prison
Fleenor, Justin	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Folks, Maurice	Field Agent, Macomb County Probation Office
Foster, David	Food Services Supervisor, Newberry Correctional Facility
Foucault, Shayn	Cook, Baraga Correctional Facility
Fricke, Amanda	Corrections Field Services Assistant, Kalamazoo County Parole and Probation Office
Frost, Sharon	Accounting Assistant, Corrections Central Office
Fuller, Andrew	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Gager, Zachary	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Giffels, Mitch	Licensed Practical Nurse, Oaks Correctional Facility
Gilkie, Ronald	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Gillespie, Christopher	Cook, Newberry Correctional Facility
Gipson, Sheilyn	Field Agent, Eastern District Probation Office
Gorden, Jacob	Employment Counselor, Carson City Correctional Facility
Green, Erin	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Green, Shanita	Corrections Medical Officer, Woodland Center Correctional Facility
Hakola, Mallie	Cook, Baraga Correctional Facility
Haley, Janice	Cook, Marquette Branch Prison
Hammill, Steven	Licensed Electrician, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Hardy, Adam	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Harsvick, Eric	Cook, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Hart, Jacqueline	Cook, Alger Correctional Facility



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# June New Hires

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Hemming, Ryan	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Henderson-Croff, Keiona	Word Processing Assistant, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Hepner, Rachel	Field Agent, Macomb County Probation Office
Higgins, Andrew	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Hill, Justyn	Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Holbrook, Samantha	Resident Care Aide, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Hoskins, John	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Hough, Daniel	Food Services Supervisor, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Hovis, Bradley	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Howell, Nicholas	Cook, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Jackson, Alnisha	Corrections Officer, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Jackson, Keagan	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Jackson, Raiquel	Resident Care Aide, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Johnson, Alex	Cook, Baraga Correctional Facility
Johnson, Jacob	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Johnson, Kieara	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Johnston, Marc	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Jones, Cekeshawin	Corrections Officer, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Jones, Gregory	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Joslin, Melvin	Cook, Marquette Branch Prison
Jungck, Susan	Cook, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Kalat, Mary	Library Technician, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Karum, Tyler	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Keene, Cari	Licensed Practical Nurse, Parnall Correctional Facility
Keenoy, Dakota	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Kimble, Ashley	Resident Care Aide, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Kline, Dustin	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Koski, Rachel	Cook, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Larsen, Julie	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Leinonen, Doreen	Food Services Supervisor, Baraga Correctional Facility
Linscott, Jordan	Corrections Officer, Lakeland Correctional Facility
Lower, Jakob	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Mantila, Tammy	Cook, Baraga Correctional Facility
Marsh, Amber	Resident Care Aide, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Masucci, Anthony	Food Services Supervisor, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Matthews, Corneisha	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Matthews, Jacob	Refrigeration Mechanic, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Maynard, Adam	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
McClinton, Tyrice	Departmental Technician, Corrections Central Office
McDaniels, Joshua	Corrections Officer, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
McDonnell, David	Cook, Marquette Branch Prison
McGowan, Phillip	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Melendez, Marcus	Food Services Supervisor, Marquette Branch Prison
Michaels, Thomas	Corrections Officer, Baraga Correctional Facility
Milligan, Robert	Food Services Supervisor, Kinross Correctional Facility
Minerick, Kimberly	Cook, Baraga Correctional Facility
Mitchell, Taylor	Word Processing Assistant, Kalamazoo County Parole and Probation Office
Muir, Justin	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Mulari, Debra	Cook, Baraga Correctional Facility
Myers, Michael	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Nasser, Kamal	Field Agent, Eastern District Probation Office
Nebel, Ryan	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison
Nelson, Ronald	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Nevseta, Cory	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Niemi, Adrienne	Food Services Supervisor, Marquette Branch Prison

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Norton, Michelle	Corrections Qualified Mental Health Professional, Michigan Reformatory
Ortiz, Armando	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Osmon, Christopher	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Owen, Michael	Cook, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Page, Willie	Resident Care Aide, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Parker, Russell	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Parmer, Carlene	Cook, Kinross Correctional Facility
Patton, Philip	Food Services Supervisor, Kinross Correctional Facility
Perry, India	Word Processing Assistant, Court Services Unit
Peryam, Sterling	Food Services Supervisor, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Pierce, David	Licensed Practical Nurse, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Plagens, Presha	Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Potter-Sledge, Donovan	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Poynter, Brian	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Purves, JL	Departmental Analyst, Michigan State Industries
Rewerts, Collin	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Reynolds, Jamie	School Psychologist, Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility
Richmond, Tayvell	Word Processing Assistant, Saginaw County Probation Office
Rickman, Jeremy	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Ringuette, Anthony	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Robinet, Dakota	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Rose, William	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Ryckman, Vincent	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Salis, Donald	Corrections Officer, Michigan Reformatory
Sanchez, Estevan	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Sanders, Antoine	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Sasota, Vic Anthony	Accounting Assistant, Corrections Central Office
Schultes, Brandin	Corrections Officer, Macomb Correctional Facility
Seymour, William	Corrections Officer, Alger Correctional Facility
Simpson, Sara	Registered Nurse, Marquette Branch Prison
Sliger, Camille	Corrections Qualified Mental Health Professional, Newberry Correctional Facility
Snead, Brandon	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Speruzzi, Joseph	Cook, Marquette Branch Prison
Stanhope, Kyle	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Stolt, Kenneth	Cook, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Stutz, Willard	Cook, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Superits, James	Cook, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Sylvester, Jacob	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Tall, Adam	Food Services Supervisor, Marquette Branch Prison
Teeple, Rachel	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Tremblay, Michael	Corrections Officer, Kinross Correctional Facility
Tryan, Andrew	Cook, Marquette Branch Prison
Vellanti, Joseph	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Walton, Kristoffer	Corrections Officer, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Washington, Asya	Word Processing Assistant, Court Services Unit
Williams, Jason	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Wilson, Heather	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Winberg, Steven	Food Services Supervisor, Kinross Correctional Facility
Wright, Tenisha	Resident Care Aide, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Wybraniec, John	Field Agent, Roscommon County Parole and Probation Office
Zaborowske, Wade	Corrections Officer, Marquette Branch Prison



# June Retirements

Adams-Marks, Constance	Special Education Teacher, Charles E. Egeler Reception and Guidance Center
Arnold, Stanley	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Balcarcel, Erick	Deputy Warden, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Barbier, Brett	Resident Unit Manager, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Barker, Michael	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
Becher, Daryl	Corrections Transportation Officer, Correctional Facilities Administration Ionia Region
Bond, Steven	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Saginaw Correctional Facility
Bridgewater, Stuart	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Bryson, David	Corrections Officer, Thumb Correctional Facility
Carter, Roger	Corrections Officer, Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility
Chadwell, Scott	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Chandler, Leiron	Maintenance Mechanic, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Dillion, Eileen	Secretary, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Dobson, Theresa	Secretary, Branch County Parole and Probation Office
Ely, Richard	Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Eyer, Carl	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Foreback, Brian	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Glover, Carol	Secretary, Grand Haven Parole and Probation Office
Green, Michael	Field Agent, Ingham County Probation Office
Hakola, Anthony	Corrections Program Coordinator, Kinross Correctional Facility
Hartman, Tamara	Secretary, Michigan Reformatory
Huntoon-Keirns, Laurie	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Killips, Paul	Corrections Officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility
Langmeyer, Kevin	Maintenance Mechanic, Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
Len, John	Corrections Officer, Carson City Correctional Facility
McQuillan, Mark	Corrections Officer, Ionia Correctional Facility
Miller, Joel	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Murdock, Brian	Corrections Officer, Central Michigan Correctional Facility
Osterman, Dean	Corrections Program Coordinator, Baraga Correctional Facility
Piepkow, Gavin	Corrections Officer, Parnall Correctional Facility
Piper, Ronald	Corrections Officer, G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility
Pope, Cathy	Registered Nurse, Newberry Correctional Facility
Roback, Eric	Corrections Officer, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
Saenz, Hugo	Corrections Officer, Cooper Street Correctional Facility
Sanders, Thomas	Corrections Officer, Oaks Correctional Facility
Schaaf, Ronald	Storekeeper Supervisor, Ojibway Correctional Facility
Schafer, Todd	Corrections Officer, Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility
Schwab, James	Corrections Shift Supervisor, Baraga Correctional Facility
Sivik, Charles	Corrections Officer, St. Louis Correctional Facility
Trotter, Samuel	School Teacher, Kinross Correctional Facility
Tyler, Sandra	Registered Nurse, Macomb Correctional Facility
Warman, Brenda	Field Agent, Berrien County Probation Office
Warren, Laurence	Corrections Officer, Saginaw Correctional Facility
White, Karen	Field Agent, Court Services Unit